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EDITORIAL PAGE

CHRISTIANITY AND AFRICA

*But What is the Position
of Christianity
in
AFRICA?*

— by —

REV. J. P. JACOBS,

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lion Roman Catholics and approximately 7 million Copts and you find that the total number of Christians amounts to 45 million, which leaves a non-Christian population of 175 million, of whom some 90 million are Muslims. All this means that less than 7.3% of the total population of Africa belongs to evangelical Christianity. No wonder that there are those who pose as the Christ of the Africans, while others in responsible positions use slogans such as: "Seek ye first the political kingdom, and all things shall be added unto you."

Christianity is being denounced by millions in Africa to-day and what will happen if these people get control of the governments of this great continent? As followers of Jesus Christ, we are bound to take notice of what is happening to the Christian Church in vast areas in Africa and Asia to-day. In the vast territory comprising Egypt, Tunis, Algeria, Morocco, Lybia and Egyptian Sudan, which centuries ago was a bastion of the religion of Christ, there are now less than 200 thousand Christians who live under the oppression of a hostile government, without the privilege to propagate their faith.

What can Christianity do for Africa to-day? The answer of the Church of Christ should be:

1. To bear witness of her salvation through Jesus Christ. The church must

THIS VAST CONTINENT of ours is in the limelight to-day. Perhaps Africa is the greatest theme in the press of the Western world and surely a theme that took hold of the imagination of the East. The world radios of East and West compete in their allocation of time on discussions of matters concerning Africa. The winds of change that blew briskly a decade ago, have quickened to tornado's that have changed even the political face of Africa, leaving many scars that will take time to heal. Many millions of people in and outside Africa are deeply concerned about political issues in this great continent and millions of these are Christians, whose motives are pure and without imperial tendencies.

But what is the position of Christianity in Africa? According to recent statistics, there are about 220 million people on this continent of whom only 16 million belong to Protestant Christianity. Add to this number 22 mil-



A church building burnt down by rioters in Worcester.

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CHRISTIANITY AND AFRICA

testify to the non-Christian people of this great dark continent that there is salvation in none other: "for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Let the heart of every Christian man and woman burn with compassion for the millions who may gain liberty, citizenship, yea even the rule of vast areas of Africa, but suffer eternal doom outside the Kingdom of Christ and away from the countenance of God. Jesus Christ Himself has given this commission to His followers when He said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). He added a wonderful promise to His great commission in Math. 29:19 when He said: "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

2. Let the Christian people of all churches unite in bringing the Word of God to millions of Africa who do not as yet possess it. Just at present there is a campaign by the British and Foreign Bible Society to distribute some three million copies of the Scriptures in about 100 languages in Africa, over and above their usual effort to supply the Bible to all people in their own tongue. However grateful the people of Africa may be towards this society, the task of the church remains to be the bearer of the good tidings to all who live in darkness. The Bible, the New Testament, pieces of Scripture in other literature bearing the message of the Bible are being made available by various churches and organisations, but they often have great



The congregation holds its meetings outside the burnt church walls in Worcester.

difficulty in delivering this to the people who are in need of it. Will Christians of all churches join with this great effort in bringing the Word of God to every home in Africa? This magazine will be too grateful to help anybody who might be eager to distribute such literature amongst Africans.

3. Let the Christians of Africa realise their duty of intercession. God has promised to change things on the hearing of the pleas of His children. In the only perfect prayer, which He Himself taught us, we should pray: "Thy Kingdom come." Let us speak

to Christ about the 175 million people in Africa who do not know Him. Let us plead for their Salvation — many of them are our relatives and friends. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may regenerate them — may apply our witness and message to their hearts, that they may be born again, and receive eternal life.

May be if 16 million Protestant Christians in Africa awake to their task to witness, to bring the Gospel and to pray for the real salvation of Africa, a better day may come and a happier eternity may await her people.

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- not the possession but the possessor
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FAITH

1. Have faith in God Mark 11:22
2. Be not faithless John 20:27
3. Neither be ye of doubtful mind Luke 12:29
4. Take no thought for your life Matt. 6:25-34
5. Let not your heart be troubled John 14:1-27
6. Be of good cheer Matt. 14:27
7. Be not afraid Mark. 5:36; Luke 12:4-7

—From *Herald of His Coming*.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR AFRICA

by

DR. A. M. DEKKER

The Christian Literature Fund of the Dutch Reformed Church, for the non-Europeans of Africa, is one of the greatest undertakings of its kind, if not the greatest, in the history of the Church of Africa.

This fund was started a few years ago, with the goal to collect £3 million for the spreading of Christian Literature in Africa. A scheme was established by which 50,000 volunteers would be canvassed for this fund. Everyone of these volunteers is asked to donate £60 over a period of five years. The money can be donated monthly, half-yearly, yearly or as desired. By this means £3,000,000 would be collected over a period of five years.

As is the case with all undertakings in faith, it took quite a time before this big undertaking could be established. Today this scheme is quite firmly established in the Dutch Reformed Church, Mother as well as Daughter Churches, and great progress has already been made.

Up till now more than half a million pounds have already been collected.

The father and chief organiser of this Fund is the writer of this article.

The Fund is controlled by a Board representative of the Mother as well as the Daughter Dutch Reformed Churches.

A great deal of work has already been established by means of this Fund. One of the tasks of this Fund was to make it possible for the Dutch Reformed Mission Press in Bloemfontein to print 50,000

copies of the Sotho Bible, 20,000 copies of the New Testament in Sotho with the Psalms, and 150,000 copies of the Gospel of St. John in Sotho.

Other undertakings worthy of note is the subsidising of the Children's Bible in different languages. This Children's Bible is used on a great scale in the non-European schools in South Africa, and through the aid of this Fund it is possible for the non-European child to buy this Bible for as much as 5/- less than the cost price.

Africa's Hope is fully supported financially by this Christian Literature Fund. By means of this Fund

it has been possible to publish and distribute Africa's Hope at a very great loss every year. As far as this Fund is supporting the printing of the Bible and the distribution of Africa's Hope, it is also operating on the interdenominational territory, although it is a fund collected and administered by the Dutch Reformed Mother and Daughter Churches. The Fund is also subsidising the different official papers of the mission churches, like Lehlasedi, "Ligdraer" and others.

Some bookshops for the distribution of Christian books and litera-

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I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

— By REV. W. R. DE KOCK, B.A. —

From the beginning of the civilization of South Africa some 300 years ago the D.R. Church has evinced a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the Bantu. The work, like all other matters, began in a very small way in Cape Town, and at first slowly then with more rapid strides began to cover what is to-day known as the Union of South Africa. As, however, the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus cannot be limited to one place, the missionary effort of the D.R. Church quickly spilled over the boundaries of the Union. Men and women volunteered for and were sent to Mashonaland, Nyasaland, the Rhodesias, Basutoland, Witzieshoek, etc. With the result that hundreds of thousands of the Bantu have experienced the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ within and outside the bounds of the Union.

When one throws a stone into a dam of water its effect is not only felt where it falls but to the boundaries of that dam. Circles are formed having wider and still wider range. So with Missionary work. The D.R. Church has not in the first place aimed to civilize the native races with which the Church has come into contact, but to bring the knowledge of the saving grace of God through the Saviour to each and everyone. When the Master enjoined the disciples to go into all the world and teach the nations He added: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The Church is in the first place called to teach the Word of God with its message of salvation. With this end in view the Church began and has carried on her mission work.

It has, however, been incumbent upon her to help make it possible that those to whom the Gospel was and is brought should be able to understand the Message and to read the Scriptures presented. Consequently the Church has from the beginning not only learnt the language of the Bantu of Africa but opened schools where

those who so desired could receive the necessary tuition and so be enabled to read and write, etc.

People are apt to forget their benefactors of bygone days in every walk of life when greater heights have been reached. The primary task of the Church is naturally to proclaim the Gospel Message. There are, however, various indispensable departments of Missionary effort which although not in themselves ends, are nevertheless the inevitable results of the coming of Jesus Christ into the lives of men. Here the Church was the first to exert herself and her influence.

Owing to the fact that cultural advancement and economic conditions were at a low ebb when the Church began her missionary efforts, this total approach was essential.

It was accordingly incumbent upon the Church to see to it that schools be built and that educational facilities be provided. Of what use would a Bible be should the person to whom it was presented not be able to read the Word of God?

The day arrived when education had become such a formidable financial, etc. task that Churches could no longer cope with it. The desire to be educated has become a mighty force in the lives of hundreds of thousands of the younger generation. The fact, however, that the Government has taken the whole educational programme upon its shoulders, has not, as far as the D.R. Missionary Church is concerned, caused her to desist from a lively interest in the education of the Bantu. Where, e.g., our missionaries have become superintendents of schools they have taken upon themselves a big task without any remuneration.

Ons such missionary e.g. with whom I am personally well acquainted had to supervise forty odd town and country schools besides all the other work which he was called upon to perform.

The fact that the number of farm schools

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ture have also been established through the assistance of this Fund. Although the main goal and aim of this fund at the start was the distribution of Christian literature, it today also aims at subsidising the distribution of technical equipment for the spreading of the Gospel, especially among the millions of illiterate non-Europeans in Africa. For this reason there is close co-operation today between this Fund and Mema, or Modern Evangelisation Methods in Africa. This includes the distribution of cheap gramophones with records of Gospel messages; cameras, projectors, etc.

Another aim of Mema, which is also the aim of this Fund now, is the establishment of a Christian radio station for the propagation of the Gospel by means of the radio.

We trust that the readers of Africa's Hope will remember this big undertaking in their prayers, and also when they wish to donate something to the Lord's work.

Donations can be sent to: Chief Organiser, Christian Literature Fund for the Non-Europeans of Africa, P.O. Box 1004, Bloemfontein.

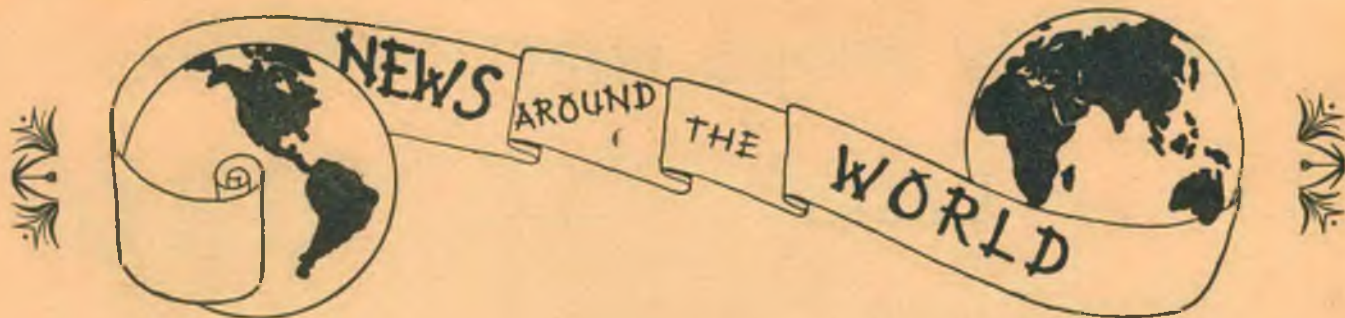
HOPE READERS



This picture was sent to us from Southern Rhodesia. The two gentlemen are also regular readers of the Hope. We are just sorry dear readers that you did not tell us your names.

have increased so rapidly in the last few years has been directly due to the interest evinced by our missionaries. They have used their influence in persuading farmers

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* **ERMELO:** Rich Coal Deposit near Ermelo. A total of approximately 137m. tons of good, exploitable coal has been proved in the vicinity of Camden Siding, south-east of Ermelo, says the latest annual report of Federale Mynbou Bpk. The situation of the coalfield would probably be eminently suited for the erection of a power station for the supply of power to the Eastern Lowveld, as there is plenty of water available. — Economic Newsletter.

* **SOUTH AFRICA:** South Africa is the most developed country on the Continent of Africa, according to 1956-57 statistics released by the United Nations in a report entitled "Economic Survey of Africa since 1950."

The National incomes of some of the African territories in that year, with the average per capital income in brackets, were as follows: The Union £1,721m. (£123), Mauritius £47m. (£83), Algeria £758m. (£73), Ghana £322m. (£69), Southern Morocco £587m. (£68), Tunisia £238m. (£63), French Cameroons £161m. (£50), French West Africa £901m. (£47), Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland £342m. (£47), French Central Africa £219m. (£45), Madagascar £209m. (£43). — Digest of South African Affairs.

* **HONG KONG:** To protect infants against tuberculosis, the Hong Kong Government is carrying out vaccinations on seven in every 10 new-born babies. A report by the acting director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. P. H. Teng, said nearly 71 per cent of all infants born during the second quarter of the year were vaccinated.

Health authorities have reported that 1,230 people died from tuberculosis in the first half of this year — Santa Magazine.

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Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ
In brotherhood we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.*

*Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.*

*O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty,
Nigeria may be blessed.*

—African Challenge.

(Read also article on page 8)

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UNO OR CHRIST?

By B. S. TSELISO LIKATE

While welcoming this opportunity of sending this our humble contribution to Africa's Hope, at the beginning of yet another year, we wish to associate ourselves with those readers and others who have not been hesitant to send you their warm greetings and sincere good wishes for success, frankness and good reporting during 1961.

Most of us are in concord in asserting that the year 1960 was crowded with wonderful happenings in the whole world in general, and particularly in this continent of Africa. Kingdoms have risen and others have fallen; certain democratic nations have turned totalitarian and other dependencies have been granted independence only to make a mockery of democracy.

Some years ago, when the United Nations Organisation was founded, many people hoped for eternal peace in the world; others even went as far as to prophesy that this was an Organisation to end all war. But there were certain voices who muttered that the wise men and mighty ones of all the world had missed the bus, in that the King of Peace was totally disregarded at the institution of UNO. We even suggested that that was a bad miscalculation; but we were cold-shouldered by the sages of the entire world, to the detriment of the human race.

The world has sadly watched the World Organisation passing a number of resolutions at every one of its numerous sessions, which no body seemed ready to uphold. Hence, to many of us, that august body called UNO, has degenerated into another 'talking shop', which is powerless to enforce its decisions. What has emerged very clearly from its sessions is the spirit of lawlessness which reached its zenith at the recent sittings of that body, when certain leaders of great nations displayed lack of grooming and culture.

From these unhappy incidents we are forced to come to this painful conclusion that there is no safety in societies composed of people of different cultures and



*Our Africa Needs Jesus Christ
more than
Cents, Dollars and Francs !*

stages of civilization. It is then our firm conviction that the world needs the Lord Jesus Christ who is her *only everlasting hope*. Many isms have been tried but without exception, they have been found wanting. It is the Prince of Peace, Jesus of Nazareth alone, who is capable of *uniting* the different peoples of the world. He, who once said: "Lo, I am with you *always*, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20), is the same today, tomorrow and for ever.

It is therefore our sincere plea with every man and woman of our beloved South Africa, to cast his/her eyes upon the Cross of Calvary, for it is the only place that shall give us unlimited grace from Him who is the only everlasting peace of the world.

It is our bounden duty as masses of South Africa, Africa and the entire world, to seek this abounding hope, not only for our material needs, but above all, for our spiritual sustenance and our eternal bliss hereafter.

Our Africa needs Jesus Christ more than cents, dollars and francs that the whole world might offer her. Without Him, there is sure to be chaos, anarchy and destruction in this Continent which is fast

emerging from her age-old slumber. May God grant us that vision which will courageously lead us to the foot of the Cross, where Jesus, the only unfailing hope of the world, will/shall cleanse us from all sin, and kindly lead us into those mansions above for our perfect happiness and rejoicing!



Readers From Far Away



The two gentlemen are workers on the farm Lochinvar in Mashaba, they are regular readers of the Hope. From left to right they are: Mr. L. R. P. Benson and T. Tadios.

IN CHRIST WE HAVE

- A love that can never be fathomed
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- A righteousness that can never be tarnished
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- A joy that can never be diminished
- A hope that can never be disappointed
- A glory that can never be clouded
- A light that can never be darkened
- A happiness that can never be interrupted
- A strength that can never be enfeebled
- A purity that can never be defiled
- A beauty that can never be marred
- A wisdom that can never be barred
- Resources that can never be exhausted.

—Selected.

