

# SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

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## To The Advent Believers in Southern Africa

THE Southern African Division Committee in year-end session sends greetings in Christ to the believers in the blessed hope throughout our vast field.

We give thanks to God for your faithfulness in life and service and in your steadfast maintenance of the cause of God.

As we have studied the reports of the growth and development during the past year, which is revealed in approximately 11,500 souls who have found entrance by baptism into the church, and by the addition of 20,000 to the Bible classes, our hearts have been cheered and our faith renewed. This most encouraging spread of the gospel message is an evidence of the outpouring of the latter rain.

We are not unconscious of the problems and perplexities that confront the church and confront the world, or of the trials and temptations that beset the saints of God. At such a time we are strengthened by the knowledge that our help cometh from the Lord. His hand is on the helm. The affairs of men and of nations are within His control. His saints are precious in His sight and all His promises are sure.

We invite you to consider anew the joyous privilege that is ours to magnify in our lives the name and doctrine of our Saviour, and the solemn responsibility that rests upon each of us to exalt and extend His everlasting kingdom.

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

[The following resolution, voted by the Southern African Division Executive Committee at its year-end session, is, we feel, of interest to our readers.—Eds.]

To the General Conference for their constant counsel, for the help which they have sent to us in the way of visiting personnel, and for the large increase in appropriations, we express our sincere appreciation and pledge our loyal support.

To our believers in the home base for their offerings so freely given, for their prayers, and their associates sent to our shores to labour with us, we now tender our grateful thanks.

To our staff of loyal workers — European, Cape Field, and African — and to our faithful laity, we express our thanks for their efforts and ready support.

## Aan Die Adventgelowiges in Suidelike Afrika

TYDENS sy sitting aan die einde van die jaar stuur die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisiekomitee heilwense in Christus aan die gelowiges in die salige hoop dwarsdeur die hele veld.

Ons dank God vir u getroue lewe en diens en u voortdurende onderhoud van die saak van God.

Die verslae van werk wat gedurende die afgelope jaar verrig is, dui aan dat daar ongeveer 11,500 persone gedurende daardie tyd gedoop en 'n verdere 20,000 in die Bybelklasse opgeneem is. Dit het ons harte verbly en ons hoop versterk toe ons dit verneem. Hierdie bemoedigende verbreiding van die evangelieboodskap is 'n bewys van die uitstorting van die laat reent.

Ons is nie onbewus van die moeilikhede en verwarrende omstandighede waarmee die kerk te kampe het en wat die wêreld dronkslaan nie, en ons is ook bewus van die beproewings en versoekings wat die heiliges van God omring. In so 'n tyd word ons versterk deur die wete dat ons hulp van die Here is. Sy hand is aan die roer. Hy beheer die sake van die mense en die nasies. Sy heiliges is vir Hom kosbaar en al Sy beloftes staan vas.

Ons wil u aandag opnuut vestig op die gelukkige voorreg wat ons het om die Naam en die leer van ons Heiland in ons lewens te vereer, en ons wil u verder herinner aan die plegtige verantwoordelikheid wat op elkeen van ons rus om Sy ewige koninkryk te bevorder.

### BESLUIT VAN WAARDERING

[Ons voel dat ons lesers belang sal stel in die volgende besluit wat tydens die sitting aan die einde van verlede jaar deur die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisiekomitee geneem is.—RED'S.]

Ons waardeer die hulp wat die Wêreldkonferensie aan ons verleen het deur die besoekende personeel wat ons van raad kon bedien en die groot vermeerdering van geldelike hulp wat ons ontvang het, en ons beloof ons getroue steun.

Ons dank ons gelowiges in die buiteland vir die offergawes wat hulle so vryelik gegee het, vir hulle voorbidding en vir hulle landgenote wat hierheen gestuur is om met ons saam te werk.

Ons dank ons getroue werkers — Blankes, Kaapse Veld en inboorlinge — sowel as ons getroue leke vir hulle medewerking en bystand.

## Camp-meetings in Central Africa

A. W. Staples

OUR African believers are camp-meeting conscious. It is the great spiritual event of the year to them. Enthusiasm and interest run high. The visiting minister senses this expectation and is moved to give, with the Lord's help, of his very best.

A three-months' tour of Northern Nyasaland and parts of Northern Rhodesia from June to September of last year was a real inspiration to the writer. Being the dry and dusty season of the year there are physical discomforts to endure. Rather than detracting, these discomforts serve rather to deepen one's satisfaction in associating with our missionaries in ministering to our people.

Some might think that these camp-meeting trips are pleasure excursions. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The entire time is divided between arduous travel and intensive ministry. On this last trip I attended twelve camp-meetings, some of which were followed by short Sabbath School institutes. In all, 122 sermons, Bible studies, and talks were given. These services were of a varied nature. While most were general preaching services, many were given to parents, and others to children separately. The workers and church officers were never forgotten, and the presence of Jesus was especially felt in these services.

The sense of real need rolls upon one's heart such a spirit of prayer and a burden for souls that these meetings cost much. In so many places they were nothing short of heavenly visitations. Multitudes entered into deep and heartfelt reconsecration, many surrendered themselves to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, and numbers of backsliders were reclaimed. These camp-meetings all witnessed good baptisms, and closed with a real note of victory and determination to witness for the Lord.

In the Northern Nyasaland area we were taken from place to place by Brother and Sister Crowder. We were also associated with Elder and Mrs. W. L. Davy of Luwazi, Elder and Mrs. A. K. Phillips of Mombera, Brother and Sister Haarhoff of Lake View, Brother and Sister A. V. Bambury, Dr. and Mrs. O. Beardsley, and Nurse M. Johnson of Mwami Mission. These missionaries, along with their many faithful and consecrated African associates, are being blessed with souls in what one would describe as a hard field. These

camp-meetings were held at Saiwa, Tete, Mombera, Luwazi, Nkorongo, and Mwami Missions.

In the Northern Rhodesia Mission Field we made Rusangu Mission our headquarters and were entertained by Brother and Sister W. A. Hurlow, who, with the assistance of Sister C. Stevens, are carrying on an impressive work. From this centre we were accompanied into the bush by Elder A. Bristow, Brother J. Linton, and Brother Hurlow to the various camp-meetings. These meetings were held at Munenga, Nadezwe, Mutana, Sala, Shocombila, and Rusangu. One is impressed by the responsive nature of the people in Northern Rhodesia which might be classified as a promising field.

As most of the camp-meetings were held in the bush, I shall briefly describe one, hoping thus to give to the reader a mental picture of a bush camp-meeting. As I write I have in mind Mutama camp-meeting which was visited by Brother J. Linton and myself.

A long motor ride over rough, dusty roads had been followed by a slow trailing of bush paths that finally led us to Mutama after dark. A spontaneous rush and a spirited welcome from African workers and people assured us that we were welcome. A small pole and grass house, along with other conveniences had been prepared for us. It did not take long to put up the camp equipment to the accompaniment of a resounding song service near by. Hastening over to preach, we found a neat enclosure of tall grass under a giant wild fig tree. In this enclosure were about 250 children and juniors on the ground. In addition, there were about 350 adults variously seated either on the ground, logs, benches, or chairs. The singing was overwhelming! All were joining in with an enjoyment and abandon that witnessed eloquently to their enthusiasm.

Anyone should be able to preach with persuasive earnestness and convincing power to such an audience! The air, calm and crisp, the stars piercing through the tangled branches and leaves, the up-turned expectant eyes, the human atmosphere at once warm and spontaneous — all these are the setting of a real camp-meeting revival. That night when the meeting closed we knew that God was near, for had we not breathed the Divine breath of the Holy Spirit!

The meetings are shared by Africans and Europeans. There is the early morning consecration service, followed by the workers' meeting, and the eleven o'clock preaching service. After the mid-day meal two services occupy the

afternoon, one departmental, and the other a Bible study. After supper comes the best-attended of all the meetings, when strangers from near-by villages come in, and all huddle together to keep out the cold. Late into the night the little groups camping among the trees under the open sky continue their fire-side singing. Like a lullaby it hushes us to peaceful sleep and needed rest.

