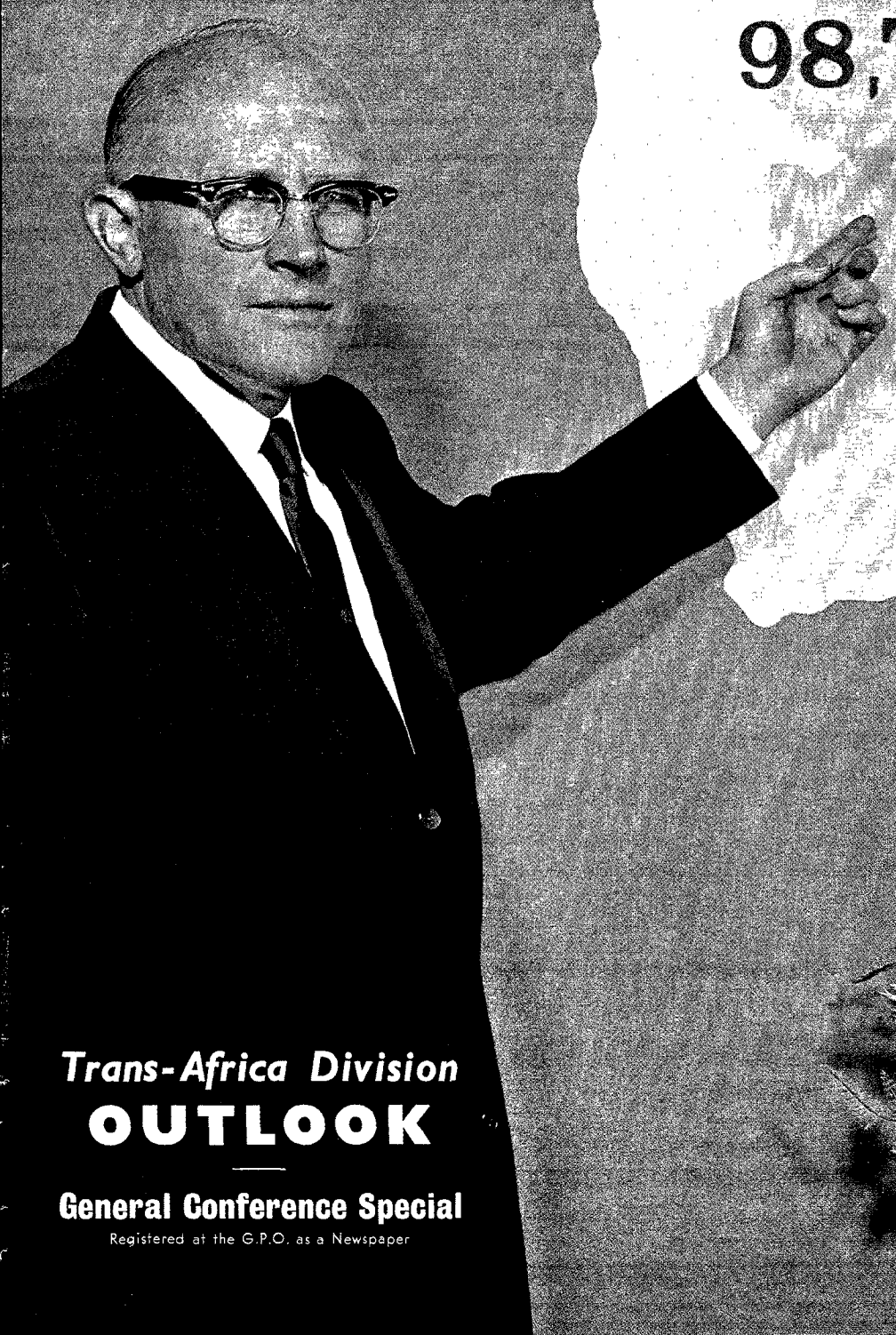


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HEART TO HEART

A Friendly Chat by the Division President to the Church in Trans-Africa

Dear Fellow-Believers in the Advent Message,

I still can scarcely believe my eyes when I study the latest statistical report. It does not seem possible that our accessions to the faith in Trans-Africa for the past four years total over 100,000! This brings our baptized church membership to very nearly a quarter of a million, and by the time this letter appears in print our Sabbath-school membership will be close to five hundred thousand! This is not man's doing. Only the blessing of God can account for such a move forward during the difficult and frustrating times we have experienced during the past quadrennium. All I can do is stand back and exclaim: "What hath God wrought!" Praise His name for His wonderful goodness! All the glory belongs to Him!

Financially as well, the Lord has had His hand over the affairs of His church in Trans-Africa during times of violence and threatened chaos. In one of our countries, banks were blown up and looted, yet the good Lord kept every franc of His money safely. Miraculously we have lost nothing from our bank deposits. In practically every field in every country good gains in tithes, offerings and Ingathering have been reported. Praise His name!

Our hospitals and clinics have been functioning to capacity. Our schools are bursting with record enrolments. Our three publishing houses are running all-out to produce literature for millions of avid readers. This is a great day in which to serve the Lord in Africa—or in any other part of the world.

But there is a danger! Prosperous statistical reports can be lethal rather than enlivening. They can kill as well as challenge. They may have the effect of putting us to sleep rather than galvanizing us into action. Material prosperity does not necessarily mean that the work is finished. "There remaineth yet very much

land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1. "Every nation, kindred, tongue and people" is the measure of our task. "God designs that the light of the gospel should extend to every soul upon the earth."—"Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," page 42. We dare not; we must not slacken our energies until this goal has been achieved with His strength and power.

The lateness of the hour, the vastness of an almost overwhelming task combine to challenge our zeal for God and our relationship with God. This is no time to be "casual in our contacts." This is an hour when God's people must be deadly in earnest. The time for talking is long past. This is the day for deeds, the hour for action. How dare we fiddle while a lost world burns? We must get away from any holding action. This is zero hour, a time for aggressive attack.

This is indeed an hour of great decision. Let us also make it an hour of deep devotion!

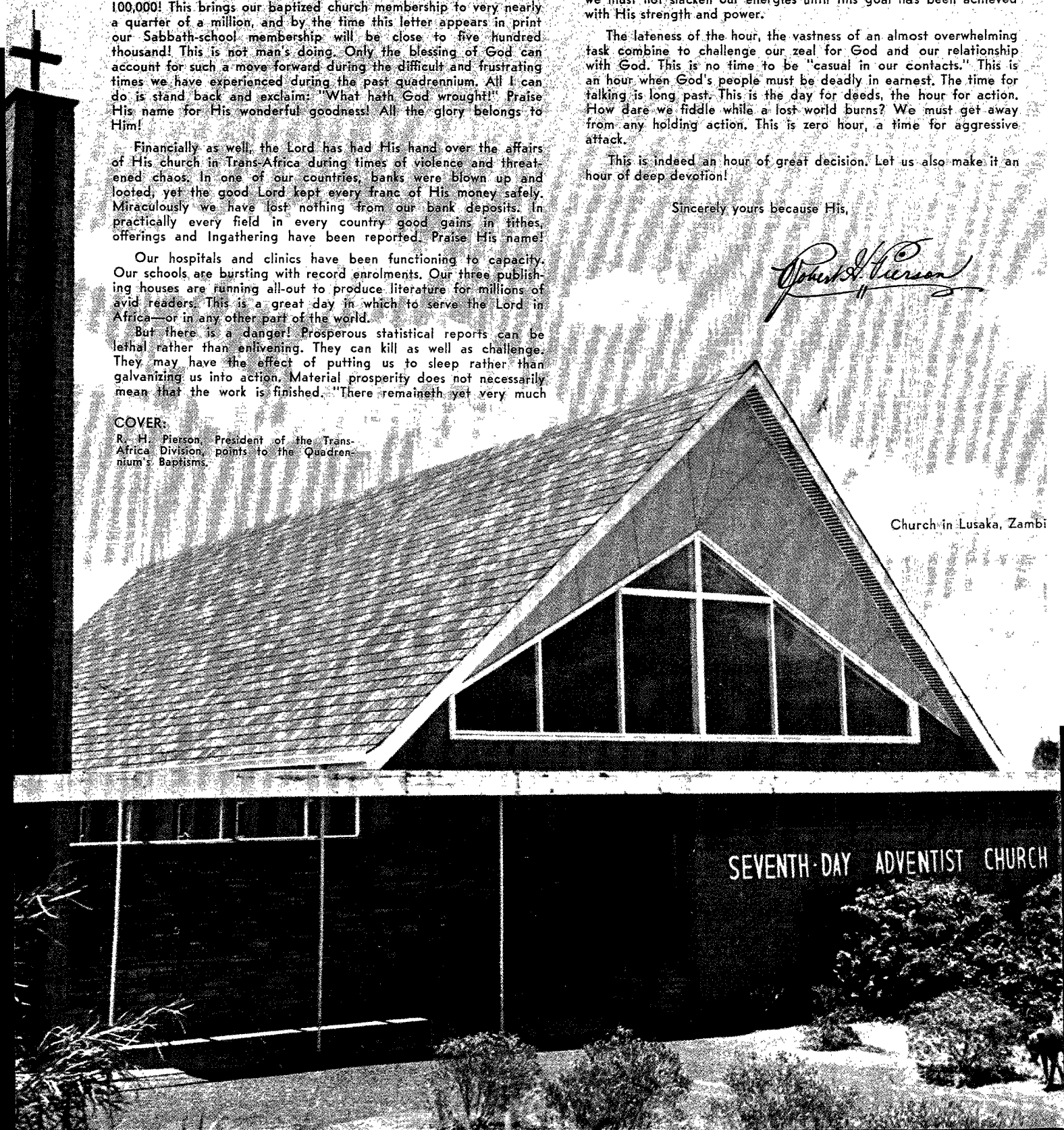
Sincerely yours because His,

COVER:

R. H. Pierson, President of the Trans-Africa Division, points to the Quadrennium's Baptisms.

Church in Lusaka, Zambi

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



UNENTERED YET

*Unentered yet, that blessed land
With mansions bright and fair.
Its streets of gold, its gates of pearl
Are waiting for us there.
Before the crown must come the cross—
A glorious acclamation—
Before Christ comes His Word must go
To every tribe and nation.*

*What shall we do for Zanzibar,
And Tristan's rocky islands?
God's truth must fly from southern veld
To Kenya's cooling highlands.
The Congo's vast unentered fields
Must hear the Advent story
Ovambo, and the brave Masai
Must know the King of glory.*

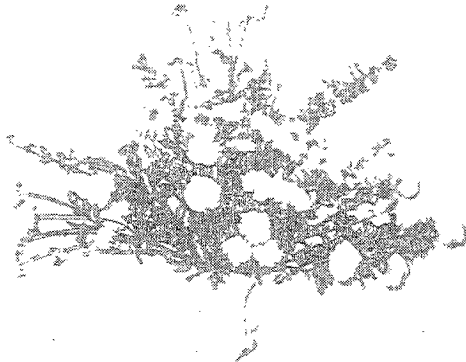
*How dare we sleep while sinners die?
Up then, and give the warning!
The night of sin is almost past
Soon comes the golden morning!
So give or go, thou child of God,
Increase thy best endeavour,
Write now the acts you'll gladly face
In heaven's glad forever.*

—Robert H. Pierson.



EVANGELISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

EVANGELISM has been, and continues to be, priority number one in the planning and the prosecution of our work here in the South African Union Conference.



While care is taken to give every phase of our work emphasis so it will grow with due balance and proportion, we look to evangelism to set the pace in soul-winning activities. One worker speaks of South Africa as the "evangelist's paradise." This is no doubt because a large proportion of the people reverence the Bible.

One night a Coloured man by the name of Bennie Samuels asked me to visit him as he wished to talk with me. He told me that he had been brought up and was married in the Anglican com-

munion, but that he had abandoned religion and given himself over to carousing and drinking with his friends. On Old Year's Eve they were going from home to home singing and drinking, when he was arrested by a voice calling, "Bennie! Bennie!" He stopped short but his companions moved on. "Bennie, this is not the life for you. You must leave off these habits and evil ways." The companions were gone and he was all alone. He returned home and fell on his knees praying that if God had spoken to him, He should tell him what he ought to do. He stopped drinking and smoking but knew not where to go or what to do.

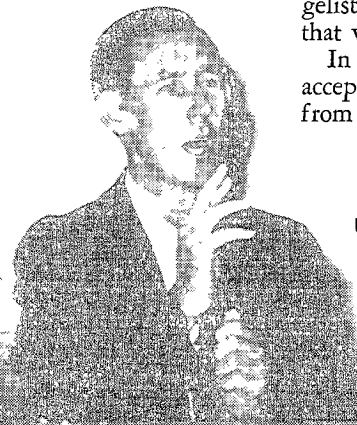
Just then a handbill advertising meetings in the Kimberley city hall came to him. He determined to attend. On the way down the street he stopped and thought, "Why am I going to the city hall? I know where the Cathedral is, I was married there. I'll go there." He turned to go but stopped again, hesitating, when the same voice said, "Bennie, Bennie, I am going to the city hall. You come with me" and a hand was laid on his shoulder. Startled he looked around but no one was in sight. He hurried on to the city hall and found a large congregation singing. The voice of the evangelist seemed to him to be the same as that which had repeatedly spoken to him.

In the meetings he was converted and accepted the message—a "brand plucked from the burning."

R. H. KENT
Union Evangelist, S.A.U. Conference



A. W. STAPLES, President
South African Union





H. W. STEVENSON
President
Congo Union

ENTIRE church congregations have disappeared as members fled the country to escape the carnage. The officers of a field have been thrown into jail; mission stations have been looted; missions have been evacuated and re-occupied as the waves of violence swept across the land and were spent. The union headquarters office compound was shattered and looted in the heat of battle, then rebuilt and re-occupied. These are some of the strange events that have occurred during recent years in the Congo.

Through these tragic events men and women have suffered and died. Others have shown great courage, loyalty and devotion to the cause of God and the church.

There was Pastor Samuel, for instance. When warning came of the approach of the insurgents, the villagers escaped to the depths of the forest there to survive by hunting and searching for edible roots and wild fruits. Many of our church members and Pastor Samuel disappeared without trace. Were they in the forest?

Eventually peace came to the countryside and refugees in the forest, hearing the news, began to drift back to their burnt out village sites. Earnest inquiries were made of them for news of Pastor Samuel. "He is certainly dead," they said, "for he was last seen in insurgent hands marked down for death."

As the weary months dragged by hope of Pastor Samuel's return faded. Then, one day a great commotion down in the village brought the mission director hastening out to know the cause. Were the insurgents coming again? No! The sound was joyful. What then! Could it possibly be true? Yes, it was none other than Pastor Samuel returned as it were, from the dead, but bearing the marks of many months of privation and hardship.

He was telling his story:—"We were surrounded. None could escape. The known government supporters were executed before our eyes. The survivors were ordered to participate in the witch-craft oath ceremony, swearing allegiance to the insurgent cause and to the spirits of

departed ancestors. Now it was my turn and I was ordered to rub myself with a concoction of human blood, roots, bark, and animal parts, into which some rifle bullets and bits of metal had been placed. This would protect us from the enemy and the evil spirits of the opposition, we were told. 'I am a Christian and a minister,' I said. 'I have been washed in the blood of Christ and this concoction has no power in my life. No! I can never participate in this pagan ceremony.' Abuse and beating could not shake my determination, so I was sentenced to death. 'But wait,' said the leader, 'we'll do it another way,' and I knew I was to be subjected to some horrible death. But God closed the eyes of my guard and I was able to escape and God has preserved me until today."

Pausing, he extracted from the pocket of his ragged jacket a small package wrapped in bark and tied with fibre. Handing it to the director, he said, "This is our tithe and Sabbath-school offerings. It is not much, but it is all we have left."

This same spirit of sacrifice and devotion is shown in the sum of Frs. 4,997,230.00 of Harvest Ingathering collected by laity and workers; by the Frs. 6,132,962.00 of truth-filled literature distributed by indefatigable literature-evangelists; by the 1,729 branch Sabbath-schools established by laymen; and by the 3,303 precious souls baptized.

All of this has been accomplished in the past four years while death has stalked the land and fear has filled the hearts of all who were not sustained and constrained by the love of Christ.

THE CONGO

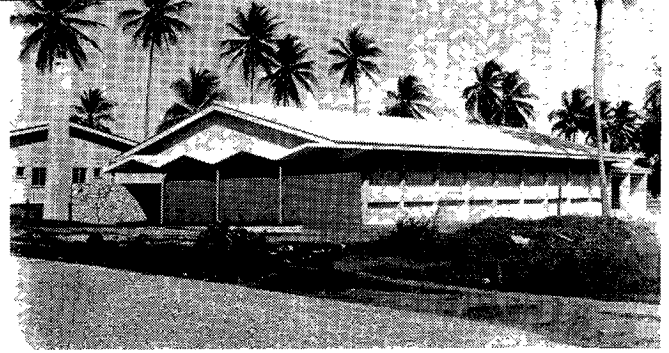


CHURCH DEDICATIONS

By J. A. Birkenstock

"WHAT hath God wrought!" This we can truly exclaim with conviction when we look back upon the wonderful way in which God has blessed in our Church Development program. From all parts of our Division reports are coming in faster than ever before of many beautiful permanent church homes which are being completed and dedicated to the Lord's service each week. The old mud, pole and thatch prayer-houses are giving way to new brick buildings, in which through sacrificial commitment and systematic giving the members themselves have had a large share in the construction.

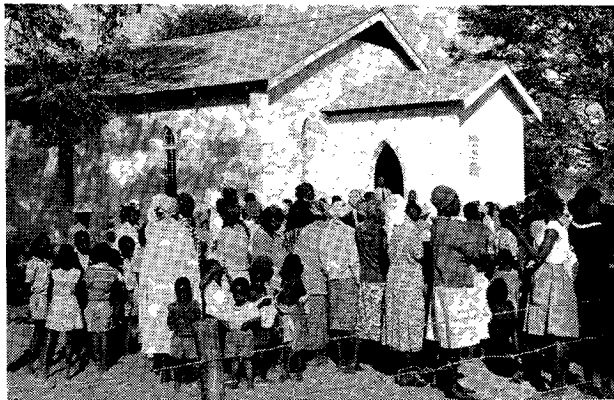
On the hills of Rwanda, and in the valleys of Malawi; on the plains of Tanzania and in the busy cities of South Africa, more and more representative church homes are now opening their doors to faithful believers of all races. Here the new adherents are having their convictions of truth strengthened, and sin-torn backsliders are renewing their allegiance to the Author of the ten commandments. Throughout Trans-Africa from Seventh-day Adventist churches the message of a soon-returning Saviour is being proclaimed far and wide.



Dar-es-Salaam church,
Tanzania



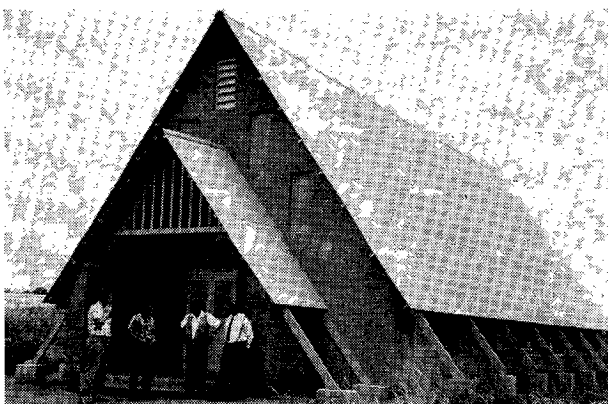
Kisumu church, Kenya



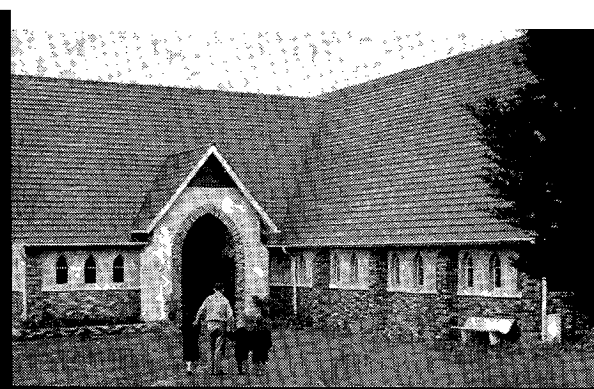
Believers attending
Maun church, Kalahari
desert, Bechuanaland
Protectorate



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



Lilongwe church,
Malawi



Plumstead church, Cape Town,
South Africa

Amazing Growth

(Continued from page 8)

While we appreciate and are thankful for the steady increase of tithe and mission offerings we believe nevertheless that our achievements are too small for the crying needs of Africa today. Upon us rests a tremendous responsibility to bring to Africa the salvation which lies only in the gospel. We earnestly pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to meet the needs of this mighty hour. We add to our petitions the humble request that men and means will be available to match the needs, and we dedicate our all for the finishing of the work of God in this vast Division. The work will be finished on time and the cause of God will triumph. We must triumph with it.

