

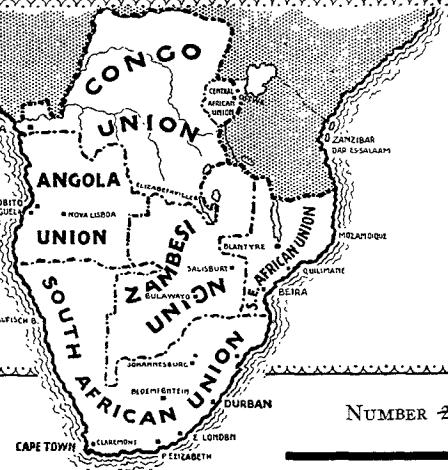
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## Individual Responsibility

F. E. POTTER

IN the year 1929 the Lord Mayor of Leicester, England, in a public speech called the mind of the people of England to the fact that the outstanding cause of the decline of ancient civilisations was the obliteration of the individual. "England must begin to overhaul herself," he said, "she must direct very definite and sustained effort to bring about a higher sense of personal responsibility in each individual, in each potential citizen."

Just two years later the editor of the *Times*, in his New Year Leader, laid particular emphasis on the same need. Perhaps no other one quality is so much to be desired as a reawakened sense of individual responsibility," he said.

And now, in his Rectorial Address at Glasgow in September last, General Jan Smuts, in reviewing the conditions that are so seriously jeopardising the peace and progress of the world, asserted that in every country the issue of the twentieth century fight was in the hands of the ordinary citizen. He referred, in no uncertain terms, to the great danger of the decay of individual responsibility.

What has all this to do with religious affairs? you may ask. Just this; that the very selfsame danger exists in the work of God on earth. Hear the voice of the Spirit of prophecy counselling God's remnant church on this very subject. "Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organisations for individual effort. Human wisdom tends to consolidation, to centralisation, to the building up of great churches and institutions. Multitudes leave to institutions and organisations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold. Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy. Ministry to the sick and the poor, the giving of the gospel to the lost, is not

to be left to committees or organised charities. Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel."—*"Ministry of Healing," page 147.*

As we approach the new year 1935 let this question come home to the heart of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist. As a potential citizen of Christ's kingdom, am I alive to my individual responsibility in pressing forward His work on earth?

In a recent speech, Sir Henry Deterding, a prominent commercial magnate, stated, "My own working experience has taught me that about only 5% of people want to be saddled with any real responsibility." Yes, dear believer, that is the spirit of the world today. People desire to enjoy the privileges of citizenship without having to bear any of its responsibilities. The same spirit, the servant of the Lord tells us, is found too often in our churches. "Every member should help to strengthen and sustain the church; but in many cases there are one or two who have the spirit of faithfulness that characterised Caleb of old, and these are permitted to bear the burdens and take the responsibilities, while the rest shirk all the care."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, page 303.*

It is that regrettable spirit in the remnant church of God which has, in a great measure, delayed the coming of our Lord. Do you, dear believer, not think that it is time for every Seventh-day Adventist to remedy such a sad state of affairs. In the work of God on earth there must be no shirking of responsibility on the part of any follower of Christ.

Again let us take heed to the pen of inspiration. "In the closing controversy raging between the forces of good and evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as His soldiers are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the re-

sponsibility resting on them individually."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 116.

In the above quoted speech of General Smuts you will notice that he says that the issue of the fight for better conditions in the world is in the hands of the ordinary citizens. Now, in the church of God it is not the ministers and other workers who constitute the "fighting" force of the church; the *laity* constitute the "fighting" force and until they engage wholeheartedly in the fight the work of God will never be completed.

What would a nation think of any of its soldiers if, in the face of the enemy, they refused to do their share in waging war? The question is one that a child could almost answer. Then what is the feeling in heavenly circles at the attitude of those who continue to shirk their part in this warfare against the powers of darkness? "Heaven is indignant at the ease of men and women in Zion, while souls are going down to ruin in their ignorance and their sins. If the members of the church were to see themselves as God sees them, they would be overwhelmed with self-reproach. They would not endure to look their responsibilities and delinquencies in the face."—*E. G. White, Basle, Switzerland, 1886.*

This, then, is an appeal to every church member throughout the Southern African Division to rally to the missionary work of the church throughout 1935. As the new church missionary committees perfect plans for the evangelisation of the territory committed to their care, let the church members rally round them like one man and cry, individually, "Here am I, send me."

"Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message. That which we see and hear calls

us to our duty. The working of Satanic agencies calls every Christian to stand in his lot."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pages 25, 26.

May God grant each of us the grace and willingness to do so through the coming year.

### Luck or Pluck?

NATHANIEL KRUM

AH! The man who's always lucky  
Is the man who's super-plucky,  
He's the man who never mental labour  
shirks.

He's the man who's always smiling,  
Thoughtful, careful, ne'er reviling,  
And the man who buckles down to things  
and works!

There's no other definition,  
I would say, with your admission,  
Of the word's "He's lucky," than this  
verse exclaims.

Worker, sticker, pusher, goer,  
Always higher, never lower,—  
That's the blood that courses through  
a lucky's veins!

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"Bedtime Stories" Number 11 is the latest book of this popular series, and we are pleased to announce that we have a good supply in stock. The price is the same as for the other numbers, 1/6. The contents is up to the high standard of "Uncle Arthur," the author.

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# Helderberg College

### Why a Three Year Course at Helderberg

SOME have enquired regarding the Three Year Course for all College students. There are very definite reasons why the Board has felt the introduction of the Three Year Course to be necessary.

Previously some who have taken the Theological Course have been called to teach and vice versa. In view of the fact that at the time the student enters upon his College work it is apparently impossible for him to know what his work will be subsequent to graduation; and further because the greater number of our graduates are called upon both to preach and to teach, it has been felt that a three year course, in which is combined the chief features of both Normal and Theological training be required of all. The work of preaching is after all teaching, and our evangelists often remark that the art of teaching is the more important requirement for successful and lasting results in winning souls. On the other hand our teachers do a great deal of preaching. Some conduct efforts while they teach school, and for those of our graduates who go into mission work the training in both is highly essential. By the addition of certain vocational subjects to the three year course the student is prepared for the practical side of our denominational work as well. As the Three Year Course is enriched by electives, there will be considerable choice for the individual student.

A second factor in introducing three years of College work is that the student may gain a greater breadth of experience. Some have finished at a comparatively young age, and have been faced with large responsibility far away from counsellors. The very lack of age and experience has sometimes been an open invitation to failure.

In our native training schools the standards are gradually rising in conformity with the general trend of world educational requirements. Our graduates must naturally be qualified to do acceptable work in harmony with the rising standards.

The question has been raised as to how much credit one would receive for his Three Year Course in the event of his going overseas to work toward a degree in one of our Senior Colleges. This question has been placed before our Educational Department in a very definite way and is under earnest consideration at present. The two year courses formerly given have been accepted at full value up to the present, and we are hoping that the Three Year Course may be largely accepted.

The Three Year Course is a very normal development in harmony with educational practice today in our own denomination. We recognise that it will mean an added financial burden to some, but comparatively speaking, three years of training beyond Standard X is really quite an easy requirement in these days of long university courses.

G. E. SHANKEL.

### Helderberg News Notes

ELDER AND MRS. W. H. ANDERSON recently spent a few days at the college.

MRS. MARAIS, Elza and Sarah left recently for upcountry points.

BRICKLAYERS have completed their work on the new dining hall. The carpenters are working on the roof while the plastering progresses inside.

WE are glad for all the inspiring reports from the colporteurs. Some remarkable records are being achieved. Orders to the amount of more than a scholarship in less than two weeks are reported by a number of the colporteurs. The young men will have to look well to the laurels if Misses Bamberger and Rousseau keep up their present rate.

A LIVE interest in the college is reported by Brethren C. C. Marais and W. F. Tarr

who are visiting the various churches in the interests of Helderberg. Mr. Shankel also reports a few new students from Johannesburg where he visited recently.

A NUMBER of applications for admission have recently been received from Rhodesia, some from people not of our faith who have been impressed with the product of Helderberg.

It is most encouraging to read the many tributes sent in by students as to what Helderberg has meant to them. One says that "Helderberg would be worth it at double and even treble the price." Another says, "I never realised how well I loved Helderberg and all the dear people there until I left." So the testimonies run. Why cannot more of our young people determine to be here to share in all the advantages that Helderberg offers to our youth at this critical time. Helderberg builds into the life the things that count.

