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Greetings from Germany

Clothing for African Lepers

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Our believers in Central Europe have always had a tender regard for the mission work among the believers in Africa. Therefore we are happy to have an opportunity for co-operation with the Trans-Africa Division. Our Harvest Ingathering magazines which are issued each year include many reports and stories of Africa. These magazines are read by our fellow-believers and their friends with much interest. Our church members always extend a warm welcome to the missionaries who come from Africa and pass through Germany en route to England and the United States, and we enjoy listening to their thrilling stories and experiences.

When our church members learned that some of the African leprosariums were in need of clothing we received many requests as to how and to whom donations could be sent. For this reason we felt it would be necessary to establish a warehouse in the seaport city of Hamburg where there are many churches as well as our publishing house and health food factory. This plan met with hearty approval, and when I asked Pastor E. Bartz, the conference president, how many helpers he expected to attend the warehouse dedication meeting, he replied:

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Dorcias helpers at work in the new Hamburg warehouse.



Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, June 5



HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with Your Division President

Dear Fellow-believers in the Advent Message:

Paul was writing his first epistle to the church in Corinth. Naturally since he was writing to a congregation of Greek-speaking members he wrote in the Greek language. But just before he signed his name he threw in one word of a foreign tongue, Aramaic. Let's have a look at this one word. It was an important word to the early church. Nearly two thousand years later it is as important to the remnant church in our day. The word is **MARANATHA**, (1 Cor. 16:22). This word appears but once in the New Testament but nevertheless it has a message for you and me.

The word **Maranatha** means simply "the Lord is coming" or "our Lord cometh." The early Christians, often living amidst a hail of persecution used it as a greeting. When one follower of Christ met another he would say, "Maranatha, adelphos,"—"The Lord is coming, brother," just as you and I might say, "Good morning, brother, how is your courage today?" It was a greeting of encouragement to the harassed members of the early church. They buoyed up the spirits of one another with the thought that their risen Lord was coming back—soon.

In Paul's day the doctrine of the second Advent was very real. Jesus had not only promised His disciples that He would return (John 14:1-3), but under oath before the High Priest He declared He would come back again (Matt. 26:63, 64). In writing to the Philippians, Paul reminded the believers of the Maranatha hope: "The Lord is at hand." Phil. 4:5. The apostle James, warning wicked rich men of God's judgment, declared, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8.

Many in the early Christian church expected the fulfilment of the Maranatha hope in their day. Commentators tell us that many gave up their jobs, sold their property and in many other ways demonstrated their faith in a soon-coming Saviour in their day.

Since the Maranatha hope was so very real in Paul's day his converts had

many questions regarding the fulfilment of "the Blessed Hope" (Titus 3:13). How would He return to earth? What about the dead? What would happen to the wicked when He appeared? How would the righteous be reunited with Him never more to part? Paul wrote to the believers in Thessalonica answering many of these questions.

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:13-17.

Still, it would seem, some of the believers did not fully understand especially the time element concerning the Lord's return. So the apostle wrote a second epistle in an attempt to clear up some of these questions in their minds. He reminded them that certain events were to take place before the second advent.

An iniquitous religious influence was already at work among church members, he reminded the Thessalonians (2 Thess. 2:7). The work of this anti-Christ would continue until "the man of sin" would "be revealed, the son of perdition." "Let no man deceive you," Paul warns. "That day [the coming of Christ] shall not come until this has taken place" (2 Thess. 2:3). With these words he sought to dispel any fanaticism that threatened to rear its ugly head among the believers.

The apostle then went on to describe additional last day deceptions that would threaten the church. He wrote of the "signs and lying wonders" the man of

sin would use to deceive the elect (2 Thess. 2:9). He spoke of "strong delusions" and the possibility of men believing a lie" (2 Thess. 2:11).

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. . . . Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work" (2 Thess. 2:15, 17). The Maranatha hope was to keep the early church faithful and steadfast through all of the assaults of the evil one.

"Maranatha" may mean "Oh Lord, Come!" It is a prayer as well as a greeting. Dr. Phillips translates it, "May the Lord soon come." The early church, subjected to contempt and harassed by persecution, longed and prayed for the return of their Lord.

The Maranatha hope may be both a longing and a prayer in the experience of each one of us as members of the remnant church. Who amongst us has not, in the moment of grief or anguish, prayed, "May the Lord come soon!" How many of us, as we have stood on our own mount of transfiguration, filled with spiritual ecstasy at His nearness, have prayed, "Even so come, Lord Jesus?" (Rev. 22:20). We were loathe to remain in a world of heartbreak, we were loathe to let our Saviour go when His presence was so real to us, and we prayed, "May the Lord come soon!"

God grant that the Maranatha hope may burn brightly in your heart and mine as we near the time when faith shall change to glad fruition and we shall actually see Him face to face.

Yours in anticipation of the early fruition of the Blessed Hope,

1965 Ingathering Campaign

TRANS-AFRICA CAN! TRANS-AFRICA WILL!

by R. H. PIERSON

I am justifiably proud of our Trans-Africa Division members and workers! I have seen you accomplish great things in this field during the past seven years under the rich blessing of the Lord. One of the greatest miracles is that He had led you in a wonderful soul-winning program. In three and a half years you have surpassed the objective of 80,000 baptisms set at the last Division Council for the current quadrennium. With His help you are pressing steadfastly toward the half-million church membership objectives. I have no question but that you will reach these goals as well and on time.

At this time of the year we have another wonderful opportunity to attempt the difficult and demonstrate that, with God's help, we can come through with glorious victory. The 1965 Ingathering crusade is right upon us.