"WHOSE HEART THE LORD OPENED"



M. E. LIND
Secretary, Trans-Africa Division

DURING the past quadrennium the territories which comprise the Trans-Africa Division have experienced more changes, faced more unrest and posed more problems due to international conditions, than at any previous time. During this period many new nations have been born while hundreds of thousands of refugees have poured across the boundaries of neighbouring countries. Famine, persecution and unrest have come to many lands, and frustrating situations have confronted our administrators at all levels.

How marvellous it is in our eyes, therefore, that so great a number of souls has

been added to the church. During the quadrennium nearly one hundred thousand souls have been baptized. Our present membership of 245,101 is a testimony to God's saving grace and preserving power.

One of the many thousands won through the preaching of God's Word in public evangelistic efforts is Princess Beatrice, sister of the king of Toro, western Uganda. Another is Princess Ada Balirala, sister of the Kabaka of Buganda, who is also president of the whole of Uganda.

Among the thousands of refugees streaming across the border of Uganda was a Seventh-day Adventist young man by the name of Samwiri. I had not met him before but when I inquired of the officer in charge for someone who kept Saturday as the day of worship he immediately directed me to Samwiri who at that moment was standing in a long food queue waiting for his daily rations. He was dressed only in short trousers, having lost all his possessions when he fled with his wife and baby before fire and destruction.

Looking at this earnest young man I asked if there was anything he needed. He replied in the negative at first but then told me he had lost his Bible. When I pressed him again to let me know if he needed anything else, he asked for literature and Bibles for the refugees among whom he now lived and worked. I was

amazed that he had not requested food or clothing for himself or his family, but these things did not seem to constitute needs to him. All he wanted to do was to spread a knowledge of the message among those in the camp. Needless to say he was well supplied with Bibles, literature, food—and clothing—which he shared with those about him. It is this passion for souls which is finishing the work here in Africa.

Yes, also among the thousands baptized during these past four years is Ashe Musoke, a former pastor who left us 15 years ago, but who is now back in the church. There is that important chief in the Kisii country in Kenya who left the church three decades ago and married many wives. He too is rebaptized and is fellowshipping with us once more.

Our membership, which at the beginning of this present quadrennium stood at 202,389, rose to 214,943 in 1963; to 231,319 in 1964; and finally reached 245,101 at the end of 1965, is a testimony to God's saving grace and preserving power. The net gain for the period was 42,712.

The 702 ordained ministers, 263 credentialled missionaries, 319 licensed ministers, 752 licensed missionaries, 1,654 elementary school teachers, 442 literature-evangelists, and 311 other workers of the Trans-Africa Division have been witnesses to what God has wrought in this vast field of labour.



AMAZING GROWTH

R. M. REINHARD
Treasurer, Trans-Africa Division

It is a wonderful privilege to live in a glorious and mighty hour such as the one in which we live today, when the Lord is making "bare His holy arm" and cutting short His work in righteousness. Nowhere are the challenges, the perils, and the possibilities greater than in the Trans-Africa Division today. Startling events and trends are developing which indicate that we must work with an urgency not heretofore felt, since we are living so near the close of this earth's history.

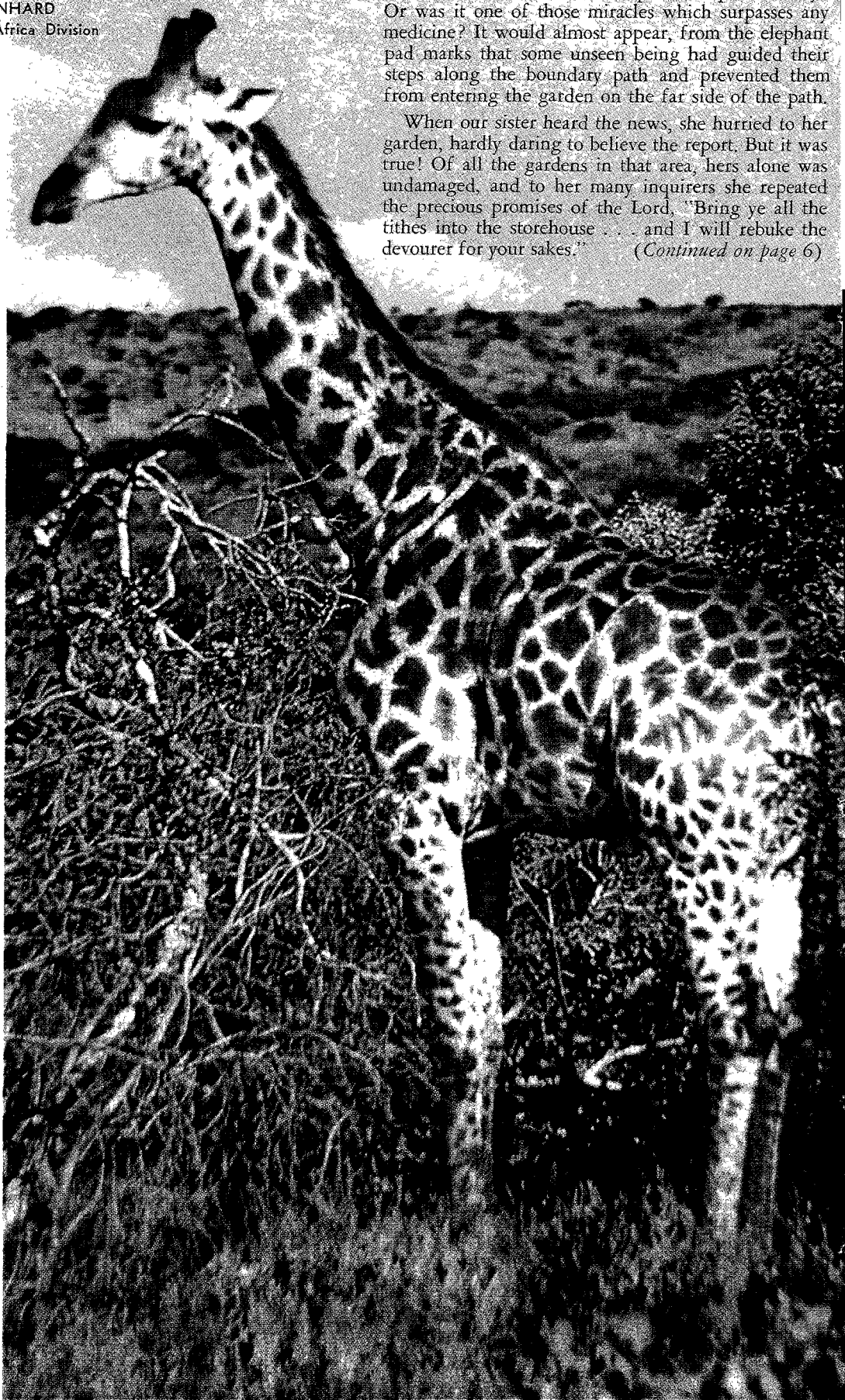
In looking back over the past quadrennium we can see how God has led us, and can only thank Him that, by His power and love, the hearts of the believers in the Trans-Africa Division have been constrained to give an amount of \$4,678,095.99 (£1,670,748-11-4.) in tithes; and \$2,048,292.19 (£731,532-18-6.) in mission offerings. Together these figures reveal an increase of \$1,535,660.90 (£548,450-6-5.) or 29.6 per cent over the previous quadrennial period.

Near our Sitoti Mission Station in Zambia, one of our believers, an elderly woman, had her maize garden next to the village headman's land, with only a narrow path dividing the two gardens. One night elephants visited these maize gardens. They entered the headman's garden and feasted on the maize until only the bare stalks were left standing. When they came to the narrow path dividing the two gardens, it was evident from their pad marks that they stopped and returned to the headman's garden again. After completely trampling his garden they moved on to other nearby gardens, and ate everything they could find. Only the garden of the Adventist woman was left untouched.

Early the next morning when the people came to their gardens they

found all their crops destroyed except those of the Adventist. They could not understand this. They were amazed that the elephants had not entered the old woman's garden and wanted to know the reason. Did she have a medicine which kept the elephants away? Or was it one of those miracles which surpasses any medicine? It would almost appear, from the elephant pad marks that some unseen being had guided their steps along the boundary path and prevented them from entering the garden on the far side of the path.

When our sister heard the news, she hurried to her garden, hardly daring to believe the report. But it was true! Of all the gardens in that area, hers alone was undamaged, and to her many inquirers she repeated the precious promises of the Lord, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes." *(Continued on page 6)*





N. L. DOSS
President, South-East
African Union
(Malawi)



OUR Malamulo-based Cessna-180 offers emergency medical help to the entire union territory. Regular flights are also made to a chain of dispensaries where landing strips have been cleared. Dr. R. Jack Harvey, Malamulo's "flying doctor" and dentist Dr. Ben Nelson include small towns with no resident physician in these visits. The "Right Arm" has thus greatly extended its influence through air transportation.

