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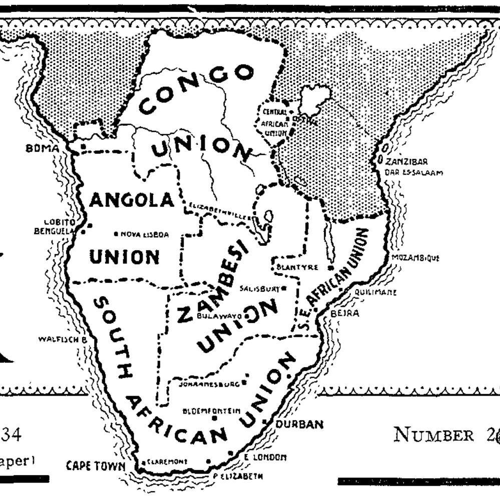



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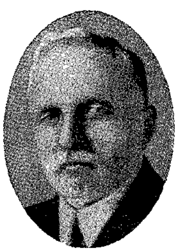
# Our Aviation Department

## W. A. Spicer



THE Spirit of prophecy is a wonderful maker of phrases. It speaks so often in word pictures that we cannot forget. Picturing the spread of the truth-filled pages over all the lands, the Spirit of prophecy says: "The press is in need of men to use it to the best advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people."—*"Gospel Workers," page* 505.

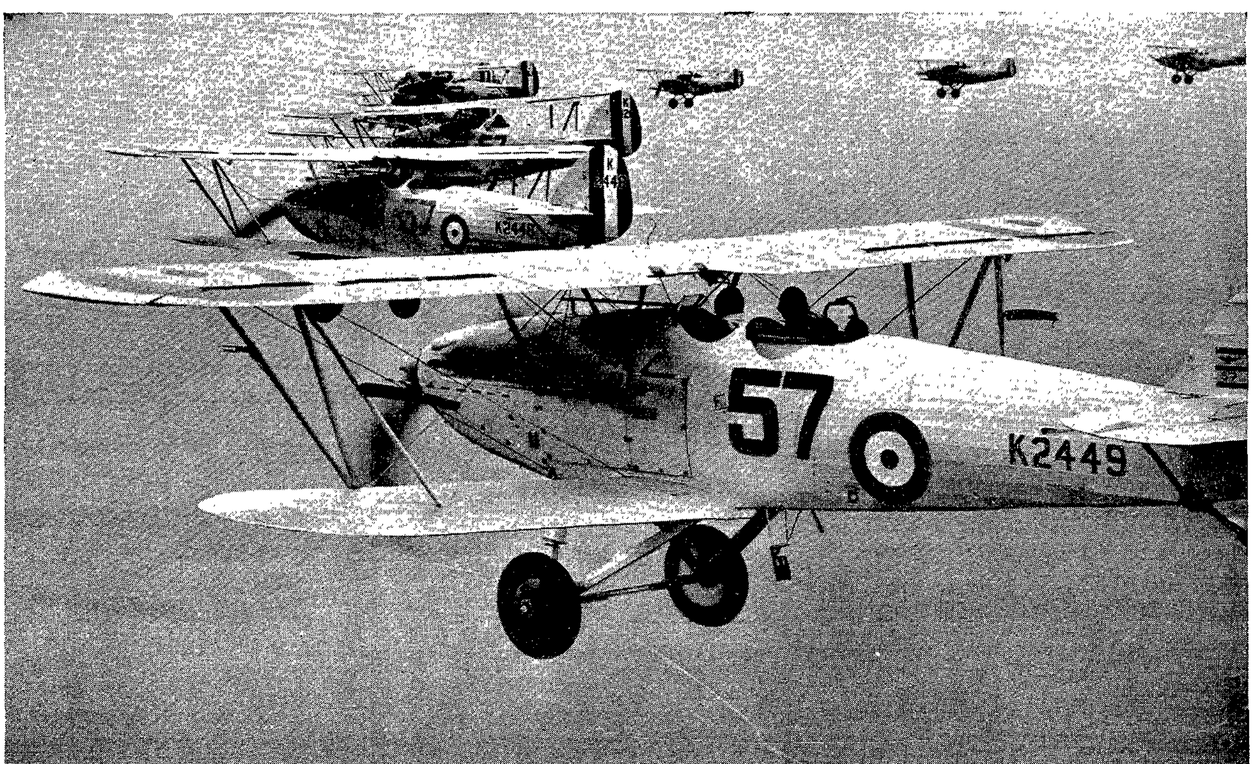
What a picture of the truth winging its way over all the lands, and it is a colporteur army that is chiefly set to give the truth the wings. I think, then, we shall have to count the colporteur work the Aviation Department of the movement.

May God greatly increase these aviation squadrons in all our fields. The time has come for the wings of our publishing work to spread for swifter, stronger, further flight.

Some recent reports of colporteur evangelism are fairly startling. They show how swiftly the witness is being given to all nations.

In all lands the Spirit of God is preparing honest hearts to say "yes" as the messengers come with the spoken word or with the silent messengers of the printed page.

Thank God for the force that can give wings to the books of truth. Set the wings, O men of the printed page! Spread them for the flight that shall never tire and never cease till every people, at home and abroad, shall have the message in their own tongue.

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## Divisional Aviation

F. E. POTTER

ON the wall above me, as I write, is a photo of the pioneers of colportage in this Division. They blazed the trail back in 1890 and from it have sprouted other smaller trails, leading into practically every part of this field, through the years. Truly the literature ministry is giving wings to the gospel in this Division of long distances.

Looking at the record of actual sales from 1916 (as far back as existing records take us) we see a steady rise every five year period since that time. The second five years show an increase of almost £4,000 over the first. The third period tops the second by well over £5,000, while the past three years and ten months maintain the ratio of progress in spite of the three years of financial depression we have recently passed through.

When we reckon in terms of distances the progress is even more encouraging. The northernmost point of our territory, in a "fly-as-the-crow" line, is 2,632 miles distant from Cape Town, while from east to west, at the middle of our field, the distance is 1,880 miles. This vast area is made up of wide plains sprinkled with farm homesteads here and there; dense forests peopled by the most primitive human beings; mountain ranges where caves and holes give habitation to others; vast expanses of inland sea on which liliputian steamers ply to and fro with merchandise and human freight; mines of gold, of copper, and of coal where thousands upon thousands of white men and black pop in and out of the earth like moles; and huge native reserves where conditions would seem homelike to the tribesmen of Abraham's day. And then there are the cities, the towns, the villages, the hamlets, and the floating homes that call at the harbours dotted over Africa's rocky coast line. In all these places you will find the printed page bearing the gospel message for this time. There is room for more—granted. But the marvel is that it *is* to be found in these widely separated areas and diverse places. When we consider the rapid work being done here in our own Division by the printed page as a truth carrier we feel that Elder Spicer has aptly termed the literature ministry the Aviation Department of this great world movement.

I know I am expressing the mind of the Southern African Aviation Squadron when I say that we are one and all determined, by God's enabling grace, to spare no effort in keeping the printed page on the wing in this big field until the end. Our readers can help us by holding up the standard of this sacred and important branch of the Lord's work in their homes, their churches, and their neighbourhood—and by daily invoking the blessings of heaven on the faithful men and women who bear the brunt of the battle bravely and cheerfully.

## Make the Contact

A. FLOYD TARR

WHAT would the advent movement be without its literature? As one looks out across the world-wide field and tries to measure the lines of human endeavour which have contributed toward its progress one cannot but be impressed with the incalculable part that its literature has played. From the very beginning no stone has been left unturned in an endeavour to place before the public in printed form the fundamental principles of our belief. It was not possible to fill the world with preachers, and yet there was a message that demanded immediate and universal publicity. It was to literature that the pioneers turned to find a form of preaching equally as forceful and more far-reaching than anything that could be done by the living preacher. In this they were acting under the direct instruction of the Lord, for in 1848 there came the message through the Spirit of prophecy:

"You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*"Life Sketches," page* 125.

In literal fulfilment of this prediction, advent literature has since found its way to the remotest corners of the world, and wherever it has gone it has done its work.

The Protestant Reformation owed its ultimate triumph largely to the printing press. The discovery of printing seemed in the Providence of God to coincide with the special need of that time. Of the second advent the Spirit of prophecy records: "The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues and people; its publications, printed in many different languages, are to be scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, page* 79. The millions of books, tracts, and periodicals dispatched to the remotest corners of the globe from the printing presses of the advent people constitute in no small degree the "loud voice" of the third angel's message.

Surely the dispensing of such a life-giving agency is deserving of the whole-hearted support of every church and company and isolated believer among the advent band. The flow of gospel literature from the printing press to the public must be by way of the church membership. The presses are doing their work,—spirit filled literature is available in abundance—and people everywhere, in every walk of life, are waiting to receive it; but the medium of contact, the channel through which the literature must flow should be greatly enlarged. The call of the hour is for men and women in every community who will make the contact, and ensure that the life-giving stream shall not be stemmed as it passes their way, but that it may have the same rich, full flow from them to the people that it has from the printing press to the church. The influence of this literature will never be fully known until its work is done.