What a blessing the yearly Ingathering program is! In more recent times it has been "the Spiritual Ingathering" and God has richly blessed. Not only has the largest amount of money been brought in in the history of Trans-Africa, but in many fields it has become a great soul-winning endeavour. In one field alone nearly two hundred backsliders were warmed up and brought back into the church because of the Ingathering program. *What a blessing!*

Each year the financial returns have been more encouraging. Despite the turmoil and trouble that has prevailed in some areas the Ingathering work has moved steadily forward. One whole union al-

most dropped out of the Ingathering crusade for a year or so because of conditions within the country. But other unions went above and beyond the call of duty and more than made up what had been lost in their less fortunate "sister's" territory. Note well these figures:

1960 —	£99,319	2	7
1962 —	£102,333	19	5
1964 —	£109,975	10	11

The unusual increase in cold figures may not seem spectacular, but when one thinks of the circumstances under which the goals have been reached it is nothing short of a miracle. It could easily have meant that losses were reported rather than gains. *But God has been good, and you have worked hard and success has come despite frustrations and difficulties.*

Now, the 1965 Ingathering crusade is before us. This year *I believe we can reach £125,000 if everyone of us does his or her part!* Of course it is a high goal. Of course, it will not be easy to reach. Of course, there will be difficulties. Of course, many people will say it cannot be done. But in spite of it all—*Trans-Africa Can! Trans-Africa Will!*—come through with the most successful Ingathering crusade in its history. More members will pray. More members will work. More members will do more than ever before. God will do His part. He will bless. He will speak to the



Ingatherers at Maluti Hospital, Basutoland.

hearts of the people we contact. He will do great things for a willing people.

Trans-Africa Can! Trans-Africa Will!

I challenge every one of you to do your part, receive your share of the blessings the Lord has in store for you in the Ingathering crusade this year. Reach your goal and your church will reach its goal. If your church reaches its goal, your conference or field will reach its goal. If your conference or field works through to victory your union will come through with flying colours. If your union reaches its goal the Division will reach its goal. £125,000 will come flowing into the coffers of God to be a great blessing to the Lord's work in *your* field.

Trans-Africa Can! Trans-Africa Will! if you do your part! I am sure you will!

The Season of Opportunity

by T. M. ASHLOCK, Secretary
HM Department, Trans-Africa Division

Do you need a special blessing from the Lord? Do you want a warmer, richer experience in the things of God? Does your town or city need a welfare centre, a church building, a clinic, or some medical or educational equipment? If so, (and I am sure you need something along one or more of these lines), then this is the season of blessing for you!

Ingathering Season is Always the Season of Blessing for God's People.

In the first place the Spiritual Ingathering is a time of rich spiritual blessing

for all who take part. Making contacts for God is wonderful work! No other program of the church gets us into so many homes and the hearts of so many people as does our Ingathering crusade. Just think of the countless missionary contacts the £109,000 collected last year represents! Who can number them? Perhaps there were 109,000 missionary visits. More likely there were 218,000—436,000 or even three-quarters of a million, for much of our Ingathering money comes in in small amounts.

In many of those homes and offices



New dining-room at Gitwe Seminary, Rwanda, built from Ingathering comeback funds.

truth-filled literature was left and prayer was offered. The result? Some fields have reported large numbers of backsliders brought back into the church and large numbers of newly interested people opening their homes for Bible studies and TABSA contacts. Yes, Ingathering season is, indeed, the season of opportunity—the opportunity for great blessings. *And these blessings are for those who take part.* Your heart will be warmed and stirred as you have some of those thrilling experiences you love to hear others tell.

Ingathering is the Season of Opportunity!

Not only will spiritual blessings come to you and to those whom you contact, but think of the blessing the funds you bring in will be to the work of God all over our great Division! Ingathering funds mean schools, welfare centres, clinics, medical and educational equipment, perhaps in *your town or your district.* How many medical, educational or welfare projects would never have benefited had not the £109,000 been gathered in during 1964. What loss God's cause would have sustained had there been no Ingathering crusade last year! *Your school, your welfare centre, your clinic, your hospital, your community* may well have suffered a great deal.

Ingathering is the season of opportunity, a golden opportunity to build up

the Lord's work in *your* community and all over *your* Division.

I marvel when I see how our people all over Trans-Africa respond to this great Ingathering challenge. In one field the leader tells how small children, the lame, and even the blind are rallying to the call for workers. Members who thought before that surely they could not do Ingathering have gone down on their knees and received courage to go out and try. The result? They have been greatly blessed and thrilled with their experiences. Now they are ardent supporters of this phase of God's program.

Our field, union, and Division objectives are not high when we consider that there are nearly one quarter of a million men, women, and children who should be taking part in the 1965 crusade. If everyone does his and her part we should go well beyond our goals in record time.

I want to challenge you to have an active and prayerful part in the 1965 Spiritual Ingathering crusade. Don't let someone else receive the blessing of service God has in store for *you.* Do a little more than is expected of you and an additional blessing will be yours. When your field or church leader presents the Ingathering program in your church I know the Lord can count on *you* to do *your* share and more.

May the Lord richly bless you during this, your season of great opportunity.

around the world, to help the needy in our Division. As a result of just one request made by us we received a cheque for \$10,000. And although it would be unlikely that we could ever be able to put into the fund what we have drawn out, and what we will continue to receive whenever real needs arise, we have an opportunity to show our appreciation in a really tangible way on June 5.

The General Conference has suggested a very small goal for our Division of only £1,800 for this offering. This goal is especially small when our policy states that we retain 50 per cent of the offering here in the Division.