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FOLLOWING JESUS

1. Follow Me John 12:26
2. Be baptized Matt. 3:13-15; Matt. 28:19
3. Take this . . . (communion) in remembrance
of Me Luke 22:17-19
4. Ye also ought to wash one another's feet — John 13:14-15
5. If any man will come after Me . . . let him
take up his cross daily Luke 9:23
6. Learn of Me Matt. 11:29
7. Continue ye in My love John 15:9

PRAYER

1. Pray always Luke 21:36
2. Pray that ye enter not into temptation Luke 22:40-46
3. Pray . . . the Lord of the harvest, that He
would send forth labourers Luke 10:2
4. Pray for them which despitefully use you Luke 6:28
5. Pray to the Father . . . in My name
Matt. 6:6; John 16:24-26
6. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our
Father which are in heaven, etc. — Matt. 6:9-13
7. When ye pray(use not vain repetitions — Matt. 6:7-8



Council of Churches of Reformed Commission in Southern Africa.



It was a memorable day in the history of the Dutch Reformed Churches in Southern Africa when the above-named Council was established in the Japie Pansegrouw Hall at 46. Bastion Street, Bloemfontein, on the 17th November 1960. All the Mother and Daughter Churches in South Africa were represented as well as the African Reformed Church of Northern Rhodesia. It is anticipated that the Shona Reformed Church in Southern Rhodesia and the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterians, Synod of Nkhoma (Nyasaland) will join this Council shortly.

In this Council the Mother- and Daughter Churches will pray together and speak together about their common interests. From out this Council a united witness will be heard from Table Mountain in the South to the borders of Ethiopia in the North. The doors are open to other Churches in



Southern Africa to co-operate in this Council for the mutual (common) course of Christianity on this continent against the forces of darkness.

This Council will meet bi-annually and discuss all matters referred to by the different member churches. The present moderamen consists of:

Dr. A. J. van der Merwe — Moderator.
 Rev. A. M. Meiring — Assessor.
 Rev. J. P. Jacobs — Scriba.
 Other members of the Executive are:
 Rev. C. J. J. Amon.
 Rev. S. S. Tema.
 Rev. J. A. J. Steenkamp.
 Rev. A. M. Scheffler.

Let us remember this Council in our prayers. If we uphold it before the Throne of God, it may be a mighty instrument to propagate the Kingdom of God in this great continent of ours.

Front row from left to right: Rev. P. S. Z. Coetzee, Synodical Moderator, O.F.S.; Rev. J. A. J. Steenkamp, Synodical Moderator, Dutch Reformed Church Cape Province; Rev. C. J. J. Amon; Rev. A. M. Meiring, Moderator General Synod, Tvl., and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Reformed Churches in Southern Africa; Dr. A. J. van der Merwe, Synodical Moderator of the Cape Province and Chairman of the Council of the Reformed Churches in Southern Africa; Rev. J. P. Jacobs, Synodical Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the O.F.S. and Secretary of the above mentioned Council; Rev. S. S. Tema, Assessor of the Tvl. Synod; Rev. A. M. Scheffler, Synodical Moderator of the D.R. Bantu Church, Cape Province; Rev. W. A. Landman, Secretary Cape Province Synod, and Director of Information.

Second row: Rev. W. Xaluva, Assessor Synod of the Dutch Reformed Bantu Church Cape Province; Rev. W. R. de Kock, Organising Secretary of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, O.F.S.; Rev. A. J. V. Burger, Editor "Die Voorligter," Tvl.; Rev. T. C. Esterhuysen, Mission Secretary of the Southern Synodical District, Tvl.; Dr. D. J. Louw, Assessor of the O.F.S. Synod; Dr. D. J. Barnard, Secretary of the O.F.S. Synod and Director of Information; Rev. J. M. Benade, Secretary of the General Synod, Tvl.; Rev. C. B. Brink, Mission Secretary of Northern District of Tvl.; Rev. H. J. C. Snyders, Synodical Moderator of Natal; Rev. S. H. van der Spuy, Mission Secretary of S.W.A.; Rev. J. H. Steenkamp, Synodical Moderator of S.W.A.; Rev. F. N. van Niekerk, Actuarius Natal Synod.

Third row: Rev. J. T. Mahlangu; Rev. C. Vilakazi; Rev. B. S. T. Likate; Rev. E. T. S. Buti; Rev. I. S. Letoka; Rev. C. J. J. van Rensburg, Synodical Moderator Mission Church, Tvl.; Rev. P. P. Stander, Synodical Moderator D.R. Church Natal; Rev. J. F. Botha, Secretary of the Bantu Reformed Church in N. Rhodesia; Rev. D. S. Snyman, General Mission Secretary, O.F.S.; Rev. W. A. Melherbe, Federal Secretary of the Mission Council; Rev. J. Pretorius, Indian Missionary; Rev. P. E. S. Smith, General Mission Secretary, Cape Province.



Independent Nigeria Recognises THE CHURCH



By W. HAROLD FULLER

"We must be more than African Christians; we must be Christian Africans," the Rev. Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, Chairman of the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, said with feeling to a congregation of 20,000 on Lagos Racecourse on Sunday, October 2, at a great Protestant open-air service of thanksgiving and dedication to mark Nigeria's independence.

"We must evangelize every nook and corner of Nigeria, proclaiming the good news that Jesus is Lord and Saviour of mankind," he urged.

The service, which was also heard by millions of radio listeners, was in itself a unique witness to the strength and power of the Protestant Church in this predominantly Muslim land at the most important moment in its history.

Earlier, from the same racecourse, 40 million Nigerians had heard tributes to Christian missions in speeches made at the "handing over" ceremony on Independence Day.

The Prime Minister of the Federation, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, a Muslim, listed missionary societies among those who had "made Nigeria," and was particularly grateful for their contributions to education and medical services.

Sir James Robertson, the Governor-General, included missionaries in the list of people who had opened up the country and spread the light of civilization. "We can only thank them for their labours and praise God for sending them here," he said.

This official recognition of missionary effort was also seen in the number of religious leaders, including pioneer missionaries, who were brought from overseas by the Federal Government to take part in the celebrations.

Most prominent among them was Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury. On his first visit to Nigeria, Dr. Fisher said

he had been deeply moved by the Christians he had met.

He believed that Independence would never have been won without the Church. "The Church has taught you to fear God and respect one another. It has encouraged you to defeat and overcome weaknesses."

The Nigerian Press also gave space and credit to the Christian Church. A two-page article in the Lagos Sunday Times of October 2, entitled "They Called 'Halt' to Murders and Human Sacrifice," told how the Gospel first came to Nigeria.

A strong Christian witness was also made at the glittering 1,000,000-pound Nigeria Exhibition in Lagos from October 1—22, where the Sudan Interior Mission was permitted to display the work in which it has been engaged for over sixty years and to distribute Gospel literature.

Copies of the mass-circulation Christian

monthly *African Challenge* were also on sale at a special booth.

Nigerian Christians were active behind the scenes. Weeks of prayer preceded the celebrations in many of the churches. In some, Christians were on their knees at the moment when the green-and-white Nigerian flag replaced the Union Jack of colonial rule.

The Prime Minister was particularly conscious that Independence had been won "without bitterness or bloodshed." He recognised that Nigeria must at once play an active part in maintaining the peace of the world. So far, Nigeria's foreign policy has been neutralist, but with an awareness of the dangers of Communist entanglements.

With a strong Christian representation in the government — the premier of the Western Region and six cabinet ministers are Baptists, while the Eastern prime minister and leader of the opposition are Methodists — many are praying that the church's voice will be heard increasingly in Nigerian affairs. — The Sunday School Times.

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KEEPER**

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to grant permission to erect such buildings on portions of their property which they have specially set aside for that purpose. In this way the school has been brought to the child.

For many years Stofberg-Gedenkskool, near to Vereeniging, and the Strydom Educational centre first at Bloemfontein and now at Thaba 'Nchu have consequently had a very formative influence. Teachers, preachers, evangelists have received their training there at the hands of men of learning, character and consecration to task.

One cannot on the other hand think of Northern Rhodesia without recognising the fact that Katete, the D.R. Mission centre, has become the pivot on which the whole educational system of that country revolves. Higher and lower schools, womens training establishments etc. at Katete have and are playing their part in building future native leaders for that country.

It is a natural step to the medical work done by Missions. A visit to Witzieshoek cannot be complete unless it includes a visit to the Elizabeth Ross Hospital, a hospital providing some 250 beds for ordinary as well as Tuberculosis patients. What this hospital has meant to the thousands who in the past years have been treated there, that fine old gentleman, Captain Charles Mopedi, will readily tell you, what magnificent mountainous surroundings in which to recuperate.

Should you care to pay a flying visit with me to North Eastern Rhodesia you find that the D.R. Church has implemented its medical work on every station — begun at the end of last century — by a magnificently equipped hospital at Nyanje and one being constructed now at Kamoto.

Last year some 40,000 patients were attended to expertly by a South African doctor who has devoted himself to the work there for the last 10 odd years. South African nurses have ably aided him.

And so I could call to mind the work among the deaf and the blind at Magwero in North Eastern Rhodesia and we could pay a visit to the Barend van Rensburg Home at Ficksburg as well as the Home for the aged under construction at Thaba 'Nchu.

Time and space do not allow. Suffice to say that the D.R. Church has been privileged to do its bit in Missionary and other directions for the betterment of the lot of the Bantu in and outside South Africa. But please do not make the mistake of thinking that I have sketched the work of the Church as a whole. I have just lifted the curtain slightly on the Orange Free State section. To obtain a clear view of the vast work done by our Church, one would have to dip into the annals of the work done by the Church of the other three provinces as well. For missionary work in South Africa alone £860,800 was spent in 1959 whereas for the same period £600,000 was spent on missionary work outside the Union. In other words the D.R. Churches in the Union spent the huge sum of £1,400,000 for the spiritual uplift of the Bantu within and outside of the Union in 1959 alone.

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D O M

By

KOFI KUMODZI, TOGO

In some parts of the world the word most often used is **BREAD**, for the people there are hungry and their chief concern is food. In the arid regions of the earth, **WATER** is the common word.

In most parts of Africa it is **FREE-DOM**.

When people cry for bread or water, they know what they mean. When they shout the word **FREEDOM** — well, do they know what they are saying? I believe that the everyday fellow, the man in the street, does not know what freedom entails.

Freedom is a worthwhile goal for men and nations. It gives them a chance to develop their own personalities and character, to think for themselves, to manage their own affairs. It gives them the right of choice.

But — and this is the thing that many people do not understand — with freedom goes responsibilities. I am willing to say that with freedom there are more responsibilities than rights.

Some think that when their country becomes independent the laws operating the

country will cease, that there will be no policemen to arrest anyone, that people will have licence to do as they like, that life will be easy and the state will provide them with the necessities for living.

Such things arise from ignorance. It makes people irresponsible. It causes trouble. It endangers unity after the attainment of political freedom. Freedom means sacrifice, consideration of other's rights, hard work — plenty of hard work.

If we use our freedom well, our country, in our times, will know security, prosperity, happiness and peace. — African Features.

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ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

J. M. XULU

Do you want to be saved?

Do you want to be called the son of God?

Do you want to obtain everlasting life?

Here is the simplest principle that can make you achieve your lifetime desire. You have been all along not happy in spite of your money, beautiful house, a modern car, fashionable clothes, food and good health. You have been living in misery in spite of all these blessings. You have for a long time and even now been longing for something that you have failed to get. Your unrest and dissatisfaction has been caused by your spiritual unrest. You need an answer to that in order to live a completely happy life. You have to find the missing link in your life.

Man is from God, that is why man needs spiritual peace, yet man has been seeking for this peace since Adam and Eve knew good and evil. The Bible tells us, unless we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we will seek for this peace of mind and soul in vain. For "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36).

God created man in His own image, and God breathed the breath of life into man. From that we gather the simple truth that man possesses God's Spirit in him, which guides man and does not get comfort from earthly things and the lusts of the flesh. It is the spirit that speaks in us in a small voice and forbids us from com-

mitting sin, which sin has separated man from God, and whose punishment is death — "for the fruit of sin is death. . ."

We are all aware of the deadly consequences of death, and because of this fear we try to attend church services, pray, partake in the Holy Communion, pay church dues, try to do good, and even speak about the saving gospel of the Lord. These formalities which we enter into for fear of death consequences and everlasting condemnation we do as a good gesture in our Christian lives. We forget that fear is of no use. We will still be condemned into everlasting condemnation even if we have been so sincere with our formalities. Unless we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and our Redeemer we will not enter the Kingdom of God.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Christ does not want us to flutter by pretending to be good Christians and good church-goers. Even if we pay our dues, pray day and night, speak in soft deceiving voices, offer more than a half-penny, unless we have surrendered ourselves to Him, and have our sins cleansed in His precious blood, we are not entitled to be called the sons of God, and what awaits us in condemnation.

Absolute surrender means giving the whole of ourselves to Him, so that He must increase and we must decrease. He will make us sons of God. "But as many as received Him,

to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them, that believeth on His name."

It is believing in Jesus Christ that could save us, and once we are saved we are called the sons of God, and obtain everlasting life. Sincere believing in Jesus Christ means absolute surrender to Him. Giving our whole selves to Him to rule us, so that we could be able to work the works of God which are, to believe on Him whom He hath sent.

Dear friend and reader of the Hope, I am making an appeal to you to surrender yourself to Jesus. He will give you peace that passeth all understanding. He'll save you from condemnation and make you God's son, and give you everlasting life, which life is God's gift to those who believe in His Son and have absolutely surrendered themselves to Him. Would you surrender yourself to Him to-day? **WHERE ARE YOU?**

Do you want to be saved?

Do you want to be called the son of God?

Do you want to obtain everlasting life?

Absolutely surrender yourself to God today!

— **Read** —

Africa's Hope

REPENT YE THEREFORE AND BE CONVERTED...

By

G. M. ZWENI NTULI

We see, hear, and feel that there is something wrong with the world. The world is in a very conspicuous confusion. It is spotted and dotted with uncertainty and suspicion. Why is it like this? Members of the Moral Rearmament would surely say that the forgotten factor is God.

But a reasonable percentage today is Christian. The Christian doctrines and principles depict vividly that Christ is the doorway to God, and obviously the Christians will vigorously rebut that statement of "God is the forgotten factor." We are thus compelled by virtue of our Christian ties to seek and find the missing link.

We know God more through Christ. Man does things consciously though dimetrically opposed to the teachings of Christ and His ministers, the prophets and the apostles. God is not forgotten by man, but man has intentionally grown stubborn against the teachings of Christ through His disciples. That is a pathetic state in the history of Christianity. Man boldly say, "Education may be improved and encouraged and religious institutions intensified with all possible reinforcements against sin; all shall pass normally and sin shall remain unscorched, because it is part and parcel of man." What do you think about it? Man is sheltering behind sin, is my contention. Man is finding pleasure in sin. It is therefore

the duty of every thinking Christian to take his pick and shovel and find a solution. It is incumbent on every Christian to find a solution. But why is it like this, dear Reader?

This question rings in the mind of every thinking Christian. It goes without say that we must find the cause and correct it. We are all, innocent and guilty, experiencing the scorching effects of this trouble. It is common practice of human nature to tackle the consequences above the cause. Doctors in their course of diagnosis, always strive to find the cause of the disease and cure it in relation to the cause, so that the disease is cured never to return, if the Doctor could help it, of course. The Christians must find the solution to this present lamentable situation in the ranks of Christianity and other fields.

The central theme of the gospel of John the Baptist, is found in this word, "Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." The prophets and the apostles as well as Christ and His ministers preached repentance in their ministry. It is an indisputable fact that repentance is the necessity of this confused situation. Renunciation of sin, is the best and unfailing alternative. Why? "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Many are by now aware that repentance and renunciation are the choice to this solution. I have the

support of the Moral Rearmamentists in this thought. The whole world want to change, countries want to change, people want to change, and we all want to change. The question is who shall bell the cat. You are waiting for your friend to change and your friend is waiting for you to change. What is the ultimate conclusion. No one will change, therefore I must change must be the decision and determination of every reader of Hope. Change now. The Englishman says, "Procrastination is the thief of time." No one knows, the day nor the hour of the return of the Son of Man to judge both the quick and the dead. It is a secret unknown even to the angels who are the closest residents. Then, what? Repent now. Renounce sin and be exemplary to your doubting friends. Move against the direction of sin. Peter boldly said, "I am a sinful man," and St. Paul said, "I am the chief of the sinners." They were not afraid of cursing their past and go to Jesus. Be bold and go to Jesus Christ with all your baggage and luggage and tell Him that you renounce the world, the flesh and the Devil. Repent and turn yourself from all your transgressions.

Remember the prodigal son. He did not just sit still and feel sorry about his sin. He sought out his father. He went down on his knees before him. The reward was forgiveness. It is now a lesson for you dear Reader. Repent and renounce sin. You shall find peace with yourself and with God. There is always happiness in Christ, and always shall be. Come to the place of safety now. You need a thorough retrospection and self-judgement. Do not be cowardly. Judge yourself. You know yourself in relation with God.

