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Focus on

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY

In focusing our attention on a deeper appreciation of the blessed gift of prophecy in the remnant church, two articles are printed below from the pen of the servant of the Lord.—Ed.

A LIFE OF OVERCOMING

Review and Herald, January 6, 1910.

WE ARE TO PRESENT to the world a life of overcoming,—overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. But in order to do this, we must seek the Lord daily that our natural temperaments and desires may be brought under the converting power of the Holy Spirit, and into harmony with the life of Christ. When you submit to these conditions, you will realize Christ's power and sufficiency. Denying self, and walking humbly with God, you will experience the truth of the words of the Saviour, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

My brethren and sisters, there is a world to be saved. What are you doing to co-operate with Christ, to represent His spirit? Are you seeking to become acquainted with those who need your help? Are you using your opportunities and advantages and means in winning souls to Christ? You may say, I am not a minister, and therefore can not preach the truth. You may not be a minister in the generally accepted sense of the word. You may never be called to stand in the desk. Nevertheless you can be a minister for Christ. If you will watch for the opportunities that present themselves for speaking a word to this soul and to that, God will speak through you to win hearts to Him. Christ took human nature that you might approach Him and learn how to labour for your fellow-men. Make use of your knowledge in bringing souls to Christ. Drop a word here and a word there that will lift up the Saviour before men, and lead them to higher and holier purposes.

Christ worked for us when we were unbelievers. Should we not labour for our friends and neighbours who do not believe? Christ expects you to

become acquainted with the spiritual needs of these souls, and to work for them in meekness and lowliness of heart. Time is passing. Satan is boasting to his evil agencies that he will take possession of the world; and he encourages them to work through every possible means for the accomplishment of this purpose. At this time the followers of Christ should bring a strong counter-influence to meet the influence of evil.

May God help us to understand that we must be labourers together with Him. Let us begin right here to be co-workers with heaven. Let us put away the foolish reading-matter, and study the Word of God. Let us commit its precious promises to memory, so that, when we are deprived of our Bibles, we may still be in possession of the Word of God. Let us cultivate the attributes of earnestness, bringing into all our labours for others the simplicity of true godliness. When this experience of overcoming is ours, our labours for others will not be without fruit. Our position in life may be ever so humble, but through the co-operation of heavenly agencies, we may take with us through the gates of the city of God many who have accepted the truth through our efforts.

COURAGE IN THE LORD

Review and Herald, May 5, 1910.

WELL MAY OUR hearts turn to our Redeemer with the most perfect trust, when we think of what He has

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done for us, even when we were sinners. Through faith we may rest in His love. "Him that cometh to me," He says, "I will in no wise cast out." It would be a terrible thing to stand before God clothed in sinful garments, with His eye reading every secret of our lives. But through the efficacy of Christ's sacrifice we may stand before God pure and spotless, our sins atoned for and pardoned. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The redeemed sinner, clothed in the robes of Christ's righteousness, may stand in the presence of a sin-hating God, made perfect by the merits of the Saviour.

Christ has given us no assurance that to attain to perfection of character is an easy matter. It is a conflict, a battle and a march, day by day. It is through much tribulation that we enter the kingdom of heaven. In order to share with Christ in His glory we must share in His suffering. . . .

When we have a deeper appreciation of the mercy and loving-kindness of God, we shall praise Him, instead of complaining. We shall talk of the loving watchcare of the Lord, of the tender compassion of the Good Shepherd. The language of the heart will not be selfish murmuring and repining. Praise, like a clear, flowing stream, will come from God's truly believing ones. They will say, "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

FENN TREASURER—TAD

The General Conference Committee has notified us that Pastor Vincent A. Fenn has been appointed the treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division. This call has been accepted. (See *People and Events*, page 11 for further details.)

PROFILE:**A FAMILY WITH A TRADITION OF SERVICE**

by JEAN CRIPPS

MENTION THE NAME "Webster" in Adventist circles in the Trans-Africa Division, and you are sure to find someone related to this illustrious clan. In evangelistic, treasury, medical, administrative, and educational fields, you will find the Websters labouring diligently and faithfully.

We pay tribute today to one branch of the family—the one into which Douglas A. Webster was born. His parents were pioneer Adventists in the Eastern Province of the Cape and prominent sheep farmers. Ten children in all were born to this couple.

Miss D. Webster is the matriarch of the family. Her home for many years has been at Aliwal North but she is ready at a moment's notice to help any family member in distress.

W. G. Webster was a well-known farmer in Zambia for many years. His children are all in the service of the denomination. M. Max Webster is the treasurer of the East African Union. Ken holds the same position in the South African Union. Daphne, wife of Pastor S. Palvie, labours with her husband at Maun, Botswana. Shirley is married to Ken Thomas who is working towards his Ph.D. degree in the United States. Lionel is known to all ex-Helderbergites as he has been in charge of the college farm for many years.

Gladys married G.W.S. Marais, a farmer. He was a prominent lay member who sat on many boards and committees. Their eldest daughter, Naomi, is Mrs. Glass who, with her husband, labours in Nairobi, East Africa. Yvonne, another daughter, is married to Dr. A. Raubenheimer of Blantyre, Malawi. Still another daughter, Lilian, is Mrs. Kozachenko, married to a member of the teaching staff of Bethel College.