One of our leaders has suggested that we as families set minimum goals of from £1 to £5 per European family and from 5/- to £1 per family for our African members. I am sure that there will be those who will wish to give much more than these suggested amounts.

We as a people cannot pass by on the other side of the Jericho road. "Those who are indifferent to the wants of the needy will be counted unfaithful stewards, and will be registered as enemies of God and man." "Welfare Ministry," p. 19.

"Those who will receive the most abundant reward will be those who have mingled with their activity and zeal, gracious, tender pity for the poor, the orphan, the oppressed, and the afflicted. . . ." —*Welfare Ministry*, page 313.

"When the cases of all come in review before God, the question, What did they profess?, will not be asked, but, What have they done? Have they been doers of the Word? Have they lived for themselves, or have they been exercised in works of benevolence, in deeds of kindness and love, preferring others before themselves, and denying themselves that they might bless others?" —*Welfare Ministry*, page 314.

"God imparts His blessing to us that we may impart to others. When we ask Him for our daily bread He looks into our hearts to see if we will share the same with those more needy than ourselves. When we pray 'God, be merciful to me a sinner,' He watches to see if we will manifest compassion toward those with whom we associate. This is the evidence of our connection with God, that we are merciful even as our Father in heaven is merciful." —*Testimonies*, vol. 6, pp. 283, 284.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Matt. 5:7.

Make your offering on Sabbath, June 5, one that will make you happy, cause your guardian angel to rejoice, and bring joy to our Lord.

What Will the Angel Write Against Your Name on June 5?

by T. M. ASHLOCK

As a people we accept wholeheartedly the admonition found in Luke chapter ten on our duty to God and to our fellow-men: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27.

On another occasion when Jesus was seated on the mount of Olives with His disciples around Him, He explained in detail some of the events that were to take place just before He was to return. After giving a number of the signs that would herald His second coming He set a standard—a standard which we can well accept as the manifestation of true practical Christianity to be found among the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Here it is, as stated by our Lord: "When I was hungry, you gave me food; when thirsty, you gave me

drink; when I was a stranger you took me into your home; when naked you clothed me; when I was ill you came to my help; when in prison you visited me" Matthew 25:35, 36, *New English Bible*.

Christ said that at the judgment bar the redeemed will ask when it was that they had done so much for Him, for with their hearts full and overflowing with what Jesus has done for their salvation it will be difficult to even recall their own acts of love. Then Jesus will answer; ". . . anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me." Matthew 25:40, *New English Bible*.

In recent months all of our unions have benefited from the Disaster and Famine Relief Fund. In fact, over the past few years we have received substantial help, from our fellow-believers

Remember Central European Division on 13th Sabbath

Clothing For African Lepers

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"Perhaps there will be about thirty." Two days later he was a little more optimistic and increased the number to fifty. When the dedication meeting was finally held, about 100 brethren and sisters attended and learned how they could assist us in this project of collecting clothing for the lepers in Africa.

The industrious members of the Hamburg churches went about their work with much joy and carefulness. Every day

L. to R: K. Fleck, secretary of the Central European Division, and Miss Hildegard Schittek, social worker in Hamburg who superintends the warehouse.



Believers attending the dedication of the Hamburg warehouse.



Leaders in the Central European Division: L. to R: O. Brozio, HM Secretary; O. Bremer, Treasurer; and R. Eichwald, Pastor in Luebeck, Germany.

Dorcas groups from the various churches appeared at the warehouse in order to assist. Parcels which had arrived there from all parts of Germany were opened, the contents sorted, and repacked. Our health food factory placed rooms at our disposal in their building and radiators were installed, for it was snowing in Hamburg. A bale press and boxes were purchased in order to get the clothing ready for overseas shipment.

The first 50 boxes of clothing have already been shipped to Yuka and Mwami Leprosariums in Zambia. Our church members throughout Germany sent so much clothing and other necessities of daily life that we had to ask them to stop for a while. This indicates how much they love to participate in the mission work in Africa. The industrious helpers could not cope with the immense stream of donations coming in.

In this way we hope also to help other hospitals and leper colonies in Trans-Africa. We send our greetings to all believers in your Division.

The Trans-Africa Division Home Missionary Department Secretary Writes:

As you read the foregoing article by Pastor Brozio about the new warehouse opened recently in Hamburg, four tons of good used clothing from our faithful members in the Central European Division are on the high seas on their way to our two leprosariums in Zambia, Mwami and Yuka.

Heretofore we have looked to the North American Division for help of this kind. In a recent letter Pastor Brozio wrote of the *wonderful privilege* extended to them in being able to help the needy in our Division. He also mentioned the *excellent response* on the part of the church members and of the wonderful first love and *revival spirit* that is being experienced by the believers who are engaging in this act of love.

Naturally we rejoice with our believers

and workers in the Central European Division for the spirit of "togetherness" and zeal for souls that has been brought about as they have organized for service, both for the needy around them and for the needy in other lands. We thank our brethren and sisters in Germany!

I am wondering, however, if we should not do more than rejoice with, and be thankful for, what is happening in the Central European Division. The next step could be to follow their good example. Then their joys and blessings could be ours too. If your church does not have an active Health and Welfare Unit or Centre, why not talk the matter over with your pastor and request him to contact your conference or field president and Home Missionary secretary about what you and your church can do.

Your union Home Missionary secretary has in hand plans that are appropriate for town and city centres and units, as well as a set of plans that have been successfully used in village and rural areas.

—T. M. ASHLOCK

They are helping us. Let us help them.