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## Spion Kop Missionary Institution Graduation

J. E. SYMONS

It was the writer's privilege to be present at the closing exercises of the Spion Kop Missionary Institution, October 26-29.

"Spion Kop," as it is more familiarly known, is our native Training school for native young people in the Union of South Africa. The 1934 exercises marked the seventh graduation in order since the loca-

showed that there had been much painstaking effort put forth by the school instructors. Commencement Night saw the close of the school exercises for 1934. The writer gave the Commencement address and emphasised the importance of the right kind of education. "Commencement" meant not the end, but the beginning of an education which was to be received in the school of experience. Reference was made to the class motto, "Where the Master Calls," and the watchword, "Forward." The diplomas were presented by Mr. R. E. Ansley, Acting Principal of the institution, who made suitable remarks to each of the graduates.

At the close of the address and presentation of the diplomas, mention was made of the fact that Brother and Sister R. E. Ansley and Miss M. Campbell were leaving and would not be members of the



tion of the mission training school at that place.

The large chapel was well filled Friday evening when Pastor Eka J. Kuboni conducted a consecration service. Sabbath was a day long to be remembered. A number of visitors who had come from different parts took a keen interest in the orderly proceedings of the Sabbath school which was conducted in a very able manner by young native men and women. The after-service was one especially for the graduates, and the sermon preached was for the particular benefit of the twelve young men and women forming the 1934 class. "Approved of God" was the subject of the sermon and the writer based his remarks on that familiar text of Scripture, 2 Timothy 2:15. In the early afternoon, a baptismal service was conducted, at which time fifteen young men and women followed their Lord into the watery grave. While some of these young people come from Adventist homes where they have come in contact with the message others have learned the truth since coming to Spion Kop. After the baptismal service, we repaired to the chapel where the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated.

Sunday evening was Class Night, when the graduates entertained us to speeches, singing, recitations, etc. The manner in which the various items were presented

faculty for next year. An appropriately worded letter from the student body was read by Pastor Kuboni. The letter expressed appreciation of the services rendered by the workers mentioned and sincere regret at their leaving. The proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

Of the twelve candidates, only two have thus far received no official call to connect with the organised work; the others have all been placed. We bespeak for the Spion Kop Missionary Institution a good enrolment for 1935 and a successful school year.

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## Investiture Service at Spion Kop

A. W. STAPLES

ON Wednesday night, September 26, a unique service was conducted at Spion Kop Missionary Institution. As far as the writer knows the first M. V. investiture service ever conducted for native believers took place.

Sister Marguerite Campbell is our M. V. leader at Spion Kop. For a long time she has been instructing and training a group of young people for the "Friend pin." It was our privilege to examine the "Friends." We found them enthusiastic and spiritually minded. They had a thorough grasp of their work.

The examination over, and parts having been assigned, the whole school gathered in the chapel for the investiture service.

There was a hush upon the audience as the symbolism unfolded the significance of a Missionary Volunteer "Friend." Each member of the class spoke. With composure they explained the fundamentals of the Missionary Volunteer movement and the ideals that stir the heart of a true "Friend."

Hearts were warmed and lasting impressions for good were made. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and we left that service feeling that a great and open door is set before the African youth of this generation. It is theirs to study and qualify to serve their benighted peoples. We left with a conviction that they were called to be servants of God and friends to man.

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## Quiet Talks With the Medical Secretary

"Do not neglect to teach your children to cook. In so doing you impart to them principles which they must have in their religious education. In giving your children lessons in physiology and teaching them how to cook with simplicity and yet with skill, you are laying the foundation for the most useful branches of education. Skill is required to make good light bread. There is religion in good cooking, and I



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Faithfully Brother Retief has worked the districts of Kroonstad and Vereeniging and at present is located in Vereeniging itself. He says that one day he visited a rich farmer who became so interested that he took him to another farm in his motor-car and told the people that they must buy a copy of "God's Answers" as well.

Eighteen students have entered our ranks this year. Most of them are working in the Cape Province and everyone wants to earn a scholarship this year. Brother Freddie Pautz is heroically struggling at Graaff-Reinet. One man, ninety-eight years old, gladly bought a religious book to help him to live near to his God.

In spite of rain and heat, Miennie Rousseau, a girl student, is doing her best at Oudtshoorn. Sister Nuns is keeping a motherly eye on her, and trying to encourage her in her hard task. With the help of the field missionary secretary she has booked orders valued at over £70 in less than two weeks. Mrs. C. J. Langenhoven, the wife of the late most famous Afrikaans writer, also ordered a "Home Physician" with a £1 deposit.

Three other students—David Douglas, Walter Stevenson, and Miss Kate Bamberger—are busy in Port Elizabeth. Although the latter has never been out before,

still, by God's help, she has succeeded in taking £39 worth of orders in one week. She writes, "I thoroughly enjoy my canvassing work. Not only has God blessed me with orders, but my Christian experience is greatly strengthened. Please pray for me." May all our members remember these students in prayer.



## Investiture Service at Bethlehem

W. D. EVA

FOR several months the Bethlehem Missionary Volunteers had been looking forward to and preparing for the auspicious occasion when they would be invested as "Friends." However, it was not without a great deal of fear and trepidation that they anticipated their examination by Elder Staples. Some, for unknown reasons, entertained ideas of a severe and exacting examiner. As is generally the case, however, this anticipation proved to be worse than the realisation, and all were overjoyed to find that they could take part in the Investiture Service the following evening.

This service proved to be most impressive. As the Missionary Volunteer secretary spoke of the darkness which had settled upon the world before the first advent of our Saviour, the lights in the hall were switched off, and the room left in partial darkness. In continuing, the speaker directed attention to the birth of Jesus the light of the world and at this juncture a large candle was lighted around which were a number of smaller tapers.

As each Missionary Volunteer performed his part, he lighted one of these tapers at the central light. Under this symbolism, the deeper meaning of a "Friend"—a friend of Jesus, was shown.

The programme was quite informal, and this tended to remove all signs of nervousness.

The service did not fail to set clearly before the young minds the true and deeper meaning of the badge which they received.

Without a doubt this large class of "Friends," more than a score, will prove to be quite an impetus to Missionary Volunteer work in Bethlehem.

The church also profited much spiritually by the visit of Elder Staples. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated on Sabbath, November 24, and all felt assured of the Lord's blessing upon His people.



"God calls upon all, both preachers and people, to awake. All heaven is astir. The scenes of earth's history are fast closing. We are amid the perils of the last days. Greater perils are before us, and yet we are not awake. This lack of activity and earnestness in the cause of God is dreadful. This death stupor is from Satan."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, pp. 260, 261.

## Cape Field

L. S. Billes, Superintendent

### An Awakened Interest in Calvinia

L. S. BILLES

So many enquiries have been coming in regarding an interest in Calvinia, that I wish to pass on an account of our recent visit, although I feel that it is early to predict large definite results, since we still have considerable work to do there.

Recently Brother Mantell and the writer made a trip to Calvinia to investigate this interest among the Coloured people. Through the beautiful wheat and orange districts our trip from Cape Town was uneventful, but once we got into the barren hills of the Bokkeveld range we made very slow and difficult progress with our baby car.

Early on the Sabbath morning we made our way to the location known as Newtown, and found a company of people in one of the houses having service. They were overjoyed that at last someone had come to help them, and so great was their interest that we were kept busy morning, noon and night explaining the message to these people on the edge of the desert, some of whom were Namaqualand bush people.

The leaders of the group, however, are intelligent men whose grasp of the message was quite remarkable.

It seems that years ago this company was cruelly led into grievous error by a man who posed as an evangel of truth. One of the men, however, who gradually emerged as the true leader of the company, became more and more convinced, after earnestly studying his Bible, that they had been living in sin. The road which he was now convinced was the right one, was indeed a hard and difficult one. It meant sacrifice. It meant starting life anew, forsaking the old ways. But so strong was the conviction, that he could find no peace. So, taking only his Bible, he went up into the mountains, and there, alone, for twelve days and nights, wrestled with God in fasting and prayer. Finally came victory and peace, and one senses now the great spiritual force of the man.