As the days pass a marked solemnity rests upon all. The climax is the Sabbath morning consecration service. Observant and watchful, deacons seem to hover over the congregation. The sun is hot overhead. There is a seeking out for the shady places; yet none leave. Even the feeding babies in their mothers' arms seem restrained and a reverent hush is upon all during the service. The call is now being made — the baptized members all renew their consecration and stand with bowed heads before being seated again. This is followed by the reconsecration of those in the hearers' and baptismal classes. A word of admonition, and they are also seated. The call now sounds forth to those who have once known the Lord but who have fallen by the way. There is a spontaneous response as men and women stand and come forward. The call yearningly lingers, interspersed with song, as friend seeks out friend and decision after decision brings the prodigals to the front, and back to the Father's home.

Now the call widens to those who have never before yielded themselves, and many respond. Singing and calls alternate, and individuals decide for Christ. The consecration prayer follows, in which an entire congregation reaches up to God for grace and power. There is joy in heaven and peace in the consecrated soul.

When the congregation disperses, those who have come forward are tenderly cared for by the district leaders and teachers. Later, while we are at dinner, the evangelist approaches and radiantly announces "Sixteen backsliders reclaimed, and 64 have taken their stand for the first time." How grateful we all are for these precious souls!

That Sabbath afternoon saw a large baptism in the nearby river. As one observed the deacons and deaconesses along with the teachers, evangelists and pastors, one noted that the spirit of revival had matured into a rich satisfaction.

That night the camp-meeting found its climax in the message, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

## Cape Conference

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### October 22 in Port Elizabeth

*P. H. Coetzee*

THE servant of the Lord instructed the youth to form companies to work for the Master in an organized way. In Port Elizabeth we have seen what thorough organization can do for a company of young people. God has worked wonders for this M. V. society, and we are happy to report concerning their accomplishments.

Most of the senior young people from Port Elizabeth churches attended the Lourensford camp last summer. There they received a new vision and inspiration to study and prepare themselves for better service. Immediately after the camp, they organized a M.V. rally, and conducted a "Share Your Faith" meeting in the city hall. At the time of this rally, a Master Comrade club was formed under the sponsorship of Mrs. Mellett Coetzee, wife of the Cape Conference youth leader.

Some of these girls worked in business offices in the city, and they took their notes with them to study at work. Lunch hours and tea-time breaks were spent studying Denominational History and Bible Doctrines. Very soon their employers and fellow workers were well

informed about Seventh-day Adventists. On the night of the investiture, many of these friends came to witness the testimony of their Adventist associates.

One of the requirements for Master Comrades is to lead a group of Juniors through one of the progressive classes. As a result of the hard work of this group of Master Comrades, we were able to invest seventeen Companions, ten Friends and four Helpers. It was interesting to watch the faces of the parents, as these thirty-one Juniors stood before the audience with lighted candles representing the "Flame of Faith" which has been kindled in their hearts.

The nine Master Comrades to be invested all appeared in full M. V. uniform, this being the first Master Comrade group in South Africa to be invested in this way. Veronica Piercey was also the youngest Master Comrade to be invested. Her sixteenth birthday was just a few days before the investiture. The other members of the group were, Ethne Schmelzer (president of the club), Sheila Osner (vice-president), Mavis de Wit, Carol Bessesen, Cynthia Leibrandt, Susanna Ackermann, Ruth van Vuuren and Noreen Piercey. The writer was assisted in the service by Master Comrades Mellett Coetzee, Hazel Coetzee, A. Fleming and Dr. D. Gorle.

October 22 took on a new and greater meaning to this fine group of young people. This time October 22 did not signify the "Great Disappointment" but the largest and best investiture service ever held in Port Elizabeth.

## The Kokstad Effort

*T. L. Gillett*

I ARRIVED in Kokstad, East Griqualand, on February 15, 1949, where Brother Eric Webster had already located. Miss Welman, our Bible instructor arrived two days later. Great plans were drawn up for an interesting campaign. We spent several days looking for accommodation, and met several rebuffs in the process. One of these was delivered with such apostolic fervour, that I thought I had defeated our purpose by seeking a place to lay my head. We made out a case history of the town, but this proved to be more of a "case" than "history."

We did not realize the extent of the opposition that developed, even before we started our meetings, until we tried to find someone to play the piano in the town hall. We approached every pianist and organist of whom we learned, but all refused to assist us on instructions from the local clergy. There were five of these gentlemen, each with his little flock of twenty or thirty. Most of them did not know why they opposed us. They had just heard something. A revival campaign was in progress in one of the churches, which was awkward for our plans. We had almost reached the stage of complete frustration when we discovered a musician—a lady with a very young baby. She was a Roman Catholic. Would she play for us? Yes, I'll play for you. What would you like? Uke, accordion, banjo, piano? Anything you like." We said the piano was sufficient.

The opening night came at last—February 22, 1949. I shall never forget it. Had I been preaching on the subject of the Flood, it might have been appropriate. Nearly two inches of rain fell during the time the people should have been coming to the meeting. The attendance was painfully small. The next night there was more rain, and the attendance was less than the first night. This went on for two weeks, till we felt like closing down. However, in spite of torrential rains and small audiences, we called for names and began visiting. The people were friendly enough, but very cautious and non-committal. After three months there seemed no hope of our ever baptizing a soul in Kokstad.

We had friendly neighbours. One of these was a Baptist minister, who was also an evangelist. Somehow this very kind, Christian gentleman seemed to be in sympathy with us. I soon learned the reason. He had been in Kokstad for two years, and had not won a single soul, either white or black in that time. We could not believe that the good



*Master Comrade Investiture at Port Elizabeth.*

Lord would allow us to have a similar humiliating experience. Our friend soon sold up and left the town, and we were sorry to see him go. He was not one of the five opponents of our work, for there is no Baptist church in Kokstad.

We called on the people and prayed with them. We sold them our books and handed out papers, until the town and district were saturated with our literature. A number of earnest souls began taking Bible studies. A change was coming over Kokstad. Seven souls were borne daily before the throne of grace. Seven souls have been added to the church. This last warning message cannot be crushed. It is God's truth. In Kokstad it has triumphed.

I have appreciated the workers associated with me in this remote East Griqualand town. Their labours were successful while they were with us there, and we valued their loyal support. We pray that the little company in Kokstad will be remembered in your prayers, since they are now left unshepherded, and earnestly hope that still others from those parts will soon be added to the ranks of God's remnant people.



### Message of Farewell

*T. L. Gillett*

BEFORE leaving the shores of South Africa in response to a call to return to England, I am joined by my wife and children in expressing our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and love that has been so often bestowed upon us, and which has made our work pleasant and happy. We are leaving some of the best friends we have ever had. It is not easy to leave South Africa under these conditions.

It has taken us some time to make up our minds to labour once more in the crowded cities of England, where there are millions who have never heard of this message. Our burden has now been placed there, and we feel this step is in response to the will of God for us.

We had the pleasure of meeting many old friends in Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. We wish to thank those whom we did not see personally, but who sent us messages of goodwill. We send our greetings to those who live away from the coast, in Kingwilliamstown, Grahamstown, Queenstown, Cathcart, Uitenhage and outlying districts, with whom we have shared Christian fellowship, and whose hospitality we have enjoyed from time to time.

May God bless you all. Please remember us in your prayers. It may be

that we shall never meet on this earth again, but may we all be privileged to meet in the heavenly Canaan, for the hope of which we have been willing to give and do so much.

22 Zulla Road,  
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Nottingham, England.



### Master Comrades Visit Langkloof

*M. F. Ackermann*

ON Sabbath, the 12th of November, we were pleasantly surprised when twenty-one visitors from Port Elizabeth, who had driven 130 miles the previous evening, arrived at our church. Twelve of the number, including Elder M. Coetzee who took charge of the service, and Mrs. Coetzee, were Master Comrades.