You Say You Care?

You say you care!
Our Lord was thirsty and hungry and tired
That Day.

You say you care!
Our Lord stood alone, dejected, despised
That Day.

You say you care!
Our Lord needed tender loving care on
That Day.

You say you care!
Our Lord received a crown of thorns, not love
That Day.

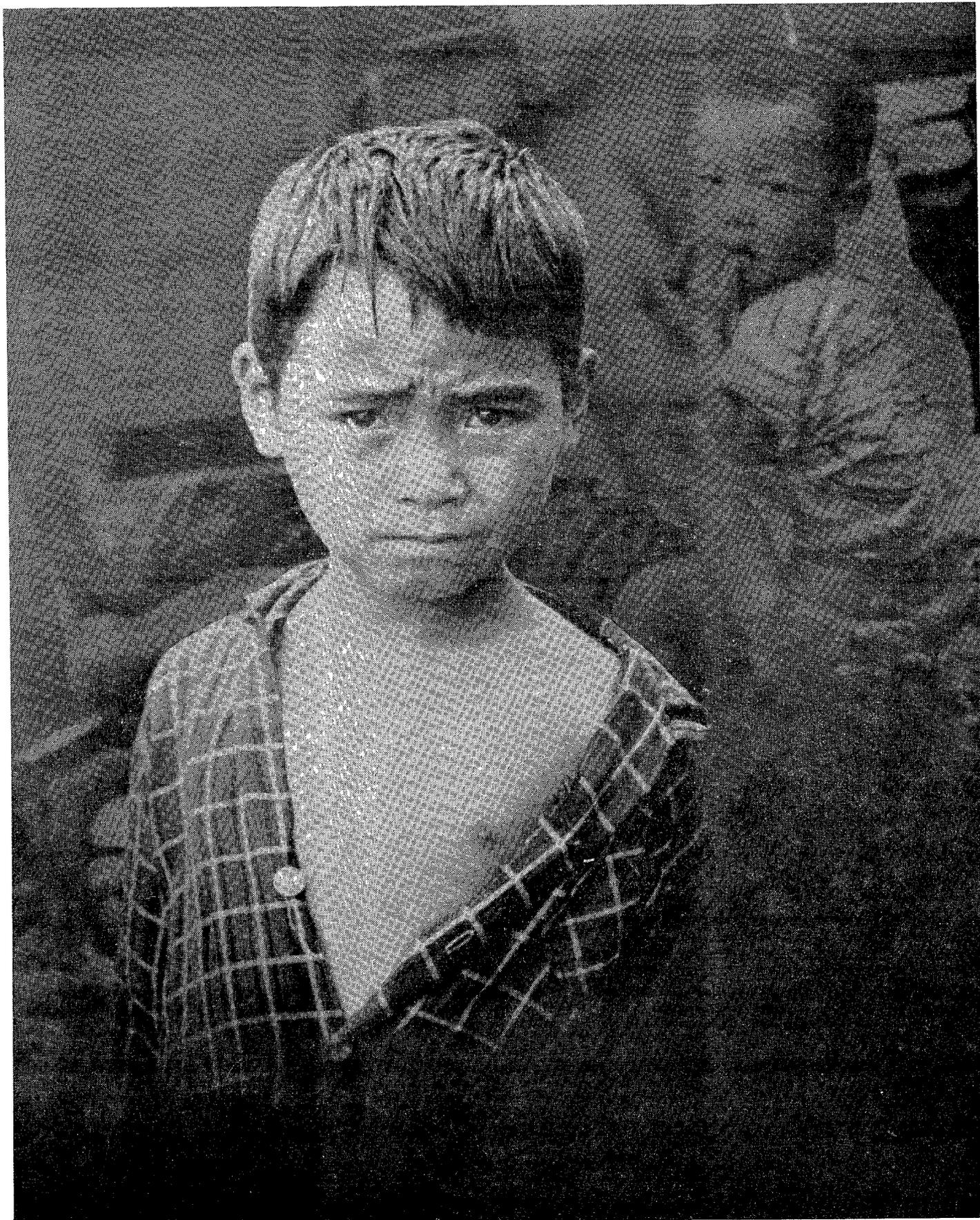
You say you care!
Our Lord received the Roman whip, not care
That Day.

You say you care!
Our Lord said: ". . . As ye have done it unto
one . . . of these . . . ye have done it unto Me"
One day.

You say you care!
Our Lord sees these little ones so needy
Will you, as Pilate, wash your hands or give
TODAY.

T. M. Ashlock

Let us all show we really care when the Disaster and Famine
Relief Offering is received on June 5.



DISASTER and FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING, JUNE 5

New Stewardship Program Launched

by J. A. BIRKENSTOCK, Secretary
Church Development Department
Trans-Africa Division

Yet another coup has taken hold of Trans-Africa, a peaceful revolution, however! Quite a change in the thinking of our leaders and members has taken place as a result of the Stewardship program which was launched in South Africa during the months of February and March.

For this eight-week period Pastor M. E. Rees of the Columbia Union, was loaned to Trans-Africa. In his home field, Brother Rees has had a number of years' experience in helping our churches and our people to develop the plan of systematic benevolence and teaching the principles of stewardship. Realizing the benefit this program would be to our work here in Trans-Africa our Division committee requested the General Conference and the Columbia Union for the services of Brother Rees for this short period.