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REPENT

Are you with God, in thought, speech and deed?

Do you want peace with God?

Forsake sin now. God stands ready to receive and forgive all who would listen to His call to repent. But those who do not receive His loving call, choose death than life. Come to Jesus now. Forget yourself and come as you are, with all the scars of the past.

"Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home it is kindness.
 In the business it is honesty.
 In the society it is courtesy.
 In work it is fairness.
 Toward the unfortunate it is pity.
 Toward the weak it is help.
 Toward the wicked it is resistance.
 Toward the strong it is trust.
 Toward the fortunate it is congratulations.
 Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.
 Toward God it is reverence and love.

—Selected.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

A Christian is:

A mind through which Christ thinks,
 A heart through which Christ loves,
 A voice through which Christ speaks,
 A hand through which Christ helps.

—Selected.

A Budding Christian Author Dies

By

G. M. ZWENI NTULI

It is with regret that we inform the whole world through the columns of "Africa's Hope" of the death of Mrs. Amelia Ntombi Xulu, the wife of Mr. J. Muntu Xulu, a Sub-Editor of the "Ligstraal." She died on the morning of January 7th, 1961 at 5.30 a.m. and she was buried on January 9th at the Bantu cemetery in the Bochabela Extension.

Mrs. Xulu leaves three children and her husband. She has not seen her efforts in her book "MHLA KUSA NGOKUNYE" which is due to be published by the Lutheran Publishing House in Durban. At her death she was busy with another manuscript. She contributed short stories to the Zulu Bona. What a family of coinciding interests? Her husband is a journalist a graduate of the African Writing Centre, Kitwe, N. Rhodesia and a regular correspondent of Bona, Wamba, Inkanyezi, African Features of Rhodesia, and many other religious magazines. He has already two books published and two are to be published soon by the "Afrikaanse Pers Beperk." Many Africans are reading the works of this family with great interest.

Mr. and late Mrs. Xulu got married on April 19th, 1952, and they only enjoyed two years of happy marriage, as a result of the deterioration of the health of Mrs. Xulu. During the immediate past 8 years she was admitted into seven hospitals viz. St. Benedict Hospital, Nkandla; Eshowe Provincial Hospital, Eshowe; Charles Memorial Hospital, Nquthu; Witzieshoek Mission Hospital; Ekhombe Mission Hospital, Zululand; National Hospital, Bloemfontein, and the Tempe Hospital where she died.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Mahlangu of the Dutch Reformed Church. He was at her death bed and heard her last words she uttered be-



The late Mrs. Amelia Xulu

fore she departed from this mortal world. "I am going to Jesus," she said to Rev. Mahlangu just before the arrival of her husband.

And Rev. Mahlangu asked, "What about the children?"

"I am leaving them with God." was her reply.

She told her husband the same words and further reminded him to believe in God.

Despite the scorching heat of the sun, many people attended the funeral. Some came from work to pay the last respect to a budding Christian author. Mr. Aggrey Mokoena of the Radio Bantu also came.

All those who know her do in one accord say, "Sleep in peace. Your works shall remain a lesson to the Africans long after your death."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. . . ."

THE CHIMNEY

Fresh from school and with fresh brains and fresh lungs in 1956 I joined a group of town boys and became a member of their gang. I spent eight months with them, and under their influence I picked up some habits. Smoking and beer drinking were two of them.

That was a time. During six of the eight months I worked as a clerk and received good pay. But for all that time I spent my money on gallons of beer and an uncountable number of cigarettes. My clothes began to wear out. But that didn't worry me. I patched them and was alive with the gang. Life was gay.

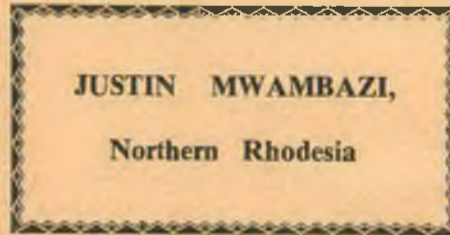
When there was no beer in the neighbourhood, I cycled or walked to where it was. And sometimes it was miles away. When I was drunk, the slightest provocation sent me into a fight.

Because I smoked and drank so much, I could afford only a cheap brand of cigarettes. When I was with a group of well dressed friends, I was ashamed to pull out my poor brand. I used to go outside to indulge. I finally managed to get enough cash to buy a more expensive brand — just to impress the gang and to make my nose a more expensive chimney.

Then I decided that my job did not pay me enough, and I quit. That is hard to explain, for quitting meant loafing and an end to my income. I loafed for three months. My friends deserted me. My father gave me some money, but it was not enough for both beer and cigarettes. So I dropped beer.

Before I began smoking, I did well in sports and received my share of applause in both boxing and football. But after my nose and lungs became an expensive chimney, I could not run fast or far. Smoking weakened me; it wore out my lungs.

Then came the 25th July 1960. It was a red letter day. One early morning, after smoking the first of my daily round of fifty cigarettes, I decided to quit. I decided to destroy every cigarette I had on hand.



No more smoking, I told myself. No more. Not even one now and then. I promised myself that I would never take up the habit again.

You realize that it was not easy at the beginning.

The first day was a hard one, so was the second. So was the whole first week. I had the fortunate thought to substitute sweets for cigarettes. That helped considerably. Before long, the thirst for cigarettes was washed away from my throat. Today smoking is nothing but a name to me.

We become overpowered by some temptations. That is because we are weak, and that weakness is in the mind. Cigarettes can enslave smokers. I know from experience. You walk around with a package of cigarettes and a box of matches in your hands. They are always with you. Your breath changes from sweet to sour. Your body loses its ability to function smoothly. You waste time puffing away. You become less than your real self.

It is a weakness. But you can overcome it. I did, I who was once a human chimney. — African Features.

— PRAYER —

*Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought; in word and deed;*

*Let us be done with faultfinding
And leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretence
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment, and
always generous.*

*Teach us to put into action our better
impulses,*

Straightforward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things;

Make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we realise

*That it is the little things that create dif-
ferences;*

That in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and know

The great common heart of all of us.

And, O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

—Author Unknown.

SMOKING

**IS A WEAKNESS. —
BUT YOU CAN
OVERCOME IT —
AND STOP TO BE A
WALKING CHIMNEY!**



Between us Women

GINGERBREAD

— By —

METHOD:

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ lb. flour.
- 6 oz. treacle (syrup).
- 4 oz. brown sugar.
- 4 oz. butter.
- 2 teasp. mixed spices.
- 1 heaped teasp. ground ginger.
- 2 eggs.
- A little milk.
- 1 teasp. bicarbonate of soda.

METHOD:

Sieve sugar, ginger, spices and flour into large bowl. Dissolve butter and treacle in a little milk. Mix into the flour. Add the beaten eggs.

Mix bicarbonate of soda with a little warm milk (about ¼ pt.) and add to the mixture. Beat well, bake in oven 355 deg. for about ¾—1 hrs. Cool in the tin before turning out.

EGG AND RICE CUTLETS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pint milk.
- 2 hardboiled eggs.
- 1 tablesp. breadcrumbs.
- 2 oz. boiled rice.
- Grated nutmeg or cayenne pepper.
- 1 oz. flour.
- 1 oz. butter.

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- 1 teasp. chopped parsley.
- Salt and pepper.
- Egg and breadcrumbs for frying.

Melt the butter, add the flour and cook for a few seconds. Add milk, stir and boil for five minutes. Add the rice, chopped eggs, seasoning, breadcrumbs, parsley and mix well. Spread on a floured plate and allow to cool. When cool divide into even pieces and shape into cutlets. Coat with egg and breadcrumbs and fry in hot fat. Drain well and serve hot with tomato sauce of chutney.

CHILD EVANGELISM IN LYDENBURG



Child Evangelism is gaining the upper hand in Lydenburg. Here we see a group of boys and girls during an outdoor meeting in Lydenburg.

(Photo by E. Mabe)



HOME SWEET HOME



READ YOUR BIBLE JANUARY 1961

SUNDAY 1 — Psalm 66:5: "Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men."

MONDAY 2 — John 19:18-21: "Where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. . . ."

TUESDAY 3 — John 15:22-27: "That whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. . . ."

WEDNESDAY 4 — John 16: 1-16: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . ."

THURSDAY 5 — John 16:7-10: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. . . ."

FRIDAY 6 — John 16:11-16: "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. . . ."

SATURDAY 7 — John 16:17-22: "Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that He saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye

shall see mee: and, Because I go to the Father? . . ."

SUNDAY 8 — Gen. 3:15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. . . ."

MONDAY 9 — John 16:23-27: "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing, Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. . . ."

TUESDAY 10 — John 16: 28-33: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. . . ."

WEDNESDAY 11 — John 17:1-5: "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee. . . ."

THURSDAY 12 — John 17:6-10: "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word. . . ."

FRIDAY 13 — John 17:11-15: "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee, Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me,

that they may be one, as We are . . ."

SATURDAY 14 — John 17:16-21: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. . . ."

SUNDAY 15 — Mark 1:24 or The Acts 19:13-16: ". . . Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God."

TUESDAY 17 — John 18:1-11: "When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His disciples, And Judas also, which betrayed Him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with His disciples. . . ."

WEDNESDAY 18 — John 18:12-18: "Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away. . . ."

THURSDAY 19 — John 18: 19-27: "The high priest then asked Jesus of His disciples, and of His doctrine. . . ."

FRIDAY 20 — John 18: 28-35: "Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment; and it was early: and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they might eat the pass-over. . . ."

SATURDAY 21 — John 18:36-40: "... My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. . . ."

SUNDAY 22 — Luke 2:11-14: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . ."

MONDAY 23 — John 19:1-7: "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. . . ."

TUESDAY 24 — John 19: 8-16: "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid. . . ."

WEDNESDAY 25 — John 19:23-24: "They said therefore among themselves. Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be

fulfilled, which saith. They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots."

THURSDAY 26 — John 19:17-22: "And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha. . . ."

FRIDAY 27 — John 19:25-30: "Now there stood by die cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. . . ."

SATURDAY 28 — John 19: 31-37: "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath Day (for that Sabbath Day was an high day), besought Pilate that they might be taken away. . . ."

SUNDAY 29 — Mark 1:21: "And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath Day He entered into the synagogue, and taught. . . ."

MONDAY 30 — John 19:38-42: "And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. . . ."

TUESDAY 31 — John 20:1-10: "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. . . ."

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CHANGING AFRICA

This is a topic that keeps the minds of many millions busy today. This great continent, that has been called the dark continent for centuries, has awakened under the impact of civilization. Perhaps the greatest factor in this impact, was the work and influence of the Christian mission.

It brought the school to Africa.

It brought the written word to Africa.

It brought THE WORD to Africa with its spiritual and intellectual enlightenment to communities who were ready and eager to taste the fruits of Christianity, but slow to become Christian.

It drove slavery from Africa and inspired millions with ideals of free-

dom, brotherhood, equality and independence, but most of these millions failed to except Christ the cornerstone of everything good in western civilization and Centre of Christianity.

It brought industry and wealth to Africa; employment to many millions whereby it was possible to attain a stable living and acquire many of the so much desired luxuries of life.

Changing Africa is brimfull of problems BECAUSE SHE IS NOT RECONCILED WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. Her masses embraced Christian civilization but only minorities embraced Christ. If all people of all races in all Africa would accept salvation through Jesus Christ, receive regeneration through

the work of the Holy Spirit and get converted from their erring ways of sin and hatred, what a heavenly place this Africa of ours would be to live in. Now, with all the light this continent received, its darkness is growing.

The calling of Christianity — the reborn children of Christ — in Africa, is very clear today: PROCLAIM THE PRINCE OF PEACE!

HE COMMANDS THE WINDS OF CHANGE!

HE CALMLY WALKS THE BILLOWS IN THE GALE!

“And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm”. — Mark, 4:39.

National Presbyterian Church of Mexico

Two names, those of Julio Mallet Prevost and Melinda Rarkin, must be mentioned in connection with the beginnings of Presbyterianism in Mexico. Presbyterian tradition who came to Mexico in 1847 as a doctor with the U.S. army of occupation. At the end of the war, he preferred to remain in

Mexico and practise medicine there. In 1856, he settled in the town of Zacatecas, where he also served as U.S. consul.

But, these professional duties apart, Dr. Prevost was soon engaged on the work of evangelism, and conducted services over a period of ten years in the

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IS CHRISTIANITY A REALITY?

Dr. M. L. Maile

Christianity is a doctrine concerning Christ. Only those who believe that Christ is not a myth but a reality will agree that christianity is a reality.

The opponents of Christ believed that He existed and that they crucified Him because they took Him to be a liar who called himself the Son of God.

The centurion, a non-chritian who stood at Calvary's cross, when our Lord was crucified, testified without hesitation and fear that He was a reality, for he said: "Certainly this was a righteous man."

Saul too testified that Christ was a reality and that he (Saul) threatened His followers. It is clear that He was a reality because no one can crucify a myth. If Jesus Christ was a reality it follows that Christianity also is as real as its author, Jesus Christ.

Man is naturally inclined to pay homage to someone or something which he believes to be mightier than he, hence ancestor or image worship.

Despite the reality of Christianity as shown above one wonders to know that the number of its adherents is the smallest compared with that of other existing religions of the world which go hand in hand with heathen ideas and rituals.

However small the number of those who accept Christianity may be, the important question is whether they understand it and cleave to it as they should. I for one, sadly admit that many do not understand it and the result is that they do not make it part and parcel of their lives. The so-called christians of today have become rolling stones which gather no moss. They do not stick to their original faith in Christ whom they accepted as their Saviour. They change overnight and accept something new which they believe to be a better and true Christia-



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nity. The poor christians is not lead by the holy Spirit of Christ but he follows false teachers who appear to him as God-send, as true prophets of this era.

Christianity cannot be made true by a mere word of mouth but it becomes true by personal communion with Christ in spirit. Who will neglect and misuse this sacred right offered to us sinners? Today it is not Christ who lead the christian forces to a spiritual warfare but religious denominations which very often conflict with each

other, disagree and despise each other. To such christians christianity means very little. They do not rely on Christ and His teachings.

We will be well advised if we go to our inner chamber and ask for the Spirit of God, the eye-opener of spiritual things. True Christianity expels fear despite a horde of enemies. Stephen stood his ground in spite of pending death. He represented real Christianity. For lack of true Christianity Peter ignominiously denied his Master in the presence of His enemies.

Dear sister and brother christian, is yours a fearless Christianity which takes Christ at His word? Dear minister and evangelist, do you preach Christianity which you have wholeheartedly accepted? There is this danger that our teaching will not bear fruit if we are not very serious about the Christianity we preach.

Attendance at church services on Sundays or during the week is nowadays appallingly weak. Good morals of christians are deteriorating very rapidly. What is the cause of this downward christian course? The answer is simply this that *Christianity is becoming unreal* to many. Will you please answer this question very seriously: **IS CHRISTIANITY A REALITY?**

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Daybreak in the Land of Cannibals

Women soothsayers are plentiful amongst these people.

That is Msinga where the saving Gospel is now proclaimed.

By

Rev. W. H.

Keyter

The area inhabited by the Ma-Jozi tribe in the Msinga reserve (which lies about 35 miles south-east of Dundee, Natal), has a very interesting history. In olden days it was the homeland of cannibals. Originally there were four man-eating tribes, namely the Mbhele, Neube, Xaba and Molunge tribes. The paramount chief of them all was Hlupalule. He had three towns, one of which was where the present farm called "Freiburg" near Pomeroy is situated. Close to this town is a big rock that is known till today by the name of "Itshe Lamazimu", the Rock of the Cannibals.

It was customary for Hlupalule's followers to bring to their chief part of their human booty. These captured human beings were then taken up the rock and their heel tendons cut so as to unable them to escape. Here they had to wait on their turn to be taken down to a big flat rock where they were killed and slaughtered. On this same rock the marks are still to be found where the cannibals sharpened their assegai's and knives. On one side underneath the rock, there is a cavelike opening where it is nice and

cool. Here Hlupalule enjoyed his mid-day sleep, so it is said, and here he often had his meal.

A certain Mr. Otto Klingenberg, a former owner of the farm Freiburg, investigated these narratives. He found part of the rim of a native pot covered with soil nearby at this spot. He carefully excavated it. Inside the pot he found three parts of a human skull and a number of other bones. The round pot was about 18 inches high and 12 inches in diameter.

During the reign of Dingaan, the Zulu chief, cannibals were practically exterminated. This was done because they caught and roasted some of the herdboys, who tended the cattle of Sandhlovu Sithole. This man was the son of one of Tsjaka's friends, chief Jobe, to whom Tsjaka gave residence at eLenge (Jobs Kop) and who was married to a sister of Tsjaka and Dingaan.