Step by step the Lord led this man to a knowledge of the Sabbath and baptism, and many other precious truths of the message. There being no minister who would baptise the people, he became convinced that he himself should baptise them. The authorities, undertook, however, not to employ anyone who was baptised or who kept the Sabbath and the leader was also debarred from baptising in the river. He then built a font at the side of his house, and when it was finished knelt down by the side of it and prayed that God would fill it. Rain comes in that country very, very



LEADERS OF CALVINA COMPANY

seldom, but that same afternoon the rain fell in torrents and the font was filled to overflowing.

At times as he preached, the opposition was so strong that, to use his own descriptive phrase, "the fists upraised in the audience looked like ostrich heads."

Thus gradually quite a large company has been raised up. Not all, however, have faithfully kept the Sabbath when bitter opposition arose. And there remains still some of the results of the errors of the past which must be overcome. But surely there never was a more earnest company seeking God's way.

We enquired how they managed to live. The leader replied that they simply had to walk out by faith and that God fed and clothed them. Sometimes, we were told, they went hungry for three days, but God always remembered them. "Only last night," he said, "the little ones came crying to me for food. There was none. I took them on my knees and prayed that the Lord would help them to go to sleep so they would forget their hunger." And then, with a quiet smile of truth, he said, "This morning the Lord sent us a loaf of bread."

Time after time, as we explained the message, this man would say "Father, I understand, I believe, I follow." This was his prayer when we explained our stand with regard to tobacco. "I will not smoke again," he told me. "But," I said, "it is

hard to give up tobacco." Immediately came the answer, "The power of God is greater than any temptation." Here is a man who, in rugged, earnest intensity, in fidelity to truth, is having an experience similar to that of the Bible patriarchs of old!

Out on the edge of the desert, God is raising up a people for His name, but, oh, dear friends, we do not have an Afrikaans worker to send to help them. We thought we would have at the end of the year sufficient funds to take on an experienced worker, but unless the Lord supplies the means, we cannot call anyone. Pray, therefore, that God will open the way for us somehow.



### Dedication of Elim Church

L. S. BILLES

THE dedication of the Elim church at George was an occasion to which the members had looked forward with keen anticipation. At last their little church was completed. It looked very attractive and neat.

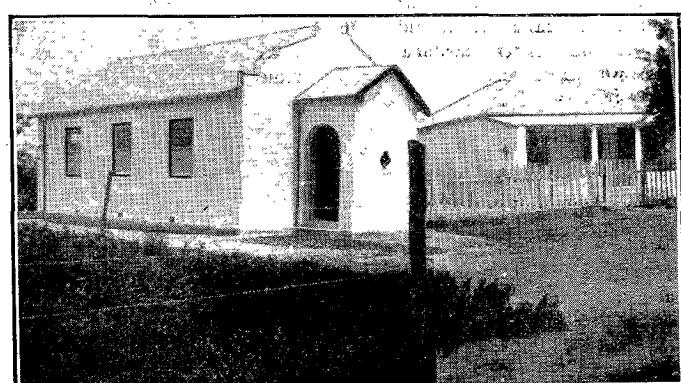
At 3 o'clock on the afternoon of October 28 it was crowded to the doors, while the audience listened with rapt attention to the dedicatory sermon. Elder May then invoked God's blessing upon the congregation and the building. Many expressions of appreciation of the service and the singing were heard.

In the evening again the members and their friends filled the church until there was no standing room left. An address, illustrated by lantern pictures of the life of Jesus, was given by the writer.

The Elim church members are greatly indebted to Miss Bayman of George, for the gift of the ground on which the church is built, and also the donation of the money with which to erect a little cottage adjoining the church. Appreciation was also expressed of the help given by Brother Smith, who concluded the contract and provided part of the money for the woodwork and the benches.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that, after the deeds of transfer on the ground were paid, the entire cost of the building, including some very substantial benches and the installation of electricity, was only

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ON a recent visit to Pretoria, I found our five consecrated colporteurs very happy in their work. Brother Van der Berg is travelling the district by bicycle selling "Home Physician." Recently he acceded unto himself a young wife and has taught her the art of salesmanship. Even before her marriage she nobly took her "God's Answers" prospectus and worked the city of Pretoria. The minister is warning the people and states that even the people next to his house have bought the heresy books.

As Sisters Van Rooyen and Beneke are expecting an effort in the distant future near Pretoria they are working "Die Moot" with the *Signs of the Times* and *Tekens*. At least one hundred subscriptions have been taken and hundreds of papers distributed. The ground will be fully prepared so that the evangelist can come to reap a rich harvest. Sister Van Rooyen relates that she is so eager to work for the Lord that she can scarcely finish her housework. We can always make a way if we want to work for the Lord. Sister De Meyer has sold hundreds upon hundreds of our small Crisis Series books in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Faithfully Brother Retief has worked the districts of Kroonstad and Vereeniging and at present is located in Vereeniging itself. He says that one day he visited a rich farmer who became so interested that he took him to another farm in his motor-car and told the people that they must buy a copy of "God's Answers" as well.

Eighteen students have entered our ranks this year. Most of them are working in the Cape Province and everyone wants to earn a scholarship this year. Brother Freddie Pautz is heroically struggling at Graaff-Reinet. One man, ninety-eight years old, gladly bought a religious book to help him to live near to his God.

In spite of rain and heat, Miennie Rousseau, a girl student, is doing her best at Oudtshoorn. Sister Nuns is keeping a motherly eye on her, and trying to encourage her in her hard task. With the help of the field missionary secretary she has booked orders valued at over £70 in less than two weeks. Mrs. C. J. Langenhoven, the wife of the late most famous Afrikaans writer, also ordered a "Home Physician" with a £1 deposit.

Three other students—David Douglas, Walter Stevenson, and Miss Kate Bamberger—are busy in Port Elizabeth. Although the latter has never been out before,

still, by God's help, she has succeeded in taking £39 worth of orders in one week. She writes, "I thoroughly enjoy my canvassing work. Not only has God blessed me with orders, but my Christian experience is greatly strengthened. Please pray for me." May all our members remember these students in prayer.



## Investiture Service at Bethlehem

W. D. EVA

For several months the Bethlehem Missionary Volunteers had been looking forward to and preparing for the auspicious occasion when they would be invested as "Friends." However, it was not without a great deal of fear and trepidation that they anticipated their examination by Elder Staples. Some, for unknown reasons, entertained ideas of a severe and exacting examiner. As is generally the case, however, this anticipation proved to be worse than the realisation, and all were overjoyed to find that they could take part in the Investiture Service the following evening.

This service proved to be most impressive. As the Missionary Volunteer secretary spoke of the darkness which had settled upon the world before the first advent of our Saviour, the lights in the hall were switched off, and the room left in partial darkness. In continuing, the speaker directed attention to the birth of Jesus the light of the world and at this juncture a large candle was lighted around which were a number of smaller tapers.

As each Missionary Volunteer performed his part, he lighted one of these tapers at the central light. Under this symbolism, the deeper meaning of a "Friend"—a friend of Jesus, was shown.

The programme was quite informal, and this tended to remove all signs of nervousness.

The service did not fail to set clearly before the young minds the true and deeper meaning of the badge which they received.

Without a doubt this large class of "Friends," more than a score, will prove to be quite an impetus to Missionary Volunteer work in Bethlehem.

The church also profited much spiritually by the visit of Elder Staples. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated on Sabbath, November 24, and all felt assured of the Lord's blessing upon His people.



"God calls upon all, both preachers and people, to awake. All heaven is astir. The scenes of earth's history are fast closing. We are amid the perils of the last days. Greater perils are before us, and yet we are not awake. This lack of activity and earnestness in the cause of God is dreadful. This death stupor is from Satan."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, pp. 260, 261.

ings. After a few weeks I called where she was nursing and she told me that five years ago she had picked a "Marked Bible" from the wast-paper basket while working in an institution for the blind. The reading of the book impressed her with the Sabbath truth, and when she heard the subject presented at the tent meeting, she accepted it immediately.

"When about half way through the effort, I visited a family in the country who had been attending the meetings quite regularly. They told me that they were convinced of the Sabbath truth and had already begun to observe the Sabbath. In the cause of the conversation the gentleman, a man of eighty-two years, brought out an old leather-covered 'Daniel and Revelation,' which he said was bought about thirty years ago. Only a night or two before this visit I had spoken on the 'United States in prophecy.' After the lecture, he looked to see what the book had to say on the subject, and found that my explanation agreed perfectly with the author. This family of four was baptised.