The first instructional meetings began in Cape Town when a good number of representatives from the Cape Conference and the Good Hope Conference were present. For most of the time the presidents of these two conferences also attended the daily instructional periods. Those who attended these meetings soon discovered that in the Bible and writings of the Spirit of prophecy the blue-print for raising funds can be found. It became clear that we shall have to change or discard many of the former fund-raising methods and use instead the more scriptural and up-to-date ones.

In his introduction our visitor outlined the history of the Church Development service as conducted by other church and benevolent organizations. This service began in 1903 with the raising of funds for the building of a large Y.M.C.A. centre in Washington, D.C. Since then this program has been developed by secular and professional firms. The first worker to bring this plan of fund raising into our denominational framework was Pastor W. J. Hubert who served in the General Conference for a time to promote this phase of our work. It was from him that Pastor Rees learned the principles and procedures, and from then the objectionable methods of fund raising were discarded and only pure Bible principles were retained and used.

Today, however, we realize that a hundred years ago the Lord gave us all

the light and principles we need along this line. Already in 1859 Sister White outlined to our people the plan of systematic benevolence. How greatly the work could have been advanced and blessed if we had accepted the counsel and organized our giving in a systematic way.

The basis of the plan of systematic benevolence was rehearsed. We learned how we as church members should give from firm principle and not by impulse or when the emotions are stirred; that we should place God first in our income distribution every week or every month and then we can claim the promise that He will bless what is left so that it will cover all our needs; how the Jews at the time of their highest prosperity gave



as much as one quarter or one third of their income to sacred and religious purposes; and finally, that had we honoured God with our means the work could well have been finished by this time.

It became clear that this is the program ordained of God specially for this time to help our people overcome selfishness and to devote themselves fully to the Lord, first with their means and then with their talents and time.

During the course of this instruction the manuals which had been prepared in order to guide stewardship directors in carrying out the canvass programs were studied thoroughly. It was found that this is a well-organized program and that all the necessary procedures and materials have been tried and tested.

We soon discovered that Pastor Rees, whether in the instructional period or when addressing a church business meeting could not do without a blackboard. This method of visual representation was most effective and helped to make the

principle of equal sacrifice, rather than equal giving, clear to each one present. Quite a revolution in our thinking took place when we realized that because of the differences in income and giving potential we should not think of assigning the same goal to everyone, but that the Biblical principles of giving are based on such texts as 1 Cor. 16:2: "Give as God hath prospered"; and Lev. 16:17: "Each to give according to his ability."

Along with the training instruction, actual canvass programs were also conducted in three churches in the Cape Peninsula, the Claremont church which needs funds in order to build a new church; the Parow church which is raising £6,000 in order to complete its present church structure; and the Wynberg church which needs at least £2,500 to build its new church. It was interesting to see, as this program was being conducted, how the various church members agreed to group themselves into fifteen different levels of giving ability to make it possible for each one to have a part and feel that all were engaging in this program of equal sacrifice.

Then the program moved to Johannesburg and a large group of workers gathered to receive instruction and help as had been given in Cape Town. A number of the workers from the Oranje-Natal Conference, the Transvaal Conference, and the Good Hope Conference, as well as from the SAU Group II were present at this time. We were encouraged to have the conference presidents and other leaders present also. Some representatives came from as far afield as the Congo, Malawi, and the Zambesi Union. We were also greatly encouraged by the interest shown by our Division president, Pastor Pierson, when he attended some of the meetings.

As this program continues to spread more and more widely we believe it will have a tremendous impact upon both workers and laity. We find that when our people step forward in faith and put God first in their lives, there is ample means in the treasury for the prosecution of God's work, but the greatest blessing of all comes when we realize that this is a spiritual experience in which we can all take part; that the Lord is interested in saving souls in the church from the blight of selfishness; and when we truly follow God's program for this time it brings a great spiritual revival to the church. When God's people are right with the Lord there are no money problems. When they are led into making a covenant with Him by sacrifice we find that the money for churches, schools and other needs comes as a by-product. It is God's blessing in our lives and experience that we need most of all.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Progress Report from Basutoland

by J. D. HARCUMBE, *Vice-president South African Union, Group II*

	June, 1963	June, 1964
Patient admissions ...	1,095	1,189
Average daily in-patient census	110	109.3
Major operations	211	226
Minor operations	465	460
O.P.D. visits	4,501	6,975

I wish to bring to the readers of the OUTLOOK a resumé of the wonderful work being done at our Maluti Hospital and the Ficksburg practice which is being run in conjunction with the hospital.

Dr. Clifford and his gallant team of workers labour strenuously and accomplish much at the hospital as the following information will reveal:

At a meeting of the Maluti Board the matron presented her report and the difficulties being encountered in obtaining sufficient senior staff were outlined. The current number of nurses in training at the institution was 20, and a happy feature of the report was the announcement that all six taking the recent nursing examinations had been successful. Graduates from Maluti who had applied for registration by the S.A. Nursing Council thus far have been accepted.

The chaplain of the hospital reported that 1392 pieces of literature had been distributed; 385 Bible studies conducted; 96 students enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible courses; 8 decisions made for the message; and 4 nurses in the baptismal class.

From the financial statement it was noted that their operating had been satisfactory, with a substantial gain of over £1,000. This was achieved by modest under-expenditure of their salary and general schedules, and by a considerable increase in their earned and donated income. Hospital fees reached an all-time high of nearly £5,500.

Patronage, and the quantity of work done, also increased as the figures below will show:

We shall have to offer increasing and better services in order to maintain our turnover of patients, with the increasing medical services being offered to the public by the government and private organizations and practitioners alike. We regard this factor not as a problem, but as a challenge which we must face and meet.