Sandhlovu was furious about the killing of his herdboys and immediately sent one of his sons to notify Chaka about it. After a few days the messenger came back with the news that Chaka died in the meantime and that

Dingaan succeeded him as chief. "Dingaan's message is," said the messenger, "if you notice game fleeing in the direction of the Buffalo-river, from west to east, then gather all your stock at your village, because behind the game, there will be my impis."

These impis, who attacked from the west, practically annihilated all cannibals... old and young, mother and child, son and daughter. They were so thoroughly exterminated that very few survived. The Sithole-tribe was left in possession of this area until the sixties of the former century. However, in 1863 the chief, Matshane Sithole, revolted against the British Government and was compelled to flee over the Buffalo-river into Zululand. Many of his tribe followed him, but others stayed in this area.

For better control and stability and on the advice of Sir Theophilus Shepstone, secretary for Native Affairs, the Government appointed one of the indunas of Matshane, Ngoza, as chief in control of the remaining fragments of tribes in this area. He built his village Ngabayena, near Pomeroy and named

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A VENTURE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN FATAL

By RATHABA KHOALE.

He grew up with few cares. His father was well-to-do and he used to get what he needed in life. Although he was brought up not to neglect his duties, he had enough leisure time to get bored sometimes. Then he yearned for adventure. A future build on his present circumstances seemed dull and unattractive. Some friends told him of a wonderful far country where there was real life and happiness in gay cities with many friends and above all, where one could live independently, undisturbed by local connections and the scrupulous eyes of conservative friends.

These thoughts got hold of his mind and so fascinated his being that he lived in two worlds. The one, where his duties became more burdensome and tedious every day, and the "far country", the land of his imagination which grew in happiness and prosperity, the more he idealised it.

But how could he speak to his father about it. The bare reality of life was that he needed money to go to the far country, to start a new way of life there. He needed money to be independent. The only one who could give him this money, was his old conservative father. Could he ever understand these yearnings of a young man's heart?

Yes, he could. He gave his son the best any father could give his child: upbringing in the best tradition of family life. He will give him "the portion of goods that falleth to him" and he is confident that his son will not let his name down in his new enterprise in the far country. In due course he will visit him and he feels sure his son will not disappoint him.

His son did disappoint him. He neglected communication with his father's house; thought it best that they should not know his whereabouts too soon; that he got settled down first. In the meantime he will enjoy his newly gained independence and spend some of his fortune on the luxuries of life.

And so he went astray. He could not properly adapt himself to his new environment. He chose the wrong friends who lead him to indulgence and immorality. He became a spend-thrift, and soon lost all his money. When the great crisis came — "a mighty famine"—it found him a poor, destitute, wretched sinner, unable to gain a livelihood except by feeding swine for a citizen of that country.

Now, for the first time, craving to fill his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, he allowed his conscience to speak to him. It reminded him of the loss of his money, the loss of his character and the loss of his father's house! It reminded him of the life of sin he lived and how far away he strayed from God, whom he learned to know in his father's house. At last he was able to locate himself: he was lost, straying and hungry, a prodigal son in a far country.

It was by the grace of God that he came to himself, and said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

This was the way of his rehabilitation. Convinced of his guilt, he humbly

went back to put things right with his father and confess his sins to God. He went back to where he left "the old path where is the good way" that surely leads to the eternal city of God. There is no other short cut. He must enter in the strait gate of regeneration and conversion and walk the narrow way of faith. He found forgiveness at his father's heart and joy and feast at his father's house. Just here was the place for a very prosperous new start in life. Here where all the opportunities for a life full of joy and peace and progress, if only he had the correct inclination of heart. What he was yearning for, was not to be sought in a distant land, but in his own heart. It was Jesus who said: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand . . . The Kingdom of heaven is within you." A venture into this kingdom has always been an incomparable gain.

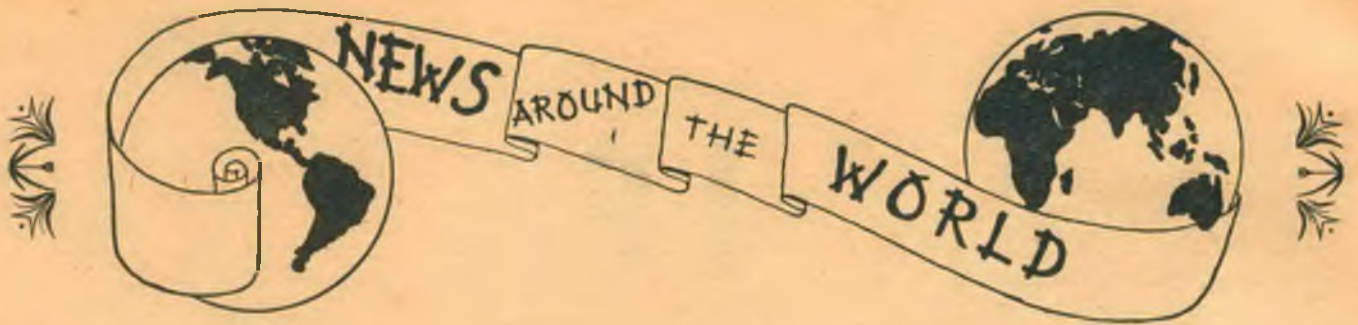
Are you a prodigal son or daughter? This is Christ's parable, intended to show you the way home. Don't delay! Decide today and go back to your father.

But this parable is not only applicable to the younger son in the family. It is also meant for younger sons in the family of nations. There are many enticing things in the far country, just outside our reach: independence, new luring friends, even from behind the iron curtain; indulgence in the so-called enjoyments of civilisation. Time seems to be opportune and there is world wide encouragement. But: what of our adaptation to the new circumstances? What will be the character of our new friends? Will they not lead us from our peaceful fathers' house to the harlotsden, there to defraud us from our character and possessions? Will we be able to retain our Christian heritage, which we were slow to acquire after many centuries of heathenism and intellectual darkness?

Will there be a prodigal son amongs the brother nations of Africa? God forbid.

— Read —

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SPAIN: A recent report from Spain indicates that the Church there is growing in spite of severe persecution. Congregations of up to 500 are reported. Pastors avoid all publicity if possible, and an active lay witness is carried on.

LONDON: The Archbishop of Canterbury has called for a new definition of the words "Protestant" and "Catholic", saying that they are used almost purely for propaganda.

NEW YORK: "The Catholic Church in Latin America is in deep trouble today," declared Fr. John Considine, top Catholic administrator here. He called for the rapid development of lay leadership for that continent.

MORE than 29 million Scriptures were distributed throughout the world in 1959 by member groups of the United Bible Societies for an all-time record. Of this total, the American Bible Societies alone was responsible for the distribution of some 17 million Scriptures.

TANGANYIKA: A mob of African villagers attacked the Rev. Paul Bruton, head of the Assemblies of God mission here, during a sermon in a mission church. The attackers are reported to have threatened to kill the mission leader if he preached at the church again.

THAILAND: Buddhist priests have become regular borrowers of Christian books from a church library in Aungthong, reports The China Inland Mission. Favourite book is Billy Graham's *Peace With God*.

HONG KONG: The National Committee of the Protestant Churches in China pledged continued support for the Communist regime at a conference in Shanghai. Peiping Radio reported the conference as saying they had "transformed themselves from an instrument of imperialistic aggression into churches administered by Chinese Protestants themselves."

(News from the Sunday School Times).

ARE YOU

By Brother Jerry

You — as a missionary, pastor, evangelist or everyday Christian — talk about the simple Gospel of repentance.

Your aim is to convert Africans in the city, in the forests, on the plains, in the deserts.

You are in a rural area. You hold the Bible in your hand. You are ready to speak to a chief and his people. They like to listen to you, though they believe in ancestral spirits and witchcraft.

The chief has scars on his face and chest. The witchdoctor made those scars. The chief wanted them so that his people would fear him, obey him and honour him. He uses drugs and magic to add to the delusion of the people.

(Some people in urban areas have listened to you with great understand-

CLEAR ?

ing. But remember they are able to read the Book themselves).

The chief and his people, though polite, listen to you with doubts. You might have told them that the supernatural being they believe in, is the true God. You might have condemned their practice of witchcraft. They listen to your words, but they did not understand all that you said, because your presentation was not clear. Doubts arose.

That brings us to this.

Some of the preaching today tends to confuse the Gospel message rather than simplify it. The preacher presumes he is understood. Unless he carefully explains what he means, he creates conflicts in the minds of his listeners.



For instance, Mrs Makhoba did not believe the pastor who said, "Jerusalem is a city on earth".

"Oh, no!" she cried, "Do not mislead me. Jerusalem is in heaven!"

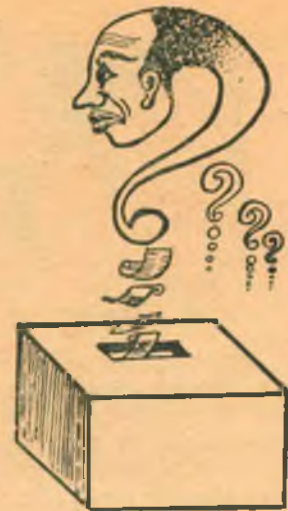
The river Jordan has caused similar conflicts. One man said, "In order to reach heaven, you must cross the River Jordan". He meant a spiritual Jordan. He did not explain. His statement created questions, not understanding.

Let us take St. John 3:16. "FOR

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IF



by G. M. Zweni Ntuli

"For if we sin wilfully after that . . . there remaineth n o more sacrifice for sin".

— Hebrew 10:26

There is an English expression, the meaning and significance of which shall remain a constant warning to men. It is: "*Look before you leap.*" It is a fact that cannot be gainsaid that we are often warned before undertaking any new enterprise which may appear unsafe at the beginning. A red sign, as at street corners, where there are robots, is a sign of danger. *Stop, is the indication.* The only wise and genuine advice is, therefore, pay heed to the warning of danger, otherwise, woe unto you! Forwarned, is forearmed!

It is a common practice of man to invert the meaning of this expression, "*Look before you leap*", in practice for the accomplishment of intentions which invariably have unpleasant repercussions. It is thus a warning dear brethren, that all of us must learn and practise to bring all our undertakings under close scrutiny and observation before coming to any definite decision of action. You have undoubtedly experienced blunder's of this nature. Have you not been sorry once for having done a thing, which you would have avoided if you cared to listen to advice, coupled with the refusal of your conscience? *If I had not done this, I would not be like THIS!* Please tell us if an incident of this nature has never occurred in your lifetime. Please tell us, has this happened to you? Tell us, please.



Adam and Eve were instructed to eat of the fruit of the Garden, but God further instructed them: "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die". In this case a condition was set. Adam would not be telling the truth if he said he did not know what would happen if he ate of the forbidden fruit. He knew. He was beforehand told not to eat nor touch the fruit of that tree, "Lest ye die". God is a truthful and unfailing God. They ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. They were as a result punished by death. If they did not fall foul of the law, then what?

"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought ye out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shall have no other gods before me. . . . Thou shall not covet thy neighbour's. "God gave men the standards neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's. "God gave men the standards of life through Moses. They are all just straight and simple to understand.

What shall God do if we do not abide by His law?

"If, I sin, then Thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity". Job 10:14.

"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die". Ezekiel 18:4.

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin". Hebrew 10:26.



ARE YOU CLEAR?

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVED IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVER-LASTING LIFE".

This wonderful, powerful verse has, because of poor teaching sometimes created confusion for some rural Africans.

First of all, he comes to think of God as a person who has a wife, for the verse says He has a Son. Secondly, he wonders whether God had only a Son, not a daughter. He is suprised to hear later from Christians that God had no wife.

Unclear teaching on such a vital subject, plus the Africa's religious background, create conflicts in his mind, however sincere his desire to understand. He just cannot believe, for example, that he can have everlasting life and not perish. He sees Christians die as other men die. He then draws the conclusion that what is preached to him is not true.

Many have turned away from the truth of the Gospel because some who preached it failed to make it understood.

It is the duty of Christ's disciples to make the Gospel understood, especially when he preaches to the African who has a background so different from his own (European pastor or missionary).

The African always relates Christian teaching to his own background, and from these he goes on to intepret.

Of necessity, therefore, we have to understand his background to present the Gospel in a way in which he can understand it.

Christ knew the people whom He taught. We Christians cannot do less.

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IT IS SO SWEET

*It is so sweet to lean on Jesus,
To feel His presence day by day,
To know He cares what may befall
me
As I walk on the homeward way.*

*It is so sweet to lean on Jesus
When burdens seem too much to
bear,
Oh, yes, 'tis sweet to feel Him near
me
When my tired heart bows deep in
prayer.*

*It is so sweet to lean on Jesus
When grief has darkened day's dear
light,
To feel His love is still unshaken,
No matter now how black the night.*

*It is so sweet to lean on Jesus,
To know my life is His to keep,
To trust His watchful eye to guard
me
And safely then lie down to sleep.*
— Edith M. Preston.
(The Sunday School Times).

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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home of one of his early converts, Seviro Cosio who belonged to a well known family in Zacatecas. When, in 1872, circumstances obliged him to return home, he immediately began pressing the North American missionary societies to begin work in Mexico. Ten years later, on 16 July, 1882, he preached the sermon at the dedication of the Presbyterian Church in Zacatecas, housed in what had been built, exactly a century before, as the Roman Catholic Church of St. Augustin. He died in May, 1896, in Philadelphia.

Miss Rankin was a quite fearless missionary volunteer, who supported her work among Mexicans partly on private means and partly with the help of friends. She began in the U.S.A. with a day school for Mexican children, which was opened in 1852 in Brownsville in Texas, and which she later transferred to the Mexican town of Matamoros. This was in 1857

when religious liberty was established by the promulgation of the Mexican Constitution. In 1860, she was appointed representative of the American Bible Society, and established a centre for them at Monterrey. This work meant that she had to travel widely in the north of the country, and allowed her to set up 14 preaching stations which she handed over to the Presbyterian Mission when ill health made her leave Mexico in 1872.

On 1 October, 1872, the first missionaries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. landed at Veracruz. The party existed of three ministers and their wives, the daughter of one of these couples, and an unmarried woman missionary. Before the end of the year they were joined by another minister and his wife. The group divided into two, one half going to Zacatecas and the other to Mexico City. In both cases the ground had already been prepared. In Zacatecas, where Prevost had worked, the first communicants were admitted and the Sacrament celebrated for the first time on 15 February, 1874.

In Mexico City, a congregation was already in existence, which was led by Agustin Palacios, a former Roman priest, and Arcadio Morales. This group had separated from the Episcopal Church. The missionaries decided to them the doctrine and forms of government held by the Presbyterian Church. Morales and a part of the congregation then joined the American Presbyterians, who rented a large hall in which services were held. On 21 May, 1874, a specifically Presbyterian congregation was established, and the first communicants, headed by Morales himself, was received into membership of the Presbyterian Church.

Meanwhile, in 1873, another missionary had paid a rapid visit to the north of the country. This was the Rev. Antonio Tomas Graybill of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. — the southern as opposed to the northern branch of Presbyterianism in the U.S.A. The following year Graybill returned to the town of Matamoros in the state of Tampico. There he came in touch with a family of Miss Rankin's group from the Brownville day, learned Spanish, and brought in other workers to strengthen his cause. He was able to establish several communities in the

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DAYBREAK

this new combination of tribes the Qamy of Ma-Jozi tribe. They grew out to be one of the greatest tribes in Natal, about 30,000 in all and still live today in the same area.

In comparison with other tribes, these people are still rather backward, perhaps due to the fact that the coun-



"Suffer little children to come unto me"

try is isolated, mountainous and covered with bush. The climate is very hot and does not stimulate initiative. Many of them live a very primitive life and there are very few Christians amongst them. Because of soil erosion and lack of fertility they find it very hard to make a living and sometimes as much as 80 per cent of the men are working in the industrial areas to maintain their families. Few of them go to the mines. They prefer to work in flats, hospitals and as domestic servants. What the effect of this contact with the outside world will be in future on the tribe, remains to be seen.

It is in this area that the N.G. Bantu Church of the Cape Province started a mission on the 29th of October 1960. A Zulu evangelist, Mr. D. Maduma,

was sent there to start the work, which will be done chiefly amongst the old people, the women and children in the absence of the men who work outside the reserve. This, however, does not discourage him, for if the mothers could be won for the Kingdom of God, the nation could be christianised. Besides, there are the children of whom Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." Luk. 18:16.

May this be the dawn of a glorious day for the honour of God and the salvation of the people of Msinga, where in olden times cannibals spread fear and sorrow. (Digested from an article in Ryp Oes-lande).