## The Base Aerodrome

J. G. SLATE

IT is not often that we at the base soar into print, but the aviation spirit seems to have gripped us, as well as the rest of the force, and so lent wings to our thoughts—hence this message. It is pretty humdrum work down here, with the same old click-clacking machinery playing a tattoo in our ears day after day. There is nothing very inspiring in watching the printed leaves falling with monotonous regularity from the presses. Despatching case upon case of books, and packet upon packet of periodicals, doesn't supply much romance, does it? But—romance does grip us down here at times. How? Why—by the despatches from the "flight leaders" in the field. As they tell us of the wonderful victories won from time to time; of the exciting bombing raids over the enemy's lines; and of the thrilling encounters experienced by our aviators, our hearts rejoice in the fact that it is we at the base aerodrome who manufacture and send up the ammunition. So we are happy in the part we have in this great work of winging the gospel on to final triumph. We feel the time is ripe for a greater use of our literature by the laity. If only *each* European reader of the OUTLOOK sold 5/- worth of our literature every month it would mean an increase in sales of £6,000 a year—and a corresponding gain in souls, for there has never been a shadow of doubt that our literature is a prolific winner of souls.

Rest assured we shall never fail the Aviation Department in the supply of ammunition. You folk keep firing it, and you'll find the old Sentinel Publishing Company will be like the widow's cruse—a never failing source of supply.

God bless the men and women of the

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"WE NEED TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CANVASSING WORK"

# Ons Lugvaart Afdeling

W. A. SPICER

DIE Gees van profesie is 'n wonderbare woordkunstenaar. Daarin word segswyses gebesig wat ons nie lig vergeet nie. Waar daar gepraat word van die verspreiding van die waarheid, deur middel van leesstof, na alle lande, sê die Gees van profesie: „Die drukpers het manne nodig wat die volste gebruik daarvan sal maak, teneinde die waarheid *van vlerke te voorsien* sodat dit na elke nasie, tong, en volk kan gaan."—*„Gospel Workers," bls.* 505.

Stel u die waarheid voor, vliegende na alle lande; en dit is 'n leër van kolporteurs wat die vlerke voorsien. Ek dink dus, ons moet die kolporteurswerk die lugvaart afdeling van ons beweging noem.

Mag God hierdie lugeskaders in alle dele grootliks vermeerder. Die tyd het aangebreek dat die vlerke van ons uitgewersdepartement vinniger, kragtiger, en verder moet vlieg.

Onlangse rapporte aangaande kolporteurevangelisasie is taamlik verrasend. Dit toon aan hoe vinnig die waarskuwing aan alle volke gegee word.

In alle lande berei die Gees van die Here harte voor, sodat hulle die getuienis van die gepredikte Woord, of die stille boodskap van ons blaaie kan aanneem.

Dank die Here vir die manne wat ons boeke, vol waarheid, van vlerke voorsien. Berei die vlerke voor o, manne van die gedrukte woord! Sprei uit die vlerke wat nooit sal moeg word nie en nooit sal ophou nie voordat alle mense, tuis en elders, die boodskap in hulle eie taal het nie!

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# Die Lugdiens in die Divisie

F. E. POTTER

AAN die muur bokant my, hang 'n prent van die baanbreker kolporteurs van hierdie Divisie. Hulle het die weg al in 1890 gebaan, en sedert daardie tyd het die werk uitgebrei na feitlik alle dele van hierdie veld. Ja waarlik, die leesstofbediening verleen vlerke aan die evangelie in hierdie Divisie van lang afstande.

Waar ons die rekords vanaf 1916 (dis so ver as hulle gaan) nagaan, bespeur ons, sedert daardie tyd, elke vyf jaar 'n gestadige vermeerdering. Die tweede vyf jaar periode toon 'n vermeerdering aan van byna £4,000 oor die eerste. Die derde periode oortref die tweede weer met oor die £5,000, terwyl die laaste drie jaar en tien maande tot dus ver ook 'n vermeerdering aantoon ten spyte van die hewige depressie wat ons deurgemaak het.

As ons die afstande inagneem dan is die vordering wat ons gemaak het nog meer verbasend. Die mees noordelike deel van ons veld, in 'n reguit lyn, is 2,632 myl van Kaapstad af, en die wydte van die veld van oos na wes deur die middel, is 1,880 myl. 'n Groot oppervlakte van uitgestrekte vlaktes met hier en daar 'n plaashuis; ruie bosse, bewoon deur die mees veragterlike wesens; bergreekse, met grotte en skeure, waar weer andere woon; binnelandse mere, waarop klein stoombote vaar; goudmyne, kopermyne, en steenkoolmyne waar duisende naturelle en blankes in- en uitgaan soos molle; groot naturelle reserwes, waar toestande soos in die dae van Abraham heers; en dan is daar die stede, dorpe, nedersettings, en die drywende wonings wat ons hawens besoek, langs die rotsagtige kuslyn van Afrika. In al hierdie plekke sal u ons waarheidbevattende blaaie vind met die boodskap vir hierdie dae. Ons kan nog meer uitbrei—dis waar. Maar dis 'n wonderwerk dat ons blaaie wel in hierdie ver-afgeleë en ver van mekaar verwyderde plekke aangetref word. As ons inagneem hoe vinnig die waarheid deur ons blaaie in ons Divisie versprei word, dan voel ons dat Leraar Spicer dit baie raak gesê het, toe hy die leesstofbediening die Lugvaart Afdeling van hierdie groot wêreldbeweging genoem het.

As ek sê dat ons almal gedetermineerd is, deur Gods genade, om ons drukwerk in hierdie groot veld aan die vlieg te hou tot die einde, dan weet ek dat ek die gevoelens van ons Suidelike Afrikaanse Lugvaart Eskader weergee. Ons lesers kan ons help om hierdie belangrike en heilige werk te verhef in hul huise hul kerke, en hul buurt, en ook om daeliks te bid om Gods seën op die getroue manne en vroue wat die stryd so moedig voortsit.

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# Kom in Aanraking met die Mense

A. FLOYD TARR

WAT sal die adventbeweging wees sonder sy leesstofbediening? As mens so oor die wêreldveld uitkyk en die verskillende werksaamhede gadeslaan wat bygedra het tot die vooruitgang van die beweging, dan kan mens nie help om die vername rol op te merk wat ons leesstof daarin gespeel het nie. Van die begin af aan was alles gedaan om ons leerstellings onder die aandag van die publiek te bring. Dit was nie moontlik om die wêreld met predikers te vul nie, en nogtans was daar 'n boodskap wat na die hele wêreld moes gaan. Die ou baanbrekers het hul toevlug na die drukpers geneem, en in die vorm van leesstof het hulle predikers gevind wat net so magtig was en net so doeltreffend as lewende predikers. Hierin het hulle onder direkte leiding van die Here gestaan, want in 1848 het die volgende boodskap van die Gees van profesie gekom:

„Julle moet 'n blad begin druk en dit onder die mense versprei. Laat dit maar in die begin klein wees; dog wanneer die mense begin lees, sal hulle vir u geld stuur om dit uit te brei. Dit sal van die begin af 'n sukses wees. Dit was aan my getoon dat van hierdie klein begin daar eindelik strome van lig heeltemal om die aarde sou skyn."—*„Life Sketches," bls.* 125.

Hierdie voorspelling is letterlik vervul, want sedert daardie tyd het ons leesstof tot die uithoeke van die aarde gegaan, en waar dit gegaan het, het ons die vrug daarvan gesien.

Die uiteindelike oorwinning van die Reformasie is grotendeels toe te skrywe aan die drukpers. Dit skyn asof die drukkuns deur die voorsienigheid van God gekom het om in die spesiale behoefte van die tyd te voorsien. Van die adventbeweging sê die Gees van profesie: „Die boodskap moet na alle nasies, tonge, en volke gaan; leesstof in baie verskillende tale, moet rond gestrooi word soos herfsblare."—*„Testimonies," Deel IV, bls.* 79. Die miljoene boeke, traktate, en tydskrifte wat van die drukperse van die advent volk gaan na die hele wêreld, maak grotendeels die „luide stem" uit van die derde-engelboodskap.

Die uitgee van so'n lewegewende middel verdien waarlik die heelhartige ondersteuning van elke kerk, groep, en afgeleë gelowige in die adventbeweging. Die verspreiding van die leesstof wat van ons drukperse kom moet deur die kerklede geskied. Die drukperse doen hulle werk,—daar is leesstof in oorvloed en mense orals, in alle stande en beroepe, wag om dit te ontvang; maar die middels om hulle te bereik, die kanale deur wie die kontak moet gemaak word moet grootliks uitgebrei word. Die groot behoefte van die uur is aan manne en vroue orals om in aanraking te kom met die mense, om te verseker dat die lewegewende stroom nie opgedam sal word as dit by hulle langs verby vloei nie, maar dat dit deur hulle net so ryk en vol na die mense toe sal vloei, as wat dit van die drukperse na die kerk vloei. Die invloed van hierdie leesstof sal nie ten volle besef word voor dat die werk afgedaan is nie.