Max Snr., is a sustentation worker in charge of the Pretoria English-speaking church. He pioneered the work in Mozambique. His daughter, Esme, is now in the United States but worked at Lower Gwelo in the Zambezi Union, and also at Malamulo in Malawi. Her brother, Athol, who was connected with the Africa Herald Publishing House for some years, is now also in the United States.

Mrs. Harebottle has one daughter, Myrtle, who has been in the work.



Pastor and Mrs. D. A. Webster (seated) with (centre, rear, left) Dr. Donald Webster and his family, and (right) Pastor Eric C. Webster and his family.

Mrs. Cloete is the mother of Audrey, Mrs. John Burns.

Norman, a sheep farmer in the Eastern Cape, is a prominent lay member. He has three children—two daughters and one son. Lorna-Glen is married to Pastor Nico du Plooy. They are now in the Cape Conference. Evadne is the wife of Colin Watson who spent some time on the Sedaven High School staff. Buddy farms with his father.

Mrs. Eddie Hepburn is the mother of Jean Thomas, wife of Fred Thomas, president of the Zambezi Union. Shirley, her sister, is married to Ivan Piercy, a departmental secretary in the Zambezi Union. Their brother, Malcolm, is a lay member in the Herschel district.

Douglas, affectionately known to his friends as "D.A.", has completed 45 years of active service and now, although on sustentation, is still employed in the Cape Conference office. He has two sons. Eric has pastored many churches and held various responsibilities in South Africa. He is now president of the O.N. Conference

and has completed 19 years of service for the denomination. Eric has twin daughters and one son. His wife is a member of the well-known Hurllow family. Donald completed his college work at Helderberg before leaving for the United States in 1951. By canvassing he put himself through Emmanuel Missionary College. For two years he worked at the Pacific Press as one of the editors of the *Signs of the Times*. Loma Linda, his next port of call, earned him a medical degree. He now practises medicine in Garden Grove, California, where he has made his home for the past five years. He has two sons and in December, 1967, he brought his family on a visit to Africa to meet his relatives.

If we have forgotten any member of this large family, we offer our sincere apologies. The influence of the Websters on the work in Africa has been inestimable. The tradition of honest, faithful service continues, and we know it will, in each succeeding generation, until the Lord comes to claim His own.

Sabbath School Department

INSTITUTES:

THE PROSPECTS of a wet weekend and the occasional heavy downpours did not deter those attending the first Sabbath-school Officers' Training Course held for the four African churches in the Salisbury city area. By bus, car, bicycle, and on foot members from the Mafakose, Harare, and Mabvuku churches converged on the large Highfields church. All seats were taken and many stood during the special Sabbath-school programme followed by the worship service.

Scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., the institute began a few moments late owing to a particularly heavy downpour which left streets awash and cars stranded.

Pastor G. F. Clifford, secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the Trans-Africa Division, led out in the Officers' Institute with some 70 delegates in attendance. Visitors and friends numbered about 140 and on Sunday the entire group totalled well over 100. Pastor Muraphah of the Highfields church excelled in careful organization and the institute went forward without a hitch. Among the many topics discussed were: Quali-



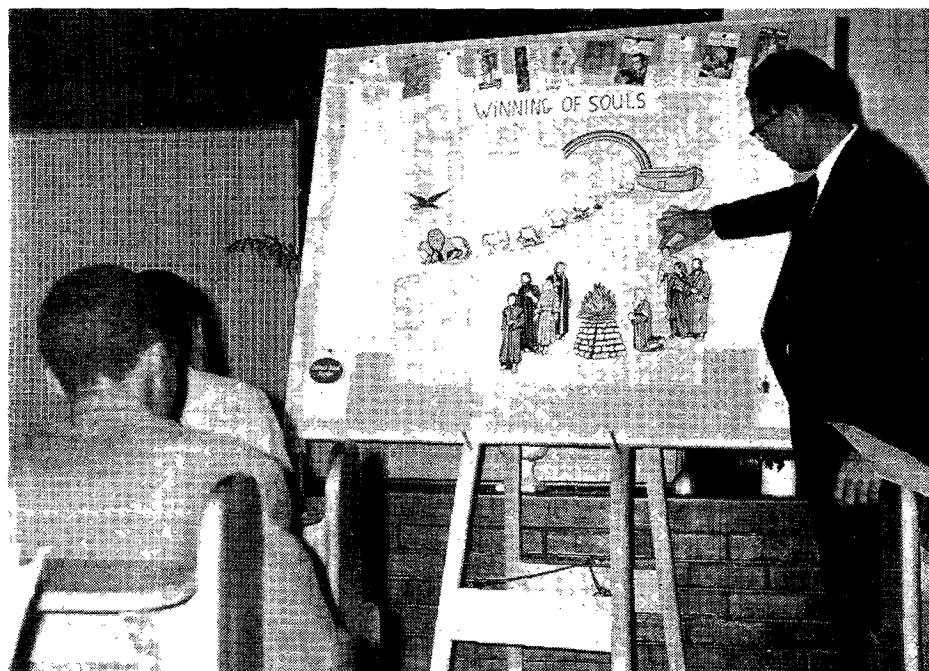
fications and Responsibilities of Sabbath-school Officers; Ways and Means of Promoting Sabbath-school Objectives; The Preparation and Use of Charts and Devices; The Value and Use of Goals in the Sabbath-school; Reporting Procedures and the Keeping of Records in the Local Church.