Our little church was full to overflowing with more than a hundred persons present. One might say that the zealous young people from Port Elizabeth had come to pay a last tribute to our old church building, because about a hundred yards away the new church is nearing completion, and we hope to be able to move into it in three or four weeks' time. We wish to assure those who surprised us so pleasantly by their visit that we greatly appreciate their kind thoughts and that we would like

them to come again, especially when we dedicate our new church.

On Sabbath afternoon the visiting Master Comrades treated us to a beautiful and inspiring programme.

We felt sad when we had to say goodbye to them on Sunday afternoon as they started their return journey. We trust that they took with them a few pleasant memories of their visit and of our beautiful scenery.

### *A Word to the Wise*

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*Group of Master Comrades invested at Port Elizabeth, with Pastor and Mrs. J. M. Coetzee of the Cape Conference.*

## Voice of Prophecy

E. L. Cardey ..... Director  
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 P.O. Box 88, Cape Town

### Seed Sowing

E. L. Cardey

WE believe the best method which has ever been given to the church for sowing Gospel seed is that of securing names of persons to take the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons. Every member of the church may have a very definite part in this kind of evangelism. The great variety of ways in which this seed sowing can be done make it possible for the talents of every member to be employed.

Many of our people, both young and old, are devising new ways to secure enrolments, and are meeting with outstanding success. Recently a group of young men of the Cape Field churches in the Peninsula banded together to hold outdoor meetings on Sunday afternoons, or in the evenings, at which time they sing some of the good old Gospel hymns, and some speaker gives a short talk on the prophecies. Names are then taken up for the Bible lessons. At each of these meetings they secure around fifty names.

An aged brother in Durban makes it a practice to go to the schools and interview the young people where he secures many names of those who wish to take the lessons.

Another brother in that city is finding a very successful approach by writing out personal letters with some of our advertising, and sending them to friends. From these he has secured many enrolments.

The Cape Field worker who recently went to St. Helena set himself the aim of securing a thousand enrolments on that island as quickly as possible, so as to prepare the ground for his public meetings. On this island, where nothing has been done before to teach this Message, he has already secured 700 enrolments, and we understand has had his first baptism.

In all our cities, young people should organize as bands of workers to go out and hold meetings in the open air during the summer months, either on the beaches, in the parks, or in public places where they can attract the public. If they would do this, thousands of enrolments could be secured. Here is a means by which all our young people

may be "sharing their faith" in a very practical way.

The more we advertise the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, and the better it becomes known, the more the people want to study these lessons. Don't be afraid to acquaint everyone with the work of the Voice of Prophecy and invite them to take these lessons. Hundreds — and now we can say thousands — have signed the cards on Sabbath decision and requests for baptism.

Our Prayer Circle is meeting with good success also. Recently some encouraging experiences have come to us. One lady, whose little boy was in a most serious condition, the doctors believing that his mind would be destroyed through the sickness, now writes: "I want you to pray with me and thank the Lord for the wonderful miracle that has taken place. The Lord has given me back my little son, and he seems perfectly well."

Another letter just received from a man whose little boy was apparently paralysed on one side of his body, writes: "I would like to inform you now that he is perfectly healed. The Lord heard your prayers and answered them. I appreciate your praying for him. Daily I realize that the Voice of Prophecy is an instrument through which God is working to bring souls to Him."

Another writes: "It was at 8:30 A.M., October 3, at the time of your Prayer Circle, when you were praying for me to get the victory over tobacco, that I gave it up and God gave me the complete victory after 23 years of being a slave to it. Thank God for the Voice of Prophecy."

Let every member in our churches work mightily to make the coming year — which is our seventh anniversary year — the greatest soul-winning year we have yet seen. Our goal is for 75,000 new enrollees. Help us reach this goal!



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## S. Bantu Miss. Field

J. N. de Beer ..... President  
 I. L. Ansley ..... Secy.-Treas.  
 19 Union House, 24 Union Street, East London

### Dedication of Church

J. N. de Beer

THE 12th of November, 1949, was a red letter day in the South Bantu Mission Field, and it will linger long in the memory of those who were privileged to attend the dedication services of the new church building at Kingwilliamstown. To complete the work on this day, three services were held, the first of which convened at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. At this time the worshippers were called upon to dedicate their *lives* to the Lord. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in God's house, and the response was unanimous. The second service was held at three o'clock in the afternoon and at this time the dedication of the *church building* took place. In the evening at the close of the sermon which was delivered by Pastor S. K. Ntwana, director of the Eastern Province Mission District, opportunity was given to the worshippers to bring their *offerings* for the house of God. The response was wonderful! Honour and glory were ascribed to the Lord in His holy temple, and with willing hearts and great rejoicing they brought their offerings and laid these before the Lord in His holy sanctuary, the total of which amounted to over sixty-seven pounds. Considering the meagre finances of our Bantu believers we realize that this amount represents a real sacrifice, but our dear people felt that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," therefore the giving of this offering brought great spiritual blessing to them.

We had the fortunate privilege of having with us at this time Pastor W. E. Read, field secretary of the General Conference, whose sermons and Bible studies brought light and courage, a stronger desire to love, and a greater determination to serve our Saviour. Other workers who assisted in the dedicatory services were Pastors B. T. Scott, S. K. Ntwana, D. D. Ntsikeni, and the president of the field. We praise the Lord for the showers of blessing He has bestowed upon His people, and our courage is good to press forward with the work before us.

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## Natal-Tvl. Conference

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### Brakpan Effort

W. J. Engelbrecht

SEPTEMBER 18 was the day to which we had all been looking forward. The day came at last, and Pastor J. van de Merwe, the president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and his evangelistic team, were out making the final preparations for the opening meeting of the evangelistic effort in Brakpan.

When the heavy doors of the town hall swung open that night, we were happy to see some people waiting to enter and take their places. Gradually the hall filled up until all the seats in the hall, excluding the gallery, were filled.

Through the first part of the effort the attendance was good, ranging between 300 and 600. As the testing truths were presented, the usual decrease in the attendance was noted. These unpopular truths sifted out the doubters and weaker ones, until the more earnest seekers after truth were left. They stood the test, and we were happy when, at the first baptism conducted by Pastor van de Merwe, eighteen souls were baptized as the first-fruits of this effort. Many more are preparing, and will soon follow their brethren and sisters into church fellowship. We are expecting a large harvest of souls from this East Rand town.

The sweetness of the effort was tinged with bitterness, for many of those whom we expected to take their stand for truth fell away towards the end. From many a pulpit warnings were given against the lectures, and many were adversely influenced, and stayed away. Those who were baptized came from some of the best families, and are worthy of the effort put forth by the church, and the extra work undertaken by the busiest man in the conference — the president.

The excellent team-work, and the spirit of goodwill and happy fellowship between the workers in this campaign were of the best. We thank all whose prayers sustained our labours, and solicit a continued interest in your prayers on behalf of the new members in the faith.

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## Publishing Department

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### Books

J. S. le Roux

PAUL, being a learned Pharisee, and a member of the Sanhedrin, had, no doubt, the privilege of acquiring a private library. In his day, books were usually handwritten on parchment scrolls or papyrus sheets. He was, apparently, the possessor of some valuable and rare books, for he specially requested Timothy to bring them to him when he was a prisoner in Rome. (2 Tim. 4: 11.) Those books had been written and bound by hand, for it is only since the end of the sixteenth century that the art of printing has been used in western lands. How great an advance there has been in the art and science of printing in our day can be realized when we think that anybody can now afford to own the most precious books, whereas in Paul's day, only the rich and scholarly could do so.

Prophecy has foretold the increase of knowledge in the last days. The printing press today holds the most important place in the dissemination of knowledge to the peoples of the earth. All the different fields of study, and the arts and sciences are taught through the medium of books.

God's messages to the world have kept pace with the rapid strides of modern progress, and have made use of these advances to spread the knowledge of God. The millions of Bibles which are circulated to all the nations of earth each year testify to this. If we add to this number the many millions more of books and periodicals dealing with the Scriptures, we begin to see how the Lord's commission in Matthew 24: 14 is being fulfilled.