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# Die Vliegbasis

J. G. SLATE

ONS name verskyn nie dikwels in druk nie, maar die vlieglus het ons ook beetgepak, saam met die res, en vlerke gegee aan ons gedagtes—daarom hierdie boodskap. Die gedreun van die masjinerie in ons ore dag na dag, maak die werk hier maar baie eentonig. Dit is nie eintlik besielend om te staan en kyk hoedat die gedrukte blaaie met eentonige reëlmatigheid van die perse val nie. Om kas na kas boeke en pak na pak tydskrifte af te stuur, is nie eintlik romanties nie, is dit? Maar ons word ook soms deur romanse beetgepak. Hoe? Deur die rapporte van die eskaderleiers in die veld. Waar ons van die wonderbare oorwinnings van tyd tot tyd hoor; van die spannende bomaanvalle op vyandelike vestings; en van die slae wat ons vliers lewer, dan verbly ons ons by die gedagte dat dit die manne by die vliegbasis is wat die ammunisie vervaardig. Ons is dus gelukkig in die deeltjie wat ons bydra in die groot werk om die evangelie tot oorwinning te help. Ons voel dat die tyd daar is vir die leke om 'n groter deel te neem aan die leesstofbediening. As *elke* blanke leser van die OUTLOOK maar slegs 5/- se waarde aan leesstof elke maand verkoop, sal dit 'n vermeerdering van £6,000 per jaar beteken

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**ONS LEESSTOF BRING BAIE SIELE IN DIE WAARHEID**

# The "Force" that Gives Wings to the Gospel

## Cheerio-grams From Our Aviators in the South African Conference.

1. D. D. Toerien.—"Thirteen years in the literature ministry have strengthened my faith in the printed page as an ever-increasing power in evangelism."
2. F. de Beer.—"I feel that the literature ministry is one of the finest vocations a man could be called to—and I greatly enjoy it."
3. W. A. Retief.—"I have tasted the joys of the literature ministry for several years and scattered the leaves of truth far and wide."
4. C. S. Pike.—"Continuous service for over six years has convinced me that there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing."
5. A. A. M. Aucamp.—"As the newest recruit in the 'force,' I realise the high calling of the colporteur evangelist and gladly dedicate my life to this noble work."
6. Mr. and Mrs. A. v. d. Berg.—"We are in partnership in the literature ministry, and we truly believe that it is one of the most important branches of the present work."
7. G. H. Liquorish.—"I rejoice that I have the privilege of taking to others the truth that brought such comfort and hope to me."
8. Nurse J. Sergel.—"By the grace of God I have been able to carry on my work in spite of physical handicaps. This has brought many a rich blessing to me and guided several souls into the truth."
9. J. J. Oosthuizen.—"I believe that our literatutre can reach any and every class of people, and I am glad to have the privilege of introducing it to souls in darkness."
10. W. Fowler.—"Taking the printed message into the homes gives one a rich spiritual uplift. It is truly a sacred work."
11. S. Venter.—"I joined early in 1933 and have had some wonderful experiences which have strengthened my faith in the power of the printed page."
12. P. J. A. Haarhoff.—"It is wonderful how the Lord leads us in this literature ministry."
13. Miss P. E. Willmore is the guiding hand at the Religious Book Depository, Bloemfontein. The men of the literature ministry greatly appreciate the kindly efficient service she always renders them and the deep, earnest interest she manifests in the work of this department.
14. L. V. Shone.—"I consider the literature ministry a splendid evangelising agency in which I am happy to have a part."
15. Miss M. Ward is Miss Willmore's able lieutenant. She is happy to have a part in this blessed ministry.
16. H. J. Schoeman.—"I believe that our literature has a definite message for this mighty hour and I am thrilled to have a part in circulating it."
17. J. F. Jonker is still battling along in spite of reverses. His courage is good and his aim high.
18. F. C. Jonker.—"If there is one work I enjoy more than any other, it is the work of a colporteur evangelist."
19. Mrs. J. A. de Meyer is a Crisis Series worker of long standing whom the Lord has used to guide many to a knowledge of the truth.
20. Danie Ficker met with a serious accident while on active service for the Lord last February. His spine is injured and the doctors have pronounced him incurable. Our young comrade's sweet Christian courage and resignation have enriched the experience of all who have visited him at the hospital. We solicit for him a place in your daily prayers.
21. Mrs. M. van Rooyen loves giving some of her time to the Lord in faithful canvassing for the *Signs* and *Tekens*. Her efforts have been richly blessed.
22. J. G. Geyer.—"I rejoice in the victories won yearly through this great ministry."
23. D. A. de Beer has seen considerable service, and is busily and happily engaged in penetrating outlying areas with the pages of truth.
24. J. A. Hall.—"I find more joy in helping souls to a knowledge of the truth than in any other work I have ever done."
25. H. C. Roberts.—"I have a firm faith in the efficacy of our books and have been abundantly blessed since giving myself to this ministry."

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Mrs. M. Hoyer.—"I find great strength and happiness in the ministry of the printed page in which I have laboured as a part-time worker for many years."

C. J. Jonker.—"I believe one hundred per cent in the statement that 'our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision.'" (Photo sent was too much exposed to reproduce.)

E. W. Marter.—"I am a firm believer in the power of this ministry to bring men to the Saviour."
(We regret having no photo of this member of the literature ministry who is doing such fine work among the business and professional men in Johannesburg with "This Mighty Hour.")

## The Base Aerodrome

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Aviation Department—may their wings never grow weary as they bravely bear the truth in printed form to the people of Southern Africa.

"Our publications are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached Word."

"The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books."

## We Triumph

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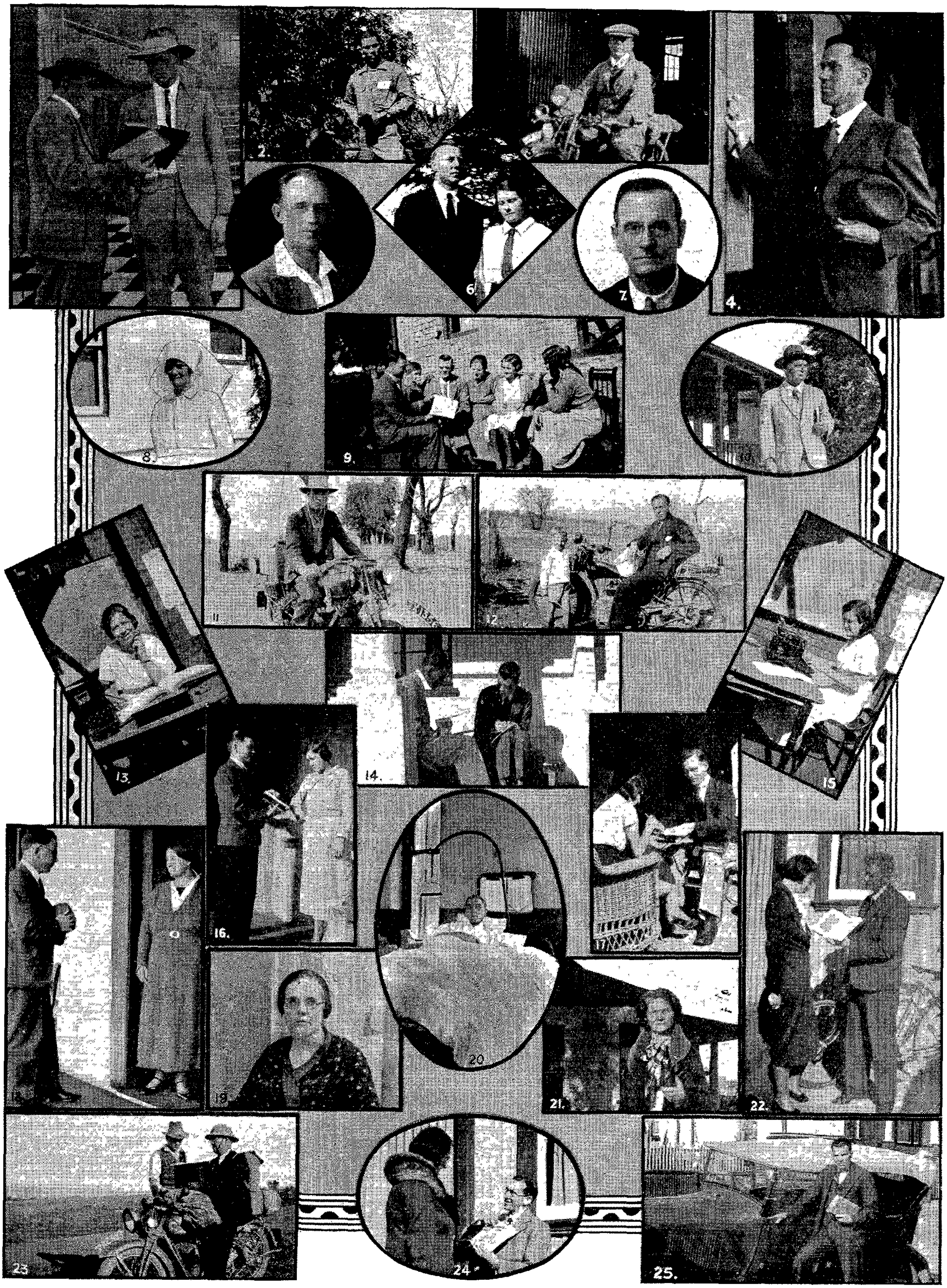
opposition melted away, and as I came to take my departure the leader of the group said, "This man is a man of God, we must not let him go from this house until he has offered prayer to God for us all." I gladly did this and thanked my heavenly Father for the opportunity, and also for His goodness in breaking down the opposition of these people. I parted from the group in a most friendly way and they asked me to come again.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14.