The blessing of God is certainly resting upon this medical institution situated in Basutoland. No wonder Dr. H. E. Clifford, medical superintendent, in his report stated: "We express our devotion and thanks to God for all that He has done for us. Whatever commendable you may observe in our reports or our plant has been accomplished by a group of the most loyal and devoted associates one could find or contemplate."

Besides his work at the hospital, the chaplain had been loaned to the field to conduct an effort at Maseru, hitherto an unentered area of Basutoland. Up to the time of writing, no results are available but we are sure that the effort has made a great impression on the people in the capital of Basutoland and they are witnessing the truth of God.

So far as the Ficksburg practice is concerned, Dr. Warren Staples has put his heart and soul into this new project and much has also been accomplished here. Let us hear what he had to say in his report:

"During the eight months of operation we have been very happy to see progress, financially and spiritually. The practice has been able to refund the



Emmanuel Mission's new clinic. M. B. Musgrave, secretary-treasurer of the SAU Group II, in foreground.

union £1,000 loan and as the financial statement shows, make a considerable profit in operating. Many of the patients are enrolling in the Voice of Prophecy Bible courses. Much literature is being distributed and many have gained the victory over the smoking habit. At present I am studying with an interested group in the location and also with one family in Ficksburg."

As you may all know, Dr. Staples is doing good work in successfully performing eye operations. In fact, during the eight months he has prescribed nearly 500 pairs of spectacles and also done a fair amount of surgery in the local hospital. And so we can see that the Lord is blessing our work in the medical field in a wonderful way.

For many years, Maluti Hospital has been operating a clinic in an old building at Emmanuel Mission but they now have a new clinic (see accompanying picture) built from Maluti funds in order to serve the people in the vicinity of Emmanuel Mission.

Our great need at present is to obtain young Seventh-day Adventist women with J.C. qualifications to take the nurses' training at Maluti Hospital. Dr. Clifford concluded his report by saying "In spite of our joy and thankfulness for successful work as shown by our financial position and statistics, it has been our decision and purpose as a staff to gauge our progress and accomplishments not by these tokens, but by the quality and consistency of our witness for Christ. Our avowed purpose as a staff is to make a name for Christ, not for ourselves, or even for our institution. The future holds threats as well as challenges, and by and large the future seems formidable, but we as a staff have promised ourselves never to fear and never to doubt. It is thus orientated that we will continue our work."



Pastor and Mrs. D. A. Webster are retiring from active service after 41 years of dedicated labour. For many years they served in various fields and for the past ten years they have laboured in the South African Union Conference. Their faithful service and the influence of their godly lives have greatly blessed and enriched the fields in which they have laboured.

Sabbath School Department

Big Business and Big Blessings

by J. B. COOKS, *Secretary
Sabbath School Department
Trans-Africa Division*

The Sabbath-school secretary was speaking about Investment and the way God was blessing many who participated through business partnership with Him. One plan quoted was through debt collecting and another by giving the Lord a percentage of profits or gains. A man and his wife in the congregation that morning listened attentively. Then a thought came to the man and a plan was formulated.

On their way home from church the husband spoke: "What would you think of our giving to the Investment Funds all the money owing us by I - - - (a relative) that we can collect?" It so happened that they had, with difficulty, collected some of the debt but for many months it had been impossible to collect any more in spite of earnest efforts to do so. The wife agreed to the plan without hesitation, and together they waited to see how God would work.

They did not have long to wait, for the very next morning (Sunday) the debtor who had not visited them for several months, came to their home and said: "I want to pay that money I owe you. Here is half of it and I shall pay the remainder in weekly instalments." As can be imagined, this experience greatly increased the faith of that couple of Sabbath-school members.

When the Investment Plan was adopted as a means of increasing the flow of Sabbath-school offerings that go out into the world field to help carry the gospel to its farthest corners, the "faith of our fathers" did not envisage how large that little stream would become. Did you know that from 1925 until 1962, \$11,376,857 passed through the Investment channel to missions, and each year it continues to grow. In 1963 more than \$1,000,000 came into the treasury through this means and when reports are completed for 1964, the world Sabbath-school Department expects the fund will reach the \$1,250,000 mark.

This very largely increased amount, coming in annually now is due to the changed attitude of God's people to this important plan. Sabbath-school members are no longer satisfied to leave Investment to the children to gather pennies, or grow a row of beans or dedicate an odd tree for this purpose. These are good me-

thods, but the larger possibilities cannot be overlooked. Hence some are now dedicating fields of crops or percentages of harvests or business deals, and hundreds, even thousands, of dollars are coming in in lump sums to swell the fund. This does not minimize the large number of little streams of offerings which flow into the larger Investment "river." These still carry the bulk of the means received, therefore let us keep the money from eggs laid on Sabbath, the extra row of beans, the occasional fruit-tree, the popcorn and sweets, the empty bottles, old newspapers, sewing and embroidery and all the thousand and one small plans working at maximum capacity.

Let those in the city as well as in the country consider various ways in which larger projects can be undertaken. Let us take God into partnership, and we shall see our offerings grow without diminishing our incomes. God always helps those who help his cause.

One of our sisters had a nursing home in which she had 24 beds, but she never had 24 patients at one time, so Bed 24 was constantly unoccupied, and a number of the other beds were often empty also. She decided to give every penny earned

by Bed 24's use to Investment. Almost immediately after making this decision, Bed 24 began earning money for Investment, and of course the other beds were full also. It does pay to be in partnership with God, and I hope by the time you finish reading this article you will decide to join in partnership with Him in the Investment Plan.