"One woman who was baptised bought a number of small books about eight years ago. Two other women who accepted the message had been given some Bible studies by a colporteur, and had received the *Signs of the Times* for a number of months through the faithful visits of a lay-member. Another had received the *Present Truth* for some time through the Home Bible Study League. A man who, with his wife, was baptised, told me during my first visit to his home how he had, a few years ago, purchased and read with interest the convincing book 'Return of Jesus.'

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## Evangelistic Work in the Thekerani Area, Nyasaland

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THE Thekerani district committee resolved in January of this year to make a special effort to advance the evangelistic programme in our section. Plans were, therefore, made for six or seven special efforts during June, July and August. Unfortunately these months came during the school term, so that it involved a certain amount of neglect of school work to engage in these efforts, but it has been worth it. We invited as many of our teachers and deacons who could, to donate two weeks of their holiday in October for the evangelistic work in and around their schools and neighbouring villages.

In accordance with our plans, three efforts were started in the Port Herald area during June. At all three places good results followed, and many precious souls were won. Opposition from missionaries and teachers of other sects was particularly sharp. In some cases this opposition took the form of rival efforts in the same territory. But the message has power, and the Lord over-ruled to His glory, and demonstrated anew that "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." The opposition led the people to fully decide what was right and wrong, and so led to a greater interest.

The fruitage of these efforts was over 142 souls who joined the Bible classes. Many of these gave evidence of genuine conversion. In one place the people ran into their houses and brought out their idols and fetishes and cast them at the evangelist's feet saying "Take these and do with them what you will. We have turned from such wickedness to serve the living God." It was with joy that the evangelist brought these trophies back to the mission.

During the latter part of July and the first half of August, the evangelists went, but this time, to another section to the north of us, in Chikwawa district. Four efforts were conducted in as many different places. Once more the Lord abundantly blessed the work, and though severe trials were met in some places, a good harvest of souls was reaped. Altogether in this section 209 converts were gained. Many of these immediately removed their ornaments and gave them to the evangelists. Chief Lundu was one of the first to join the class.

Besides increasing the enrolment in the Bible classes at these schools, the older Christians and members were greatly encouraged and strengthened. Many new calls for workers were received, and openings everywhere, some of which are among very influential native authorities. Those who took part in these efforts were our pastors, evangelists, teachers and deacons. God added His blessing and many souls are rejoicing in the truth, and glorifying His name for the salvation they received during these efforts.

In the latter part of October a large number of deacons and Christians with the assistance of a few of the teachers, went out for two weeks preaching in the villages around their schools. Most of those who went out were having their first experience in preaching this message. They gathered a harvest of 174 souls during those two weeks; these were added permanently to the Bible classes. This was, however, only one of the benefits achieved during these efforts. Those who engaged in the work, are enjoying a much richer Christian experience than formerly, and the people at our schools have been greatly encouraged by the Word preached to them in their villages in all the places where this work has been done, there has been a remarkable increase in the attendance at the Sabbath services; in some cases, the attendances being double that which they were previously.

Thus we see our people rejoicing in a new zeal for the truth, and a general awakening of interest as a result of this work. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

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## Verantwoordelikheid van die Individu

F. E. POTTER

IN die jaar 1929 het die Burgemeester van Leicester, Engeland, in 'n openbare toespraak die aandag van die Engelse volk gevlestig op die feit dat die vernaamste oorsaak waarom die ouere beskawings ingestort het, toe te skrywe was aan die vernietiging van die individu. „Engeland moet homself begin nasien," het hy gesê, „Hy moet besliste pogings aanwend om 'n dieper verantwoordelikhedsbesef by elke individu, en by elke moontlike burger, aan te kweek."

Net twee jaar later het die redakteur van die *Times*, in 'n hoofartikel oor die nuwe jaar, op dieselfde behoefte nadruk geplaas. „Miskien is daar geen ander eienskap wat so nodig is as 'n herbese van individuele verantwoordelikheid."

En nou het Generaal Jan Smuts, in sy rektorale toespraak te Glasgow laas September, waar hy 'n oorsig gege het van die toestande wat die wêreldvrede so ernstig bedreig, beweer dat die lot van die stryd wat in die twintigste eeu woed, in die hande van die gewone burger is. Hy het op besliste wyse op die gevaar gewys van die verval van individuele verantwoordelikheid.

U mag vra wat dit alles met godsdienste doen het. Eenvoudig dit; dat dieselfde gevaar die werk van God op aarde bedreig. Luister na die raad wat die Gees van professie aangaande hierdie onderwerp aan die oorblýsel kerk gee. „Daar bestaan orals die neiging om die werk van organisasies in die plek van persoonlike arbeid te stel. Die wysheid van die mens hel oor na kon-solidasie, sentralisasie, na groot kerkegeboue en inrigtings. Vele laat die werk van liefdadigheid aan inrigtings en organisasies oor; hulle verskoon hulself van aanraking met die wêrelde, en hulle harte word koud. Christus gee aan Sy navolgers 'n individuele werk,—'n werk wat ons nie van andere kan laat doen nie. Dienste aan die siekes en armes, die verkondiging van die evangelie aan verloregaandes, kan nie oorgelaat word aan komitees en liefdadigheidsverenigings nie. Individuale verantwoordelikheid, individuale poging, persoonlike offering, is die eise van die evangelie."—„Ministry of Healing," bls. 147.

Waar ons die nuwe jaar 1935 tegemoet gaan, laat hierdie vraag aan elke lojale Sewende-dag Adventis gerig word: „As 'n moontlike burger in die koninkryk van Christus, besef ek my individuele verantwoordelikheid om Sy saak op die aarde te bevorder?"

Sir Henry Deterding, 'n vooraanstaande handelaar, het onlangs in 'n toespraak gesê, „My eie ondervinding het my geleer dat

slegs omtrent vyf persent van die mense persoonlike verantwoordelikheid wil aanvaar." Ja, geagte gelowige dit is die gees in die wêreld vandag. Die mense wil graag die voorregte van burgerskap geniet, sonder om enige persoonlike verantwoordelikhede te aanvaar. Hierdie selfde gees, sê die diensmaag van die Here, word maar te dikwels in die kerk aangetref. „Elke lid moet help om die kerk aan die gang te hou en te versterk; maar in baie gevalle is daar maar een of twee met die gees van 'n Kaleb vanouds, en hulle word toegelaat om die laste te dra en die verantwoordelikhede te aanvaar terwyl die res alle verantwoordelikheid ontduike."—„*Testimonies*, Deel V, bls. 303.

Dit is hierdie betreurenswaardige gees in die oorblyfsel kerk van God, wat tot 'n groot mate die komste van die Here vertraag. Dink u nie, liewe leser, dat dit vir elke Sewende-dag Adventis hoog tyd is om hierdie treurige toestand van sake te verhelp nie? In die werk van God op aarde moet geen navolger van Christus sy verantwoordelikhede ontduike nie.

Laat ons weer luister na die Gees van profesie. „Aan die einde van die stryd tussen die magte van goed en kwaad, verwag Hy dat almal, leke sowel as predikante, deel sal hé. Almal wat aangesluit het as Sy soldate moet getrouw diens verrig enige oomblik, met 'n diepe besef van hul individuele verantwoordelikheid."—„*Testimonies*, Deel IX, bls. 116.

In die aanhaling uit die toespraak van Generaal Smuts sal u opmerk dat hy sê dat die lot van die stryd om beter toestande in die wêreld, in die hande van die gewone burgers is. In die kerk van God is dit nie die predikante en ander werkers wat die strydkragte van die kerk uitmaak nie; die *leke* is die vegskragte, en aleer hulle hart en siel aan die geveg deelneem sal die werk van God nooit afgedaan word nie.

Wat sal 'n volk van sy soldate dink as hulle, in die aangesig van die vyand, weier om hulle deel in die oorlog te doen? Dit is 'n vraag wat 'n kind byna kan antwoord. Hoe word daar dan nie in die hemel gevoel teenoor die houding van diégene wat aanhou om hulle pligte in die stryd teen die magte van duisternis te ontduike nie? „Die hemel is verontwaardig oor die gemak van manne en vroue in Sion, terwyl siele in hul onkunde en sonde verlore gaan. As die lede van die kerk hulleself kon sien soos God hulle sien, dan sal hulle oorstelp wees van selfverwyt. Hulle sal hulle nalatigheid in misdade nie in die aangesig kan sien nie."—E. G. White, *Basel, Switzerland, 1886*.