MSINGA IN PICTURES



This pot with its contents was found near the big flat rock, named "Itshe Lamazimu" (Rock of the Cannibals). Three parts of the human skull can

clearly be distinguished. According to tradition Hlupalule, chief of the Cannibals had his village near this rock.

A Young Jozi-Girl



Women harvesting kaffir corn. On account of the heat, a special variety is grown

A QUESTION WORTH ASKING



*From where the right answers are
found*

— Rev. W. R. De Kock, B.A.

We cannot today realize the impact of the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ on the lives of His contemporaries. After 1900 years the christian has become used to that marvellous Life. We are often unnecessarily surprised that people put such unbelieving (and as far as we of today are concerned sometimes, unbelievable) questions. And yet, they were perfectly natural queries. The impact of His words and actions must have been tremendous.

After living a quiet life for thirty years, spending the major portion in a small village called Nazareth, he one day was found among the crowd at the river Jordan. Quietly he requested his nephew John to baptize him. Nothing extraordinary. But then He was invited to attend a marriage-feast at Cana.

Here He set the tongues rolling. At His suggestion the Master of Ceremonies had a number of canisters filled with water. On pouring the water out for the consumption of those present it was found that the water had become wine of a wonderfully rich flavour. Tricky? No suggestion was made of any such thing, because too many had witnessed the whole episode. You would only have been laughed at, had you ventured to do so.

A miracle had been performed by the Man from Nazareth.

People wondered and talked.

For close on three years one miracle followed the other. The blind saw, cripples walked, deaf were made to hear. All at His word or touch.

Is He the promised Messiah, the Son of the living God? This was the topic of discussion in and outside Israel. Shepherds tending their flocks, businessmen caravanning in the desert, shopkeepers at their streetstalls, women caring for their children, even the Churchleaders — all asked themselves this selfsame question.

I forgot to mention that the scale was often tipped in favour of His claim that He was the son of God when e.g. the daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead and people vied with one another in recounting how there and then, that person had been raised from the dead.

What a daring man Jesus was. How many times didn't He send home a sinner, hindered with his or her conviction of sin, rejoicing because He had said, go home, your sins are forgiven you. What would have been your and my reaction were we one of the crowd on similar occasions?

And then the Spiritual leaders of

Israel, the Sanhedrin, cross-questioned Him. Are you really the Son of God?

A day later Jesus was Crucified. A Roman centurian stood at the foot of the cross directing operations with a very critical mind. Suddenly he spoke out "This was the Son of God."

Son of God! A man crucified by men! Doesn't the fact of His suffering and death negative the claim that He is the Son of God. Thank God, it does nothing of the kind.

Calvary was not the failure but the glorious consummation of His Life's purpose.

The world needed a Saviour from sin. The world needed someone to die in the stead of sinful man. The world needed someone to be a propitiation for the sin of man. No man could attempt that task; no angel fulfil that role. The Onlybegotten Son of the Father undertook that great task. He who knew no sin, became sin for us.

Through the working of the Holy Spirit Mary, the Virgin, gave birth to Jesus with whom the Son of God so to say clothed Himself. The sinless Lamb of God, Jesus the Christ, God a man, was crucified so that He could become a propitiation for our Sins. Were He not Son of God, He could never have become the Saviour of Mankind.



Young Africa

SEND US
ANECDOTES
WE'LL USE THEM.

— Ed.

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon before his death in 1905 after 31 years of continuous missionary service.

The Mexican Church cannot fail to recall the work of its missionaries. In a surprisingly short time a devoted band of preachers and evangelists had been formed. Among those men, Arcadio Morales and Leandro Garza Mora are outstanding. Morales was born in Mexico City in 1850. At ten his mother first introduced him to the Bible, and in a few years the boy was eagerly reading it for himself in the goldsmith's shop where he worked. At 19 he attended his first evangelistic meeting, was converted, and volunteered as a colporteur. His new work took him to Puebla, where he suffered persecution and was at one point in danger of death. As has already been described, he later joined with the former priest, Palacios, in Mexico City, and finally with the missionaries from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Eventually, he was ordained to the holy ministry along with ten others, and called to the Divino Salvador Church in Mexico City in 1878. He remained minister of that congregation until his death in 1922. Mora, who was born in 1854, came in touch with Graybill and through him was encouraged to consider entering the ministry. He was ordained in 1879,

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OH, MY FATHER'S MONEY!

MUNTU-MUNTU

"Peter", roared the Principal in a hoarse voice, "I can't keep you any longer in this College!"

"But, Sir . . ."

"I want no answer!"

Peter looked at the rough-faced Principal with watery eyes. He knew he was going to get what he deserved. He had been warned several times about this bad behaviour and drunkenness at College. Today he had to pay for that with compound interest.

He bit his lips, "Sir, I have to . . ."

"No., no no, boy! Don't try to be funny. I have warned you several times not to go to the village for drinks. My words have meant nothing to you. You have again gone out for heavy drinks. This is not a College for drunkards. Do you understand me?"

"But Sir, I need to explain the . . ."

"Don't dare to argue with me. I have no time to listen to your explanation. I have decided, and nothing will alter

my decision. Go and pack!"

The Principal reached for the telephone and dialed a number.

"Hallo", he said, "The Principal of Mhlophe College speaking. Good afternoon, Mr. Wosiyana. I have sad news to tell you". He paused and looked at Peter, who could not balance properly on his legs and was leaning against the wall.

"Your son Peter has been drunk again. This is the fifth time he has been found under the influence of strong drink. I have warned him several times about his behaviour and, if my memory serves me correctly, I wrote you two letters to that effect".

He paused, ran a finger over his lips, then continued.

"I am sorry, Mr. Wosiyana, I have no alternative. Peter has to be expelled. Please come and get him".

He dropped the receiver and turned to Peter, "You have to go!"

Peter packed his belongings sorrowfully. He thought, *I've made a greivous mistake. I'm lost. I'm expelled — two weeks before the final examination. Oh, my father's money!*

He cast himself on his bed and wept bitterly. Later in the afternoon his father arrived. Mr Wosivana, the Principal and Peter met in the Principal's office.

"Mr. Wosiyana", the Principal said, "I'am glad you have come. This is as

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WELCOME SERVICE OF REVEREND P. M. KHUNONG



Present during the welcome service of Rev. P. M. Khunong of the D.R. Church Bloemfontein, were left to right: Revs. I. S. Letoka, P. N. Khame, E. Groep, J. P. Jacobs, J. T. Mahlangu, C. R. Kok, G. Nel, A. H. Olivier, I. T. Lekhula and B. S. T. Likate.

Rev. P. M. Khunong has been transferred from Standerton Transvaal to Bloemfontein where he is in charge of the D.R. Church congregation which was formerly under Rev. A. H. Olivier who has retired.

The wellcome service was held on the 14th March 1961 at Batho Village D. R. Church. The induction service in the evening was conducted by Rev. Nel of Trompsburg.

Speakers during the ceremony were: Rev. A. H. Olivier who has retired, Mr. M. L. Mabule who spoke on behalf of the Church Council, Rev. C. R. Kok, Rev. Van Loggerenberg on behalf of the Bloemfontein Mother Church and Mr. Sesing on behalf of the people who accompanied Rev. Khunong and family.

Nyasaland 64 Years Ago

(From the Diary of Rev. T. C. VLOK) *Wednesday, July the 7th, 1897:*

It is Sunday, July the 4th 1897, and we are at Molemba. Out here everything is lively — many people are attending. Attention is good and we believe that the seed of His Kingdom has fallen into good soil. Forty-five men and women, who are in the catechism class, receive instruction. A glorious Sabbath-day is being spent amongst the heathen. The Lord did bless the work of the evangelist. To Him the honour be.

Monday, 5th July:

Since the early morning bussy with troublesome cases. The church building is big (79 x 26 x 16 feet) with a verandah 8 feet high right round. There are eleven small windows, but they provide sufficient light. On the largest door, there is a signboard with the following inscription: Refuge for the straying in the name of this house. The building is made of grass and posts and costs the mission about £4. This is very encouraging. We cannot thank God enough for it.

Tonight we had nice fresh fish. It costs 4½d. per bunch of 26. One of the people brought me a fat wild goose that has been shot a short while ago. The evangelists got a few moorhens.

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

helped to establish several congregations in the north of the country, and was finally called to the church in Linares, where he died just before the second world war.

The evolution of the Church has passed through several phases. It began with the formation and organization of individual congregations, of which the earliest were Zacatecas (1875), Matamoros (1875) and Mexico City (1881). Then came the formation of presbyteries. The first of these to

We had a very mournful experience today. A terrible maneater lion came into a village, grabbed a young boy, ran into the forest and devoured him. It came back after some time and caught a woman. We prayed together with some of the people that God may help us to kill the beast. While we hunted him, we found the devoured body of the little boy. The body of the woman was not so badly torn. The people were courageous and we succeeded in killing the brute. We then knelt down and thanked God that He granted our prayers. The people acknowledged that it was God who answered our prayers. It promoted His course. To Him all honour be given!

(From: *Die Koningsbode*).

be formed were Zacatecas (1883), Tamaulipas (1884) and Mexico City (1885). The latest addition was the Presbytery of the North, in the state of Coahuila, which was formed only in 1941. The situation is constantly changing, as improved transport dictates the union of older presbyteries and the needs of the Church set up new ones, but at present there are 11 presbyteries in the Church.

The next stage came with the formation, in 1901, of the first synod, the so-called General Synod which consisted of the four presbyteries then in being. The Synod of the Gulf of Mexico was set up in 1944, and the Central Synod in 1947.

Finally, in November 1947, the first General Assembly of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico met in the Divino Salvador Church, Mexico City, with Rev. José Coffin as moderator and Rev. Ezequiel Lango as clerk. The Church at present numbers 66,000 communicant members with a baptized membership estimated at 220,000. With 11 presbyteries grouped in three synods, it has around 200 congregations and some 100 ministers.

Ezequiel Lango (From World Presbyterian Alliance).

OH, MY FATHERS MONEY!

good a time as any for you to speak to your son. I'll leave you two alone." He gave the father a pitying glance and left the room.

"Peter, my son", his father started", I have tried to raise you well and have given you my love. I spent money for your education at High School, where you were expelled before you completed your Junior Certificate Course. I warned you and your undesirable ways. Today you are expelled again".

Tears rolled down Mr. Wosiyana's wrinkled face. He could not stop sobbing.

"I hoped and prayed that you'd follow my teachings, Peter. I hoped that some time you'd qualify as a teacher and return my love".

"Peter", his father continued, "You always have my love, no matter what you do, but respect is something you must earn".

God's love toward us is unceasing, though we have not earned it. He gives us the opportunity to win His respect through righteous living and thus draw near to Him. We then obtain His wisdom and power for our own.



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THE DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN

by MOSES MAFISA

Surely a lamp that does not burn is to be thrown away.

Let us try to analyse the lamp and find out what causes it to give light. The ingredients that give us that precious, adored and desired light are paraffin, the wick and fire.

Let us agree and consider all these ingredients as symbolising something. *A lamp:* A Christian. *Paraffin:* the Holy Spirit. *Fire:* The Bible.

A lamp is specially made to furnish Christian with light. A lamp gives signs when paraffin is out. With those signs the owner is able to see that it needs more. After it has been supplied it gives that glorious, desired brightness, which we could say is thanksgivings to the owner. The same thing applies to a christian. He/She has to ask for power and strength to lead that exemplary life which will satisfy God.

Why then you christian cannot bow down on your knees and pray to God for the things you need? God is always willing to give and to support. A true Christian is one who asks, thanks and praise. A Christian should have Love for his Master, who is God. When a Christian praises he is like a lamp that burns after it has got some paraffin.

When a lamp thanks the master it automatically give us the light we who are not its master. The same applies to a Christian. When he/she is praising God, on the other hand is

bussy giving light to those who are not praised. In other words those who are listening to him are conveted. By so doing a christian has already done a good thing before the Eyes of God. To achieve all these things ask through a prayer.

Now remember that when a lamp has all the ingredients there is only one thing that it has to get everyday. That is fire. To a Christian that fire is nothing else but the Bible. With the reading of your Bible you are able to solve some problems that may be an obstacle to your daily life. So let your Bible be your companion.

Dear Christian God loves you. Why can't you serve Him?

To show that God really loves you stands in the Bible that: "For God so LOVED the world, that he gave His only begotton son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". This proves that a Christian who sits on his/her laurels is liable to a punishment. The punishment is nothing else but condemnation?

Young christians do not complain about your being young. When God sends you, do go. Remember the Kingdom of Heaven is for the youth. St. Math. 5:16 says: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven". So shine like a lamp that wo'nt say that it is

still knew and it will start to burn when it is old.

Christians let us bring the Word of God to those who need it. Even if we are chastised for His Name let us keep on for we shall receive our reward. Remember if you do not do your work with sincerity, the Bible says: "not all of us who say Lord, Lord that will enter the Kingdom of Heaven".

Now dear christian. know from now that if you are not doing your work you are like a lamp that does not burn. A lamp that does not burn is to be thrown away. Now, are you aiming at being condemned?



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"What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light" — Matth. 10:27.

THE SERVICE OF THE CHRISTIAN IN EUROPE TODAY

"The Service of the Christian in Europe Today" is the theme for the European Area Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance. This continues the Alliance's thinking on "The Servant Lord and his Servant People", theme of the 18th General Council (Sao Paulo, 1959). A similar emphasis was made by the North American Area when it met last January. Prior to the Area Council, three questionnaires on the service of the Christian will have appeared in some 80 papers of the European religious press. They aim at testing the reactions of general readers and specialized groups to the theme.

The Area Council will meet in Zurich, 24-29 August. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Albert Finet, editor of *Réforme*, Paris; Dr. Josef Hromadka, Theological professor in Prague and a former Alliance Vice-President; and Rev. Dr. Ian Fraser, warden of the Scottish Churches' House, a new ecumenical centre for lay leadership. The titles of their addresses are: "Hopelessness and Hope in Europe Today" (Finet), "Who are the People of God in Europe today?" (Hromadka), and "What are the choices — social, political, personal — for the Christian in Europe Today?" (Fraser).

Bible Study will be on I Peter, led by Professor Pierre Bonnard of Lausanne. A feature of the Council is a programme that makes Bible Study the focal point in each day's discussion. Zurich University's chaplain Rev. Eduard Wildbolz, has prepared a study guide in consultation with Professor Bonnard and Alliance Staff members. The study guide appears in the Alliance's three official languages, French, German and English and is available from Church Offices. The title is the conference theme, and the cover shows a maze, the labyrinth in which modern Europeans find themselves.

Central to the Council's purpose is to bring together a representative as possible a group from the Area's 28 member Churches. It is an attempt to see what, in a politically divided Europe, Reformed Christians can say and do in common. The meeting place

was chosen in light of an assurance that no difficulty would arise over entry visas from any European country. 3½ million Reformed Christians live in the U.S.S.R. and in the People's Democracies.

(Press Release: World Presbyterian Alliance).

TRUE COURAGE

Gerald Meyer

If you should feel the sting of scorn,
Like some cruel whiplash, bite
Into your heart, into your soul,
And hold your tongue despite
The anger welling deep within,
You win a victory;
For vengeance never rights a wrong,
Nor makes resentment flee.
It takes no courage to strike back
And deal a hateful blow.
When one forgives an unkind cut,
It's then true strength he'll know.

— Moody Monthly.

GOD'S LOVE

Helen Mary Sees

There is no boundary to God's love —

*It knows no east or west,
Or north or south, or black or white.
He loves the worst and best.*

*In His own image we were made,
He loves us, every one.
And to redeem us from our sins,
He gave His only Son,*

*That we might have eternal life
If we believe His Word —
That matchless story of His love,
The sweetest ever heard.*

*Oh, may we give our lives to Christ,
Who cleanses from all sin,
Then look to Him in faith and trust,
And be made new within.*



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Between us Women

By ELIZABETH OLIPHANT

LIVER BAKED WITH MACARONI OR SPAGHETTI

Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ cup macaroni or spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Drain the water and place the macaroni in the bottom of a greased, fire-proof baking dish. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a saucepan, add 1 cup minced liver, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onion and 1 cup tinned mushrooms (if available), and brown slightly. Now add 2 cups tomato puree, 1 teaspoon sugar, salt to taste and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper. If mushrooms are not available, use

3 cups tomato puree. Heat well and pour this mixture over the macaroni. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup finely grated cheese and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 25 minutes.