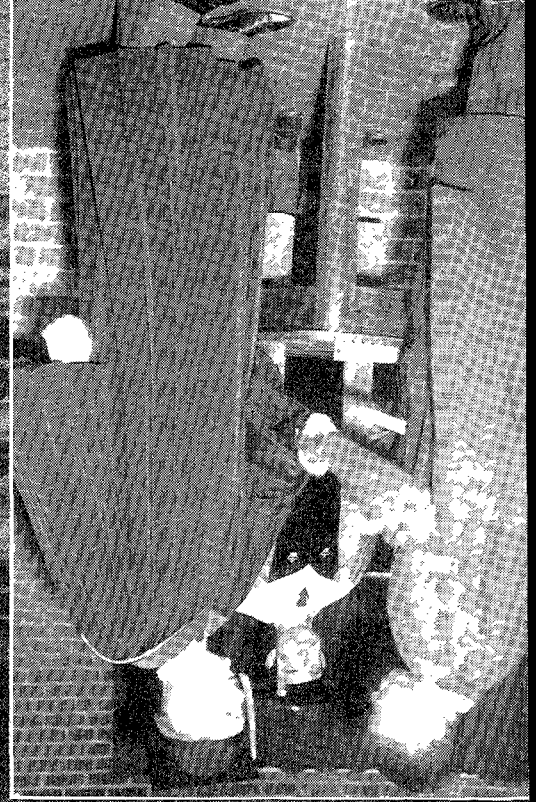
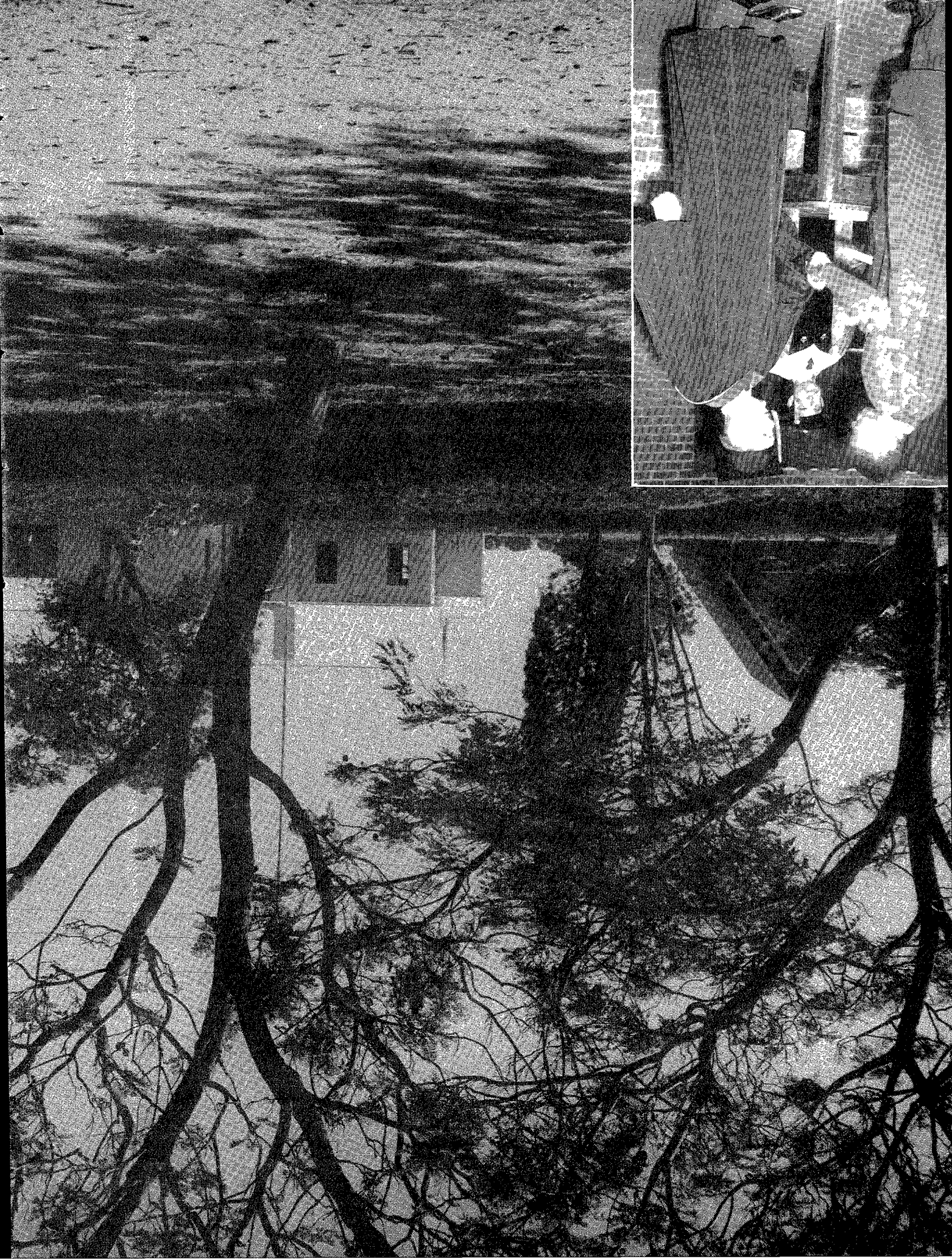
Here Dr. Harvey and Nurse Rhonda Tosen demonstrate the effectiveness of flying medical service.

Top Left:-Doctor and nurse approach village.
Centre Left:-Patient is examined preparatory to trip to hospital.
Bottom Left:-Villagers carry him to plane.



Top Right:-Gentle hands place him in plane.
Bottom Right:- Orderlies carry him into Malamulo hospital (See pages 13, 14).





AFRICA AND ADVANCED EDUCATION

EDUCATION has come to be the touchstone of success in the thinking of many Africans today, and the desire to secure it has become almost a "religion" with some.

A good education is necessary to help many of our workers orientate themselves and their thinking to the new ways of life and the problems which constantly confront them. Political harangues, unusual religious teachings, reform movements, and enticements to pleasure, crowd in to influence Christian believers today. The most effective way, apart from the direct intervention of the Holy Spirit, of combating these influences is a truly Christian education.

Our workers today have constantly to meet a public which is more sophisticated and better educated than a few years ago. Those who were well able to hold their own with the city Africans of ten years ago now find themselves passed by and outdated. The gospel message that we preach must be spearheaded by men who can command the attention and respect of the public and gain the confidence of their hearers.

To meet this need has been the task of the educational program of the Trans-Africa Division. Our one thousand village and central schools have been the means of drawing many souls and of opening doors that would otherwise still have been closed. Our fourteen high schools are battling with economic problems and staff shortages but are nevertheless helping to meet the need.

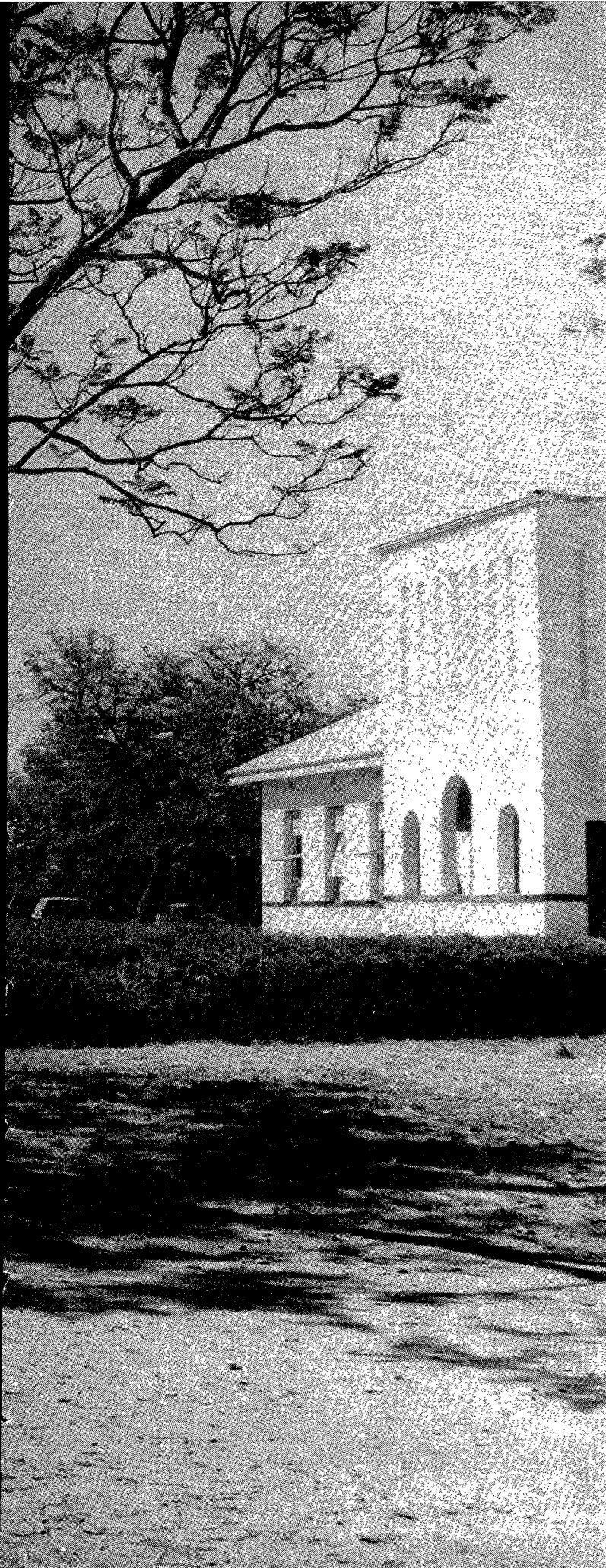
Our senior college for Africans is the final stage in preparing workers to take over greater responsibilities for the work among their own people. Governments and philanthropic organizations are meeting the problem by offering bursaries to overseas colleges. We have also granted a few, but the problem must be more adequately solved by developing our own college in Africa.