From the pen of inspiration comes the following: "Our publishing houses are God's appointed centres, and through them it is to be accomplished a work, the magnitude of which is yet unrealized." — *Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 144. That our publishing institutions are doing the work commanded of God, will not be disputed. The question that does arise is, "Are the members of our churches doing their part to accomplish the Lord's commission to the church?"

The canvassing of our books and papers to the people has been ordained of God. "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time." — *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 5.

One of the functions of the publishing department is to counsel and help those who are willing to obey God's call. They are taught to meet the people, to present our literature acceptably, and in so doing, to bring the Lord's last message of hope to a doomed world. Success through the assistance of heavenly agencies is promised to the consecrated canvasser for God. Through the medium of our truth-filled books we are warning the world of the Master's soon appearing. We have the books containing the message; God is waiting for us to take them to others.

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## Items of Interest

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### Gains in Membership

It always cheers our hearts to know that the work of the Lord is onward. What are ordinary dry figures becomes a thrilling story when they record the progress of the Advent movement in this, our land. Just look at the gains in membership during the past five years.

1945	Gain	1,615
1946	Gain	1,208
1947	Gain	4,489
1948	Gain	5,280
1949	Gain	5,739

These figures are taken from the annual report made up at the end of the second quarter of each year. When the full reports for 1949 are rendered, we know that this year will have proved the best in our history in soul winning.

### 1,000 Baptisms in One Area

THE Kisii Mission covers comparatively a small area in East Africa. Brother K. G. Webster is in charge. He reports that just over one thousand baptisms have already taken place at this mission during this year.

### Over 8,000 Baptisms

THE report for the quarter ending June 30 of this year indicates that over 8,000 persons were baptized into the truth during the preceding twelve months. This figure represents an increase of over 1,100 over the previous year.

**News Notes**

MANY things have happened here at headquarters since the last issue of the *OUTLOOK* came from the press. We wish we could share with our readers all of the encouraging reports that were given and all of the important recommendations and resolutions that were taken to extend the cause of God. Unfortunately space will not permit a full report, but we will give you some insight into what was done and the fruitage of the actions taken will be apparent as the months of 1950 go by.

Two important gatherings met in the Division office during December. The first was a medical council with representatives of our medical work from all parts of the Division; the second, the annual year-end meeting of the Division Executive Committee.

**BAPTISMS FOR 1949**

Reports given at the time of the Division year-end committee meeting indicate that approximately 11,500 precious souls will have been baptized into this message during 1949. In addition to those baptized, over 20,000 persons have joined the Bible classes.

**1,535 EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS**

What a wonderful record! How our hearts thrill at the news that during 1949 1,535 evangelistic efforts were held throughout the Division. Many of these efforts were small; many of them were large. Some were held by laymen; many were held by the regular working force.

**South East African Union**

The South East African Union reports 6,000 in the Bible classes and

9,000 church members. These members and believers are united in approximately fifty churches and companies.

**Zambesi Union**

During 1949 the Zambesi Union reports the holding of 58 camp-meetings with over 27,000 in attendance, and camp-meeting offerings amounting to £1,773. The same union held 99 evangelistic efforts in which 192 laymen and 179 workers joined their forces. 2,965 converts joined the baptismal classes as a result of these efforts. The expense involved in connection with these efforts beyond the salaries and expense of the workers amounted to £264.

**The Congo Union Report**

As at the end of 1949, the Congo Union is operating twelve mission stations including two hospitals and two training schools. Their European staff numbers 37 and their African staff 583. The baptized membership is 11,396. 1,576 new believers were baptized during the year. Over 39,000 persons are in the Bible classes.

**The Angola Union**

The Angola Union has a church membership of 3,818. There are 6,455 Sabbath-keepers. During 1949 700 persons were added to the Bible classes. At the beginning of the year the union set a goal for 600 baptisms. By the end of November, 609 had been baptized.

**The South African Union**

The membership of the South African Union now stands at 10,268. Baptisms for the first nine months of 1949 totalled 942. Of these 459 were European, 170 from the Cape Field, and 313

from the two Bantu mission fields. The tithe from the European membership for ten months of 1949 totalled £56,554, from the Cape Field £8,754, and from the African believers £3,829.

**East African Union**

There are 768 workers employed in the East African Union. There are 112 organized churches. At present there is a baptized membership of 18,112, but the total number keeping the Sabbath is 34,758. During 1949 3,716 souls were baptized. At present there are over 16,000 in the baptismal classes.

**BRINGING VISITORS TO SABBATH-SCHOOL**

During the third quarter of 1949 almost 55,000 visitors were brought to the Sabbath-school by Sabbath-school members of the Congo Union. We feel like saying to all our members everywhere, "Go thou, and do likewise."

**A LARGE MEDICAL WORK**

The medical report for the month of September, 1949, for the Congo Union reveals that 41,472 first visits by patients were made to our hospitals and dispensaries.

**THE STUDENT BODY**

The students attending denominational schools in the Southern African Division represent 35 per cent of the entire enrolment in denominational schools throughout the world. This is indeed a remarkable record.

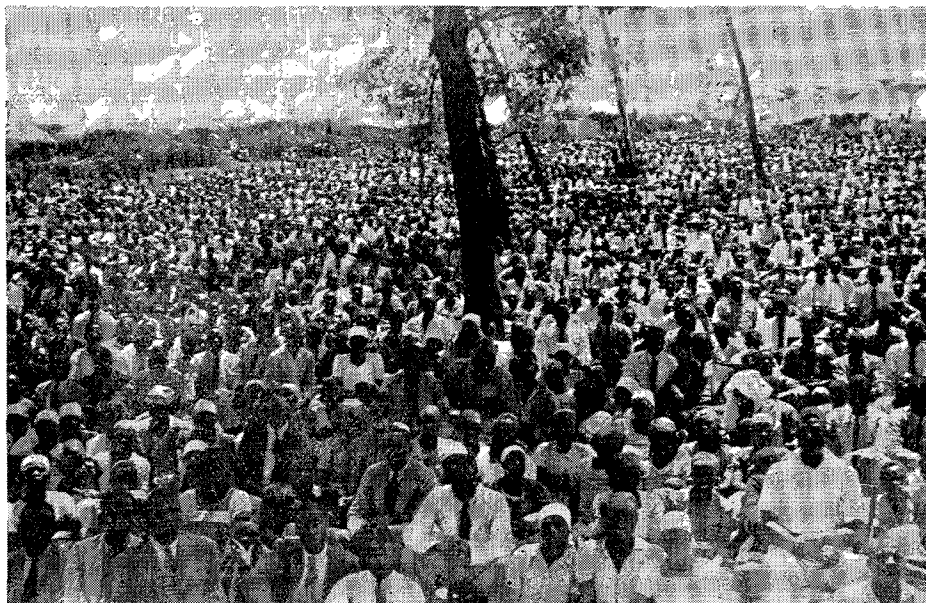
**GOALS FOR SOULS**

The following goals were set for converts and baptisms by the various unions during 1950:

<i>Union</i>	<i>Converts</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
Angola	1,000	600
Congo	10,000	3,500
East Africa	6,000	4,000
South Africa	1,400	1,400
South East Africa	2,600	1,500
Zambesi Union	5,000	3,000
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	26,000	14,000

Let us all join in prayer that these goals will be realized in the great forward advance that is planned for the church.

WE are sure our people will be interested in seeing a picture of one of our large native camp-meetings. Pictures appear elsewhere in this issue giving an idea of the camp-meeting held at Nyanchwa Mission, Kenya Colony, where over 8,000 people were in attendance. During the consecration service on the Sabbath of the camp-meeting, 148 persons accepted Christ as their Saviour and joined the Bible Class. There were over one hundred baptized during the meetings.



*Camp-meeting group at Nyanchwa Mission, Kenya.*

### MEDICAL COUNCIL

During the Medical Council the objectives of our medical work were set forth as follows:

1. To extend the message.
2. To spread the gospel of health.
3. To train medical workers.
4. To measure up to the highest standards in service.
5. To provide suitable buildings and equipment in which service can be rendered.