As men of the literature ministry, let us always remember that we are a savour of death unto death, or life unto life. May God grant that we shall always live and work so that we shall be an influence for good in the lives of those we meet.

"To put a good book in a home is to plant into it a permanent civilising force. Sell books as diligently as you preach sermons."—*Wesley.*

**"GOD HAS ORDAINED THE CANVASSING WORK"**



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# Die Korps Wat Vlerke Verleen aan die Waarheid

## Groete-boodskappe van ons Vlieniers in die S. A. Konferensie

1. D. D. TOERIEN.—„Dertien jaar in die leesstofbediening het my geloof versterk in ons boeke, as 'n altyd-toenemende krag in die evangelieverkondiging."
2. F. DE BEER.—„Ek voel dat die leesstofbediening een van die edelste beroepe is—en ek geniet dit baie."
3. W. A. RETIEF.—„Ek het die vreugde van die leesstofbediening vir 'n aantal jare gesmaak, en het die blaaie wyd en syd versprei."
4. C. S. PIKE.—„Ses jaar se onafgebroke diens het my oortuig dat daar ‚geen edeler werk is as die van kolporteur-evangelis nie.'"
5. A. A. M. AUCAMP.—„Ek is die jongste rekruut en besef die hoë roeping van die kolporteur-evangelis. Blymoedig wy ek my lewe aan hierdie werk."
6. MNR. EN MEVR. A. V. D. BERGH.—„Ons werk saam in die leesstofbediening en is oortuig dat dit een van die belangrikste takke van die werk is."
7. G. H. LIQUORISH.—„Ek is bly dat ek die geleentheid het om die waarheid, wat hoop en vertroosting aan my gebring het, aan andere te bring."
8. VERPLEEGSTER J. SERGEL.—'n Geduldige volharding in die leesstofbediening, ondanks liggaamlike ongesteldheid, het ryke seëninge aan haar besorg, en 'n aantal siele in die waarheid gebring.
9. J. J. OOSTHUIZEN.—„Ek glo dat ons leesstof enige en elke klas van persoon kan bereik, en is dankbaar vir die voorreg om dit aan siele in duisternis te kan bring."
10. W. FOWLER.—„Om die boodskap in drukvorm na die mense in hul huise te neem, is geestelik verheffend—dit is voorwaar 'n heilige taak."
11. S. VENTER.—„Ek het vroeg in 1933 aangesluit en het sedertdien ondervindinge gehad wat my geloof in ons boeke versterk het."
12. P. J. A. HAARHOFF.—„Dit is wonderlik hoe die Here ons lei in die leesstofbediening."
13. MEJ. P. E. WILLMORE bestuur sake by die Godsdienstige Boekdepôt, Bloemfontein. Die manne van die leesstofbediening stel haar vriendelike, doeltreffende diensvaardigheid hoog op prys. Hulle weet dat hulle kan reken op haar diepe belangstelling in die vooruitgang van die werk van hierdie departement.
14. L. V. SHONE.—„Ek beskou die leesstofbediening as 'n uitstekende middel om die evangelie te versprei."
15. MEJ. M. WARD is Mej. Willmore se bekwame helper. Sy is bly dat sy 'n deel het in hierdie geseënde bediening.
16. H. J. SCHOEMAN.—„Ek glo dat ons leesstof 'n bepaalde boodskap vir hierdie uur het en met blydskap sirkuleer ek dit."
17. J. F. JONKER veg nog voort ten spyte van teenspoed. Hy is nog goedsmoeds.
18. F. C. JONKER.—„As daar 'n werk is wat ek meer geniet as enige ander, dan is dit die van 'n kolporteur-evangelis."
19. MEVR. J. A. DE MEYER verkoop al vir jare die „Krisis" reeks. Die Here het haar gebruik om baie tot 'n kennis van die waarheid te bring.
20. DANIE FICKER is ernstig beseer in 'n motorongeluk laas Februarie terwyl hy op aktiewe diens vir die Meester was. Sy ruggraat is sodanig beseer dat geen aardse geneesheer hom kan help nie. Onse jong kameraad se soete Christelike berusting en moed tref almal wat hom aan die hospitaal besoek. Ons versoek u dringend om vir hom te bid.
21. MEVR. M. VAN ROOYEN.—Dis vir haar 'n genot om 'n deel van haar tyd te bestee aan die werwing van intekenaars vir die *Tekens* en die *Signs*. Die Here seën haar pogings ryklik.
22. J. J. GEYER.—„Ek verheug my in die oorwinnings wat hierdie bediening jaarliks behaal."
23. D. A. DE BEER het al baie diens agter die rug en is nou besig om afgeleë dele binne te dring met ons leesstof.
24. J. A. HALL.—„Dit gee my groter vreugde om siele te help tot 'n kennis van die waarheid, as om enige ander werk te doen."
25. H. C. ROBERTS.—„Ek glo vas in die doeltreffendheid van ons boeke en het ryke seëninge ontvang sedert ek my lewe aan die bediening gewy het."

**GEEN FOTO'S**

MEVR. M. HOYER.—„Ek vind krag en geluk in die leesstofbediening waarin ek as deeltydse werker vir jare al arbei."

C. J. JONKER.—„Ek glo honderd persent dat ‚ons drukwerk onder direkte leiding van God tot stand gekom het en onder Sy spesiale sorg is.'"

E. W. MARTER.—„Ek glo vas aan die mag van hierdie bediening om manne en vroue tot die Heiland te bring.

## Sambesi Unie

J. B. COOKS

DIT is letterlik waar van ons naturelle kolporteurs dat hulle na die berge en rotse gaan met hul boeke. Hulle bly soms vir weke en maande weg voordat ons weer van hulle hoor. Wanneer hulle terugkom, het hulle besielende rapporte om te doen aangaande die seëninge van God wat hulle te beurt geval het in hul werk; van mense wat belangstel in die waarheid, en van andere wat smeek dat iemand by hulle moet vertoef om hulle van die laaste boodskap aan die wêreld te vertel; en van nog weer andere wat begerig is om 'n onderwyser daar te hê.

Willem is 'n betroubare kolporteur-evangelis wat die mense leer net wanneer hy die geleentheid kry. Een dag het hy teruggekeer uit die bos en ons vertel van 'n ou kaptein en sy mense wat met belangstelling geluister het na die waarheid, en wat net soveel boeke gekoop het as wat hulle kon betaal. Hulle wou weet waarom ons nie eerder iemand gestuur het om hierdie dinge aan hulle te vertel nie. Hulle het hom gesmeek om te bly en hulle nog meer te vertel. Hy kon maar net 'n paar dae bly, maar hy het hulle belowe om weer te kom en hulle nog meer te vertel.

Johannes, 'n ander getroue kolporteur, het 'n man ontmoet wat so gretig was om die waarheid te hoor dat hy hom die helfte van die nag wakker gehou sodat hy die dinge kon hoor wat hy nog nooit tevore gehoor het nie. Hy het Johannes gesmeek om hom weer te besoek.

Hierdie getroue manne in die leesstofbediening neem, behalwe hul fietse, niks meer as die dissipels van ouds as hulle uitgaan nie, en hulle moet vir myle in die bloedige son ry oor sanderige paaie totdat hulle by 'n kafferstatjie of naturelle reserwe uitkom.

Ek glo dat daar vir hierdie manne van die leesstofbediening, wat hulleself so opoffer, 'n kroon weggelê is. Sal u nie, broeders en susters, aan hulle gedenk nie en bid dat die God van genade diegene wat so getrou vir Hom werk, sal seën nie?

## Die Vliegbasis

(*Vervolg van bladsy 3*)

—en ook 'n wins in siele, want niemand twyfel daaraan nie dat ons leesstof baie vrugbaar is in die wins van siele.

U kan gerus wees ons sal nooit die Lugvaart Afdeling in die steek laat wat be-

(*Vervolg op bladsy 12*)

**ONS BOEKE MOET SOOS HERFSBLARE VERSPREI WORD**

# Our "Force" In The Mission Fields

## Zambesi Union

J. B. COOKS

Our native colporteurs in the Zambesi Union take their books and literally go out in the "mountains," the "holes of the rocks," and the bush, sometimes remaining away for weeks, and even months, before they are heard of again. When they return to the office, they have inspiring tales to tell of the way the Lord is blessing them in their work; of souls they have interested, and of others who plead for someone to stay with them and tell them about the last message for the world; and of yet others who wish us to send them a teacher.

William is a faithful colporteur evangelist, who teaches the people whenever he gets an opportunity. One day he returned from the bush and told of an old chief and his people who eagerly listened to the truth as he told them of it, and were glad to buy as many books as their meagre supply of money would allow. They asked why we had not sent someone to tell them of these things before. They begged him to stay and teach them more. He could stay a couple of days at most, and when he left it was with the promise that he would bring more books, and tell them more of the old, old story.

Johannes, another faithful colporteur, met a man who, in his eagerness to know of the truth, kept our colporteur awake half the night telling him things he had never heard before, and pleaded that he be visited again.