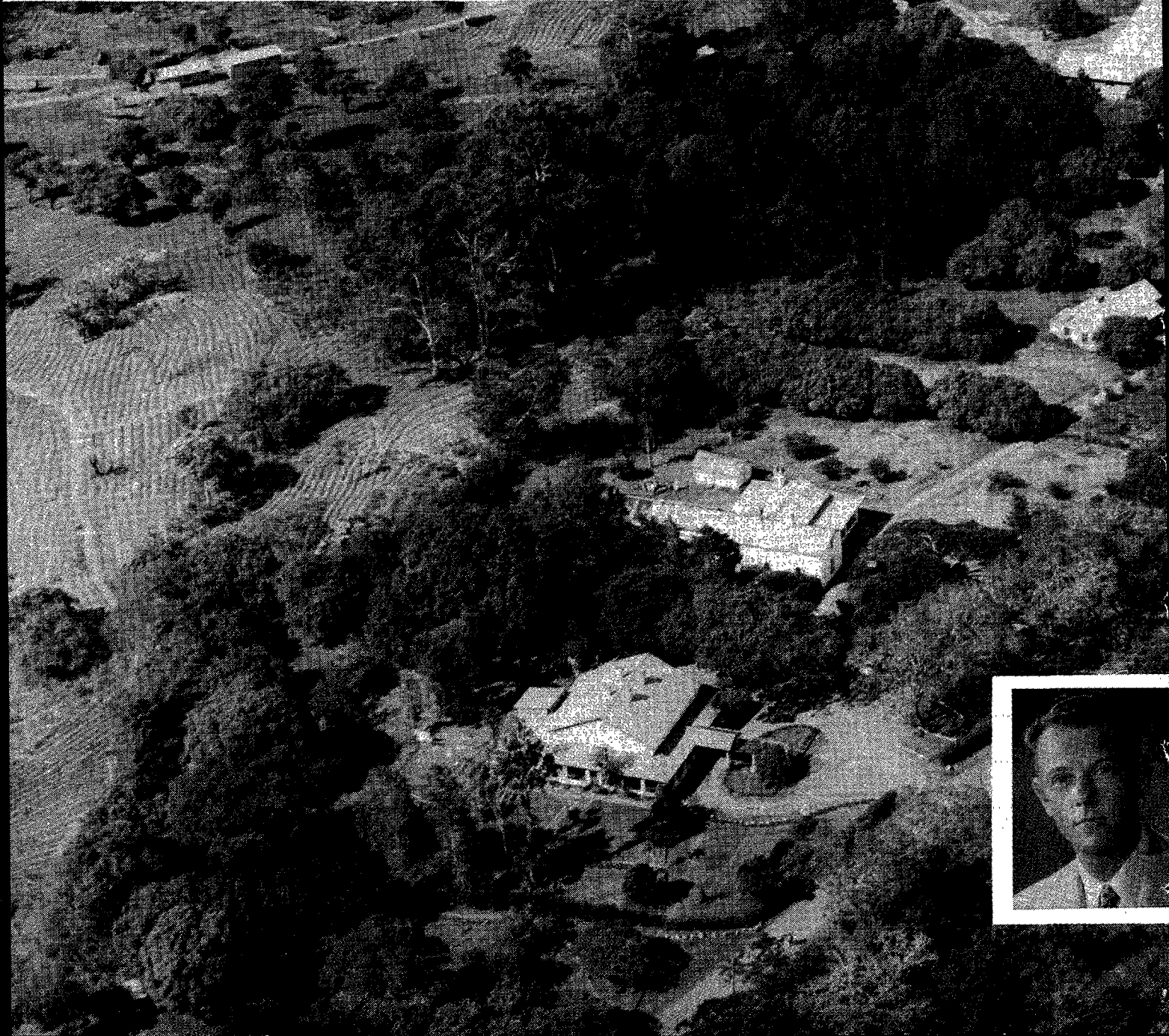
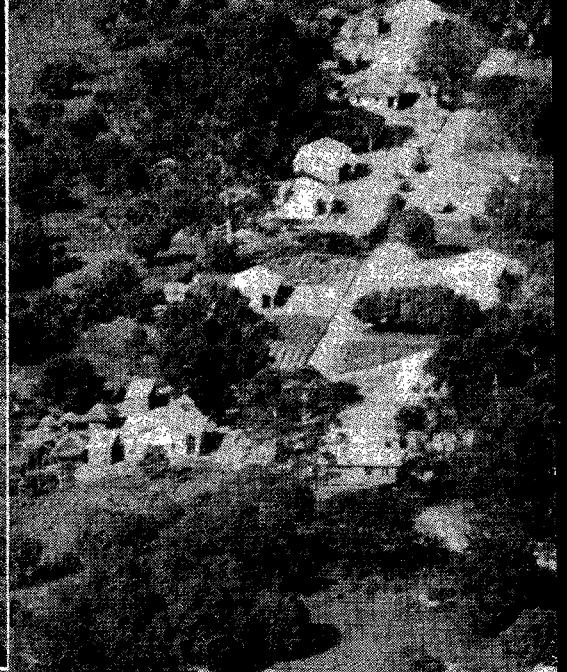
Therefore, the Division Committee has decided to allocate the entire Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering for the third quarter of 1966 to building up Solusi College as our senior college for Africans. This institution is situated where our mission program began, on old Solusi Mission. A good start has been made in the development of the college, but if it is to serve the Division adequately, it must be developed to the place where it can offer a full college course. We are grateful to Sabbath-school members around the world for what they will do on September 24 to help this important project of training workers for service in all parts of the Division.

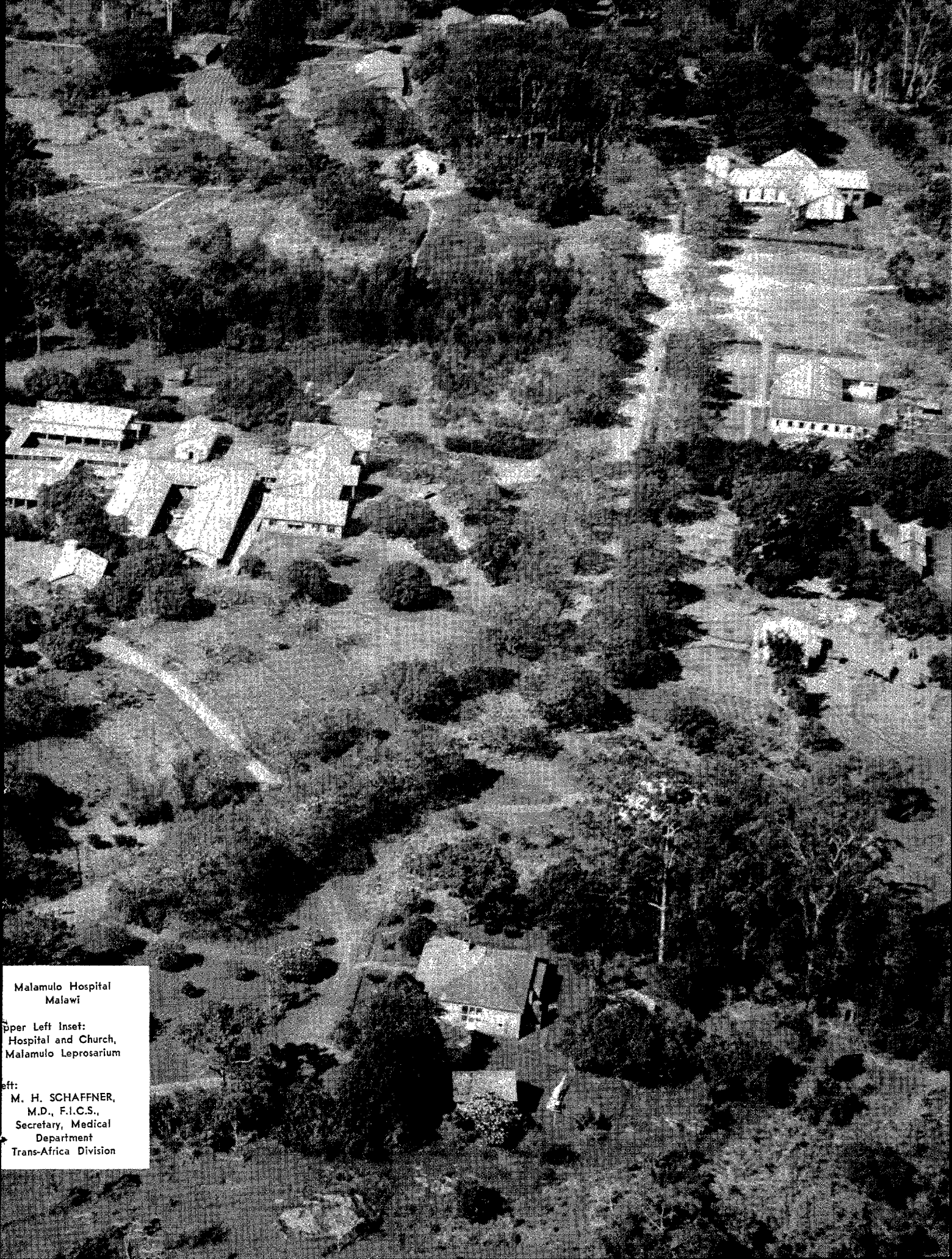
—W. R. Vail.

Former Secretary, Department of Education.

R. L. STAPLES, M.A., B.D., Principal of Solusi College, and Dr. M. D. HODGEN congratulate a graduate.







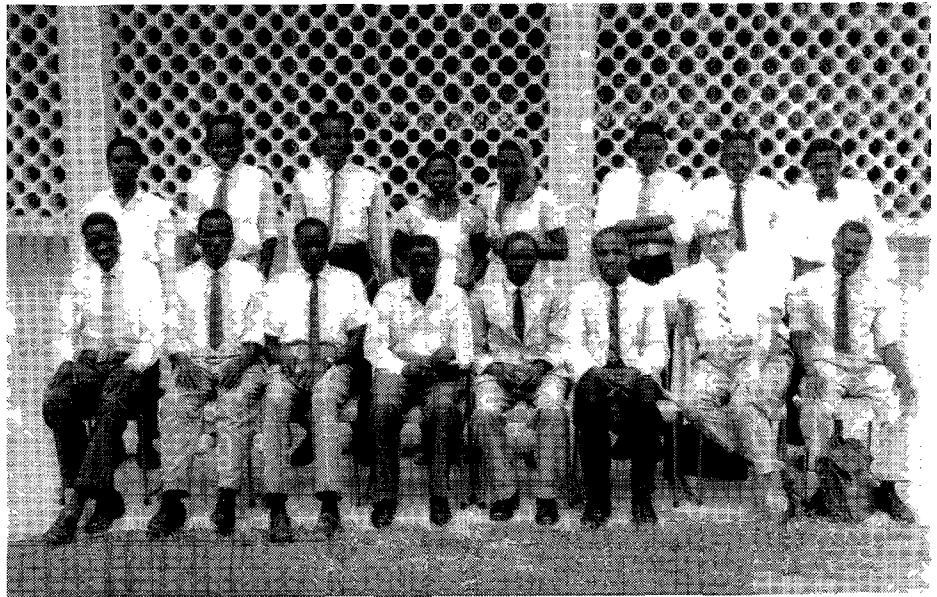
Malamulo Hospital
Malawi

Upper Left Inset:
Hospital and Church,
Malamulo Leprosarium

Left:
M. H. SCHAFFNER,
M.D., F.I.C.S.,
Secretary, Medical
Department
Trans-Africa Division

R. H. E. HENNING,
Secretary, Publishing Department, with Literature-Evangelists of the Tanzania Union

In keeping with the advancement and development of modern Africa the Publishing Department has sought to keep pace with the changes, bearing in mind the tremendous increase in literacy in recent years. The soul-winning results of an increased literature program have been most gratifying. The most outstanding feature of these soul-winning activities has been the willingness of literature-evangelists to engage in direct evangelism.



Tanzania's Literature-Evangelists Win Souls

Recently Pastor T. Otieno, Publishing Secretary of the West Lake Field, accepted a challenge from the union publishing secretary and took a group of his literature-evangelists into an unentered area of Tanzania. After earnest prayer the brethren decided to hold their meetings in an old court house. Soon after the meetings began, one of the local churches began opposing the brethren and put their young people in the road to prevent others from attending the lectures. God spoke to these young people and they eventually joined the baptismal class.

One night a man who journeyed twenty miles to the meeting came up to our

brethren and asked, "Do you keep holy the Sabbath day?" The brethren answered him tactfully, encouraging him to attend more meetings until he found the answer. However, he would not be put off in this way and told how fifteen years before he had purchased one of our books from a literature-evangelist and since that time had been looking for the people who kept the true Sabbath. This man joined the baptismal class and also started a branch Sabbath-school.