Greater than any temporal blessings which accrue to those who link up with God are the Spiritual blessings. In this faithless age we need faith-building projects. We believe that the Investment Plan can help you in this respect as it has thousands of others.

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Sabbath-school Superintendents, have your churches appointed Investment secretaries to promote the plan in your Sabbath-school? If not, do so now. It will pay rich dividends.

Important Dates

Harvest Ingathering Campaign,
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering,
June 5.

MEET OUR WORKERS



Brother ERIC A. KORFF is a comparatively newcomer to the ranks of our workers although he has had previous experience in the business world before graduating from Helderberg College in 1963. He has served in the South African Union office in Bloemfontein and is now secretary-treasurer of the Transvaal Conference in Johannesburg.



PASTOR R. E. CLIFFORD is secretary-treasurer of the South African Union. At the beginning of this year he took over the work from Pastor D. A. Webster. Brother Clifford brings to his new work seventeen years of experience, most of which was gained in the Transvaal Conference. Prior to this appointment, he served at Bethel Training College.

From Hither and Yon

Camp-meetings over the Easter week-end were held in all three of the European conferences in South Africa and also in the Rhodesia Conference at Gwelo. Large crowds of God's people are reported to have attended these annual feasts, and camp-meeting offerings reached exceptionally high figures.

With thirty-five years of dedicated service to his credit, Pastor P. J. van der Merwe retires this year. Pastor Van der Merwe has spent most of this time in active evangelism, and worshipping in churches throughout South Africa are many well-grounded and faithful believers who were brought to a knowledge of the message as a result of his labours. His now lighter program is well earned.

From the Division Treasury Department comes the word that £423,069 in tithe was received last year, and total mission offerings amounting to £185,992, including Harvest In-gathering. While the tithe figure is a good and encouraging one, it would appear that we need constantly to remind ourselves that our offerings are not in good proportion to our earnings. We have obviously not yet reached the place where God's people are giving an amount in offerings equivalent to our tithe, the second tithe policy.

The HM secretary of the South-East African Union, P. J. Salhany, writes: "I have just returned from three separate Lay Preachers' Training schools, one in each of our three fields. The attendance was outstanding, the students attentive, and they pledged themselves to 24 lay efforts during this coming year. Each field HM secretary with trained assistants is conducting 12 more such schools throughout the union."

The Salisbury church, responding to an urgent appeal for clothing for the poor made by the mayoress, Mrs. M. Ponter, delivered over two hundred articles to the mayoral office recently.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Brozio arrived recently from Germany to join the staff of Helderberg College. The doctor will be teaching mathematics. Dr. and Mrs. K. Sturdevant reached Kendu Hospital in Kenya early in April and were soon into their new program there. Disembarking at Cape Town, Brother and Sister H. R. Fisher drove up to Malawi after spending a few days en route at Solusi and Salisbury. Brother Fisher is a public health worker and will connect with the Blantyre/Malamulo practice in Blantyre, Malawi.

Brother and Sister E. B. Barton reached Nairobi from New York in February and are connected with the Maxwell Preparatory School in that city; Miss Gwenyth Davis arrived in Nairobi from Sydney, Australia, to work in the East African Union; and we are happy to welcome again the J. C. Mattingly family who are returning to labour in the Congo Union.

Pastor and Mrs. L. D. Browne have transferred to Solusi College from the Uganda Field, to serve the college as business manager

during the absence of Brother Don Van Ornam while on furlough. Another inter-union transfer takes Brother and Sister G. W. Roberts from Malawi to Zambia, where Brother Roberts will undertake construction work at Rusangu Mission school. The M. A. Morfords transferring from Helderberg College, passed through Salisbury recently on their way to Bugema Missionary College in Uganda, East Africa.

Returning from furlough is the F. E. Wilson family. With them will be Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Ewald, and baby Rheeta Wilson. Going on furlough from Salisbury are Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Schaffner and their family, and the P. H. Coetzee family, and from Solusi College, the Don Van Ornam family. Mrs. Ruth Gorle is also on furlough from the college. In June, furlough time will come around for Miss J. M. Gassert of the Central African Union office, and for the Ken Cronje family and the S. T. Palvies, who will proceed to South Africa. We wish these workers and their families happy and profitable furloughs.

Preparing for the Power of the Holy Spirit

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"Many declare that it is certainly no harm to go to a concert and neglect the prayer-meeting, or absent themselves from meetings where God's servants are to declare a message from heaven. *It is safe for you to be just where Christ has said He would be. . . .* Jesus has said, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.' Matthew 18:20. Can you afford to choose your pleasure and miss the blessing?"

"We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. . . . The congregations of the church, as in camp-meeting, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labour for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the Early and the Latter Rain." *The Faith I Live By*, p. 246. Surely such statements should shake us to the very foundation of our souls, and cause us to re-evaluate our attendance at church, and as we examine ourselves let us make a truthful accounting.

Let us realize our need and pray earnestly, and constantly for the fulness of the Holy Spirit or we shall never receive it. Soon, very soon, God will send the Spirit in power upon His church, for signs all around us proclaim in clarion tones that the time is almost here when God will declare, "It is done." Rev. 16:17.