These faithful men of the literature ministry go out with no more than the disciples had of old when they went out on their missionary tours, except their bicycles, on which they have to travel in the heat of the African sun for miles at a stretch through sand and bush until they strike a native village or reserve.

I believe there is a glorious crown awaiting these self-sacrificing, faithful men of the literature ministry. Will you not, dear brother and sister, uphold their hands as they labour on, and pray that the God of all mercies may bless these loyal servants, who labour for Him?

## South African Mission Field

A. A. PITT

The sale of native literature in the various languages in this field is very encouraging. Since the Transvaal-Delagoa and the Kaffirland Fields have been amalgamated, the total value of books sold for one year and nine months is £2,375-16-3 while the total for the native *Signs of the Times* is £405-6-2, making a grand total of £2781-2-5. When we consider that the highest priced books sell at 6/6, we get some idea of the many thousands of truth-laden books and papers which have been placed in the hands of the people during this brief period.

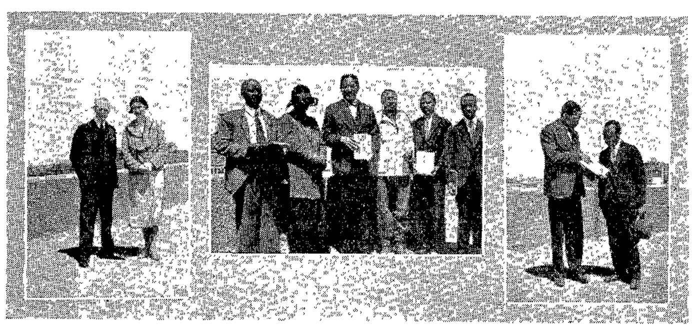
While a large proportion of the sales are made in the thickly populated area of the Rand, many of these books are carried to various parts of South Africa and the adjacent countries, when natives return to their homes periodically—this is the common practice.

Surely a rich harvest of souls will be reaped as a result of this seed sowing.

We have had some difficulty in securing regular colporteurs, although we are glad to say that we now have some good men in the field.

At the close of the Spion Kop Institute in November, eight students are going out to canvass for scholarships and *five graduates are entering the canvassing work.* Last year two students gained full scholarships.

We look forward to finishing the year strongly in the literature ministry of this field. The Lord has greatly blessed this important branch of His work.



SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION FIELD FORCE

*(Left)* A. A. Pitt and Miss Dawkins. *(Centre)* F. M. Sec. Tsukudu and Colporteurs. *(Right)* Field Missionary Secretary Giving Canvass.

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"The publishing work has been and always will be the entering wedge for every line of work."—*C. H. Watson.*

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"A great work is silently going on through the distribution of our publications."

## South East African Union

H. M. SPARROW.

The winds of fortune are not too favourably set for the progress of the printed page in Nyasaland at present. While the men of the literature ministry have winged the gospel on in a most commendable way in this field, by means of booklets and tracts, the big obstacle to greater progress is the very limited purchasing power of the native population. The purchase of even a shilling book to them is an anxious problem and one not always readily solved.

Another difficulty is the illiteracy of a large proportion of the natives off the beaten track. We have a splendid body of conscientious colporteur-evangelists, however, and when circumstances prevent them from making a sale they will often spend considerable time in telling the old, old story by word of mouth. In this way they have raised up a wonderful interest in the "hedges" as well as the "highways." Sometimes, after having persuaded a native who has a smattering of education to purchase a book, they will stay with him for a while to coach him in his study of the book so that he can later teach it to his fellow villagers.

This brave little band of self-sacrificing men can earn but a bare pittance from the sale of our literature but, notwithstanding the privation they experience, they go cheerily on with their work. It is truly a labour of love with them, and it inspires one's heart to hear them testify to the precious blessings they enjoy in their ministry.

No human author will ever be able to print an accurate account of the wonderful trophies being won daily for the coming kingdom by the men of the literature ministry. Only the annals of heaven will reveal the magnitude of their labours and its fruitage. And only heavenly beings are able to make a true reckoning of the self-denial, the fortitude, and the patient forbearance, of a body of men whose ministry is beyond the ken of our laity, and many of our workers too.

If ever any body of workers should have the prayers, the love, and the whole-hearted support of our people the world around, it is the men and women who have given their lives to the ministry of the printed page.

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"The colporteur goes to open the door for the pastor."—*W. H. Rainey.*

"OUR PUBLICATIONS SHOULD GO EVERYWHERE"

# 'n Skitterende Onuitwisbare Rekord

DIE Godsdienstige Boekdepôt, te Bloemfontein, bedien vyf-en-dertig kerke, asook 'n aantal groepe en afgeleë gelowiges in die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie. Behalwe die leesstof wat deur ons kerke, en afgeleë gelowiges verkoop word, en wat ongeveer £120 per maand opbring, het ons nog 'n korps kolporteur-evangeliste, bestaande uit die volgende:

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|---|---|
| Gereëlde kolporteurs | 21 |
| Deeltydse kolporteurs | 12 |
| Studente kolporteurs | 17 |

Die Boekdepôt was hierdie jaar tot dus ver nog selfonderhoudend gewees, en sonder skuld—dank sy die medewerking van ons getroue kolporteurs.

Ons beskou dit as 'n voorreg om so'n edele korps werkers as die manne en vroue van ons leesstofbediening te dien, beide in die kerke en in die veld. Ons landkaart toon aan dat ons verteenwoordigers van die grense van Rhodesië tot aan die Kaapse Skiereiland, van die ooskus tot die weskus, en dwarsdeur die binneland van Suid-Afrika versprei is.

Elke dag bring die pos vir ons werk,—bestellings, navrae, rapporte, ens., wat ons aandag geniet. Maar daar kom ook boodskappe wat ons bemoedig en verbly, b.v. rapporte van Bybelstudies wat gegee is, van persone wat belangstel in die waarheid, en van persone wat gereed is vir die doop. Langs alle weë sien ons die gesante van die Koning gaan; hul'e trotseer alle teenstand en ongeriewe. Waar ons ons boeke so nagaan, wonder ons hoe die boeke van die Boekdepôt sou vergelyk met die boeke van die Hemel; ons voel dat, in plaas van net syfers, ons daar 'n skitterende, onuitwisbare rekord sal sien van siele wat vir die ewigheid gered is as gevolg van die met-waarheid-belaaide leesstof wat deur ons getroue kolporteurs verkoop is.

# Die Leesstofbediening in die Suid-Afrikaanse Sendingveld

A. A. PITT

DIT is bemoedigend om te sien hoeveel leesstof in die verskillende kaffertale in hierdie veld van die hand gesit word. Sedert die saamsmelting van die Transvaal-Delagoa en die Kafferland sendingvelde, is daar in een jaar en nege maande boeke ter waarde van £2,375-16-3 verkoop, en *Tekens* in die kaffertaal ter waarde van £405-6-2, alles te same 'n bedrag van £2,781-2-5. As ons daaraan dink dat die duurste boek teen slegs 6/6 verkoop word, dan kan ons 'n idee vorm van die duisende met-waarheid-belaaide boeke en blaaie wat van die hand gesit is gedurende die kort tydjie.

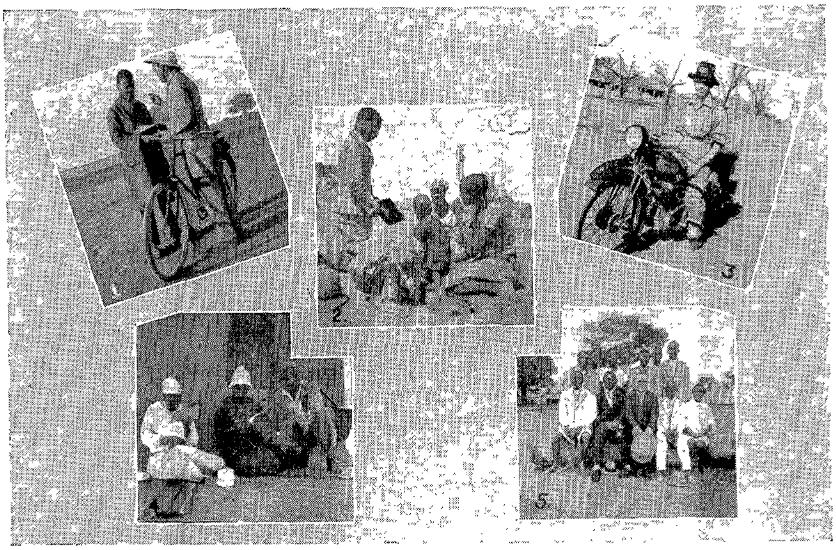
Alhoewel 'n groot aantal van die boeke in die digbewoonde streke op die Rand verkoop word, word baie van die boeke nogtans oor die hele land en die aangrensende lande versprei wanneer die inboorlinge van tyd tot tyd huistoe gaan.

Daar sal gewis 'n ryke oes van siele wees as gevolg hiervan.

Ons vind dit moeilik om gereelde kolporteurs in die hande te kry. Ons het egter nou 'n paar goeie manne in die veld.

As die Spioenkop Inrigting sluit, gaan daar agt van die leerlinge kolporteer, en vyf van die wat hul eindeksamens afgelê het, gaan die kolporteurswerk opneem. Laas jaar het twee leerlinge beurse verwerf.