Hiermee dan word 'n beroep gedoen op elke kerklied in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie om gedurende 1935, sendingwerk te doen. Waar die nuwe sendingkomitees van die kerk planne beraam om die evangelie te verkondig in die terrein wat aan hulle gegee is, laat die kerklede hulle soos een man bystaan en persoonlik uitroep: „Hier is ek, stuur my."

„Alles in die heelal maak 'n beroep op diegenie wat die waarheid ken, om hulle onvoorwaardelik toe te wy aan die verkondiging van die waarheid soos in die boodskap van die derde engel vervat is. Wat ons sien en hoor roep ons tot ons pligte. Die bedrywigheude van die Sataniëse magte roep elke Christen om in sy plek te staan."—„*Testimonies*, Deel IX, bls. 25, 26.

Mag die Here aan elkeen van ons genade skenk om gewillig te wees om dit gedurende die aanstaande nuwe jaar te doen.

like werk te doen namate die standaard hoer styg.

Daar was ook gevra hoeveel krediet aan iemand sal toegeken word ingeval hy na afloop van 'n Drie Jaar Kursus na een van ons Senior Kolleges oorsee sou gaan om sy graad te neem. Ons het dié vraag voor ons Opvoedingsdepartement gelé en dit geneig op die oomblik hulle ernstige aandag. Tot nog toe was daar altyd volle krediet gegee vir ons Twee Jaar Kursusse, en ons hoop dat die Drie Jaar Kursus ook grotendeels erkenning sal erlang.

Die Drie Jaar Kursus is maar slegs die normale gevolg van die opvoedingsbeleid wat vandag deur ons genootskap gevolg word. Ons besef dat dit ekstra finansiële laste sal besorg aan party, maar as ons dit vergelyk met die lang universiteitskursusse van ons dae dan is drie jaar na standerd tien nie te veel gevverg nie.

## Helderberg Kollege

### Waarom 'n Drie Jaar Kollegekursus op Helderberg?

SOMMIGE het navraag gedoen omtrent die driejarige kursus vir kollege studente. Daar bestaan grondige redes waarom die Raad besluit het om 'n Drie Jaar Kursus in te voer.

In die verlede was sommige wat die Teologiese Kursus geneem het, versoek om onderwys te gee, en omgekeerd. Daar dit onmoontlik is vir 'n persoon om te weet, as hy met sy kursus begin, wat van hom sal verwag word na hy gegradeer het, en ook omdat daar van die meerderheid van ons gegradeerde verlang word dat hulle beide sal preek en onderwys gee, was dit gevoel dat 'n driejarige kursus, waarin die hooftrekke van beide die Normaal en Teologiese kursusse saamgevat word van almal gevverg moet word. Die werk van die predikant is feitlik net om te onderrig, en ons evangeliëste het al baie keer beweer dat die kuns om onderrig te gee van meer waarde is vir blywende resultate in die werk van siele win as die kuns om te preek. Op die anderkant moet ons onderwysers baie preekwerk doen. Sommige van hulle hou pogings benewens hulle skoolwerk, en 'n opleiding in albei die vakke is dus onontbeerlik vir die gegradeerde wat in die sendingwerk opgeneem word. Deur sekere beroepsonderwerpe by die driejarige kursus in te sluit, word die student ook opgeleid in die meer praktiese sy van ons werk. Daar die Drie Jaar Kursus verrig is met baie onderwerpe om van te kies, het die student 'n wye keuse.

'n Tweede faktor by die invoering van 'n driejarige kursus is dat die student 'n wyer ondervinding sal opdoen. Sommige het hul kursus op 'n betreklik jeugdige ouderdom voltooi, en moes groot verantwoordelikhede aanvaar, ver van iemand wat hulle van raad kon dien. Die onryke jare en die gebrek aan ondervinding het in sommige gevalle openlik mislukking uitgelok.

Die peil van opvoeding in ons naturelle opleidingskole word trapsgewys hoer gestel om tred te hou met die hoer opvoedingsstandaard van die wêreld. Ons gegradeerde moet dus bevoeg wees om aanneem-

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### Praatjie van die Mediese Sekretaris

MOENIE nalaat om u kinders te leer kook nie. Deur dit te doen leer u hulle beginsels wat hulle moet hé in hulle Christelike opvoeding. Deur u kinders lesse te gee in fisiologie en hulle te leer kook op eenvoudige dog verstandige wyse, lê u die fondament van een van die nuttigste takke van die opvoedkunde. Daar is verstand nodig om goeie ligte brood te maak. Daar is godsdiens in die kook van goeie kos, en ek betwyfel die godsdiens van daardie klas wat te onkundig en te sorgloos is om te leer kook."—„*Testimonies*, Deel II, bls. 537.

Skep moed, huisvrouens! „Daar is godsdiens in goeie kos." Wanneer u die gewone werk in die kombuis verrig, en dit vir u skyn asof u nie van veel belang in die werk van die kerk is nie, onthou dan die aanhaling hierbo. Die Gees van profesie het veel te sê aangaande die belangrikheid van die kook van goeie kos in ons godsdiestige lewens. Let op hierdie aanhaling: „Dit is die heilige plig van diégene wat kook, om te leer hoe om gesonde voedsel op verskillende maniere voor te berei, sodat dit beide smaaklik en gesond kan wees. . . . Meer siele as wat ons besef, gaan verlore omdat hulle voedsel moet eet wat sleg voorberei is."—„*Counsels on Health*, bls. 116, 117.

Moeders, dogters, besef julle dat julle werk in die kombuis van soveel belang is dat God dit 'n heilige plig noem? Het u ooit daaraan gedink dat siele mag verlore gaan weens sorgloosheid in hierdie oopsig? Watter plegtige verantwoordelikheid rus

dan nie op u nie! As ek u maar net daar-toe kan bring om u hoë roeping in die kombuis te besef, in hierdie praatjie, dan het ek my doel bereik. Ek wil hê dat u die belangrikheid van u werk moet besef in die redding van die siele van u gesin. En ek wil u ook op die hart druk dat nalatigheid in u werk mag veroorsaak dat u dierbares verlore gaan. U werk is getroue en sorgvuldige voorbereiding word. Want dit kom nie daarop aan hoe getrouw u leraar in sy werk is nie, as u u huismense na sy diens stuur met sware onverteerbare voedsel in hulle, dan sal hulle sit en slaap onder die belangrikste en roerendste preke. En as u gesin aan slechte spysvertering ly as gevolg van u slechte kos, of u nalatigheid om u kennis toe te pas, sal hulle nie hulle humeur kan bedwing nie, en sal gedurig ongeduldig wees — iets wat nie ooreenstem met die Christelike lewe nie. En as u kruie in u kos gooi, b.v., peper, mosterd, asyn en skerp souse, dan affekteer dit die weefsels en daar sal uitbarstings van die humeur wees vir die geringste oorsaak.

Selfbeheersing en 'n tevreden gemoed word alleen in die huise aangetref waar die kok daeliks verstandig en getrouw haar pligte nakom. Weet u hoe om te kook? Ek voel nie dat ons 'n kooklas in hierdie kolomme aan die gang kan sit nie, maar ek sal trag om in die volgende uitgawe 'n paar eenvoudige en praktiese wenke te gee aangaande die voorbereiding van 'n gesonde ete.

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## Bekledingsdiens op Bethlehem

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VIR elke maande al het die stewers op Bethlehem voorberei, en uitgesien na die gelukkige dag dat hulle as „Vriende“ sou beklee word. Dit was egter nie sonder vrees en angs dat hulle die eksamen deur Leraar Staples afgewag het nie. Sommige het vir onverstaanbare redes die idee gehad dat hy 'n strenge en veleisende eksaminator sou wees. Maar soos dit egter, gewoonlik die geval is, was die verwagting erger as die werklikheid, en almal was bly om te verneem dat hulle die volgende aand deel kon hê aan die Bekledingsdiens.