I know of no better way to bring before you the story of our medical work, than to give you a report of the work done in our hospitals for one year. The report follows:

Heri Hospital in Tanganyika; Dr. Don Stilson from Ankole Hospital, Uganda; Nurse K. Budde from Kendu Hospital; Nurse A. Birkenstock from Nokuphila; Nurse R. Johnson from Bongo Hospital, Angola; Dr. Francis Slate from Nokuphila Hospital; Nurse R. Curtis and Nurse M. Hanson also from Nokuphila; Nurse John de Beer from Basutoland; Dr. S. A. Kotz and Dr. Mark Fowler from Malamulo Hospital, Nyasaland; Nurse R. Anderton and Nurse D. Walter, also from Malamulo; Dr. J. A. Hay from Kanye Hospital, Bechuanaland; Dr. O. B. Beardsley from Mwami Hospital, North-east Rhodesia; Nurse P. Hovig from Barotseland; Nurse Helen

### S. A. Matigheidsbond

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Matigheidsbond het 'n wedstryd uitgeskryf vir opstelle in Engels of Afrikaans oor „Die Gevaar van Drank.” Pryse tussen vyf ghienies en twee ghienies word aangebied.

Hierdie wedstryd is oop vir enigeen onder die ouderdom van 25 jaar en sluit op 31 Januarie 1950. Belangstellendes behoort in verbinding te tree met die plaaslike verteenwoordiger van die Suid-Afrikaanse Matigheidsbond, of met hulle hoofkantoor, Fletcher-kamers 326, Kaapstad.

Dit sal baie goed wees as Sewendedag Adventiste jongmense ywerig aan hierdie wedstryd wil deelneem.

### HOSPITALS

	Beds	Admissions	OPERATIONS		Maternity Cases	OUT-PATIENTS		LEPERS	
			Major	Minor		Ist Visits	Total Visits	In-Patients	Out-Patients
Bongo	58	1,257	212	426	44	14,132	48,002	31	6
Kanye	31	458	32	114	65	2,579	11,542	.....	.....
Kendu	85	2,964	295	303	387	14,190	20,494	.....	.....
Lower Gwelo	19	988	.....	.....	82	4,757	12,191	.....	.....
Malamulo	80	1,732	199	195	441	4,606	23,592	170	83
Mwami	14	210	.....	16	6	3,506	8,309	154	21
Ngoma	30	622	94	134	44	16,292	35,186	.....	.....
Nokuphila	52	1,783	395	958	.....	7,031	16,939	.....	.....
Songa	41	914	275	119	113	4,046	49,212	220	.....
	410	10,928	1,502	2,265	1,182	71,139	225,467	575	110

This report makes no mention of the large number of dispensaries that were operated apart from the hospitals. During the same period, these dispensaries reported over 268,000 patient visits.

### VISITORS TO THE CAPE

Among recent visitors to the Cape was Pastor W. E. Nelson, the General Conference treasurer. Brother Nelson attended the Division Committee meetings and is now making a tour through the field. We were indeed happy to have Brother Nelson with us and to enjoy the benefit of his counsel.

Another General Conference visitor was Elder W. E. Read, one of the field secretaries of the General Conference, who is spending a number of months in the Union of South Africa.

Still another visitor was Dr. T. R. Flaiz who has recently completed a tour of our medical institutions. He attended both the medical counsel and the Division committee meeting.

Visiting medical personnel from the field included Dr. O. Rouhe of Songa Hospital, Belgian Congo; Dr. L. K. Rittenhouse of Ngoma Hospital, Belgian Congo; Dr. Robson Newbold from a site in North-east Congo where we expect to establish a hospital; Nurse P. Standen from the same area; Dr. D. H. Abbott from the Kendu Hospital, East Africa; Dr. W. H. Taylor from

Furber from Lower Gwelo Hospital, Southern Rhodesia; Nurse Myrtle Sather from Kanye Hospital, Bechuanaland.

Among our faithful medical laymen who attended, we would mention Dr. E. W. Ingle of Natal, Dr. Frank Ingle from Durban, and Dr. E. F. Birkenstock of Potchefstroom.

It is just possible that we have omitted some names and if so, we ask forgiveness, but we have done our best mid the rush of greetings and meetings that have occupied the past two or three weeks.

We wish to congratulate two new S.D.A. doctors, who have successfully completed the medical course at the University of Cape Town. They are Dr. Warren Staples and Dr. Walter Birkenstock. After serving a year as interns, they will take up their life-work, in which we wish them every success and blessing.

F. G. C.



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### S.-Bantoe Sending

J. N. de Beer ..... President

I. L. Ansley ..... Sekr.-Tes.

Unionhuis 19, Unionstraat 24, Oos Londen

### Ook Vir Hulle is Daar Genade

W. J. J. Engelbrecht

ONDER die bakkende hemel het Leraar De Beer, Broeders Ansley en Engelbrecht en 'n naturelle predikant die droë omgewing van *The Willows* voor hulle sien opdoem. Die hele omgewing het daar tragies uitgesien. Die enigste groenigheid wat die oog kon bespeur, was die blare aan die bome en hier en daar 'n lappie groen koring. Daar was glad geen gras te sien op die plek waar die kampvergadering moes plaasvind nie.

Hierdie afgeleë veld het die hele jaar sonder werker klaargekom en dit was baie bemoedigend om te sien hoe gretig die lede van die kerk was om 'n boodskap te hoor.

Op die Vrydagaand het 'n naturelle werker die toewydingsdiens waargeneem. Die gehoor het goed gereageer op sy oproep. Sabbatmore het Leraar De Beer die dienste waargeneem. Hy



het die aanwesige soekers tot 'n besluit gebring. Die kerkie was al van hoek tot kant vol toe kom daar nog steeds ander aan. Die kinders is naderhand uitgeroep om voor die preekstoel op die vloer te kom sit; die gangetjies tussen die banke was vol, en eindelijk het die tuislede opgestaan en hulle sitplekke aan die besoekers gegee, maar die kerkie was nog te klein om daardie hele gehoor te bevat.

As ons in gedagte hou dat daar geen werker in daardie omgewing is nie en dat die leke alleen daardie groot belangstelling opgewek het, staan ons verstom oor hoe die Here eenvoudige mense kan gebruik om siele te red.

Op die Sabbatnamiddag is 'n evangelistiese samespraak gehou. Verskeie lede het vertel hoe die Here hulle geseën het ten spyte van die omstandighede waaronder hulle moes werk. Leke het vier, sewe en selfs dertien persone deur die hulp van die Here tot bekering gebring. As hulle dit kan doen, moet ons ook moed skep en skouer aan die wiel sit.

Op die Sondagoggend is 'n tweede toewydingsdiens gehou, en ons sal seker nooit vergeet hoe rou heidene, waaronder ook 'n toordokter, hulle harte aan die Here gegee het nie. Waarlik die tyd is ryp, en baie van hierdie mense sal ons voorgaan in die koninkryk van God.

Hierdie kampvergadering was vir al die aanwesiges 'n groot seën. Hulle moet in daardie distrik 'n voltydse werker en 'n groter kerkgebou hê. Ons bid saam met hulle dat dit nog in hierdie jaar moet gebeur.