Yet another man came to the meetings who had purchased a book ten years before. He too accepted the message with gladness and joined the baptismal class.

P. G. WERNER
President
Tanzania Union



After three weeks of meetings, over two hundred souls indicated their acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour. The people are now meeting in three different places each Sabbath.

The problem of caring for this interest became very urgent. It seemed that no worker was available for this important follow-up program. The brethren placed the matter before the Lord, believing that He would work out some means of following up this large group of converts since the evangelistic team had to go back to their regular work. Somehow the Lord presented the need to a faithful layman who, of his own accord, made available a sum of money for a worker to be sent to care for the new converts. The first baptism of forty souls has taken place, and others will follow in due course.

God is working mightily in new Africa. Let us pray that our vision and plans may keep pace with His accelerated program.

—F. G. Thomas.

Former President Tanzania Union.



Central Africa's 144,000

IN spite of Satan's attacks and deceptions, God is preparing a people who can stand in the last great day. In the Central African Union, possibly the largest mission union in the denomination, we have 144,000 Sabbath-keepers, and other thousands who join themselves to God's people each year. When one reads Revelation chapter 7, one is reminded of the 144,000 who are called the servants

of the Lord and who come from all the peoples of the world. We believe many of them will come from the mountains and valleys of Central Africa.

As a result of national emergencies in neighbouring countries, many thousands of refugees have crossed the border into Burundi. Camps have been hastily erected and much is being done to bring relief. After such essentials as food and housing have been cared for, the church has supplied other needs, such as clothing, dispensary medicines, church buildings, workers and preachers.

Through vigilance and visitation it has been possible to gather over 200 Adventists together from these thousands of refugees, and organize them into companies.

A young Christian girl, Ndina, fled with other refugees and arrived at a relative's home. At first, all went well until her foster-father thought of earning a tidy sum of money by marrying her to a wealthy heathen. This man already had three wives and was old and unsympathetic. When Ndina heard of her future prospects she refused to enter into this alliance, stating that she was a Christian and wished to marry a man of her own choice who was also a Christian. Many arguments arose and at last Ndina was taken to her suitor's house by force.

A. H. BRANDT
President
Central-African
Union



That evening while the man was resting after a heavy meal and a drink, she stole out and disappeared into the bush. On being recaptured after her second escape the old man became angry and, with a friend, dragged her to an ant hill. Here they drove strong stakes into the hard ground, tore her clothing from her body and tied her hands and feet to the stakes. There they left her. It was not long before the vicious ants swarmed over her naked body.

A young man was making his way along a little path. He was a teacher who had been visiting his home on holiday and now was returning to his school. As he made his way through the bush he heard a soft moan among the trees. Slowly and carefully he made his way to where the sound was coming from and there he found Ndina. Quickly he cut the ropes, gently lifted her up and carried her away to the care of his mother. After many days of constant, loving care Ndina slowly recovered from her ordeal. Today she is happily married to the young teacher who saved her life.



Hair-styles in Rwanda



Central Africa's thousands hungry for the message





F. G. REID, President
East-African Union

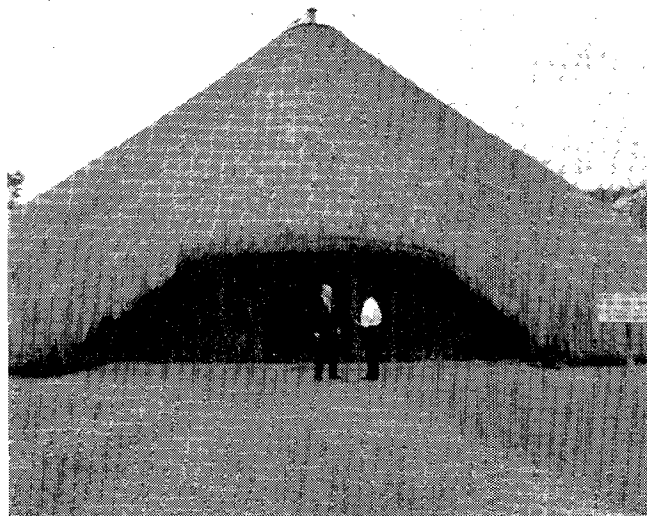
The message of truth reaches the highest and the lowest in East Africa

A humble woman of Kenya



"UNLESS you take the four lectures on your Sabbath we will not permit you to take your final examinations," were the parting words from the head sister-tutor at the Kenyatta Hospital School of Nursing in Kenya, to two of our young women who had faithfully lived the message during the three years of schooling in the hospital. Milkah, 24, of the Kisii tribe, came from an Adventist home, was reared in a Christian atmosphere, attended our schools, and was an exemplary young lady. Roseneal Ojwang, 24, of the Luo tribe, also attended our schools, her father being a local elder. Both of these young people's parents came into the message through the efforts of lay-evangelism in the Lake Victoria area. The girls met each other and became good friends at our Kamagambo Training School. When they began their nurses' training they were told they must attend Sabbath classes but they quietly went about their classwork and absented themselves on Sabbath. For three years they were able to carry their class and work load without any difficulty. They were recognized as superior girls and their sweet, winning ways endeared them to the other students and teachers. Now trouble came like a thunderbolt from the sky! But they determined to remain faithful. They did not attend the special lectures and consequently they were not permitted to write the final examinations. But they were not dismissed and so they stayed on for six more months, and a few weeks later they were able to take the lectures and thus sit for their final examinations. Presently they are registered nurses of Kenya. It is interesting to note that they are highly thought of and the hospital does not want to lose their services. They have been encouraged to take the midwifery course.

Sacred tomb of the kings in Uganda



For many years the Uganda Field has tried again and again to establish work in the Lira area, but without success. But "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." Into this area have flooded many thousands of refugees and among them were about 30 Seventh-day Adventists. After visiting this Adventist group, Pastor Dennis Bazarra, president of the Uganda Field, reported that they had so let their light shine in the refugee camp that over 200 gather on the Sabbath. A worker is now being sent into that area where hitherto we could not even arouse an interest.

The work is onward and upward in the East African Union. Pray for us.

—E. T. Gackenhaimer,
Secretary, Home Missionary Department, East-African Union.

Milkah
and
Roseneal





FORWARD WITH GOD



A. W. AUSTEN, Field Secretary
Trans-Africa Division

FOR over two hundred years from the entrance of European civilization into South Africa in 1652, land was of primary importance. As the population spread into the hinterland, it was increased farmland, for agriculture and grazing, that they sought.

The discovery of diamonds and later of gold brought a change. Soon there was a cosmopolitan influx from all over the world, in search of quick fortunes. The richest diamond finds were made on farms belonging to two Afrikaans families, De Beer and Wessels. De Beers Corporation today is synonymous with diamonds, and the richest mine was on the farm "Wesselton." The names of De Beer and Wessels, likewise have been closely associated with Seventh-day Adventist history, and the beginnings of our work in Africa.

Through earnest Bible study, Pieter Wessels started to keep the Seventh-day Sabbath in 1885, believing himself to be the only Sabbath-keeper in the world. He sought out a friend, G. J. van Druuten, who soon joined him in the observance of the Bible Sabbath, and together they sent \$250.00 to America, to help defray the expenses of sending out a minister, for whom they earnestly appealed, to help them. Pastor C. L. Boyd, one of the missionaries sent out in response to the appeal, went to Kimberley, and in a short time, organized the first church in Africa, in the suburb of Beaconsfield, with 21 charter members. This church, still standing as a memorial to the pioneers of the church in Africa, has recently been declared a National monument.

The first efforts to reach the native peoples of the continent, were made in 1893 when Pastor A. T. Robinson, acting under instructions from the General Conference, made a request for land in Rhodesia. The Prime Minister of the Cape Province, the Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes, authorized a gift of 12,000 acres of land to start the first mission station. This was clearly in the providence of God, for the brethren had expected to have to buy the land, and furthermore, Rhodes had previously not encouraged foreign missions. Thus did Solusi Mission, 32 miles from Bulawayo come into being, living to this day in the affections of the missionaries in Africa, as the mother of them all, for out of, and through Solusi came the pioneers of the lands and mission stations of the great sub-continent. Today Solusi College is the centre for advanced training for our African workers throughout the Trans-Africa Division.

While the work among the white inhabitants of Southern Africa grew slowly, but solidly, the message, after getting a foothold among the native peoples, marched forward with rapid strides. Not easily however, has it progressed, but with toil, sacrifice, illness, often privation, sometimes death, yet with a vigour and enthusiasm that have carried it irresistibly forward. The Trans-Africa Division today comprises one Union Conference and seven Union Missions, with 1,492 organized churches, and 214,948 members, served by a working force of 4,449 consecrated workers.

This land, once occupied by tribes, savage and warlike, with only the barest rudiments of civilization, has been largely transformed. Christian missionary enterprise has taken cognizance of the difficulties in race, language, culture and environment; the miracles of grace for which Livingstone hoped and prayed, it has been our privilege to see and experience. Truly, as we move forward with God, we are led in humility and gratitude to exclaim—"What hath God wrought!" But the end is not yet, let us continue to work, pray and "move forward with God," to finish His work in the Trans-Africa Division.



J. E. MARAIS, M.A.
Principal, Helderberg
College



SINCE 1892 Helderberg College and its predecessors have exerted a very marked influence upon the progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Trans-Africa Division. As one example we may quote the fact that in January, 1966, nine of the ten principals of training schools and colleges in this Division were trained, at least partly, at Helderberg, and the tenth was a teacher and the registrar there for 18 years. This institution has been the main source of supply for workers for territories in various parts of the Division, especially South Africa.

A large number of Helderberg College students, now in classes above primary school level, come from the six high schools conducted by the conference organizations within the territory of the Trans-Africa Division. Soul-winning amongst these students has been encouraged, as has the achievement of a high academic standard. A limited number of them have come from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes—many more have applied than could be enrolled—and each year some have made their decision for the message we proclaim.

A young man came to South Africa with his Lutheran mother from East Germany. They were refugees. He attended Helderberg and was baptized there. Now

he is in business with his step-father in Cape Town where he is a faithful member of the church.

From a family belonging to another denomination three children were sent to Helderberg. As each one in turn asked her parents' permission to become a Seventh-day Adventist, she was refused. When the fourth daughter from this family was granted the favour which had been denied her sisters, she was questioned about why this had happened. She replied, "When my mother saw what happened to the others who gave up religion, she decided that she would rather have me a Seventh-day Adventist than be like them."

Helderberg College is truly the "Pathway to Service" and a means of saving our youth for Christ.