LIVER LOAF

Cover 1 lb. liver with hot water and simmer for five minutes. Drain and keep the water for stock. Mince the liver with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ham or other cooked meat and 1 small onion. Add 1 cup dry breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce, 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon

pepper, 1 teaspoon celery salt, 1 tablespoon pepper, 1 parsley, 2 beaten eggs and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup stock. Form into a loaf, place in a greased pan, top with 4 slices of bacon and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 40 minutes. For a nice change, place a few pineapple rings at the bottom of the pan and turn out the loaf to serve.

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Now, your Easter Spice Cake

Have Ready:

- 3 cups Royal Baking-Mix.
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 4 tablespoons very soft butter (not melted).
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon.
- 3 eggs.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk.

How to prepare:

Put all ingredients into large mixing bowl and beat well, by hand, or rotary egg beater, for 2 to 3 minutes.

Turn batter into greased and floured 3in. deep, 8in. square loaf tin and bake in very moderate oven, 325 deg. F. for approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. Cool on wire cake cooler. When quite cold, ice with Coffee Icing.

Coffee Icing

Have ready:

- 2 tablespoons butter.
- 2 cups sifted icing sugar.
- 1 tablespoon coffee essence.
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk.

How to prepare:

Beat butter and coffee essence together until well blended; gradually add icing sugar, beating well after each addition. Add milk, a little at a time, until a good spreading consistency is achieved. Cover top and sides of cake with icing, using fork to roughen sides. Decorate with what ever you may like.



HOME SWEET HOME



Read Your Bible *March 1961*

(Continuation from last month)

TUESDAY 28 — Judges 13:1-8: "And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years."

WEDNESDAY 29 — Judges 13:9-20: "And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her."

THURSDAY 30 — Judges 13:21-25: "But the angel of the Lord did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the Lord."

FRIDAY 31 — Psalm 20: "The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; . . ."

came forth sweetness. And could not in three days expound the riddle . . ."

Sunday 2: Luke 22:3. "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come."

Monday 3: Judges 15:1-8. "But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go into my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in . . ."

Tuesday 4: Judges 15:9-20. "Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi . . ."

Wednesday 5: Judges 16:1-9. "Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her . . ."

Thursday 6: Judges 16:10-19. "And Delilah said unto Samson, behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound . . ."

Friday 7: Judges 16:20-31. "And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he woke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him . . ."

Saturday 8: Judges 17:1-13. "And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah . . ."

Sunday 9: Mark 4:4. "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God . . ."

Monday 10: Judges 18:1-11. "In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto theme among the tribes of Israel . . ."

Tuesday 11: Judges 18:12-21. "And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim . . ."

April

Saturday 1: Judges 14:1-20. "And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong

Wednesday 12: Judges 18:22-31. "And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the house near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan...."

Thursday 13: Judges 19:1-13. "And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah...."

Friday 14: Judges 19:14-30. "And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin...."

Saturday 15: Judges 20:1-10. "Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpeh...."

Sunday 16: Mark, 4:1-9. "And he began again to teach by the sea side; and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land...."

Monday 17: Judges 20:11-21. "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man...."

Tuesday 18: Judges 20:11-28. "And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day...."

Wednesday 19: Judges 20:29-48. "And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah...."

Thursday 20: Judges 21:1-7. "Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife...."

Friday 21: Judges 21:8-14. "And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the Lord? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly...."

Saturday 22: Judges 21:15-25. "And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel...."

Sunday 23: Mark, 4:5-6. "And some

fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately sprang up, because it had no depth of earth...."

Monday 24: Philemon 1:1-7. "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow-labourer...."

Tuesday 25: Philemon 1:8-16. "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom...."

Wednesday 26: Philemon 2:17-18. "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people...."

Thursday 27: James 1:1. "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes are scattered abroad, greeting...."

Friday 28: James 1:2-8. "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body...."

Saturday 29: James 1:9-12. "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted...."

Sunday 30: Isaiah 1:2. "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me...."

THINK ABOUT THIS

As long as the devil can get anybody to worry, he will give them plenty to worry about. — *The Pilgrim.*

The ten spies saw the giants, but Caleb and Joshua saw the Lord. — H. A. Ironside.
(What have you seen? — Ed.)

For we must seek enjoyment and sweetness in the gifts of God, either in holy exercises, or in words or works; but we must take delight in God alone, and not in His gifts. — John Tauler.

The Lord Jesus warned against starting out to be His disciples and then turning back (Luke 9:62). He urged those who would follow Him to

count the cost and then to forsake all and follow Him, not halfheartedly or regretfully but completely (Luke 14:28—33).

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*Mr. A. Logabane and Miss
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EDITORIAL PAGE

“BEAR WITNESS FOR ME”

“YE DENIED THE HOLY ONE AND THE JUST.”



THIS WAS Christ's command to His followers, although they were but few in a very hostile community. The greatest number of them together on one occasion was mentioned by St. Paul, who spoke of more than five hundred brethren who saw the Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection. There was probably less than one tenth of this number when, for fear of the Jews, they were together behind locked doors, and Jesus came and stood among them, and said unto them: "As the Father sent me, so send I you."

But before He left them, He gave them the more comprehensive command: "Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to Me. Go forth therefore and make all nations My disciples, . . . and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you."

"Make all nations My disciples by bearing witness for Me." Could these frightened people, who seek refuge behind locked doors, execute a command like this? They could, and did when the conditions were fulfilled.

You must wait for the promise made by My Father, Christ admonished them. Christ Himself had told them of this promise: You will be baptised with the Holy Spirit within the next few days. Waiting upon God is the secret of powerful living and powerful witnessing. To be baptised or filled with the Holy Ghost, means to receive

power. Once God had fulfilled this promise to His disciples, they were no more the frightened, locked-in congregation, hiding for fear of the Jews, only caring for their own safety. They were the dynamic witnesses who openly challenged the very same Jews in the temple with an indictment like this: "Ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; ye killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; where of we are witnesses. When charged before the rulers and elders and scribes, they never thought of their own safety but Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto these selfsame rulers, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to this impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. . . . Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among man, whereby we must be saved." This instructive evidence given to the learned leaders of their nation, was indeed evidence of a powerfully inspired witness to their personal knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ. No wonder we read: The word of God increased;

and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith."

This is the message of Pentecost: God's fulfilment of His promise that His Church would be baptised — drenched and filled — by the Holy Ghost. Some time after Pentecost, after they had been persecuted for their testimony, we read: "When they were assembled together, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Can we wait upon God to fulfill His promise in our lives? If we have time for God, time to spend in prayer, time for communion with Christ, we too may receive power and speak with tongues of fire and so bear witness to Christ in a hostile world. God has used spiritual revivals in the past to give direction to the reformation, in the days of the pietism. He can do it today if only christians are willing to wait on Him and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

DO YOU DENY HIM?



CHRISTIAN MISSION

FOR DEAF

AFRICANS

Dear Prayer Helpers and Friends,

God be thanked for another successful year of labouring in His vineyard. In this end-of-the-year report, "I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward (us), which He bestowed on (us) according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindness." (Isaiah 63:7)

We praise God that earlier this year our primary at Mampong (Ghana) was finally accorded official approval. This means greater assistance and greater responsibilities as well as a need for greater prayer help. This term ended with 71 deaf children enrolled, while some 120 more stood on our waiting list. Our class at Accra remained the same enrollment-wise (21 deaf adults), though wanting in regular attendance—a fault, no doubt of our small overworked staff. Jesus promised that His Word will not return to Him void. Several students, born deaf and otherwise, are slowly but surely bearing this testimony. It is gratifying to observe their awareness of His ever presence, and their attempts to relate His power to their daily lives. Please remember these young ones in prayer regularly as we continue to minister the Word of Grace to them.

At our new school in Ibadan (Nigeria), which was opened last May, we also see the loving-kindness of the Lord. A lot of material needs were secured. Many interesting visitors dropped in, leaving gifts behind; also a number of gifts were received from you for which we are most thankful. All along we were able to operate in the black. However, the question of official recognition is still before the authorities. Out of 140 applications, 64 precious deaf children, mostly from Moslem homes, are crowded here learning to earn their daily bread as well as read about the Bread of Life. Like the prophecy of Isaiah 29:18,

perhaps all are "hearing" the Words of the Book for the first time. We all would deeply appreciate more prayer and support.

Praise God for more of His great goodness toward us! You will recall that, by faith, we brought two more teachers, both deaf, from another part of Nigeria to train in Ghana last July. Their government has just advanced them study grants, which may be a step toward recognition of our proposed school for the deaf in that region. Both fellows have been attending our Sunday evenings retreat for prayer fellowship and Bible study, with almost two Emmaus courses to their credit. Both have openly confessed Christ as their Savior, and have expressed their desire to shed their Roman Catholic background; also to follow the Lord Jesus into baptism by total immersion. Academically, their record is just as impressive. Pray that Brothers Ogueva and Okorie will become able academic teachers and spiritual leaders of the deaf in this country.

We tried in vain to send Bro. Seth Tetteh-Ocloo to Gallaudet College in Washington D.C. this year to train in the education of the deaf. May God grant his full passage (837 dollars) by next September.

According to God's mercy, we were able, on a very short notice, to substitute and send Bro. Henry D. Cobblah to England for a year's course in 'auditory training.' This also appeared like God's answer to our long prayer for a teacher of speech and lipreading. But after only five days in London, a thief at Bro. Cobblah's hotel made off with his briefcase containing his passport, return ticket, allowance check,

and valuable papers. Naturally, we began to wonder if we were on the right track concerning God's will, or whether Satan was trying to play us into his hands. However, almost exactly two months later the police handed Bro. Cobblah his briefcase with not a thing missing. Again, we certainly praise God for His loving-kindness.

Some incidences seem trivial, but merit thanks to God nevertheless. During a cold thunderstorm last July, a snake apparently took refuge in a crowded classroom. Two months later our night watchman killed another snake near the entrance of the girls' sleeping quarters. Then last month Bro. Seth unwittingly stood on a curled up snake for several seconds. How we thank God for protecting us from danger—known and unknown; past, present and future!

Supervising schools in Mampong and Ibadan require alternative monthly driving of 850 miles—but not on super highways. When we note the smashed cars along the way, we are humbled to thank God repeatedly for the mercies bestowed on us.

Finally, but by no means least, we all are highly indebted for your prayer and support, as you have felt burdened by the Lord. We trust to have this precious fellowship continually as we face the herculean tasks ahead. Our prayer for you is found in Numbers 6:24-26.

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thets thrown at you. Maybe you have even been called an ass for following Christ as your Saviour. You feel your utter unworthiness.

Have you heard a still, small Voice saying calmly that you are a child of God because Christ has need of you? If you have heard Him say: I have need of you — then that ought to settle the matter for ever as far as it concerns you. Those words of Jesus settle all arguments.

It is not what you or I think of ourselves; nor have the opinions of others anything to do with our service of our God. The only thing that counts is that God says that He needs us, that He has decided to make use of us where we are living with an eye to the furtherance of His Kingdom and the Glory of His Holy Name.

You surely remember those wondrously inspiring words of Paul in 1 Cor. 1 verse 26 where he reminds every Christian that in "his (her) calling, not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise . . . and things which are despised, hath God chosen."

God's instruments in the furtherance of His plans have so often been just those people whom the world has despised: has looked upon as foolish — whom the world has called asses.

God does not argue about His appointments, His choices. His simple answer to all queries is that all that we need reply is that the Master has need of us. Whatever our thought of ourselves or the opinion of others, Christ Jesus is satisfied and sees His way clear to make a success of the work which that particular Christian — with you or I .

What was your answer when the Master let you know that He needed you to live, to work, to witness for Him as you are, which you live?

I sincerely trust that you have joyously allowed Him to loose all bonds binding you, so that He can use you freely. The harvest is white. Is there one labourer fewer or more as a result of your remaining bound by unwillingness to answer His call or because "the Son has truly set you free."

The Master has need of you!

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

— By —

Charles B. Bouiser

Because you prayed—

God touched our weary bodies with His power
And gave us strength for many a trying hour,
In which we might have faltered, had not you,
Our intercessors, faithful been and true.

Because you prayed—

God touched our eager fingers with His will
Enabling us to do His blessed will,
With scalpel, suture, bandage, better still,
He healed the sick, the wounded, cured the ill.

Because you prayed—

God touched our lips with coal from altar fire,
Gave Spirit fullness, and did so inspire,
That when we spake, sin-blinded souls did see!
Captives were made free!

Because you prayed—

The dwellers in the dark found the light,
The glad, good news has banished heathen night!
The message of the Cross, so long delayed,
Has brought them life at last,

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED!

LUKE
19:34

— By —

Rev. W. R. DE KOCK, B.A.

IS IT NOT a strange world in which we are living! God allows such strange things to happen and people to say even stranger things. It is not true that we often wonder at what God allows and so often puts up with from the creatures of His Hands.

Looking back at the life of our Lord during His sojourn on earth, we must admit that even His disciples must many a day have shaken their heads in utter amazement at the things He said and did. We come across one such an occasion in Luke 19, where we see Him preparing to enter Jerusalem to receive the homage of His contemporaries.

Mindful of the august occasion, one would have expected the King of kings to have gone to meet the inhabitants of Jerusalem riding on an animal more befitting the occasion — a camel or a prancing horse! He does nothing of the kind.

He had decided upon the colt of an ass for the use of which He had not even arranged with the owner!

Should any questions be asked — and, of course, there would be — the answer of the disciples would be: The Master hath need of him.

As Christian you are not held in high esteem by the worldlings around you. You have had many unsavoury epi-

THEY WATCHED HIM THERE

RATHABA KHOALE

THEY TOOK His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part. So there were four of them. Maybe the centurion did not share in the booty. Accordingly he was not considered when the garments were parted.

Their job was to execute the sentence that was passed on the accused. Therefore they nailed Him to the cross and planted the pole so that He should hang on the nails. They did it with some consideration: They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall, and could not help that He would not drink it when He had tasted thereof. Now it was their duty to sit down and watch Him during the long and tedious hours of His suffering to see that He does not come off the cross or that He is not taken down by others. At the end of it all, they will make sure of His death, if necessary by breaking His legs.

What did they notice during the six hours of their watch?

They saw the wooden cross they planted.—But they failed to see the symbol of reconciliation, the cross that is foolishness to them that perish but unto those who are saved, the power of God. How could these four soldiers see in that cross the distinguishing token of coming Christianity, a token and pattern that will mark ten thousands of buildings, erected through centuries to come, as places of worship and adoration for the very same Man whose suffering they are watching. That cross and that Man would be associated inseparably in the minds of many coming generations with their most elevated affections. How could they see in this cross the symbol of the religion of millions of people to come? They knew not what they saw.

They saw the crucified one. They watched His sufferings as they probably did in the case of many others, whose capital punishment they were ordered to execute, without knowing that He was the only divine Mediator between God and man. They gambled for the possession of His meagre earthly possessions without knowing that He himself was the greatest Gift of God to mankind, the highest attainable riches in life. They noticed His bodily passion, without knowing that there, before their eyes He was accomplishing the work of atonement for the sins of all the world. They saw Him dying without knowing that by His death He assures everlasting life for whosoever believeth in Him.

They were blind watchers at the cross.

But still they did notice a few things which carried their enlightening message into their souls.

The signs that accompanied His passion and death — the darkness over the land from the sixth hour unto the ninth hour, the earthquake — occasioned confidence in His life. That morning when they started their job of crucifying Him, they did not take notice of His prayer: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. After they had finished their watch in the afternoon, they feared greatly saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

How many blind watchers of the cross there are still today. Going to

work, coming home, hurrying along the busy streets of our cities and towns, they notice *the symbol of the cross* on churches, memorials, etc., without realising the work of atonement which was consummated on the Cross of Calvary, without a thought of the Christ who died on it to be their personal Saviour.

May God grant you vision to see and say with Thomas:

My Lord and my God.