Die diens was baie indrukwekkend. Toe die sekretaris gepraat het oor die diuisternis wat op die aarde geheers het voor die eerste kom van Christus, was die ligte in die saal afgeslaan en die saal was in geheeltelike diuisternis. Vervolgens het die spreker die aandag gevinst op die geboorte van Jesus die Lig van die wêreld, en op

hierdie oomblik was daar 'n kroot kers aangestek, omring van 'n aantal kleiner kersies.

Op sy beurt het elke strewer een van die kleiner liggies by die groot lig aangestek, en deur hierdie simbool was die diepere betekenis van die term „Vriend“—'n vriend van Jesus, voorgestel.

Dit was 'n informele program en het daartoe bygedra om alle senuweeagtigheid uit die weg te ruim.

Die diens het daarin geslaag om duidelik die betekenis van die ordetekens wat hulle ontvang het, aan die jong verstandjies te bring.

Hierdie sterk klompie „Vriende“—meer as twintig, sal ongetwyfeld 'n groot krag wees in die strewerswerk op Bethlehem.

Die kerk het ook ryke geestelike seën ontvang as gevolg van die besoek van Leraar Staples. Nagmaal was op Sabbat, 24 November gevier, en almal was verseker van die seën van die Here op Sy volk.



## Met Ons Kolporteurs

F. H. FICKER

OP 'n onlangse besoek in Pretoria het ek ons vyf toegewye kolporteurs baie gelukkig aangetref in hulle werk. Broeder Van der Berg werk in die distrik op sy feits met die „Huisdokter.“ Hy het onlangs in die huwelik getree en het sy vrou ook geleer om te kolporteer. Selfs voor haar troue het sy in Pretoria gewerk met „God se Antwoorde.“ Die predikant het die mense gewaarsku en het gesê dat selfs die mense wat langs hom woon van die ketterse boeke gekoop het.

Daar Susters Van Rooyen en Beneke verwag dat daar in die verre toekoms 'n poging in een van die voorstede van Pretoria sal gehou word, bewerk hulle daar-die deel met die *Signs* en die *Tekens*. Hulle het ten minste al honderd intekenaars gewerf en het honderde blaaie versprei. Die grond sal goed voorberei word sodat die evangelis wat kom 'n ryke oes mag hê. Suster Van Rooyen sê dat sy so graag vir die Here wil werk dat sy skaars haar huiswerk kan doen. Ons kan altyd 'n plan maak as ons vir die Here wil werk. Suster De Meyer het honderde van ons Krisis boekies in Johannesburg en Pretoria verkoopt.

Broeder Retief het die distrikte van Kroonstad en Vereeniging getrouw bewerk en is nou op Vereeniging gevestig. Hy vertel my dat hy eendag by 'n ryk boer gekom het wat so belanggestel het dat hy hom in sy motor gelaai het en na 'n ander plaas geneem het en die mense daar aangeraai het om ook bestellings te plaas vir „God se Antwoorde.“

Agtien studente het hierdie jaar by ons geledere aangesluit. Die meerderheid is in Kaapland werkzaam en hulle is almal vas beslote om 'n beurs te verwerf. Broeder Freddie Pautz sukkel moedig voort op Graaff-Reinet. Een ou man, agt-en-negen-

tig jaar oud het 'n godsdienstige boek gekoop om hom te help om nader aan sy God te leef.

Miennie Rousseau, 'n meisie student, doen haar beste op Oudtshoorn ten spyte van die reën en hitte. Suster Nuns hou 'n moederlike oog oor haar en trag om haar aan te moedig in haar sware taak. Met die hulp van die veldsekretaris, het sy in minder as twee weke bestellings ter waarde van oor die £70 geneem. Mevr. C. J. Langenhoven die weduwe van een van die beroemdste Afrikaanse skrywers het 'n bestelling geplaas vir die „Huisdokter“ en £1 daarop gedeponeer.

Drie ander studente, David Douglas, Walter Stevenson, en Kate Bomberger, is in Port Elizabeth werkzaam. Alhoewel laasgenoemde nog nooit tevore uit was nie, het sy nogtans, met die hulp van die Here, in een week bestellings ter waarde van £39 geneem. Sy skrywe: „Ek geniet my kolporteurwerk baie. Nie alleen seen die Here my met bestellings nie, maar ook is ek op geestelike gebied baie versterk. Bid asseblief vir my.“ Mag al ons lede hierdie studente in hul gebede gedenk.

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## Belangstelling op Calvinia

L. S. BILLES

DAAR soveel navrae ingekom het aangaande die belangstelling wat op Calvinia opgewek is, gee ek nou 'n verslag van my onlangse besoek aldaar, hoewel ek voel dat dit nog te vroeg is om definitiewe resultate te voorspel aangesien daar nog soveel te doen is.

Onlangs het Broeder Mantell en ek na Calvinia afgereis om ondersoek in te stel in verband met die belangstelling onder die bruinmense daar. Ons reis deur die koring en lemoen distrikte het voorspoedig gegaan, maar toe ons eers die kaal berge van die Bokkeveld bereik het, het die reis maar stadig en moeilik gegaan met ons klein motortjie.

Sabbatmore vroeg is ons na die lokasie bekend as Newtown, en het in een van die huise 'n groep mense aangetref, besig om diens te hou. Hulle was verskriklik bly dat daar eindelik iemand opgedaag het om hulle te help, en hulle belangstelling was so groot dat ons die hele more, middag, en aand besig gehou was om dinge aan hierdie mense op die randjie van die woestyn, duidelik te maak — sommige van hulle is Namakwalanders.

Die leiers van die groep, egter, is intelligente manne met 'n merkwaardige begrip van die boodskap.

Die skyn dat hierdie groep jare gelede op gruwelike wyse mislei was deur 'n man wat homself voorgedaan het as iemand

wat die ware evangelie had. Een van die groep, egter, wat stadigaan op die voorgrond getree het as die ware leier, het na 'n ernstige ondersoek van sy Bybel, tot die oortuiging gekom dat hulle in sonde gelewe het. Die weg waarvan hy nou oortuig was dat dit die regte was, was swaar en moeilik. Dit het opoffering beteken. Dit het die versaking van die ou weë en die begin van 'n heeltemal nuwe lewe beteken. Dog sy oortuiging was so sterk dat hy geen vrede kon vind nie. Eindelik, met sy Bybel alleen, is hy na die berge en daar het hy twaalf dae en twaalf nagte met God in vaste en gebed geworrel. Uiteindelik het oorwinning en vrede gekom. Mens word getref deur die groot geestelike krag van hierdie man.

Stap vir stap het die Here hierdie man tot 'n kennis van die Sabbat en die doop gelei, en nog baie van die ander waarhede. Omdat daar geen predikant was nie het die vraag ontstaan wie die mense sou doop; hy het gevoel dat hy dit self moes doen. Die overheid aldaar wou niemand in diens neem wat gedoop was of die Sabbat hou nie, en het hom ook belet om in die rivier te doop. Hy het toe 'n doopvont langs sy huis gemaak, en toe dit klaar was, het hy daar neergekniel en die Here gebid om dit te vul. Dit reën maar baie selde in daardie streke, maar nog daardie selfde middag het dit gestort soos dit gereën het en die doopvont het oorgeloop.

Met tye wanneer hy gepreek het, was die teenstand so heftig dat die vuiste wat hy in die gehoor gesien het, om sy eie woorde te gebruik, „soos volstruiskoppe gelyk het.”

En so het daar stadigaan 'n taamlike groep ontstaan. Toe die bittere teenstand gekom het, het almal nie getrou gebly aan die Sabbat nie, en daar het ook nog van die dwaalleer oorgebly wat uitgeroei moet word. Daar is seker nie nog 'n ernstiger groep mense wat na Gods weg soek nie.

Ons het gevra hoedat hulle 'n bestaan maak. Die leier het geantwoord dat hulle eenvoudig deur geloof wandel en op die Here om voedsel en klere sien. Ek het verneem dat hulle soms vir drie dae sonder voedsel gegaan het, maar dat die Here hulle nooit vergeet het nie. „Gisteraand nog,” het hy gesê, „het die kinders by my kom huil oor kos. Daar was niks. Ek het hulle op my knieé geneem en gebid dat die Here hulle moes help om gou te slaap sodat hulle die honger kon vergeet.” En toe het hy met 'n glimlag laat volg, „Vannore het die Here vir ons 'n brood gestuur.”