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Sunset Calendar for June 1965

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	5.45	5.44	5.44	5.45
Johannesburg	5.18	5.24	5.26	5.27
East London	5.10	5.09	5.09	5.10
Port Elizabeth	5.17	5.16	5.16	5.17
Bloemfontein	5.26	5.25	5.26	5.26
Pietermaritzburg	5.09	5.08	5.09	5.09
Durban	5.05	5.04	5.05	5.05
Bulawayo	5.33	5.33	5.35	5.35
Lusaka	5.37	5.38	5.38	5.40
Salisbury	5.26	5.26	5.27	5.29
Gwelo	5.26	5.26	5.27	5.29
Blantyre	5.16	5.16	5.17	5.17
Elisabethville	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.57
Nairobi	6.34	6.34	6.37	6.38
Mombasa	6.16	6.16	6.17	6.18
Kisumu	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.48
Kampala	6.52	6.53	6.54	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.16	6.17	6.17
Tabora	6.43	6.43	6.44	6.45

Preparing for the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT

Necessary Preparation For The Reception of the Holy Spirit

EVERY soul born into this world is given sufficient of the Holy Spirit to lead him (if he so wills) to Jesus Christ the Saviour, but in this reading we will study the preparation necessary for the receiving of the Holy Spirit in power, often referred to as the Latter Rain.

At one time the apostle Paul met a group of baptized church members and asked them whether they had received the Holy Spirit, and their reply rather shocks us. "We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (Acts 19:3—N.E.B.) Surely none of us can excuse ourselves by saying that we have not even heard of the Holy Spirit! We were all baptized into the name of the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, so by rights we should be enjoying a large measure of the Holy Spirit.

How do I measure up? In the time of Paul the Corinthians were not such Christians as they should have been, and it was impossible for Paul to speak to them as to spiritually mature persons. "Jealousy, evil surmising, and accusation had closed the hearts of many of the Corinthian believers against the full working of the Holy Spirit, which 'searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.'" *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 271. Could it be our experience that our lack of spirituality and our fostering evil traits of character prevent the Holy Spirit dwelling in us in all His fulness?

When the Holy Spirit comes to a man or a woman He first reveals the awful condition of the carnal heart, by revealing to him the wonderful character of Jesus Christ the Saviour. His holiness and His goodness are in such contrast to the poor sinner's heart that the sinner, by the grace of God, is led to repentance and confession, making it possible for the Holy Spirit to begin His work in the heart and to re-create His character in the image of God, thus bringing the person up to the standard set from the beginning of the world when God said, "Let us make man in our image." (Genesis 1:26). This character was demonstrated by Jesus, the Son of God, during His earthly life. Here then lies the basis of the preparation necessary for the receipt of the "power of the Holy Spirit."

This preparatory work was well demonstrated in the lives of the Lord's own disciples. You will remember that Jesus took Peter, James and John up into the mountain with Him. Those left below were filled with jealousy (*Desire of Ages*, p. 431); and when they tried to

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cast out a devil from a boy they were powerless. (Mark 9:18; *Desire of Ages*, p. 427). Two of those who were privileged to go up the Mount of Transfiguration with the Lord were tested later when Jesus asked them to prepare for the Passover supper. Then they too failed. In their minds were such thoughts as "Why should we wash their feet; that is a servant's job?" We read also that all the disciples who had come to the supper were filled with selfish, ambitious thoughts. (John 13:1-17; Luke 22:7-18, 24; *Desire of Ages*, chapters 71, 72.)

In face of such specimens of Christian character, what were some comments of the Lord to those errant disciples? To Peter He said, "You will deny me" (John 13:38). To them all, He said, "You will all be offended because of me" (Matthew 26:31). "I have much to say to you, but ye cannot bear it now" (John 16:12-15). In spite of this Jesus did not cast them off, but gave them the promise of the Comforter who would come to help them. Then He commanded them: "tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye receive the power of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:4; Luke 24:49).

In this pre-pentecostal condition we see a likeness to our own spiritual condition today. We have been called to Christ, we *want* to follow Him, we protest that we are following Him, yet as we take stock of our condition we see that truly we are not ready for the flood of blessing, the "refreshing" (Acts 3:19) which God waits to pour out upon us. The Spirit of prophecy says of our present condition. "Let Christians put away all dissension and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing and it will come." *Christian Service*, p. 252.

The Preparation for Pentecost

What did the disciples do during the period between Christ's ascension and Pentecost? They got the victory over their besetting weaknesses of character, for as they waited for the promise of the Lord their minds dwelt on the vivid scenes which had recently passed before their eyes and of which they were all living witnesses. Two great sequels of contrasting lives had been laid out clearly before them. It was now or never; it was the one or the other. Christ's pure life from the cradle to the agonizing, vicarious death, which conquered the grave



and opened the way back to His heavenly Father, and on the other hand, the selfish, ambitious, deceitful life of Judas had resulted in a traitor's death. Judas and all the disciples had found the cross of Christ too devastating to their selfish ambitions, and so they failed. Christ had plainly told them that every disciple must accept the crucifixion of SELF (Luke 14:26, 27).

We, too, are warned that we must never attempt to remove the cross so as to make the way easy. It cannot be. SELF must be crucified (Romans 6:6).

Service—A Sign of the Prepared Heart

Your place in the heavenly mansions will be assured not because you have worked to get yourself there, but because the Christ-love in you has caused you to give your all that OTHERS may be there. This is why we read in the book *Evangelism*, p. 699: "When we have an entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not labourers together with God." Emphasizing this thought is this passage from *Steps to Christ*, p. 82: "So those who are partakers of the grace of Christ will be ready to make any sacrifice, that others for whom He died may share the heavenly gift. . . . This Spirit is the sure outgrowth of a soul truly converted."

The Meetings of the Church; The Place to Receive the Latter Rain

In Hebrews 10:25 we are told, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." One part of our Christian experience is associating together with the other Christians of the church and not forsaking the assemblies of the people of God. The Spirit of prophecy makes this doubly plain:

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