—J. B. Cooks.

J. B. COOKS,
M.A.,
Secretary,
Department of
Education
Trans-Africa
Division





“INASMUCH”

As world presses rolled off millions of words about revolution in the Congo, the bewildered and innocent, caught up in the holocaust, were dying in their hundreds.

Adventists, within and without Africa, importuned their governments to facilitate the gifts collected for the destitute.

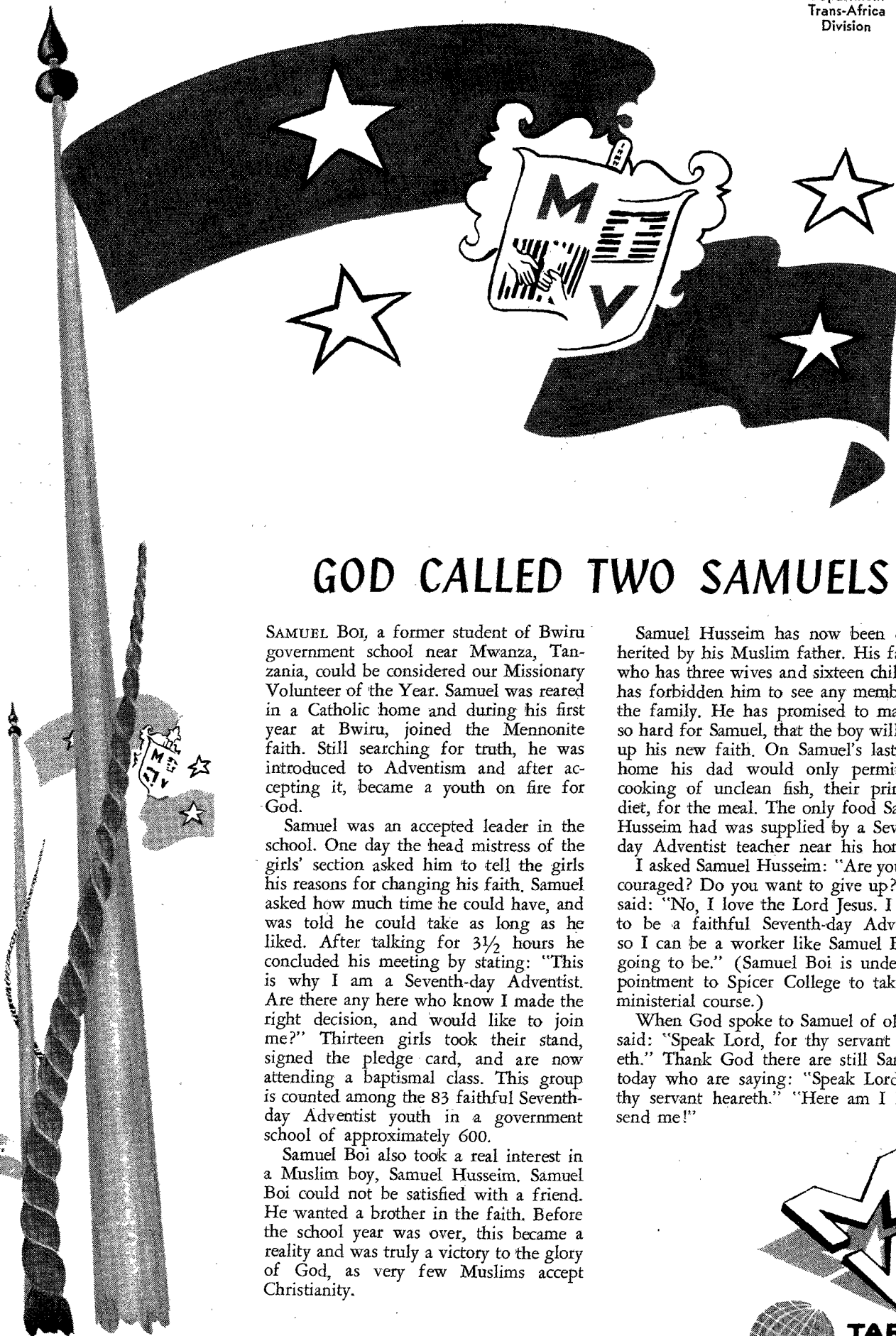
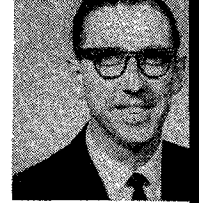
A rainless summer in Rhodesia, with resultant crop failures, caused widespread destruction and privation over the land. The welfare wheels were soon turning so children could be fed and the starving succoured.

Yes, the church in Africa lives because it is a serving church as well as a worshipping one. Faith and works—an invincible combination in practical Christianity.

—P. H. Coetzee.



T. M. ASHLOCK, Secretary
Home Missionary Department
Trans-Africa Division



GOD CALLED TWO SAMUELS

SAMUEL BOI, a former student of Bwiru government school near Mwanza, Tanzania, could be considered our Missionary Volunteer of the Year. Samuel was reared in a Catholic home and during his first year at Bwiru, joined the Mennonite faith. Still searching for truth, he was introduced to Adventism and after accepting it, became a youth on fire for God.

Samuel was an accepted leader in the school. One day the head mistress of the girls' section asked him to tell the girls his reasons for changing his faith. Samuel asked how much time he could have, and was told he could take as long as he liked. After talking for 3½ hours he concluded his meeting by stating: "This is why I am a Seventh-day Adventist. Are there any here who know I made the right decision, and would like to join me?" Thirteen girls took their stand, signed the pledge card, and are now attending a baptismal class. This group is counted among the 83 faithful Seventh-day Adventist youth in a government school of approximately 600.

Samuel Boi also took a real interest in a Muslim boy, Samuel Husseim. Samuel Boi could not be satisfied with a friend. He wanted a brother in the faith. Before the school year was over, this became a reality and was truly a victory to the glory of God, as very few Muslims accept Christianity.

Samuel Husseim has now been disinherited by his Muslim father. His father, who has three wives and sixteen children, has forbidden him to see any member of the family. He has promised to make it so hard for Samuel, that the boy will give up his new faith. On Samuel's last visit home his dad would only permit the cooking of unclean fish, their principal diet, for the meal. The only food Samuel Husseim had was supplied by a Seventh-day Adventist teacher near his home.

I asked Samuel Husseim: "Are you discouraged? Do you want to give up?" He said: "No, I love the Lord Jesus. I want to be a faithful Seventh-day Adventist so I can be a worker like Samuel Boi is going to be." (Samuel Boi is under appointment to Spicer College to take the ministerial course.)

When God spoke to Samuel of old, he said: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." Thank God there are still Samuels today who are saying: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." "Here am I Lord, send me!"



ZAMBESI UNION

F. G. REID.



F. G. THOMAS, President
Zambesi Union



Yaws.
A suffering
bushman

THE quadrennium just ending has seen the Lord's work in the Zambesi Union make encouraging progress in spite of political uncertainty and economic setbacks arising from five years of severe drought.

Baptisms for the quadrennium have been 14,220 and the membership has increased from 33,765 to 42,088.

Tithe for the last year of the previous quadrennium amounted to £44,546 and for 1965 to £54,036.

Early in 1963, Pastor S. B. Dube was elected president of the Southern Rhodesia Field which at that time had a membership of more than 20,000. In July of 1964 a new Field with a membership of 6,000 was created in the Eastern part of Southern Rhodesia with Pastor O. D. Muza as president. Two of our four Fields are now being ably led by African presidents.

Multi-racial Master Guide Camp

The first multi-racial Master Guide Camp in the Division was held by the Zambesi Union at Livingstone near Victoria Falls in December, 1964. Invitations were extended to all other Unions. Over half of the more than 200 young people and youth leaders came from within the Zambesi Union, but other Unions, particularly South Africa, were well represented. All who attended testified to a real blessing and inspiration from the 10 day period of instruction and fellowship.

Faithful in Spite of Hardships

Deep in the heart of the Kalahari Desert in Bechuanaland we have more than fifty church members. For the past five years there has been severe drought and no crops have been harvested. Early in 1965 word reached the Union office that three members had died of starvation. The General Conference, as well as the Division, Union and local Field quickly provided famine relief for these loyal members. For the past twelve months, in spite of worsening conditions, there have been no further deaths.

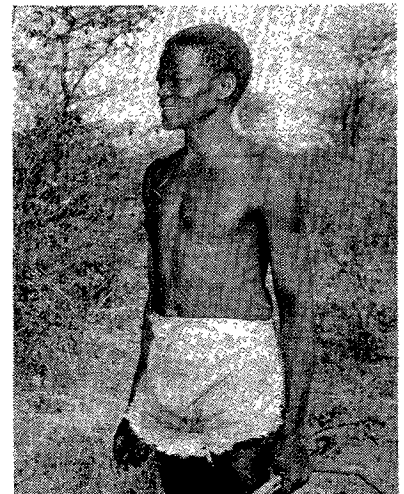
In some places baptisms could not be held in 1965 because the streams and dams had all dried up and no water of sufficient depth could be found within walking distance. Recent rains will make possible the baptism of hundreds who have been waiting for many months for this rite.

A New Direction

A pilot Stewardship Program was run in the Luveve Church in Bulawayo in December, 1965.

The Zambesi Union requested the Division to make Pastor Blanco, head of the theological department of Solusi College, and his ministerial students available to lead out in this program. Modern Stewardship Department methods, adapted to local conditions and circumstances were used. Not only did the raising of church building funds exceed expectations by more than five fold, but tithes and offerings have more than doubled. To date there is every evidence that the results will be permanent. The local pastor writes that a new day has dawned in the response of our African people to God's claims upon their income.

A Seventh-day Adventist Bushman, Moshi, who appears in the film: BEHOLD THE DREAMER



Primitive
bushmen of the
Kalahari Desert,
Bechuanaland
Protectorate



HOME PRODUCTS

Don't miss the film "Behold the Dreamer" produced by the Public Relations Department of our Division. Fascinating, educational, interesting, it will hold your attention from start to finish.

Couple with this the book, "The Arrow by Day" by Jean Cripps, and you will have two of our outstanding home products.

GOLD IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



P. H. COETZEE, President
Southern Union

THE Southern Union is only now being accepted into the world sisterhood of unions. It has evolved from the Group II organization of the South African Union and has direction of the work of the church among the African people of South Africa. Its present membership is 9,691 having increased from 8,330 at the beginning of the present quadrennium.

There are many areas in South Africa which are still unentered—areas of superstition and ignorance. To take the third angel's message to these places we have to depend largely on our consecrated laymen as there are not sufficient workers for this large harvest field. With the Lord's help the message is pressing forward into darkened corners.