TELL THE TRUTH

— By —

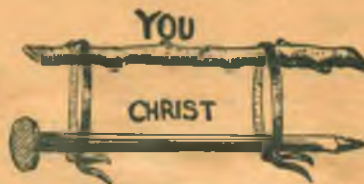
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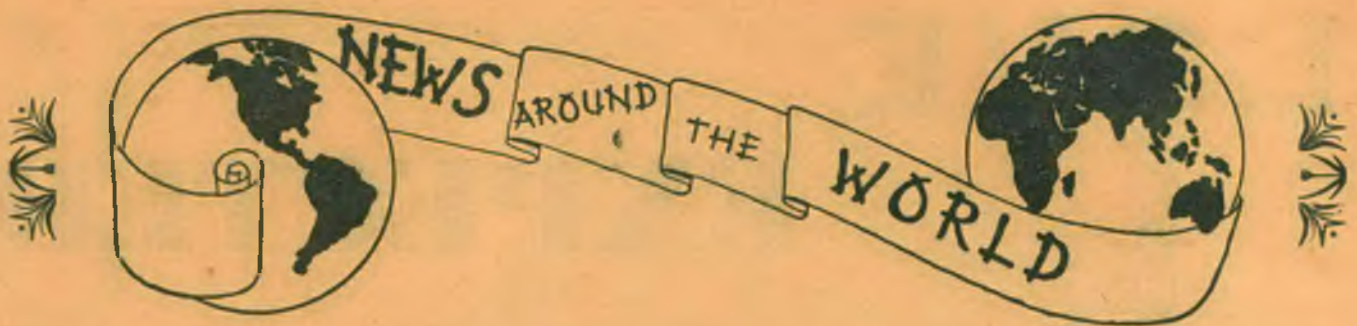
*Tell the truth now,
Tomorrow tell the truth.
That you must know,
For surely God loves truth.*

*Tell just the truth,
No matter how tough it goes,
Sell not the truth;
Not for death by your foes.*

*Know what God is:
Our loving God is truth,
And truth He is:
Remember then the truth.*

*Truth is no lie,
It always remains the same,
Now till you die,
True truth shall never blame.*





NEW YORK: The American Tract Society marked its 136th year at the annual meeting here on March 15. Over 20 million pieces of Gospel literature were published by the Society in 1960, an increase of nearly two million over the previous year.

SIGNS OF GENUINE REVIVAL have been observed in several areas of Germany following the evangelistic meetings of Heinrich Kemner, Lutheran pastor who has been released from his local church responsibilities to become the official evangelist of the church there. Conversions of a great number of persons from different levels of society have taken place.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH in Seville, Spain, has been authorized to reopen. It is one of five Baptist churches closed by the Spanish government in 1958.

CASTRO'S GOAL FOR CUBA is the establishment of two national churches, one Roman Catholic and the other Protestant, according to refugees interviewed by Adon Taft, religious editor of the Miami Herald. "Severing the Cuban Catholic Church from its ties with Rome and setting up a Cuban 'Pope' with Communist leanings," says Taft, appears to be the first aim of the present government. He also reported that harassment of Protestant churches has begun and "half a dozen clergymen are being groomed to become the 'hierarchy' of the national Protestant church, with one of them slated to become boss of the church with cabinet rank." —

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD announces that all missionaries of the denominations serving in the Congo have been forced to leave the country because of the danger to their lives. Most have had to leave the greater

part of their possessions behind. After more than 40 years of service, the missionaries leave 29 day schools, a Bible school, a printing plant, 80 churches and preaching points, and 3,000 adherents. All mission operations have been turned over to national Christian leaders.

JERUSALEM: A new hoard of Dead Sea Scrolls has been discovered in the same cave area where the first scrolls were found in late 1940's. The discovery was made by an amateur archaeologist who was one of a party of 160 scholars, soldiers and volunteers who were exploring the Judean desert area under the direction of Professor Yigael Yadin. The find included 70 fragile documents, tools, coins, and skeletons. The scrolls probably relate to the period of Simon Bar-Kochba, leader of the last Jewish revolt against the Romans in the second century. — News from The Sunday School Times.)

THE WONDERFUL BOOK

by Frank Wallin

THE OLD WOMAN peered through the window of the Christian book store in Poona, India. Her face bore the marks of a hard life. But in her eyes was a glint of hope for something better. She opened the door and went in.

"I want a book to read," she said. "Can you read?" asked the clerk in surprise.

"No, but I will find someone in my village who can," she answered.

The clerk looked over the books on the shelves, wondering which one would be the most suitable. She chose one and offered it to the old woman.

"No, not that one," said the Indian

woman, waving it away. "I want the one about the boy's heart."

The clerk knew the one. "Oh, you mean *Vijay's Heart*," she said, getting a little illustrated booklet.

The woman was happy to buy it.

"Tell me," said the clerk, "why do you want this particular book?"

Holding the book tightly, the Indian woman told why she wanted the book.

"In our village there is a boy who was very bad," she explained. "He fought with the other boys; he disregarded his parents; he laughed at the old people. But one day someone gave him this little booklet. He read it, and from that day on he has been

a changed boy. He no longer troubles us old folks. How he helps us and is our friend. A book that can do that for such a bad boy must be a wonderful book! I must have a copy. I want it to do something for me, too."

—Moody Monthly.

APOLOGY

Africa's Hope hereby extends its deepest apology for having inconvenienced the writer of "My Personal Testimony" which appeared in our last issue on page 11. The writer is Miss E. Meyer and not S. Meyer.

LOVE

EXPECTED

OF

WHOM?

—by **G. M. Zweni Ntuli**



CHRIST LIVES IN US. We live in Him. His love will make ours more and more like His. We can give Christ nothing else than gratitude, but His generosity will so foster and nourish our love and thus through us His generous love will flow outward to all who need it. They will thus be saved and blessed by it. *It is the very essence of Christian life that the regulative of all Christian morality should be love.* "Love is finding our own life, in losing it for the good of others; as we freely get from God, so freely give to men." That is the answer given by Dr. A. E. Garvie, M.A., D.D.

God has surely done everything in this field. He has saved us in Jesus Christ. This is proof that He is a loving God, an unfailing Father. Is it, therefore, not our wish to permit God to work through us for others? This does not necessarily mean that we confine ourselves to what is often unwisely interpreted or defined as Christian work, but that we seek to use whatever means wisdom and righteousness approves to help all men and women. We shall achieve all these aspirations with love. In the absence of genuine

love, not much shall be achieved in this field. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE." What a wonderful gift from God! EVERLASTING LIFE, in exchange for faith. If God was not a loving God, the whole world would perish.

Let us further note that where there is love there is no prejudice, jealousy, provocation, and so forth. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." It is impossible to erase the truth of the fact that Christianity without love is no Christianity. Love is the yardstick of measurement in Christianity. Christ is love in the morning, love during the day, love in the afternoon, love at night and love eternally. Having accepted the Christian faith, we have to move on the path Christ walks. It is, therefore, the duty of every Christian to follow Christ and love Christ in earnest so as to bring and win back that peace and harmony in the homes, the country and the whole world at large.

It is imperative that you and I and all of us make up our minds to examine ourselves and find out if we have the love, the real love, that Christ our Leader has. We are bound by our Christian ties and oaths to walk in the path of Christ, hence we adopted the name *Christian*. If it is not so, it shall have lost its meaning and purpose.

What is expected of you, and I, of all of us? — "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

IN TUNE WITH GOD

Each human life is a keyboard. The Master's fingers will sweep over it, and a weary world will catch notes of melody as that person passes along.

The life that is in tune with God, is keyed to the note of love.

—R. J. Miller.

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IN YOUR LIST

— By Brother Jerry —

YOU GO INTO THE BOOKSTORE to buy a few books you have selected from the catalogue. You have chosen popular titles written by well-known authors. That is quite right. You do as you please and read what you like. There is freedom of reading.

From your monthly salary you have set aside a sum of money for your reading account. You have just renewed your subscription to a popular magazine. In it you read sensational stories, crime serials, love stories and detective stories. That is in order because you delight in sensational literature.

Your daughter once got hold of a love story magazine. She read it with great interest because she is involved in a secret love affair somewhere around the corner. She has reminded you many times not to forget to bring her a copy of the magazine. She tells you she's just looking at the pictures!

Bob is your only son. He is a crime story fan. You remember the two-and-sixpence that disappeared from your dressing table last month. He had seen a new crime comic, so he wanted to include it in his list.

Let us return to the bookstore. Having paid your account, you look around for a new author. There you are, a new political book. You read the title: *Africa Changes Face*. You buy it. It costs R4. You quickly glance through its pages, the headings are fascinating. This should be a good book, my wife will like it too.

People want to be free. They riot for their freedom. They demonstrate placards. "*We want Khandakhulu to lead us.*" Some write: "*Release Qakala from Jail!*"; others: "*We Die Together!*" But what causes this? It is because you and I, and even perhaps our leaders, have not included one book in our book-list.

The Bible is the commonest and perhaps the cheapest of all books. It has served many in their requirements. It has made nations to work together, with the eye on the "Love thy neighbour as thyself" Commandment. It has brought about the salvation of nations, and harmony in their living. It has stopped wars and changed many people to be Good Samaritans. It has taught people of different creeds and colour that they are one in the eyes of God. It has made them understand that Christianity has united them into one family whose Father is God.

The Bible, which you have excluded from your list, is the very book that possesses eternal life. The Book that has been translated into many languages because it is Life, the Way, and the Voice of your Creator.

Yet many have exclaimed, "The Bible is no useful book, I can't understand it, neither can my children. Why waste money on it?"

What a dreadful mistake! You read the book on politics, and became more worried than ever before. You are worried about your future. That is true because you have no hope, you

are just you and you are all alone. You read your favourite author and you are not pleased. You read your monthly sensational magazine and you find no satisfaction. Something is radically wrong. Yes, there is something wrong! You don't know what will happen to you on the other side of the grave!

Let us hear what the Book of books tells us of this life and the one beyond the grave. *It is not puzzling. There are parts as simple and clear as a mountain stream. For in its pages is the touch of humanity as well as the Breath of God. It has much for little children — and for their parents.*

If you are a sinner, from the Bible you will know of forgiveness of sins, and achieve salvation through Jesus Christ. From it you will get to know how to lead and upright life; to do unto others as you would have done to yourself. The Bible tells you of the place prepared in heaven where you will spend eternity. The Bible answers your other-side-of-the-grave problem, and it tells you exactly what to do to obtain eternal life (John 3: 16).

If the world and its governments took the Bible as the only book for peace and security, and every individual led the life as required by this Book, there would be no riots, no demonstrations, no placards, no shootings, no hatred, and no oppression.

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NEWS IN PICTURES



Miss Malinde of the Young Women's Christian Association of the D.R. Church presents Mrs. Rev. Khunong with a cheque from the Association.



Dr. Moroka of Thaba 'Nchu was present during this Methodist Church meeting in Thaba 'Nchu, O.F.S.



Some of the completing students at the Wäisieshoek Theological School.



Mr. M. Mochochoko, B.A., a well-known figure in Bloemfontein. He is Principal of the Mangaung School and is also connected to Wamba (Motswalle wa Bana) as an adviser.



The church choir of the D.R. Church at Zwelitsha sang during the dedication of the newly built church at Zwelitsha.

During the farewell ceremony in honour of Rev. and Mrs. B. S. T. Likate at Ooshoek recently, the Bloemfontein North Mothers' Guild presented Mrs. Likate with a blanket and some crockery.

REDEMPTION

— By —

G. M. Z. NTULI



THE WORD REDEMPTION is used in all theological spheres. It has a very broad meaning to every believer. It is the ulterior object to those who have accepted Christ as the Saviour of their souls. By grace they are freely justified, through the redemption that God wrought in Christ. That redemption is based upon the fact that God laid our sins and ills upon Jesus Christ. "Him who knew no sin, God made to become sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Christ thus became the Sin-bearer and God accepted His substitutionary sacrifice on our behalf. Remember this great sacrifice: *He died for our sins!* We are relieved by His death and we are saved by His death. He was raised from the dead because He had put sin away. He has satisfied the necessities and the claims of justice. Christ was the first-born out of the dead. The crown of thorns He wore at His death, was substituted by the crown of victory and glory. He arose from the grave because He had conquered Satan. Redemption thus became a fact, a certainty, a reality: "In whom we have our redemption through His blood, the remission of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence." Christ is our Redeemer.

If we hold our redemption as a theory or as a doctrine, surely it will bring us no reality. Let us say: "Father, I thank Thee for my perfect redemption that this body of mine is no longer under the dominance of

Satan, that my mind and senses are no longer to be dominated by the adversary, *I am free, and by Thy grace I will no longer be entangled by the yoke of bondage.*" That is the reality of redemption. In the course of our Christian endeavour, our capital aspiration is our redemption. We strive for redemption. "For the redemption of their soul is precious. . . ." said the Psalmist.

Satan has suffered an eternal defeat at the hands of Jesus Christ. We must make mention of an eternal redemption God wrought in His Son. His Son, Jesus Christ, has satisfied the claims of justice. He sits at the head of the New Creation, at the right hand of His Father. This New Creation is free from the dominion of Satan. Who is the head of this new creation? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Him who ". . . was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." That is Jesus Christ. He is the Head. The door is open to anybody who accepts Christ. Do you accept Christ as the only One who offers redemption? Then you will enjoy your rights in this redemption.

It must needs be that the whole Christian world will wake up from the excuses of old, such as: (1) I was baptised; (2) received into full membership of the church; (3) paying my church dues regularly; (4) going to church every day, etc. That is quite alright for the existence of the church. Wonderfully good, too. Have you accepted Christ as your Saviour? Is it

Christ whom you confess as your Saviour? Did you die with Christ? Were you buried with Christ? Did you rise from the dead with a crown of glory and victory and by your resurrection was Satan vanquished? Were you judged with Him? This is important: be with Christ rather than be Christian! We must live anew, live in Christ and live Christ. "For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, and not of works lest any man should glory." No works that man could do would have any value. Why? Every man was spiritually dead and the good things he would do to redeem himself, would be the works of a spiritually dead man.

God comes in the person of His Son. He became sin on behalf of man; assumed all that men had done. He met the claims of justice. He satisfied the need of fallen man. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered at once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Christ now sits at the right hand of the Father. He sends the Holy Spirit. The Holy

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NOT IN YOUR LIST

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for we would be all living as the sons and daughters of God.

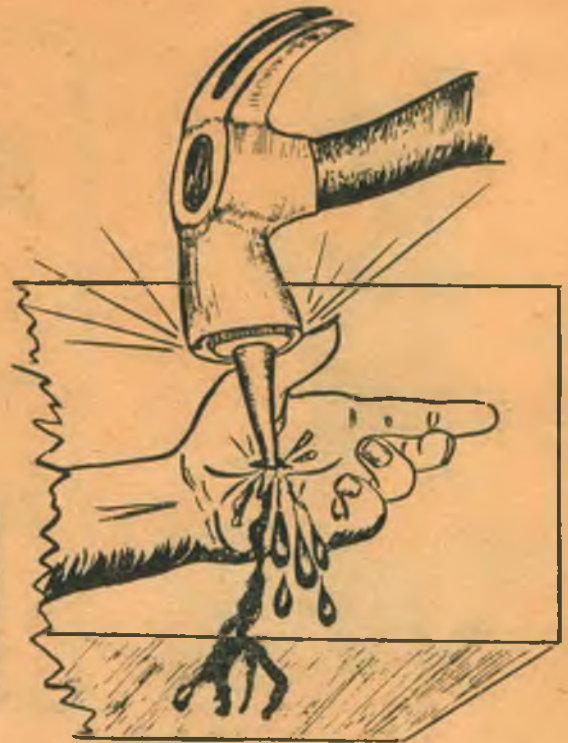
Should you have omitted the Bible from your book-list, see to it that you include it now! Read it and you will know what to do in this life and what you will inherit in the life hereafter!

FACTS

By

R. V. COURT

"GOD'S LOVE IS SEEN IN ALL ITS WONDER
AT THE CROSS"



FACTS are stubborn things. You may argue with them, deny them, seek to explain them away, but there they are, as real and incontestable as ever. Our inability to explain or understand a thing does not rob it of its reality, and shutting our mental eyes does not make it disappear. With this in mind let us think of the fact of sin.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Do you challenge this? Most men and women acknowledge that there is "something wrong" with them, a "something" which mars their lives and brings sence of frustration, a "something" within, stronger than themselves, against which they fight in vain, and they realise the truth of the words of the Bible, *"The good that I would do I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do."* Then there is that wilful breaking of God's laws to which all must confess. Universal experience proves this to be true, and I doubt if there is one who will dare to plead "not guilty."

Sin brings retribution. Man is the product of God's creative work, and as such is responsible to do the will of his Creator. He has failed, he has rebelled, and in plain language God says "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." God cannot allow violation of

His laws to pass unpunished. "By Him actions are weighed." He knows even the thoughts and intents of the heart, He is able rightly to assess motives, as well as actions, and will judge righteously. In the day of judgment mercy will have no place but only strict justice, and that will mean your condemnation as a breaker of God's laws, a condemnation which will be eternal in its duration.

Then there is the fact of God's love. Against the dark background of sin and judgment shines the glorious truth *"God is love."* Why His love should be lavished on those who have violated His laws I cannot explain. Suffice it to say that He has plainly declared that He is "not willing that any should perish," and His love has found a way in which He can righteously free the sinner from the penalty of his sin and set him free from its enslavement.

True love shows itself in giving, and "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish." God's love is seen in all its wonder at the Cross, on which Jesus Christ took the place of sinners, and where God judged Him on behalf of guilty men and women.