Ons verwag om die jaar goed af te sluit wat die kolporteurswerk betref. Die Here het hierdie tak van Sy werk ryklik geseën.



1. On the edge o' beyond. 2. The wayside pulpit. 3. On patrol (Union M. F. Sec. J. Cooks). 4. Creating desire. 5. Colporteur Institute, Malamulo, Nyasaland.

# 'n Afwesige Leier

ESKADERLEIER L. A. VIXIE van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Lugvaart Afdeling is op die oomblik afwesig uit Suid-Afrika en geniet 'n welverdiende vakansie in sy geboorteland. Ons het almal uitgesien na sy terugkoms, vroeg in Desembermaand, maar nou verneem ons egter dat die Wêreldkonferensie aanvraag gedoen het om sy dienste in verband met die Oesinsamelingsveldtog in Amerika, teneinde ekstra fondse in te samel om te voorsien in die groot behoeftes tans in die verskillende velde van die wêreld.

Hy word nou vroeg in Februarie verwag. Sy leiding en geesdrif, weet ek, sal weer 'n besieling wees vir almal wat op aktiewe diens is in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie.

# In die Suid-Oos Afrikaanse Unie

H. M. SPARROW

DIE winde waai op die oomblik nie te gunstig nie. Hoewel die manne van die leesstofbediening, deur middel van boekies en traktate, die evangelie goed versprei het in hierdie veld, is die groot hindernis hier die geringe koopkrag van die inboorling bevolking. Om net 'n sjieling boekie te koop is vir hulle 'n baie groot probleem en een wat nie maklik opgelos word nie.

Dan is 'n ander moeilikheid nog die feit dat 'n groot deel van die bevolking ongeletterd is. Ons het egter, 'n aantal uitstekende en pliggetroue kolporteur-evangeliste, en soms, waar omstandighede hulle belet om 'n boek te verkoop, sal hulle veel tyd bestee om die „blye tyding" te verkondig. Op hierdie wyse het hulle groot belangstelling opgewek langs die „paaie en die lanings." Partykeer, na hulle daarin geslaag het om 'n rasgenoot wat kwalik kan lees, oor te haal om 'n boek te koop, sal hulle 'n tyd by hom bly om hom te help om die boek te lees sodat hy weer later Sy bure kan onderrig.

Hierdie klompie selfopofferende manne maak maar baie min uit die leesstof wat hulle verkoop, maar nieteenstaande die ontberings, gaan hulle blymoedig aan met hul werk. Dis waarlik liefdediens wat hulle betref, en dit doen 'n mens se hart goed as mens hulle hoor getuig van die seëninge wat hulle geniet in hul werk. Geen mens kan werklik weergee wat daeliks vir die koninkryk gewin word deur die manne van die leesstofbediening nie. Alleen die rekords in die hemel sal eendag die waarde van hul dienste en die vrugte daarvan openbaar. En alleen hemelse wesens kan 'n regte besef vorm van die selfverloëning, lewensmoed, en geduldige volharding van 'n groep manne, wie se dienste onbekend is aan ons leke, en selfs ook aan baie van ons werkers.

As daar ooit 'n groep werkers is wat die gebede, die liefde, en die heelhartige ondersteuning van ons mense om die aarde moet hê, dan is dit die manne en vroue wat hulle lewens gewy het aan die leesstofbediening.

VERKOOP BOEKE MET NET SOVEEL YWER AS WAT U PREKE LEWER

## In the South African Conference

F. FICKER

"THE time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers."—*"Colporteur Evangelist," page* 8. This has been ringing in the ears of the church for many a decade, and it is only the last few years that it has been heeded. Nearly two million Europeans have to be warned of the soon coming of the Saviour and our faithful colporteurs have sensed their sacred responsibility, and are rallying to the call like one man. Apart from our native colporteurs, there are thirty-two Europeans engaged in full or part-time service, labouring faithfully day after day, winter and summer, until practically every town in South Africa has been warned, as well as the majority of farming areas.

God has certainly blessed our literature ministry; over £7,000 worth of orders have been taken in the nine months of this year. Thousands upon thousands of our soul-winning books have been distributed and great will be the harvest when these silent messengers have done their work; for "the time will come when these books will be sought for and read."—*"Colporteur Evangelist," page* 6.

It is a well-known fact that a great proportion of our members first became interested in this message as a result of reading our books. The ministry of the printed page will never cease while probation lasts, for even after the ministry of the Word has been prohibited, our colporteurs will still be able to continue selling our truth-filled literature.

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## Hungering for the Truth

H. R. S. TSUKUDU

*Joint F. M. S., So. Af. Un. Miss. Field*

IT is evident that the Spirit of God is still pleading with the hearts of men, for we are continually finding souls searching for the truth, in the most unlikely places. Some come to us for our books who have never been visited by a colporteur or minister. Not so long ago a native wrote to our publishing house in Cape Town enquiring about a certain book. The letter was passed on to our office in Johannesburg, and Mr. Pitt, our secretary-treasurer sent me to call on the man, and try to sell him a book. I took with me "God's Answers to Man's Questions" and after a very brief canvass the man gladly gave me an order and a deposit. He was eagerly awaiting me when I called to deliver the book and expressed his thankfulness in getting it. I took with me at the same time several extra copies of "God's Answers to Man's Questions" and quickly disposed of them out of hand to neighbours of this man, besides booking several orders for later delivery. At the place—a large dairy—where I booked these orders, one of the native employees was absent and his fellow-workmen told me to book an order for him also. I reluctantly did so feeling that I should never be able to deliver it. When delivery time came, however, the "absent" man was the first to greet me and, with gladness on his face, hand me the full amount for his book.

God is surely going before the men of the literature ministry preparing the way. Let us all resolve by His grace to be faithful in following His leadings so that those hungering for this blessed truth may not be disappointed.

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## An Absent Leader

SQUADRON leader L. A. Vixie of the South African Union Aviation Department is seen here, although absent in body from South Africa. He has been enjoying a well-earned furlough in his homeland and his return early in December was eagerly looked for-

ward to by all the men in the field. We learn by cable, however, that his services have been requisitioned by the General Conference to assist in the Harvest Ingathering campaign in America, in an effort to raise extra funds to meet the great need in the world field at this time.

He is now scheduled to return to us early in February and his fine leadership and enthusiastic personality will, we know, be once again an inspiration to the field force in the South African Union.

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## A Shining Indelible Record

MISS P. E. WILLMORE

THIRTY-FIVE churches, besides a number of companies and isolated believers in the South African Conference, are served by the Religious Book Depository, Bloemfontein. Aside from the literature sales of our churches and isolated members, which swell the report of the Field Missionary Secretary to the extent of about £120 retail per month, we have in our field at this time a colporteur evangelist force as follows:

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|---|---|
| Regulars | 21 |
| Part time | 12 |
| Students | 17 |
| Total | 50 |

For the good work of our faithful colporteurs we are indeed grateful, for we have so far this year been able to operate on a self-supporting basis, free from debt.

We count it a privilege to serve so fine a body of workers as our men and women of the literature ministry, both in the church and field. Our territorial map indicates that our agents are scattered from the borders of Rhodesia to the Cape Peninsula, from the West to the East Coast of South Africa, and throughout the intervening territory.

Every day the mail bag brings along its full share of work,—orders, reports, inquiries, and stock-lists to be checked. But along with these come words of courage and cheer—reports of Bible readings given, persons interested in the truth, others ready for baptism. Into the highways and byways we see these Ambassadors of the King go day by day, braving opposition and inconvenience, and as we look at the records before us and size up our financial standing, we begin to wonder how the books of the Religious Book Depository, Bloemfontein, compare with those of Heaven above; and somehow, instead of just plain, bare figures, we see a shining, indelible record of souls saved for eternity as a result of the sale of our truth-filled literature by our faithful Advance Guard.

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## We Triumph Through Christ

E. S. JAKAVULA

*Joint F. M. S., So. Af. Un. Miss. Field*

THE literature ministry is going well in the South-eastern part of the South African Mission Field although we are called upon to meet strong opposition at times from our native peoples. But, praise the Lord, the way is opened for us by heavenly beings if only we persevere and keep our trust firm in God. For example: I visited a native home just recently with the book "Desire of All Nations." I found quite a number of men and a couple of women gathered there and as soon as I commenced my canvass I was bombarded from all sides with sarcastic questions and insulting remarks. "You are selling Christ, like Judas Iscariot," said one. Another argued that the truth should not be sold but given free. One old man shouted that in bygone days I would have been killed as a wizard for trying to teach such things. The group became quite excited and angry but I determined to remain calm and friendly toward them. I prayed for help and went quietly on with my canvass. I stayed in that home three hours answering questions and speaking of the truth. Gradually the

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"SELL BOOKS AS DILIGENTLY AS YOU PREACH SERMONS"

# TOLD BETWEEN FLIGHTS

## "A Soft Answer Turneth Away Wrath"

It was 5 P.M. Having taken an order from a lady, I walked to the next building which was a fruit shop. While I was giving the proprietor a canvass, a gentleman stepped in and addressed me in a very abrupt way, "Are you the man that took an order from my wife for one of those books? My name is S——." I calmly said, "Yes, sir, I had the honour of doing so; your wife said she must have such a book." "Well," he said, "I dislike canvassers calling on my wife and persuading her to sign orders for goods. I will not let her have your book." "Well, Mr. S——," I said, "kindly allow me to show you the contents of my book and you will be surprised." His wife suffers from a weak heart, and I showed him the heart illustration, and read through the page. His anger left him, his face developed a smile, and he apologised for the hard words and for having followed me. I said, "It's quite all right Mr. S——, would you mind signing this order too?" And cheerfully he signed his name alongside his wife's signature. The book was delivered a fortnight ago. F. DE BEER.