In certain undeveloped districts in the Northern Transvaal where the Venda people live, primitive and superstitious customs still prevail. Young girls of twelve and thirteen years of age are reserved by old married heathen men who pay their dowry for the girls in advance in order to take them as their wives at the age of fifteen or so. On one occasion we tried to save a young girl, Martha, by offering to pay the "lobola" (dowry or bride price). The parents refused this offer and the poor girl was forced to marry the man and is now one of his many wives. When he dies, which no doubt will be in a few years, she and her children will face the world with no form of support.

Our first foothold in this area was due to the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. Later I had the privilege of baptizing five of these precious people. Jacob Rambudo was one who previously had been a leader in another denomination. Not only did he give himself and his wife to the Lord but he also donated an old church building and a piece of ground. Today there is an organized Seventh-day Adventist church with a membership of 40, meeting in a fine new church-building free of debt. These members are not satisfied with exerting an influence only in their immediate vicinity, but through the consecration of young and old, many are working in outlying areas and have won many souls to the Lord.

John, a young man still attending public school, is an example of such dedication. He decided that, completely alone, he would hold a branch Sabbath-school every Sabbath. He received permission to leave school early each Friday in order to walk the distance of twenty miles before the Sabbath came in. He would leave the school with his Bible and hymnal under his arm and start out on his long journey. This custom evoked the amusement and ridicule of his fellow-students in the school and many taunting and unkind remarks followed him as he left the school campus. However, the day came when a friend asked the reason for these trips over the mountains every Friday. John gladly explained his task and invited his friend to accompany him and observe. His invitation was accepted and on the way John explained about the Sabbath and the blessed hope of the soon return of the Saviour. His friend became very interested and today he is a member of the church, doing his share to hasten the Lord's return.

So, in spite of privation, superstition, ill-will and ignorance, the message is spreading throughout the territories of South Africa, Basutoland, and Swaziland.

—J. D. Harcombe, Former President.



D. K. SHORT, General Manager
Sentinel Publishing Association

“Streams of Light”



J. N. HUNT, Secretary
Publishing Department
Trans-Africa Division

SIXTY-NINE years ago, the Seventh-day Adventist Church began operating its first printing press in Africa. Nineteen years later, in 1916, the work had grown to the place where a publishing house was required, and so a company was formally organized. This means that the 1966 General Conference session coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Sentinel Publishing Association, the mother publishing house in Africa.

From that early beginning, through the half century of its history, the presses

of this institution have served the needs of the African sub-continent. Today literature in twenty-four of Southern Africa's languages is produced here. It is impossible to estimate how many millions of pages have gone out of this house. Eternity alone will reveal the results of this sowing of gospel seed. The inspired counsel urges us to plant the seed, and assures us of a harvest of souls prepared for Christ's second coming.

The facilities of this house, and its fifty-five workers, representing seven different nationalities, are dedicated, together with the hundreds of literature-evangelists who distribute our product, to the proclamation of the truth through the printed page. In spite of the turmoil and stresses of this continent no greater opportunity has ever existed for our literature ministry. Our prayer is that the harvest for which we prepare the precious seed may soon be gathered in.

—D. K. Short.

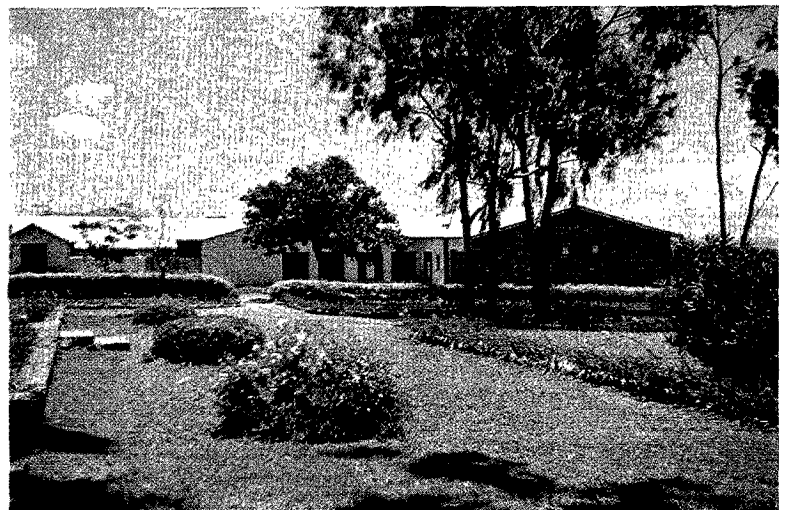
God Has Wonderfully Blessed

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—J. N. HUNT,
Publishing Secretary.

AFRICA HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE
R. E. GARDNER,
Manager

This institution was established in 1923, and now serves the East African territories of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. Literature is being printed at this house in nine of the languages used in the territory which it serves.



Christian Greetings From the Trans-Africa Division

OUR Trans-Africa Division family is a large one, 245,101 by count. Our friends and well-wishers around the circle of the globe are numberless. To all we send our Christian greetings through the pages of this special General Conference edition of the "OUTLOOK." Our hearts are united with yours in holy rejoicing at what the Lord has

been pleased to accomplish for the advancement of His cause during this past quadrennium. And our hearts are knit with yours in our dedication to the finishing of His work in all the world.

Most of our "OUTLOOK" readers are acquainted with the Division Fellowship of Prayer. Each day in our office worship, 5 individuals, representing the administrative, evangelistic, medical or educational and publishing, phases of our work and our laity are prayed for along with a union, conference, field or institution. Each individual is notified well in advance of the particular day upon which he or she will be remembered in prayer.

Marvellous indeed have been the results of this prayer experience in the answers the Lord has graciously given to specific requests, and in binding together the hearts of workers and believers with those at our headquarters' office in Salisbury.

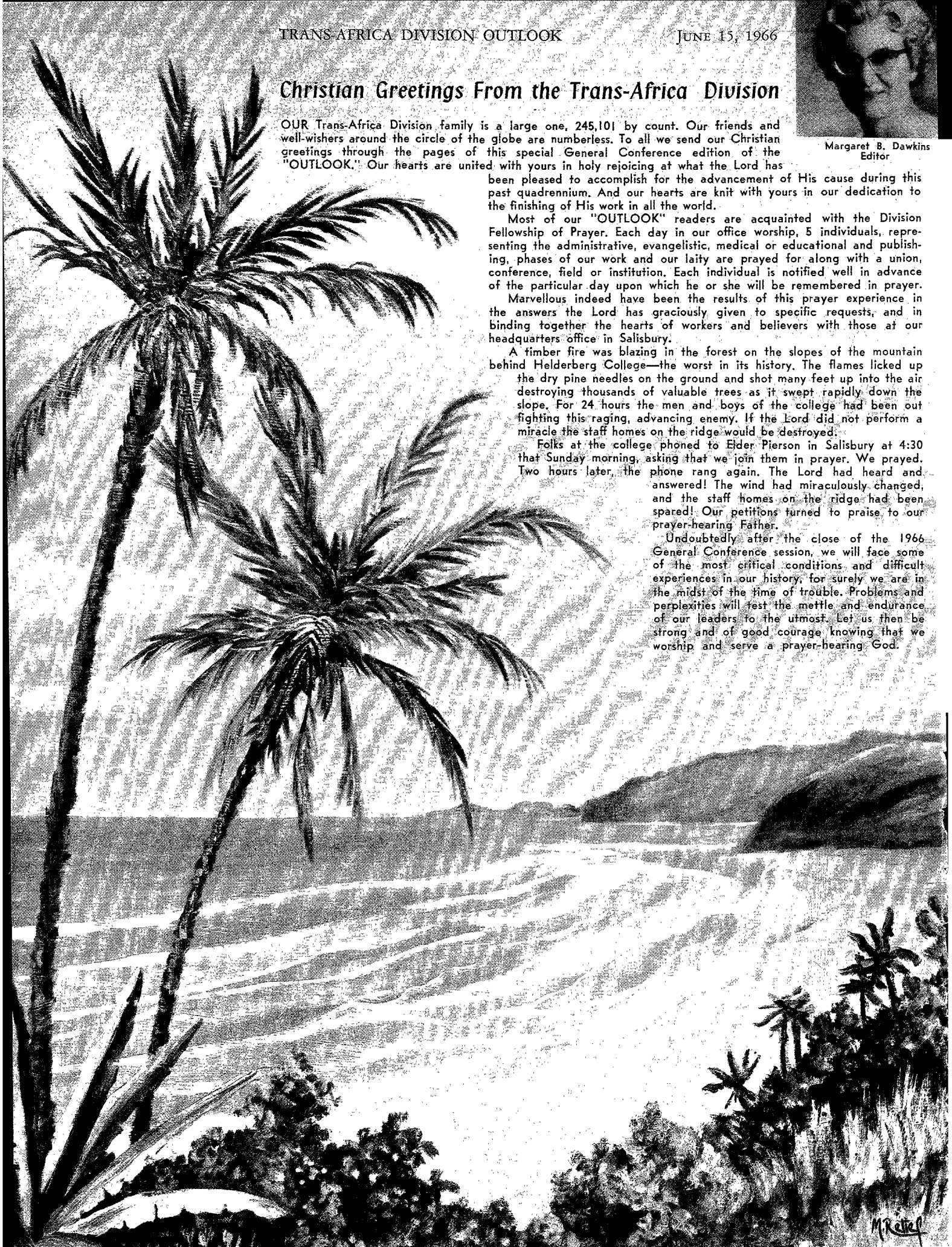
A timber fire was blazing in the forest on the slopes of the mountain behind Helderberg College—the worst in its history. The flames licked up the dry pine needles on the ground and shot many feet up into the air destroying thousands of valuable trees as it swept rapidly down the slope. For 24 hours the men and boys of the college had been out fighting this raging, advancing enemy. If the Lord did not perform a miracle the staff homes on the ridge would be destroyed.

Folks at the college phoned to Elder Pierson in Salisbury at 4:30 that Sunday morning, asking that we join them in prayer. We prayed. Two hours later, the phone rang again. The Lord had heard and answered! The wind had miraculously changed, and the staff homes on the ridge had been spared! Our petitions turned to praise to our prayer-hearing Father.

Undoubtedly after the close of the 1966 General Conference session, we will face some of the most critical conditions and difficult experiences in our history, for surely we are in the midst of the time of trouble. Problems and perplexities will test the mettle and endurance of our leaders to the utmost. Let us then be strong and of good courage knowing that we worship and serve a prayer-hearing God.



Margaret B. Dawkins
Editor



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