## Nuwe Kerk Ingewy

J. N. de Beer

SABBAT, 12 November 1949, was 'n gedenkwaardige dag in die Suid-Bantoesendingveld, en diegene wat die voorreg gehad het om teenwoordig te wees by die inwyding van die nuwe kerk te Kingwilliamstown, sal dit lank onthou. Die verrigtings van die dag het drie dienste in beslag geneem. Die eerste het om elfuur in die voormiddag begin. Tydens hierdie diens is 'n beroep op die gelowiges gedoen om hulle *levens* aan die Here te wy. Die invloed van die Heilige Gees kon gevoel word, en die aanwesiges het eenparig opgestaan. Die tweede diens het om drie-uur in die namiddag plaasgevind, en toe is die *kerkgebou* ingewy. Aan die einde van die aanddiens wat deur Inboorlingleraar S. K. Ntwana, hoof van die Oostelike Provinsie Sending, waargeneem is, is geleentheid gegee vir die aanwesiges om hulle *offergawes* te bring. Die reaksie was wonderbaar! Die eer en die heer-

likheid is aan God gegee, en met gewillige harte het hulle hulle offergawes gebring. Die totale bedrag het sewe-entsestig pond beloop. Wanneer ons die skamele inkomste van ons inboorlingelowiges in ag neem, besef ons dat dit opoffering gekos het, maar ons gelowiges glo dat dit saliger is om te geas om te ontvang, daarom was dit hulle tot groot seën om hierdie offergawe te bring.

Dit was ook ons voorreg om Leraar W. E. Read, rondreisende sekretaris van die Wêreldkonferensie, by ons te hê, en sy preke en Bybelstudies het ons met moed vervul sowel as om ons liefde en vasberadenheid om die Here te dien, te versterk. Ander werkers wat gehelp het met die inwydingsdiens was Inboorlinglerars B. T. Scott, S. K. Ntwana, D. D. Ntsikeni en die president van die veld. Ons loof die Here vir die seëninge wat Hy op Sy volk uitgestort het, en ons is vol moed om aan te gaan met die werk wat ons moet doen.

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## Kaapse Veld

A. C. Le Butt ..... President  
Mej. L. M. Kleinert .... Sekretaresse-Tesouriere  
*h/v Hoof- en Knutsfordweg, Plumstead, K.P.*

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## Berig uit St. Helena

A. C. Le Butt

IN 'n brief wat ons onlangs uit St. Helena van Leraar P. H. Campher ontvang het, skryf hy dat hy op Sondag, 30 Oktober, sy eerste doopdiens in Jamestown sou hou. Hy deel ons mee dat vyf persone gedoop sal word en dat drie wat voorheen Baptiste was, op belydenis van geloof by die kerk sal aansluit.

Dit is nie alleenlik Broeder Campher se eerste doopdiens op St. Helena nie, dit is ook die eerste Adventiste doopdiens wat ooit daar gehou is. Dit is 'n stap vorentoe, en ons meen dat dit 'n voorteken is van groot dinge wat nog moet gebeur. Hierdie agt siele is die eerste vrugte van die poging wat Broeder Campher gehou het nadat hy in Aprilmaand daar aangekom het.

Toe hulle daarheen is, het ons die gesin Campher gesê om in die begin maar stadig te werk en om eers die mense se vertroue te wen voordat hulle 'n openbare poging aanpak. Maar sodra hulle daar aangekom het, wou die mense 'n poging hê. Hy het 'n kabelgram gestuur om raad te vra, en ons het hom laat weet om maar aan te gaan.

Dit het natuurlik nie alles voor die wind gegaan nie. Daar was, soos ge-

woonlik die geval is, somer gou-gou teenstand. Sommige mense wat beter behoort te weet, het probeer om sake vir ons werkers moeilik te maak en het selfs geweier om aan sommige wat die dienste bygewoon het, hulle gewone toelaes te gee.

Die bewoners van St. Helena is opreg, eerlik en ernstig, maar omdat daar min nywerhede is, het hulle nie veel kans om 'n bestaan te maak nie. Hulle is dus maar behoeftig en dit ontbreek hulle aan baie lewensbenodighede.

Ons het onlangs vier groot negosiekiste vol klere en Bybels daarheen gestuur. Daarmee sal Broeder en Suster Campher heelwat noodlenigingswerk kan doen. Baie gesinne sal beide stoflike en geestelike seëninge ontvang. Ons lede in die Kaapse Veld, en sommige Blankes ook, het ons goed tot hulp gesnel toe ons om klere en Bybels gevra het. Ons waardeer hierdie vrygewigheid. Ons wil die Dorkasfederasie van die Kaapse Veld ook bedank vir die tyd en geld wat hulle bestee het aan verpakking en verskeping van hierdie goedere. Broeder Campher deel ons mee dat hy reeds baie Bybels uitgedeel het en nog vyftig het om aan ander behoeftiges te gee.

Meer as sewehonderd name is aan die Stem-van-Profesie gestuur, en ons glo dat baie van hierdie persone later gedoop sal word. Die lig skyn nou op St. Helena en daar is 'n nuwe lied en goeie moed in die harte van diegene wat op daardie eensame eilandjie in die Suid-Atlantiese Oseaan woon.



## „Die Engel van die Here Trek 'n Laer . . . en Red”

A. C. Le Butt

HIERDIE bekende, bemoedigende belofte in Psalm 34: 8 het aan die lede van die Kaapse Veld gemeente in Durban nuwe moed en vertroue gebring.

Broeder en Suster G. Beyers wat toesig hou oor die Mooreweggemeente, het 'n nuwe manier van evangelisasie aangepak. Dit is onmoontlik om 'n saal te huur, maar dit het ons werkers in Natal nie gehinder nie. Saam met 'n aantal lede van die gemeente het hulle „woonstel pogings” aan die gang gesit. Nadat hulle verlof verkry het om in die gronde van 'n blok woonstelle van vier of vyf verdiepings dienste te hou, gaan hulle as volg te werk: Hulle hou 'n sangdiens, en sodra die mense op hulle balkonne begin uitkom, gooi Broeder Beyers prente op die doek en gee hy sy lesing. Die eerste reeks was heeltemal geslaagd.

'n Tweede reeks is by 'n tweede blok

woonstelle gehou, en alles het goed gegaan totdat Broeder Beyers die redes vir die verandering van die Sabbat voorgedra het. 'n Aantal van die hoorders het daar baie duidelik oor aanstoot geneem. Een vrou het ons broeder begin toesnou en uitskel, en eerlank was daar 'n groep gereed om haar te help. Ons broeder het maar aangehou tot aan die einde van sy lesing, maar na die einde van die diens het 'n woedende bende hom byna molesteer.

'n Paar dae daarna het iemand wat vriendelik was, die werkers gewaarsku om geen verdere dienste te hou nie, want hy het gehoor dat sommige van die mense 'n saamswering teen hulle saamsmee. Die plan was om die projeksielantern en die motorkarre te vernietig en die broeders dan persoonlik aan te rand. Broeder Beyers het die broeders van die gemeente byeengeroep en hulle het die saak bespreek. Hulle eerste mening was dat dit nie verstandig sou wees om ten spyte van die waarskuwing 'n verdere diens te hou nie. Maar daar het toevallig net met daardie tyd in die Kaapse Veldse blaadjie, die *Clarion*, 'n artikel verskyn waarin gesê is dat die werk onder groot verdrukking klaargemaak sal moet word. Ons lede het nie geweet wat hulle moes doen nie, maar hulle het oor die saak gebid. Nadat hulle gebid het, het hulle besluit om die Sondagnamiddag voordat die diens gehou sou word na die woonstelle te gaan en by elke woonstel 'n eksemplaar van *Present Truth* aan te bied. Dit sou hulle dan kans gee om uit te vind wat die houding van die mense was. Toe Broeder Beyers uit sy kar klim, het hy hom byna vasgeloop teen die vrou wat die moeilikheid opgestook het. Hy en een van die broeders het haar toe genader, 'n blad aangebied en om verskoning gevra omdat sy lesing vir haar aanstootlik was. Die vrou was baie verleë, en sy het haar kop laat sak.

Daarop het sy dieselfde mense wat ons werkers bedreig het, bymekaar geroep. Hulle was bedaard en vriendelik en het versoek dat die dienste verder voortgesit moes word. Hulle het mekaar die hand gegee, en ons broeders is daar weg met dankbaarheid vir die beskerming van God. Die dienste word op ordelike wyse voortgesit.