## In Spite of Lions

I HAVE just returned from the low veld and am glad to be back. Apart from being very tired I feel none the worse for it. I do feel glad that I was able to go to all those settlers, who are mostly English-speaking people.

Before I went there people warned me not to go unless I could go in a motor-car, for they felt sure that wild animals would attack me. They told me that only recently a native boy was mauled, and at a certain spot, over which I would have to travel, a white man was eaten up; only a hand was left lying on the ground as evidence. I decided to go, nevertheless. That night I slept in a police camp. The policemen warned me again, but, you see, those men did not realise that the God who closed the mouths of the lions for Daniel, still lives, and His promise is "Lo, I am with *you* alway, even unto the end of the world." That promise is to me as much as to those who first heard it, and so the Lord did go with me to protect me so that I could speak to and warn those dear people of a soon-coming Saviour.

I actually passed some lions on the road and soon after arrived at the first home. It appears that not very long ago Brother Van der Bergh presented "God's Answers" to the lady of the house but she put him off. Ever since then she has been unhappy as something in the book appealed to her very much. When I canvassed her with "God's Answers," I thought the lady to be very strange in her manner but found, after hearing her story, that it was joy in her heart that caused it. She did not let the opportunity pass again but bought my book there and then. D. A. DE BEER.

## Ministers' Warning Prove Helpful

WHEN I started out on Monday, eight days ago, I had a big load on my motor-bike with which I had to travel about twenty miles. After I arrived at my destination, I started to deliver immediately, and although the people told me at the second house that I came to, that the ministers had warned against the books, I delivered everyone of them that day.

The second day I lost one order, and sold the book that was cancelled to another person out of hand.

The third day I came to a village where two ministers were warning the people; one from house to house and the other one publicly at a farm school, to which the large majority of my prospects went. In spite of that, however, all I lost was two orders. One customer I did not find at home, otherwise I am sure I would have delivered, for she had paid a deposit.

By that time my supply of books was about exhausted, so I had to return to Vereeniging to get another load. On my way back that afternoon I passed a farm where I had delivered the first day, and when I was about to cross a small stream of water I saw the brother of a young man to whom I had delivered books the first day, walking barefooted along this ditch and calling after me. I wondered what the matter was, but after he had greeted me he sat down by the roadside on the grass, as if I had plenty of time, and he had too. I was in a hurry and remained seated on my bike. He then said to me, "Mr. Retief, do you have any more of those Bible Guides and Bibles?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I should like to have a Bible and a Guide." So I sold him the book that was cancelled and a Bible. I then said good-bye to him and went home, singing as I went and rejoicing in the Lord. W. A. RETIEF.

### Courage

DOES your task seem hard, my friend?
Stick to it unto the end.
Pray the longer, buckle in;
Up and at it, you will win.
Do not faint when plans go wrong,
Face your duty with a song;
Lose not courage, that is sin,
Keep a-going—you will win.

No one really fails who strives
Read the cares of others' lives;
'Mid the battle's storm and din,
They kept at it—you can win.
Never doubt that God is love,
That He guides you from above;
He's your Helper, e'er has been;
With His succour you will win.
—*Selected.*

## A Novel Introduction

JUST recently, after completing the canvass of a village, I called at the home of a Presbyterian minister. I was invited inside and later the minister himself came into the room. I introduced myself by informing him that I had come to pay him a visit, and, like him, I was interested in evangelistic work. He seemed interested and at once started discussing church problems, such as the lack of attendance, etc. After a little while I took out my "Colporteur-evangelist" and from page 3 read the following statement:

"I have been instructed that even where the people hear the message from the living preacher, the canvasser should carry on his work in co-operation with the minister; for, though the minister may faithfully present the message, the people are not able to retain it all."

He immediately commented on the truth of that statement, and so I had a good point of contact for introducing "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" to him. With God's help I gave him a concise canvass of the book with the result that he gave me an order together with a deposit of 10/-. When I delivered his copy of the book, which he received gladly, he said, "It is very well produced, very well produced indeed."

I believe our literature has its appeal to every class and type, ministers of other churches included. J. J. OOSTHUIZEN.

## "Thank God You are an Adventist"

I WAS canvassing on the farms near Brits. While I was out there with "Home Physician" and "God's Answers" I came to a certain house and knocked at the door. The father opened it. I asked to see him and his wife for a few moments. I started canvassing them with the "Home Physician" but they could not give an

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# TUSSEN VLUGTE GEHOOR

## „'n Sagte Antwoord Keer die Grimmigheid Af"

Een middag omtrent vyfuur, na ek 'n bestelling van 'n vrou geneem het, het ek 'n vrugte winkeltjie binnegestap. Terwyl ek besig was om die bestuurder te kolporteer, het daar 'n man ingekom en my baie kortaf gevra, „Is jy die man wat 'n bestelling van my vrou geneem het vir een van daardie boeke? Ek is S——." Bedaard het ek geantwoord, „Ja meneer, ek het die eer gehad om dit te doen; u vrou het gesê sy moet so'n boek hê." „Wel," het hy gesê, „ek hou nie daarvan dat agente my vrou besoek en haar oorhaal om bestelvorms te teken vir goedere nie. Ek sal haar nie toelaat om u boek te neem nie." „Wel meneer S——," het ek gesê, „laat my asseblief toe om u die inhoud van die boek te toon, en u sal verbaas wees." Sy vrou ly aan 'n swak hart, en ek het hom 'n prent van die hart gewys, en die bladsy daar voorgelees. Sy bui het gesak, daar het 'n glimlag op sy gesig verskyn, en hy het om verskoning gevra oor die harde woorde wat hy gebesig het, en dat hy my agtervolg het. Ek het geantwoord, „Dis alles reg Mnr. S——, sal u ook die bestelvorm teken?" Hy het gedwee sy naam langs sy vrou s'n geteken. Die boek is twee weke gelede afgelewer.

F. de Beer.

## Ten Spyte van Leeus

Ek het soewe uit die laeveld teruggekeer en is bly om terug te wees. Behalwe dat ek 'n bietjie moeg voel, het die tog my geen kwaad gedoen nie. Ek is bly dat ek al die setlaars daar—meestal Engelssprekend—kon besoek.

Voor my vertrek daarheen het die mense my gewaarsku om nie te gaan as ek nie met 'n motorkar kon gaan nie, want hulle was seker dat ek deur wilde diere sou aangeval word. Hulle het my vertel dat 'n kaffer die ander dag nog aangeval was, en op 'n plek waar ek moes verby gaan was daar 'n witman opgevreet; net sy een hand was later daar op die grond gevind. Ek het egter, besluit om te gaan. Ek het daardie aand by 'n polisiestasie geslaap, en die polisie het my weer gewaarsku; maar sien u, hierdie mense besef nie dat die God wat die bek van leeus toegesluit het vir Daniel, nog lewe nie, en dat Hy beloof het, „En kyk, Ek is met julle al die dae tot aan die voleinding van die wêreld." Daardie belofte is aan my net soseer as aan diegene wat dit eerste gehoor het. Die Here het met my gegaan en my beskerm sodat ek die mense daar kon vertel en waarsku van die spoedige koms van die Heiland.

Ek het werklik leeus op die pad teëgekom, en kort daarna het ek by die eerste woning aangekom. Dit blyk dat Broeder van der Bergh nie so lank gelede hierdie vrou met „God se Antwoorde" gekolporteer het; sy het die boek van die hand gewys, maar was sedertdien baie ontstel dat sy nie liewer die boek geneem het nie, want iets in die boek het 'n diepe indruk op haar gemaak. Terwyl ek toe die vrou met „God se Antwoorde" kolporteer, het ek 'n vreemde houding by haar opgemerk, maar het later uitgevind dat dit blydskap in haar hart was wat dit veroorsaak het. Sy het die skoot nie weer die kans laat verbygaan nie, maar het somar daar en dan 'n boek gekoop.

D. A. de Beer.

## Predikant se Waarskuwings Help My

Toe ek laas Maandag, agt dae gelede, vertrek het, het ek 'n swaar vrag op my motorfiets gehad wat ek twintig myl ver moes neem. Na ek daar aangekom het, het ek dadelik begin aflewer; en hoewel die mense my by die tweede huis waar ek gekom het, vertel het dat die predikante gewaarsku het teen my boeke, het ek almal daardie dag afgelewer.

Die tweede dag het ek een bestelling verloor, maar het die boek somar weer aan iemand anders, uit die hand verkoop.

Die derde dag het ek op 'n dorp gekom waar twee predikante besig was om die mense te waarsku; die een het van huis tot huis gegaan, en die ander een het dit in die openbaar, by 'n plaasskool gedoen, waar baie van die bestellers ook teenwoordig was. Maar ten spyte van dit alles, het ek net twee bestellings verloor; een van die bestellers was nie tuis nie, en ek is seker ek sou die boek afgelewer het, want sy het 'n deposito betaal.