Keer op keer, toe ons die boodskap verduidelik, het hierdie man uitgeroep, „Vader, ek verstaan, ek glo, ek volg!” Toe ons ons houding op die tabak kwessie duidelik gemaak het, het hy gesê, „Ek sal nie weer rook nie.” „Maar,” het ek gesê, „dis swaar om tabak op te gee.” Onmiddellik het hy geantwoord, „Die krag van God is sterker as enige versoeking.” Hier is 'n man wat in sy kragtige, ernstige getrouw-

heid aan die waarheid 'n ondervinding beleef soos dié van die ou patriarche van die Bybel!

Op die randjie van die woestyn rig God 'n volk op vir Sy naam, maar, o, vriende, ons het nie 'n Afrikaanse werker om daarheen te stuur om hulle te help nie. Ons het gedag dat ons aan die einde van die jaar genoeg geld sou hê om 'n ervare werker te beroep, maar as die Here nie die middle gee nie sal ons dit nie kan doen nie. Bid dat die Here vir ons op die een of ander manier die weg sal open.



## Inwyding van die Elim Kerk

L. S. BILLES

DIE inwyding van die Elim kerk op George was 'n gebeurtenis waarna die lede met groot verlange uitgesien het. Eindelik was hulle kerkie klaar. Dit lyk baie antreklik en netjies.

Om drieur die namiddag van 28 Oktober was die geboutjie propvol en die gehoor het aandagtig geluister na die inwydingspreek. Leraar May het die seën van die Here op die gebou en die mense afgesmeek. Die mense het die diens en die singery baie geniet.

Die aand weer was die kerk gevul met lede en hul vriende sodat daar nie eens staanplek was nie. Ek het 'n lesing, toegelig met ligbeeld, oor die lewe van Christus gegee.

Die lede van die Elim kerk is baie verskuldig aan Mej. Bayman van George, wat die grond gegee het en ook die geld om die woonhuisie langs die kerk op te rig. Die hulp van Broeder Smith wat die kontrak aangegaan het en 'n deel van die geld vir die banke en houtwerk verskaf het, word ook baie waardeer.

Ons lesers sal bly wees om te verneem dat die hele gebou, met banke en elektriese ligte inbegrepe, na die kaart en transport betaal was maar slegs £174 gekos het. Hierop is daar nog £40 skuldig, dog die lede meen om dit gou af te betaal. Die werk was regtig baie goed uitgevoer en die lede is groots op hulle kerkie. Hulle is gelukkig, vol moed, en trag met erns om 'n gekruisigte en spoedigkomende Heiland te verkondig.

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## 'n Sendingreis

J. R. CAMPBELL

Na ons meer as drie maande deurgebring het in die Kaapland se afdeling van die sendingveld, het ons aan die einde van Oktober na Johannesburg teruggekeer. Orals het ons die kerke entoesiasties, en die wer-

kers goedsmoeds aangetref. Op geen plek was daar groot aantal gedoop nie, maar diegene wat wel gedoop was, skyn 'n baie goeie klas van mense te wees. Op Umtata waar Leraar Magalela in bevel is, was agt gedoop. Op Lusikisiki, in Leraar N'twana se distrik, was nege gedoop, sewe waarvan mans is—dit is die teenoorgestelde van wat gewoonlik die geval is.

Die eerste naweek in Oktober het ek op „Tarsus” naby Cathcart, deurgebring. Die werk daar is baie bemoedigend. Die broers Tarr doen uitstekende werk onder hulle eie volk en onder diegene op aangrensende plase. Toe ons daar was, was hulle besig om 'n skooltjie en 'n kerkgebou op te rig vir die naturelle. Die naturelle werker daar, Silas Cekesha, was eers in diens van Broeder Laurie Tarr as plaaswerker, maar nou bestee hy al sy tyd aan onderwys en evangeliewerk. Helfte van die onkoste word deur die sending gedeck en die ander helfte word plaaslik byeengebring. Ons waardeer gewis die sendinggees op „Tarsus.”

Silas het 'n mooi skool en doen goeie werk. Op Sabbat, 6 Oktober was daar sewe dierbare siele gedoop. Nog andere maak klaar vir doop.

Op „Sheeprun” die plaas van Broeder en Suster Frank Macdonald, word ook goeie werk gedaan. Suster Macdonald hou die Sabbatskoolklas elke Sabbat vir die naturelle. Die aand wat ons daar vertoeft het, het veertig mense opgekom na die diens. Mev. Macdonald het die preek op bekwame wyse in die Xosa taal vertolk. Daar bestaan alle vooruitsigte dat die werk wat op „Tarsus” gedoen word op „Sheeprun” sal herhaal word.

Op „The Willows,” die plaas van Broeder en Suster Hepburn in die distrik van Herschel, het ons 'n naweeks kampdiens gehou, die openingsdiens het op Vrydag-aand, 12 Oktober begin. Broeder Mayba is hier werkzaam—ek behoort te sê die offisiële werker, want almal op „The Willows” doen agressiewe sendingwerk. Broeder en Suster Hepburn bestee veel tyd aan die bevordering van Gods saak op hierdie plek. Broeder Frank Buckland, die klerk in Broeder Hepburn se winkel, is 'n baie ywerige werker. Daar is 'n klein kerkie, grotendeels op koste van Broeder Hepburn, opgerig. Ons het die gebou Sondag, 14 Oktober ingewy, in teenwoordigheid van 'n groot skaar besoekers. 'n Kerk met veertien lede was georganiseer, ses waarvan die vorige dag gedoop was. Daar was altesame sewe gedoop,—een was van Musong.

besig as hulle maar kan wees met preekery,

Op Cancele Sending is die broeders so boerdery, en mediese sendingwerk. Toe ons daar was, was Broeder De Beer besig met 'n poging op Qumbu, en daarvandaan is hy na Cweraland om dienste te hou. Nege is op laasgenoemde plek gedoop,—die vrugte van 'n vorige poging. Dr. Bell het 'n eendagse kliniek op Qumbu gehou, en was van die more tot die aand druk besig gehou en het 'n groot aantal pasiënte behandeld.

Op Kolo het ons Leraar en Suster Hurlow baie besig aangetref in die behandeling van siekes. Daar was baie siekte in Basoetoeland die afgelope jaar, veral tifuskoers. Die geestelike belang op Kolo gaan vooruit en die vooruitsigte vir die toekoms is goed.

Ons het 'n hele paar dae by Leraar en Mev. Sharman op Emmanuel Sending vertoef, en die tyd baie geniet. Die kersie oes was baie klein hierdie jaar omdat daar laat ryp gekom het. Hierdeur sal die sending geldelik skade ly.

Daar is 'n doopklas van tussen vyf-en-twintig en dertig, en ongetwyfeld sal baie van die lede vroeg aanstaande jaar gereed wees vir doop.

Plaasruimte ontbreek om nog van verdere interessante besoeke te vertel. Ons is die Here dankbaar vir Sy voortdurende seëninge in die sendingveld.

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### Dienste vir die Vrouens op Inyazura

MILTON ROBISON

TERWYLL ek op Inyazura was, het ek kennis gemaak met 'n baie interessante, en ek glo, baie belangrike werk. Aan my was vertel dat 'n aantal van die ouere inboorling susters, vroue vergaderings hou op Honeso, sowat vyftien myl van die sendingstasie. Broeder Palmer het aangebied om my na een van die vergaderings te neem. By ons aankoms het ons omtrent honderd meide en jongmeide aangetref naby 'n mooi kopie. Hulle was al vir vier dae daar en het verskeie maal daeliks in die inboorling kerk in die nabheid saamgekom. Hierdie vergaderings was uitsluitlik deur die vrouens self waargeneem, en toe ons daar kom het hulle aan ons 'n verslag van die vergaderings voorgelees, waarin was gemeld watter liedere gesing was, wie voorgegaan het in die gebed, en wie gepreek het. Hulle het ook die tekste wat gebruik was aangeteken, en dit was baie duidelik dat daar leersame onderrig gegee was.

Nie alleen het hulle die Bybel gestudeer vir geestelike opheffing nie, maar ook hoe om beter huisvrouens en moeders te wees, en hoe om hulle huise en kinders skoon te hou. Ek het die voorreg om hierdie groep vrouens toe te spreek baie op prys gestel, en ek het diep onder die indruk van die belangrikheid van sulke vergaderings gekom. Broeder Owen, die inspekteur van hierdie streek bevorder die werk onder die verskillende groepe, en Broeder en Suster Palmer beraam planne vir 'n vroue konferensie op die sending stasie, waar die verskillende vroue leidsters van die kerke kan

blymekaarkom vir verdere onderrig sodat hulle dit weer kan gee aan hulle eie mense.