Broeder Beyers het onlangs geskryf dat alles nou weer goed gaan. Hy sê: „Die vrou wat voorheen die voorbok was, het nou die sleutel geword. Sy moedig die ander nou almal aan om te sing. Wie weet of God haar nie soos die Samaritaanse vrou uitverkies het om die waarheid aan haar mense te bring nie?”

Meer mense is belangstellend, en in

hierdie plek waar 'n storm kon ontstaan het as God Sy engele nie gestuur het om 'n laer te trek nie, is die mense begerig om die waarheid te hoor.

Broeder Beyers het in November 'n doopdiens gehou. Dertien persone is gedoopt, een van hulle 'n Indiër vir wie Broeder Lindup gewerk het.

„Aan God sy die ere, groot dade doen Hy.”

## Natal-Tvl. Konf.

J. van de Merwe ..... President  
D. R. Symons ..... Sekretaris-Tesourier  
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## Oos-Randse Gelowiges Byeën

GESAMENTLIKE dienste is iets waarna die Oos-Randse gemeentes altyd met verlange uitsien. Om hierdie rede sal 3 Desember deur die honderde lede van die Oos-Rand en die besoekers uit die Noordelike Transvaal en uit die Vrystaat lank onthou word. Dit was 'n dag van groot seënninge, want die Here was waarlik met ons.

Leraar en Mev. Turner was verantwoordelik vir die sang en musiek, en elkeen wat teenwoordig was, het baie soete herinneringe van die sangdienste.

Tydens die preekdiens om elfuur het die president van ons konferensie voorgedaan, en hy het vir ons 'n besielende boodskap gebring. Harte is aangeroei en menigene het opnuut na die Here gekom terwyl Leraar Turner gesing het:

„Ver het ek van my God gedwaal,  
nou kom ek weer terug;  
te ver in sonde neergedaal,  
Heer, ek kom terug,

„Huiswaarts weer; huiswaarts weer,  
nooit meer rond te swerf!  
O, ontvang my as U kind,  
Heer, ek kom terug.”

Daarna het almal wat teenwoordig was, hulle lewens opnuut aan die Here gewy terwyl Leraar Turner almal voor die Here opgedra het.

Om half-drie in die namiddag is die klimaks van die geseënde dag bereik toe 26 siele die ou mens van die sonde in die watergraf begrawe het om voortaan in 'n nuwe lewe te wandel. Die meeste van diegene wat gedoopt is, was die vrugte van die poging wat Leraar J. van de Merwe onlangs in die Brakpanse stadsaal gehou het.

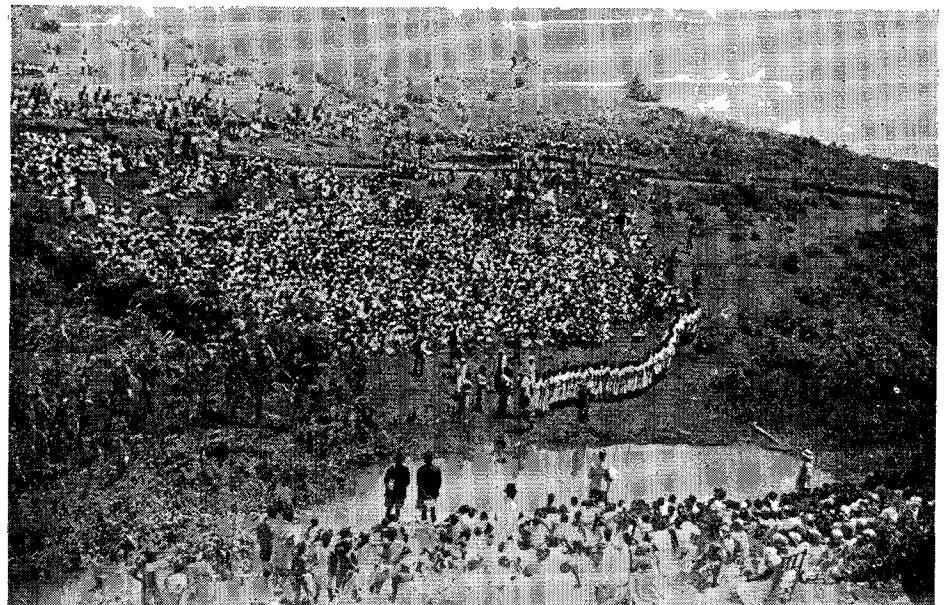
Leraar P. J. van de Merwe het die gehoor toegesprek oor hoe ons deur die Gees wedergebore word en daarna die vrugte van die Gees in ons lewens openbaar. Die Satan kan die gawes van die Gees namaak, maar hy kan nooit die vrugte namaak nie.

Die president het die doopplegtigheid waargeneem.

Die Strewers van Petit het die verrigtinge van die dag op paslike wyse met 'n program afgesluit. Hulle onderwerp was „Die Waarde van Vriendskap,” en hulle het ons ook van die beste Vriend vertel. Waarlik, Jesus is die beste Vriend.

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„God handel nie met ons soos sterflinge met mekaar handel nie. Sy gedagtes teenoor ons is gedagtes van genade, liefde en teerste ontferming.”



Baptism at Nyanchwa Mission Camp-meeting, Kenya.

## Streekdienste te Bethlehem

P. J. Jacobs

DIE gelowiges van die Oostelike en Noordoostelike Vrystaat was weer gedurende die naweek 24 tot 27 November bevoorreg om dienste op Bethlehem by te woon. Broeder W. Engelbrecht, van Krugersdorp, het op die Vrydag-aand, tydens die gebruikelike biduur van die Bethlehemse gemeente, 'n besielende boodskap gelewer.

Sabbatoggend het heerlik skoon aangebreek, en op die bepaalde tyd was daar 'n groot groep byeen in die Sabbatskool. Lofliedere het weergalm, en Broeder Engelbrecht het op aangrypende wyse die les oor die sewe laaste plaes behandel en die gelowiges aangemoedig om met Jesus op hoër grond te wandel en om elke dag gereed te wees om Hom te ontmoet.

Ons was ook bevoorreg deurdat Leraar E. A. Bristow, president van die Noord-Rhodesië Sendingveld, in ons midde kon wees, en hy het ons verskeie male toegesprek. Hy het hoofsaaklik oor die nabyheid van die wederkoms van Christus uitgewei. Sy boodskap was: „Maak klaar, maak klaar, maak klaar!”

Op die Sondagoggend was daar weer 'n groot gehoor byeen, en tydens daardie diens het Leraar Bristow die Avondmaal bedien.

Daarna is die lede weer na hulle wonings terug, elkeen met 'n les waaroor hy tuis kon gaan nadink.

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## „Meerhof” Waar Grootmense se Harte Geraak is

Mev. S. van Niekerk

OP Sondagoggend, 25 September, het een-en-dertig broeders en susters van die gemeente, Boosens, en 'n paar besoekers per motorkar en vragmotor na die Meerhof Kinderhospitaal by die Hartebespoort dam gegaan. Die reis daarheen was voorspoedig, en ons het omstreeks twintig minute voor tien daar aangekom. Almal het geweet dat dit 'n hospitaal vir gebrekklike kinders is.

Dit het ons harte diep geraak om die gesiggies van die lydende kindertjies te sien, en net soos die gesiggies verskil so verskil ook hulle gebreke.

Die matrone het ons baie vriendelik ontvang en na 'n somerhuis geneem waar al die kinders reeds op ons koms gewag het.

As openingslied het ons Lied no. 417 gesing:

„In my kinderjare soek ek Jesus as my trouste Vriend.”

Daarna is 'n gebed gedoen.

Die kinders van ons groep het die aandaag van die pasiëntjies geboei met hulle lied:

„Daar's 'n vriend vir kleine kinders.”

Daarna het die Strewers gesing:

„Sag en vol teerheid is Jesus se roepstem.”

Broeder Voges het 'n kort prekie oor Joh. 3: 16 gelewer. Hy het sy rede afgesluit met die woorde: „O my seun, my dogter, gee my jou hart.”

Daarna is die matrone bedank vir al haar vriendelikheid en moeite en het ons as slotlied gesing:

„God sy met u tot ons weer ontmoet.”