There is also the fact of salvation. God is righteous, and as He has dealt with a substitute in the place of the sinner, He must pardon those who accept that substitute. To you there is offered salvation in its fulness now, as a free gift, on the condition that you acknowledge your sin and your dire need. "Is this a fact?" you ask.

Multitudes are ready to testify, "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Yes.

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REDEMPTION

Spirit convinces man through the Word. And man is thus recreated. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

You will enjoy your rights in this redemption as you know its reality. That redemption is an eternal redemption. And it is a reality!



A WARNING!

By

Edwin Mekewana Zulu

Madzimoyo, N. Rhodesia.

IN THIS COUNTRY at places where there are many wild beasts, the shepherd must look after his sheep carefully so that they do not fall into danger. The good shepherd looks after his flock very carefully. He does not want any sheep to be lost. He saves the life of his flock and defends it from its enemies.

Likewise, we need to have a shepherd, a shepherd for our spiritual life. We need this shepherd because nearer to us is an enemy who wants to devour us. This one great enemy is already present in our hearts and makes us do evil. Satan is our greatest enemy who is not seen, but works very hard in our hearts. He does not love us, nor does he like us to do anything good at all. He knows that his only last place is the place of destruction. He wants to force us to the same place to suffer as he would suffer. *He prowls around like a roaring lion in search of someone to devour.* 1 Peter 5:8.

We need a shepherd because we cannot keep ourselves. We are like sheep for we had gone astray, and fell into danger. We need the One with wisdom, power and love to warn us of the danger and preserve us in the right way, which way leadeth to everlasting life.

It is not easy to find the right way in this life. We can surely go wrong if we have no leader, *for we alike sheep which have gone astray.* Isaiah 53:6. Jesus Christ is the good shepherd who is the Son of God.

When sin entered into the world, it scattered the children of God in the same way as the lion scatters the flock of sheep. Sin could not allow us to go back again to God. *But God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to save us from sins.* Christ does not scatter us. He assembles us to Himself. He is the shepherd who calls us **BACK TO GOD.** He has confirmed that He is a good shepherd. *"I am a good shepherd,"* He said in John 19:11.

Christ gave His life for us all. There is no one who has confirmed to be a good shepherd besides Jesus Christ. *"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* Christ did it by laying His life on the cross of Calvary. Due to full assurance, God does not forget us. He preserve us. He loves us. After His ascension to heaven He sent the Holy Spirit to abide with those who call Christ their Saviour.

Do we say that Christ is not our shepherd? If so, is that the reason

why we do not come to Him when He calls us? Friends what thought have we when we hear such a call: *"Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.* Isaiah 50:2. We are all called who experience spiritual poverty. Isaiah 55:1-2, 3,4. Shall we come to the good shepherd to nourish us and lead us into green pastures? Shall we lay our sins before Him so that we are spiritually enriched? Now is the time dear reader, for you to judge your situation and take a decision to come to Him who will keep and guide you, now and forever more.



**"I AM A
GOOD
SHEPHERD"**

(John 19:11)



Young Africa

**SEND US
ANECDOTES
WE'LL USE THEM.**

— Ed.

Dear Teens,

You, the teenagers of Africa, like teenagers all over the world, are in that phase which may easily be the most important of your life. What you do or what you are today will decide what you must do or what you will be in future. So, beware!

You are just beginning to realise the truth of cause and effect. You will note that what is happening today had its cause in what happened yesterday and that it will have its consequences tomorrow. You are beginning to learn the most important principle of intelligent reasoning.

It is to be hoped that you will not only learn and know this, but that you will apply what you have learnt in your life. You will learn to pause and think before you act, which is one of the wisest habits into which you can grow. For the man who can pause and think knows exactly where he came from, where he is and where he is going.

If you have your ambitions they cause you to know where you are going. So pause and think where you come from — but above anything else:

KNOW WHERE YOU STAND!

Your loving friend,
Brother P. R. Murison.

ON BOOKS, FILMS AND REVIEWS

I LIKE TO THINK the reason why filmland is using the Bible as a source for filmscripts, is the fact that in the Book life is presented as it really is. You find thousands of characters there, both good and bad and in most cases

both bad and good can be found in one character.

"The story of David," which is now being filmed should prove my point. If you read David's story you will come to the conclusion I've come to. David is the personification of both man's wickedness and his virtues.

David took another man's wife and had the man killed. Yet otherwise his life was exemplary and his trust in God so strong that the songs he wrote to express this, remains amongst the world's classics in literature. None other has yet expressed man's dependence and trust in God so completely as he has in Psalm 23.

The film based on David's life should really be interesting — provided it is not distorted to pander to public taste.

(To be continued next issue)

LET ME LIVE MY LIFE

TODAY

— By —

P. R. MURISON, Bloemfontein

*Daily when you sit and ponder,
What lies in your future yonder,
Resist temptation then and say:
Let me live my life today.*

*When you think of what has been
What you've done and what you've
seen,*

*Remember that it still is wrong,
The present is where you belong.*

*What has been, beyond repair;
What will be, is not yet there,
Do not let the past then bind you,
Leave the future, let it find you.*

*It is what you are today,
What you do and what you say,
Surely then you must confess
What you do now brings success.*

YOUNG AFRICA GOING TO SCHOOL PUZZLE

Find and write at least *ten* words in these Bible verses which make you think about school. Where are these seven verses to be found in the Bible?

1. "My tongue is the pen of a ready writer."
2. "Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it."
3. "Who can understand his errors?"
4. I would not write with paper and ink."
5. "Walk according to this rule."
6. "For rulers are not a terror to good works."
7. "As well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar."

1. Psalm 45:1, 2, Exodus 17:14, 3, Psalm 19:12, 5, 6, Psalm 19:12, 4, 2 John 1:12, 7, Galatians 6:16, 6, Romans 13:3, 7, 1 Chronicles 25:8.

ANSWERS

FACTS

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it is a fact! And what follows? Friend, this salvation is so wonderful in what it brings of peace and joy and freedom from sin's power, so wonderful in the strength it imparts in the time of trial and sadness, so wonderful in the hope it gives concerning the future, that human tongues cannot tell it all — you must experience it to know. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Will you do it?



AN ADVERTISEMENT RAN: "Wanted now, a qualified lady typist with a working knowledge of Book-keeping, shorthand and one or two African languages. Apply Mac Zoody and Co., corner of West and Good Street. Better still, personal application recommended."

Here was a job that pays. Any qualified lady typist with the requirements for that job could be sure of an appointment.

NOW! read the advertisement, and not tomorrow, and personal application was a recommendation to secure the job.

A lady who had recently qualified as typist on reading the advertisement, dashed to the firm, still holding the newspaper in her hand. She was quite sure of the appointment, and she was appointed. She was not doubtful or even want to know about the salary and the kind of job to do. She simply ran to that firm without any shadow of doubt, with these words on her lips: "A typist, typist! At last I've found a good job!"

Likewise we are called *now* to work in the biggest firm of them all. The firm where the whole world's population is supposed to be employed. Some



WANTED

By Muntu - Muntu

are already permanent workers, others employed on temporary basis, and the others who have been employed are sacked due to their misbehaviour, others are on the waiting list.

Which firm is this? It is the world and its people. Jesus came to look for workers who will work for Him. He placed an advertisement in the Bible. "*The fields are ripe, the reapers are few.*" Here is a direct challenge to every christian, to work in the field of the Lord. No question should be asked, but to walk to the Master for employment. As in the Mac Zoody advertisement with a spe-

cified job, same here Jesus has specified His. Jesus who is the Head of this firm will answer your other questions on personal application. Run with the conviction of your Bible to Jesus, ask Him what you can do for Him. He is sure to employ you NOW, and not TOMORROW.

When we run to Jesus, we mean accepting Him in response to His advertisement: "*Come unto me all ye who are heavily laden, I'll give you rest.*" That is what Jesus said and is still saying now.

Before we are employed by Him, we must first come to Him and lay

down our sins because He wants those who are qualified to work for Him. The first qualification is: **TO RENOUNCE SINS.**

Some of the workers in this firm have been sacked because of having backslided their Master. They have twisted the Master's Book of instructions, and thus led many into darkness instead of light. They have gone back to sins which their Master had already paid for on Calvary's cross. They have disappointed their Master by despising the power of the cross and His redeeming blood. They now work for the other firm whose Managing Director is Satan.

These workers need to come back to be re-employed. The Master needs them. He has His hands opened to accept them again provided they come to Him in true repentance. *He is humble and meek, He will surely forgive them, and employ them again.*

Those on the waiting list are those who indulge in sin. Those who have no ear to listen to Jesus's voice calling them to the fold. They have stiffen

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

BEFORE HE CAME, GOD SAID:

But thou, Bethlehem . . . though thou be little . . . out of thee shall HE come forth. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call HIS name Immanuel (God with us).

He is despised and rejected of men. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter. He shall bear their iniquities. And He shall be a priest upon His throne. (Micah 5:2. Isaiah 7:14. 53:3, 7, 11. Zech. 6:13.)

WHEN HE CAME GOD SAID: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. This is My beloved Son . . . hear ye HIM. (Matt. 3:17. 17:5.)

MAN SAID: I find no fault in this Man. This Man hath done nothing amiss. Certainly this was a righteous Man. (Luke 23:4, 41, 47.)

DEMONS SAID: I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God.

What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? (Mark 1:24. 5:7.)

JESUS HIMSELF SAID: I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. I and My Father are one. I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 11:25 and 26. 14:9. 10:30. 14:6.)

HIS DISCIPLES SAID: He did no sin. He knew no sin. In Him is no sin. (1 Peter 2:22, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 John 3:5.)

THEN WHY DID HE DIE?

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAYS: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5.)

THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS: His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (1 Peter 2:24. 3:18. Rom. 10:9.)

"WHAT SHALL I DO THEN WITH JESUS, WHICH IS CALLED CHRIST?"

(Matt. 27:22.)

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

—(From Victory Tract Club)

NOW!

their necks, and made their hearts hard as rock. They look upon the Bible as a book of historical tales. They do not believe in the Son of Man. They walk in the ways of corruption. Even though they want to be employed they are hindered by the lusts of this world. Jesus wants them, He mourns of their backsliding. He knows of His promise in heaven which they will be rewarded by should they come to Him.

Friend, there are two big firms with a great output. The one managed and directed by Satan, needs no qualifications. You simply do as its director says. Your payment is everlasting condemnation. The fire that he has prepared for those who are his good

employees. Hell is the place of such workers.

The other firm is managed and directed by Jesus Christ. The payment is everlasting life in heaven. The conditions of this firm are: **TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST.**

Dear reader, for which firm do you work? Are you working for Jesus in obedience, in reading your Bible, in praying and in ministering His Saving Gospel to those on the waiting list, or are you working for Satan by doing all manner of evil deeds? Answer the question NOW, for you will not answer it that side of the grave. There you'll be just waiting for your reward, which will be either eternal condemnation or eternal joy.

Read

AFRICA'S HOPE



Between us Women

— By —

ELIZABETH OLIPHANT

**MARGARINE CARAMEL
CREAM CAKE**

Have ready:

- 4 ozs. Margarine.
- 6 ozs. castor sugar.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk.
- 2 eggs.
- 6 ozs. flour.
- 2 level teasp. baking powder.
- 1 teasp. vanilla.

How to prepare:

Put 2 ozs. of margarine and 3 ozs. of sugar into a heavy saucepan, and caramelize until a deep golden brown. Cool slightly and add milk. Boil gently until all the caramel is dissolved. Cool. Cream the rest of sugar and margarine very well. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat well, adding a tablesp. of flour if the mixture curdles. Add the sifted flour and the baking powder alternately with the caramel milk. Add the vanilla. Put into two lined, greased and floured 7-in. tins and bake for 25 minutes at 375 deg. F.

MARGARINE ICING

Have ready:

- 9 ozs. icing sugar.
- 4 ozs. margarine (soft but not melted).
- 1 egg.

How to prepare:

Cream the icing sugar and margarine together. Add the egg and beat well until fluffy.

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Many meals can be made tastier and healthier by adding margarine. Here are a few hints:

PORRIDGE: Whatever porridge you use can be improved by adding a teaspoonful of margarine while it is boiling. It is also a good idea to put a teaspoonful of margarine on to each plate of porridge after it has been served. Try this and see how tasty it makes the porridge.

MASHED POTATOES AND VEGETABLES will taste delicious if you add three teaspoonsful of margarine to each plate. The margarine must be mixed with the potatoes and vegetables while they are hot; or it can be added to them while they are

still in the saucepans, after draining or mashing.

SAMP, MEALIE MEAL AND MEALIE RICE can be made nourishing and tasty by adding margarine while cooking.

MEALIES: Try spreading margarine on hot, toasted or boiled mealies; sprinkle with salt and you will find that they taste delicious.

Even on bread you can thickly spread margarine for children; it will keep them healthy and they will like it.

Grant us Thy peace, that like a deepening river

Swells ever outward to the sea of praise.

O Thou of peace the only Lord and Giver

Grant us Thy peace, O Saviour, all our days."

—Eliza Scudder.

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*"We honour those we scarcely know;
We please the fleeting guest
But we've no appreciative words,
For those who love us best."*

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Thursday 1 — Psalm 84:12: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Friday 2 — 1 Peter 3:8-12: Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

Saturday 3 — 1 Peter 3:13-17: And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of what which is good?

Sunday 4 — Mark 4:24: And He said unto them. Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

Monday 5 — 1 Peter 3:18-22: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

Tuesday 6 — 1 Peter 4:1-6: Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.

Wednesday 7 — 1 Peter 4:7-11: But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Thursday 8 — 1 Peter 4:12-19: Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

Friday 9 — 1 Peter 5:1-5: The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed.

Saturday 10 — 1 Peter 5:6-9: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Sunday 11 — Luke 13:1-5: There were present at that season some that told him of Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Monday 12 — 2 Peter 1:5: And beside this, giving all diligence, add to

your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.

Tuesday 13 — 2 Peter 1:1-5: Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Wednesday 14 — 2 Peter 1:11: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thursday 15 — 2 Peter 1:15: Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Friday 15 — 2 Peter 1:16-21: For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Saturday 17 — 2 Peter 2:1-9: But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false

teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Sunday 18 — Acts 9:1-19: And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

Monday 19 — 2 Peter 2:10-22: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Tuesday 20 — 2 Peter 3:1-4: This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

Wednesday 21 — 2 Peter 3:5-13: For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.

Thursday 22 — 2 Peter 3:14-18: Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Friday 23 — Ruth 1:1-6: Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Saturday 24 — Ruth 1:7-17: Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

Sunday 25 — Acts 9:20-22: And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

Monday 26 — Ruth 1:18-22: When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Tuesday 27 — Ruth 2:1-3: And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

Wednesday 28 — Ruth 2:4-16: And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him. The Lord bless thee.

Thursday 29 — Ruth 2:17-23: So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

Friday 30 — Ruth 3:1-5: Then Naomi her mother-in-law, said unto her. My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

*Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you!"
And then treat us just that way?*

*Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each hand clasp warm and true
Carried with its this assurance
"I know something good about you?"*

*Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If the good that's in us all
Were the only things about us
That folks bothered to recall?*

*Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.*

*Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me!
I know something good about you!*

—Selected.

GOD ONLY

*Lord, in strength of grace
With a glad heart and free,
Myself and all the rest of days,
I consecrate to Thee.
Thy ransomed servant, I
Restore to Thee Thine own;
And from this moment, live or die,
I serve my God alone.*

—Charles Wesley.

THE ULTIMATE ASSIZE

By the Late

JUSTICE C. W. H. LANSDOWN

*Yes, my dear Lord, Almighty God,
I now prepare my true account to render,
Nor seek to evade Thy well deserved chide
That oft I failed Thy Kingdom to advance,
Thy will to understand and serve;
Yet in Thy mercy, Lord wilt remember
That ever I have loved Thy Righteousness
And loathed iniquity wherever found;
Nor have I falsified the solemn oath
Which on that day when first Thou calledst me to be judge of men,
I swort in Thy dread Presence
That equal justice I would do to all soever men
Whate'er their race of creed or worldly state,
But prayed that I, in all humility, Thy mercy might show forth
To all offenders — even the lowliest of Thy children
For all are equal subjects of Thy grace and love.
And be it also weighed against my failings, Gracious Lord,
That I have ever loved my fellow-men
And striv'n to urge them to Thy better service.
Always I sought Thy guidance in the pilgrim life
Which late I lived.
Meekly now I hide Thy merciful decree
And humbly pray that I Thy grace may find
In all eternity to dwell in Thy best realm of love and peace.*

—(From The South African Outlook.)

Many people are in the Salvation Train, but a great many of them are travelling in the sleeper.

—C. A. Herald.

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