As die moeders en jongmeide van die inboorling rasse hulle behoeftes begin besef en die werk aanpak soos hierdie vrouens in Masjonaland, dan sal ons gewis 'n groot verbetering en 'n sterk werk in hulle middel sien.

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## 'n Besoek aan Nyasaland

ISAAC XIBA NKOMO

U KNEG het hierdie jaar 'n kans gehad om die kampdienste in die Suid-Oos Afrikaanse Unie by te woon. Terwyl ek in hierdie veld was het die beloftes van God, soos in Rom. 9:28 opgeteken, my binnekieskiet. Hier belowe die Here dat Hy Sy werk gou sal klaarmaak en dit in geregtigheid sal verkort; en die verkorting van die werk geskied nie deur krag op deur geweld nie, maar deur die Gees van die Here. Dieselfde hand wat voor Kores die deure oopgemaak het, gaan ook voor die volk van die Here om die werk te verkort. Waar ek die geleentheid gehad het om met my medediensknegte te gesels, en van hulle ondervindings te verneem, kon ek merk hoedat die deur voor hulle oopgegaan het, selfs onder die Katolieke. Ek kon sien dat, as daar geld was om skole te stig op party van die vernaamste plekke, daar meer siele sou ingesamel word as wat die menslike verstand kan besef.

Nog iets wat my in hierdie veld opgeval het, is die feit dat die sendingstasies onder die bestuur van my eie rasgenote was. In hierdie opsig het die Here gewis Sy volk in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie geleei. Hy het Sy sel' op hierdie werk gesit.

Op Sabbat, 4 Augustus, het Leraar Sparrow my na Chinyama sendingstasie, nabij die majesteuse Mlanjeberg, geneem. Hoewel dit slegs 'n gewone Sabbatsdiens was, was daar 1,100 mense teenwoordig,— 'n skoon en belangstellende gehoor. Hier is 'n taamlike groot kerkgebou, maar dis nou heeltemal te klein, en daar word 'n groter een gebou. Daar is vyf onderwysers, een evangelis, en die direkteur, Leraar Roman, op hierdie stasie. Daar is vyf-en-twintig naturelle seuns as kosgangers, 'n paar meisies, en 'n aantal getroude mense in 'n afsonderlike compound. Die stasie is goed uitgelê, en herinner 'n mens aan ons ouer inrigtings toe hulle nog in hul beginstadium was.

Dit word vertel dat die grootste kampdiensts in Nyasaland op hierdie stasie gehou was. Daar het 7,000 mense opgekom. Hier het die grootste doopdiens ook plaasgevind.

Plaasruimte ontbreek om u te vertel van die werk wat my rasgenote op ander sendingstasies doen, byvoorbeeld op Mombera, Chileka, en Tambani wat een van die mooiste stasies in Nyasaland is.

Die aangenaamste van alles is die goeie gees wat daar heers tussen die Europese en naturelle werkers, en tussen die naturelle leraars, die onderwysers, en die gemeenteledle. Dit is myns insiens, die groot geheim

van die sukses van die derde-engelboodskap in Nyasaland. Dit is bemoedigend en dien om die oë van die naturelle werkers te open.

Ongetwyfeld word die sendingstasies in Afrika deur God gebruik om Sy werk in geregtigheid te verkort. Leraar Sparrow het die vertroue van hierdie werkers gewin; hy maak gebruik van sy baie jare ondervinding in sendingwerk.

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## Evangeliewerk in die Thekerani Distrik, Nyasaland

G. S. STEVENSON

Die Thekerani distrikskomitee het laas Januarie besluit om spesiale pogings aan te wend om die evangeliewerk in daardie deel te bevorder. Daar was toe planne beraam om ses of sewe spesiale pogings gedurende Junie, Julie, en Augustus te hou. Ongeleukkig val hierdie tydperk in die skoolkwartaal, sodat dit noodwendig in 'n sekere mate inbreek sou maak in ons skoolwerk, maar dit was die moeite werd. Ons het soveel van ons onderwysers en diakens as wat kon, gevra om hulle twee weke vakansie te bestee aan die evangeliewerk naby hul skole en die omliggende statte.

Volgens ons plan was daar drie pogings in Juniemaaand in die Port Herald afdeling aan die gang gesit. Op al drie plekke het ons goeie resultate gehad, en baie siele was gewin. Ons het skerp teëstand ondervind van die sendelinge en onderwysers van ander skole. Op party plekke was daar teënpogings gehou. Maar die boodskap het krag en die Here het tot verheerliking van Sy naam alles tot niet gemaak, en weer opnuut getoon dat „Ons kan niks doen teen die waarheid nie, maar wel vir die waarheid.“ Die teenstand het die naturelle daartoe gebring om te besluit wie reg en wie verkeerd was, en dit het groter belangstelling as gevolg gehad.

As vrugte op hierdie pogings het oor die 142 siele by die Bybelklasse aangesluit. En baie van hulle het blyke gegee van ware bekering. Op een plek het die inboorlinge na hulle strooie gesnel, die afgode gaan haal en dit aan die voete van die evangeliste gewerp en gesê „Neem dit en maak daar mee wat julle wil. Ons gaan nou hierdie boosheide opgee en die lewende God dien.“ Met vreugde het die evangelis hierdie goeters na die sendingstasie gebring.

Gedurende die laaste gedeelte van Julie en die eerste helfte van Augustus, het die evangeliste na die Chikwawa distrik, ten noorde van ons, gegaan. Vier verskillende pogings was gehou. Weer het die Here die werk ryklik geseen, en ten spyte van strawwe beproewings in sommige plekke,

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het ons 'n goeie oes van siele gemaak. Altesame was daar 209 bekeerlinge. Baie van hulle het dadelik hulle versiersels verwyder en aan die evangeliste oorhandig. Kaptein Lundu was een van die eerstes wat by die klas aangesluit het.

Behalwe dat ons Bybelklasse by hierdie skole grootliks uitgebrei het, was die ouer lede ook grootliks bemoedig en versterk. Ons het baie nuwe versoek om werkers ontvang en daar is orals openinge, party daarvan is onder baie invloedryke inboorlinge. Dit was ons leraars, evangeliste, onderwysers, en diakens wat in hierdie pogings deelgeneem het. Die Here het Sy seën gegee en baie siele verblif hulle in die waarheid, en verheerlik Sy naam vir die saligheid wat hulle gedurende hierdie pogings ontvang het.

In die later helfte van Oktober het 'n groot aantal van ons diakens en Christene, bygestaan deur 'n paar onderwysers, vir twee weke dienste gehou in die statte naby hulle skole. Die meerderheid van diegene wat uitgegaan het, het nog nooit tevore gespreek nie, dit was hulle eerste ondervinding. Gedurende die twee weke het hulle 'n oes van 174 siele ingesamel wat almal permanent by die Bybelklasse aangesluit het. Dit was egter, maar een van die voordele van die pogings. Diegene wat deelgeneem het in die werk geniet nou 'n baie ryker Christelike ervaring, en die mense by ons skole was baie bemoedig deur die Woord wat aan hulle in hul statte gespreek was. Op al die plekke waar hierdie werk verrig was, het ons 'n merkwaardige toename bespeur in die getalle wat die Sabbatdienste bywoon; in sommige gevalle is die opkoms verdubbel.

Ons sien dus dat ons mense hulle verblif in 'n nuwe ywer vir die waarheid, en dat daar 'n algemene ontwaking is as gevolg van hierdie werk. „Die Here het groot dinge aan ons gedoen: ons was bly!"



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### Obituary

**MOLETSI.**—Nora Moletsi at the age of nine years very suddenly passed away on Oct. 21, 1934, after an attack of double pneumonia. Brother and Sister Moletsi who are carrying the burden of leadership for our message in the Kroonstad Location greatly mourn their loss. Yet they mourn not as others without hope, but look forward in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hundreds of school children with their teachers paid their due respect as the writer, assisted by the Dutch Reformed, Methodist, Presbyterian and Wesleyan ministers, laid her remains to rest in the location cemetery. **J. RAUBENHEIMER.**