Ons was bly om te sien dat die verpleegsters en kinders ook saamgesing het. Onder die sing van die lied het ek gemerk dat die harte van sommige grootmans geraak is. Die diens is met gebed afgesluit.

Ons het leesstof uitgedeel, en een broeder het onder die verpleegsters en jongmense leerlinge vir die Stem-van-Profesie gewerf.

Ons is bly dat ons die taak aanvaar het, want ons weet dat ons goeie saad gesaai het en dat God ons ryklik geseën het.

Die Here het ons beskerm en weer almal ná die uitstappie veilig tuis gebring.

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## Verpleegster Benodig

'N NIE-ADVENTISTE gemeenskap soek na 'n distriksverpleegster „wat met 'n sendinggees besiel is,” en by voorkeur iemand wat 'n sertifikaat in die verloskunde het. 'n Redelike goeie salaris word aangebied. Verdere besonderhede van: Dr. C. Paul Bringle, Grovelaan, Claremont, Kaap.

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## Benodig

SEWENDE-DAG ADVENTISTE om op te tree as verkoopsagente vir goeie Suid-Afrikaanse graan-koffie. Verdere besonderhede van Mensem Services, Posbus 3020, Kaapstad.

## Kaapse Konferensie

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## Meester-Kamerade Besoek Langkloof

M. F. Ackermann

ONS is op Sabbat, 12 November, aangenaam verras toe een-en-twintig besoekers van Port Elizabeth wat die vorige aand 130 myl gery het, by ons kerk aankom. Twaalf van hulle insluitende Leraar M. Coetzee wat die Sabbat diens waargeneem het, en Suster Coetzee, was Meester-Kamerade.

Ons kerkie was tot oorlopende toe vol met meer as honderd persone teenwoordig. Ons kan sê dat Port Elizabeth se ywerige jongmense 'n laaste eer kom bewys het aan ons ou kerkie want net omtrent 'n honderd tree verder weg nader ons nuwe kerk reeds voltooiing en ons hoop om binne drie of vier weke daar intrek te neem. Ons wil hulle wat ons so aangenaam verras het met hulle besoek, verseker van ons innige waardering en wil hulle hartlik uitnoui om weer te kom veral met die inwyding van ons kerk.

Die besoekende Meester-Kamerade het Sabbatnamiddag vir ons 'n pragtige en inspirerende program voorgedra.

Ons was hartseer om hulle Sondagmiddag totsiens te sê toe hulle weer hulle terugreis aanvaar. Ons hoop hulle het ook aangename herinneringe aan hulle besoek en ons mooi natuurskoon.

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## Benodig

BEKWAME Sewende-dag Adventiste kleremaakster om dadelik in Brits te begin werk. Skryf aan Mev. J. S. van Rensburg, Pretoriaweg 40, Brits, Transvaal.

## Die Morewagkalender

Hierdie boekie met sy leesplan van tekste gepaard met die boekie **With God at Dawn** verskaf leiding in u oggendgodsdien.

Geskik om as gedagtenis aan u vriende te stuur.



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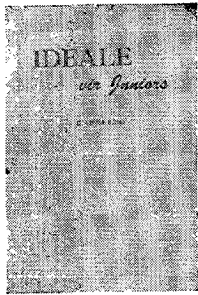
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## Twee Nuwe Boeke



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Vertroulike gesprekke met seuns en meisies deur iemand wat hulle liefhet en verstaan. Hierdie boek sal die Juniors help om die doel en die beginsels van die Juniorwet en die Juniorgelofte na te kom. Ouers en ander wat in die Juniors belangstel, sal die boekie ook waardeur.

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'n Bespreking van die geskiedkundige gesigspunt van die Sabbatvraagstuk wat aantoon hoe, wanneer, waarom en deur wie die verandering van die sewende na die eerste dag van die week gemaak is. Goed geïllustreer, aantreklike omslag.

**BESTEL VAN U BOEKDEPOT**

### Duisend in een Streek Gedoop

DIE Kisii Sending werk in 'n betreklike klein deeltjie van Oos-Afrika. Broeder K. G. Webster is hoof van die sendingstasie. Hy deel ons mee dat daar reeds vanjaar 'n weinig meer as 'n duisend persone op die een sendingstasie gedoop is.

## IMPORTANT

A branch of the HOME STUDY INSTITUTE has now been opened in the Southern African Division. Look out for details in the next issue of the OUTLOOK.

## Obituaries

WARD.—Richard Alfred Ward passed away at the age of 52 years on November 9, 1949 at the Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town. The late Brother Ward was baptized at Pretoria some twenty years ago. Since childhood, he had had a disablement of the leg, and during the last year of his life had more acute suffering, having had to spend some time in the hospital in consequence. He regularly attended the services of the church, and the last Sabbath of his life he made an effort to attend worship as usual, but found his strength gone. He was taken suddenly ill on November 8, and was admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital, where he passed away the following day. On the last occasion when we visited him in hospital, we found him physically weak but of good courage in the Lord. His passing has left four children to mourn, and we direct their thoughts to the great Comforter. He now rests in Woltemade Cemetery No. 3, awaiting the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.

C. S. PIKE.

VICTOR.—Albertus Victor, aged 84, and Magdalena Victor, aged 80, passed peacefully to rest on December 1 and 2 respectively.

Just over twenty years ago the writer, with a band of Helderberg students, conducted an evangelistic effort in the town hall of Somerset West. Brother and Sister Victor were among those who accepted the truth and were baptized at the college. They lived happy Christian lives, remaining faithful and steadfast to the end.

Brother A. Victor passed away on Thursday, and Sister M. Victor, conscious to the last, passed away the following day. They had been united in life's toils, sorrows, joys and hopes. They were together in baptism, and fellowshiped together in the Advent faith for twenty years. In death they were not divided. We laid them to rest at the same time, side by side in the same grave in the college cemetery, with

full assurance that they will be united in the joyful resurrection to life eternal.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

We extend our sympathy to the children, grandchildren and friends, who remain to mourn the loss of these dear saints. May the Lord comfort and sustain them.

Brother G. A. W. Meyer and the writer were associated in the burial services.

A. W. STAPLES.

## Doodsberg

VAN DEVENTER.—Gert van Deventer is op 15 Desember in die ouderdom van vier-en-veertig jaar oorlede.

Broeder Van Deventer het die waarheid in 1947 te Paarl aangeneem. Van kleins af was hy 'n kind van die Here met die begeerte om hemelwaarts te strew. Toe die lig van die adventboodskap tot hom gekom het, het hy dit met blydschap aangeneem. Waarlik hy was 'n lewende getuie vir Jesus.

Broeder Van Deventer het siek geword kort nadat hy gedoop is en het geen gesonde dag in die boodskap gehad nie; nogtans het hy sy lig laat skyn in die verskillende hospitale waar hy was. Op sy sterfbed het hy sy hoop uitgespreek op 'n spoedig-komende Jesus. Hy het sy familie vermaan om getrou te bly, en het 'n vurige gebed tot die Here gestuur om die hospitaal te seën en siele te red. Daarna het hy gesing: „Welk 'n Vriend het ons in Jesus." Sag, sonder worsteling het hy heengegaan.

Ons berus ons op die salige hoop dat ons hom spoedig weer sal sien. Mag dit die verlange en strew van Suster Van Deventer en hulle vier dogters wees. Ons voel innig saam met al die agterblywendes.

Die begrafnis is uit die Sewende-dag Adventiste kerk, Paarl, deur Broeder N. Josling, bygestaan deur Leraars C. C. Marais en J. M. Coetzee waargeneem.

N. JOSLING.

## Betrekking Gevra

GETROUDE man verlang betrekking as vragmotorbestuurder en algemene plaaswerker of voorman. Kan ook in winkel werk. Gewillig om enige plek in die Unie te werk solank Sabbatvoorregte vergun word. Skryf aan: Vragmotorbestuurder, p.a. J. Myburgh, Joubertstraat 17, Lydenburg, Tvl.