By hierdie tyd het ek nie meer boeke gehad nie, en ek moes sewen-en-twintig myl terug na Vereeniging om 'n ander vrag te haal. Op pad terug daardie middag, moes ek by 'n plaas verby waar ek die eerste dag afgelewer het. Net toe ek 'n spruitjie wou oorgaan, sien ek die broer van 'n jong man aan wie ek die eerste dag boeke afgelewer het, kaalvoet na my toe aankom, en roep na my. Ek het gewonder wat verkeerd was. Na hy my gegroet het het hy langs die pad op die gras gaan sit—nes of ons baie tyd gehad het. Ek was haastig en het op die fiets bly sit. Toe het hy aan my gesê, „Mnr. Retief het u nog van daardie Bybelgidse en Bybels?" „O ja" het ek geantwoord. „Ek wil graag 'n Bybel en 'n Gids hê," het hy gesê. Toe verkoop ek hom die boek waarvan die bestelling gekanseleer was, en ook 'n Bybel. Ek het hom toe gegroet en singende huistoe gegaan en my verbly in die Here.

W. A. Retief.

## 'n Eienaardige Inleiding

Ek het onlangs, na ek klaar was met my kolportasiewerk in 'n sekere dorp, 'n besoek afgelê by die Presbiteriaanse pastorie. Ek was ingenooi, en het die predikant ontmoet. Toe ek myself voorstel, het ek hom meegedeel dat ek hom net maar kom besoek het, en dat ek ook belangstel in die evangeliewerk. Hy was belangstellend, en het kerklike sake met my bespreek, b.v. die swakke opkomste na die dienste, ens. Na 'n rukkie het ek my „Colporteur-Evangelist" uitgehaal, en op bladsy drie die volgende voorgelees:

„Aan my was getoon dat selfs waar mense die lewende prediker het, moet die kolporteur sy werk ook voortsit, saam met die predikant; want al gee die predikant sy boodskap ook getrou af, kan die mense tog nie alles onthou nie."

Hy het dadelik die waarheid hiervan ingesien, en toe het ek 'n goeie kans gehad om „Bybellesings" aan hom voor te stel. Met die hulp van die Here het ek hom 'n kort oorsig van die boek gegee, met die gevolg dat hy een bestel het en 10/- as deposito daarop afbetaal het. Toe ek sy boek kom aflewer het, het hy dit met vreugde ontvang, en opgemerk „Dit is baie goed opgestel."

Ek glo ons boeke vind byval onder alle klasse en tipes, predikante inbegrepe.

J. J. Oosthuizen.

## „Dank die Here dat u 'n Adventis is"

Ek was besig om te kolporteer op 'n plaas naby Brits. Terwyl ek met die twee boeke „Die Huisdokter" en „God se Antwoorde" gewerk het, het ek by 'n sekere huis gekom; ek het aangeklop, en die vader het na die deur gekom. Ek het gevra of ek hom en sy vrou vir 'n paar oomblikke kon sien. Ek het hulle met die „Huisdokter" gekolporteer, maar hulle kon nie 'n bestelling plaas nie. Ek het hulle toe meegedeel dat ek nog 'n ander boek by my het—'n boek wat die Bybel vir hulle sou verklaar. Ek het „God se Antwoorde" te voorskyn gebring, en toe die vrou dit sien het sy opgespring en uitgeroep, „Dank God u is 'n Adventis—dit is die boek wat my in die waarheid gebring het. Ek dank die Here vir manne soos u wat rondgaan met hierdie boeke van waarheid." O! dit het my weer nuwe moed gegee om iemand te ontmoet wat in die waarheid gebring is deur ons leesstof,—en hoeveel meer daar nog is, sal ons eendag in die koninkryk sien.

A. van der Bergh.

„Die grootste openbare weldoener is die persoon wat goeie boeke verkoop."—*Ewart Gladstone.*

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## Helderberg News Notes

THE College Prospectus for 1935 is now off the press. These will gladly be supplied to any who may be interested.

AT a recent baptismal service held on Sabbath, October 20, eleven students followed their Lord in this solemn step to walk in newness of life.

THE Spartan and Stellar Clubs, the two physical culture organisations, gave a very interesting exhibition of gymnastic exercises and drills on a recent Sunday evening.

GRADUATION exercises will be held from November 1-3. The Class will present a programme on the evening of the 1st. A class consecration service will be held on the evening of the 2nd, followed by a special sermon by Elder J. H. Raubenheimer on Sabbath, November 3. The same evening Elder Milton Robison will deliver the Commencement Address.

PLANS for the new dining room and kitchen have now been approved, and construction will begin immediately. The building will be 85 x 47. The lower floor will contain kitchen, college store, post office, domestic science room, and dressmaking room.

The entire upper room will be utilised as dining room, except for a serving room on one side. The dining room will seat about 250 people. A double lift will be installed to convey the food from the kitchen to the serving room above.

## Three Year College Course

G. E. SHANKEL

BEGINNING with 1935, a three year course leading to graduation will displace the present two year course.

It has been felt for some time that a Normal Course or Theological Course alone, does not prepare the student to meet the varied demands upon him as he enters active service as a graduate.

At a recent meeting the decision was reached to expand the present course to a three year course. Those who have completed the first year of College work in 1934, may finish the regular two year course if they choose, either Normal or Theological.

The new course will include both Normal and Theological work, as well as Vocational. Further vocational subjects will be added in 1935. Beginning with Standard VII, the boys will be given two years of woodwork, and two of agriculture, up to Standard X. The girls will study sewing and dressmaking for four years, Standards VII to X. In College the young men will be given a course in agriculture, and one in building construction; the young women receiving two courses in dietetics and domestic science.

## Change of Address Notice

A DAY or two ago we received a letter addressed to "Mont Clair" as though this were a house name. Mont Clair is of course a post office name. Beginning November 1, the postal address for Helderberg College will be P. O. Mont Clair. The correct address in future will simply be:

Helderberg College,
P. O. Mont Clair, Cape.

Until such time as the post office people become acquainted with the new post office, it may be well to add "via Somerset West" to the address.

G. E. SHANKEL.

## Sermon Notes

SOME time ago the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department issued a set of Sermon Notes for lay preachers. The first issue was soon exhausted and a number of names are on the waiting list for a new edition.

Now, the new "Lay Preacher's Manual" makes the printing of further copies unnecessary.

Among other things the Manual contains thirty splendid sermon outlines that fill the need admirably.

We trust that every layman interested in evangelism will secure a copy. It is priced at 3/6. Order from:

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## Die Vliegbasis

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tref ammunisie nie. Hou u maar aan verkoop, en die ou Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy sal, soos die weduweeskruik, nooit faal nie.

Mag die Here die manne en vroue van die Lugvaart Afdeling seën — mag hulle vlerke nooit moeg word om die waarheid in die vorm van leesstof na die volke van Suidelike Afrika te dra nie.

## „Selfs op die Treine"

EENMAAL, op 'n treinreis, terwyl ek besig was om „This Mighty Hour" te lees, het die kondukteur omgekom vir die kaartjies. Hy het gemerk watter boek ek gelees het, en het toe aan my meegedeel dat hy van my gehoor het toe ek op Piet Retief gekolporteer het. Ons het begin praat oor die toestande wat onder die volke heers. Hy was 'n Duitser. Hy het so belang gestel dat hy my gevra het om hom by sy huis te kom besoek as ek terugkom. 'n Paar dae later het ek hom by sy huis aangetref saam met twee ander mans,—een van hulle was 'n godloënaar. Die godloënaar het my gedurig in die rede geval en ek kon moeilik my werk voorstel. Ek het egter volgehou en van die kondukteur 'n bestelling vir „Bybellesings" gekry. Die ander man het 'n kleiner boek bestel. Ek het die boek aan die kondukteur afgelewer en hy het dit baie interessant gevind. Ek weet die Here sal die saad wat gesaai is, benat, en ek vertrou stellig dat hy die laaste boodskap deur middel van daardie boek sal kry.

F. C. JONKER.

## "Even on the Trains"

ONCE while I was travelling on a train and busy reading "This Mighty Hour" the guard came around for the tickets. He saw the book and noticed the title. He told me that he had heard about me while I was working in Piet Retief. We naturally started talking about the conditions existing among the nations. The guard was a German. He became so interested that he asked me to call at his house when I came back. A few days later I found him at his home with two other men,—one being an atheist. The atheist repeatedly interrupted my canvass and I had a hard time presenting my work. I persevered, however, and the guard placed an order for "Bible Readings." The other man ordered a smaller book. I delivered the book to the guard. He found it very interesting. I know the Lord will water the seed that was sown and I certainly hope that he will get the last message through that guide.

F. C. JONKER.

## Thank God

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order. I told them that I had another nice book in my pocket, a book that would outline the Bible for them. I showed them "God's Answers" and when the wife saw it she jumped from her seat saying: "Thank God you are an Adventist, this is the book that brought me into the truth. I thank God for men like you who are going around with these books of truth." Oh! it gave me courage to see one in the truth through the reading of our literature, and how many more there will be, we shall see one day in the Kingdom.

A. VAN DER BERGH.

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