At the close of the institute visual aids for use in the children's divisions

Sabbath-school leaders and members attending S.S. Officers Training Course at Highfield SDA Church.

(Photo: A. E. Cook)

were displayed. Samples of the many Sabbath-school brochures were distributed, and the new "Basic Flannelgraph Set," prepared by the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School Department, was presented for the first time in this Division. Representatives were enthusiastic about this new aid, especially prepared for Africa, and look forward to its general distribution later this year.



G. F. Clifford demonstrating the new "Basic Flannelgraph Set" of Bible figures during Sabbath-school Officers Training Course. (Photo: A. E. Cook)

An Investment Poem

I AM ONLY ONE

*I am only one, but I am one!
And my hand and heart are needed
Till the task is done.*

*God calls every man; He has a plan
To use each one who willingly will
trust
And say, "I can."*

*I will heed God's call, give Him my
all.
I'll invest my time and talent,
Great or small.*

*With His life infused, I will be USED,
And while life shall last I'll never
Ask to be excused.*

—R. CURTIS BARGER,
GC Sabbath School
Department.

Home Study Institute

NEWS ITEMS:

The enrolment of the Home Study Institute continues to grow toward the 300 mark, as its subject offerings widen. Among the new subjects are "Elementary Typing" for children, and "Asian Backgrounds" for high-school students and adults.

The Publishing departments of the SAUC and the Rhodesia Conference have suggested that those in the colporteur ministry take "Christian Salesmanship" this year. A number have already been enrolled.

Forty-three men who are striving to earn the Leadership Diploma (a course of 10 subjects, such as *Bible Doctrines*, *Bookkeeping*, *Principles of Administration*, *Denominational History*, etcetera) are now enrolled for a total of approximately 100 subjects. This diploma course is open to anyone interested in church leadership.

The instructors of the Institute include Mrs. W. V. Norcott (*French*), Mrs. R. Gorle (*College English*), Pastor G. S. Stevenson (*Study of the Church Manual*), Mr. V. Vinglas (*Bookkeeping*), Pastor J. B. Cooks (*Daniel and Revelation*, etcetera), Mrs. J. Donald (*Typing*, etcetera), Mrs. I. Cheeseman (*Healthful Living*), and Miss M. B. Dawkins (*High School English*).

The world head of the Home Study Institute is expected in the Trans-Africa Division during June, July and August. Dr. D. W. Holbrook will be visiting training schools, speaking at congresses and other meetings, and studying the educational systems found in the territories of this Division.

—M. I. COOKS, Registrar.

Dr. Wilbur Nelson, author of the course, is presently Associate Professor of Religion and History at Pacific Union College. He has spent a number of years in the various mission fields of the Asian Continent and is well qualified as an instructor for this course.

For further information concerning Asian Backgrounds, write to the Home Study Institute, c/o your union office.

—MRS. M. I. COOKS, Registrar.



Above right: Dr. Wilbur Nelson, a specialist in Asian Studies and a member of the Religion Department of Pacific Union College, is author of the New HSI Study in Asian Backgrounds.

Mrs. Maud Cooks, Registrar of the Home Study Institute in the TAD, attending to her ever-increasing mail.



ASIAN BACKGROUNDS

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE'S newest course is a study of the customs, religions, and thinking of the people living on the earth's largest continent, the home of more than half the world's people. *Asian Backgrounds* is designed to give future mission appointees a preparation for their work in India, China, and Japan as well as the smaller countries of Asia.

Although offered as a two-semester hour enrichment course for the college student, it is also recommended as an adult education course providing for the average layman an opportunity to better acquaint himself with the countries to which his mission offerings are going.

OPENING DOORS WITH THE "SIGNS"

FREQUENTLY WHILE BUSY with my canvassing work, I leave copies of the *Signs of the Times* and other periodicals in people's homes, especially when I have not been able to sell them any of our books. However, I must admit that I often wondered whether the magazines are read and do any good.

Something happened the other day to change this thought. I had to make a back-call and on arriving at a certain home a lady from the house next door came running to meet me. All out of breath, she said that her husband had been thrilled with the magazine I had left in her home and wanted to see me that evening.

That night I had a very interesting visit with this man. While he repeatedly emphasized that he was not a "Bible-puncher," he had enjoyed reading the *Signs of the Times* and felt that it had given him inner peace of mind. His children, he said, would not read the Bible, but they would read the *Signs of the Times* with interest.

I was happy to accept his yearly subscription for both the *Signs of the Times* and *Good Health* magazines, and look forward to visiting him again.

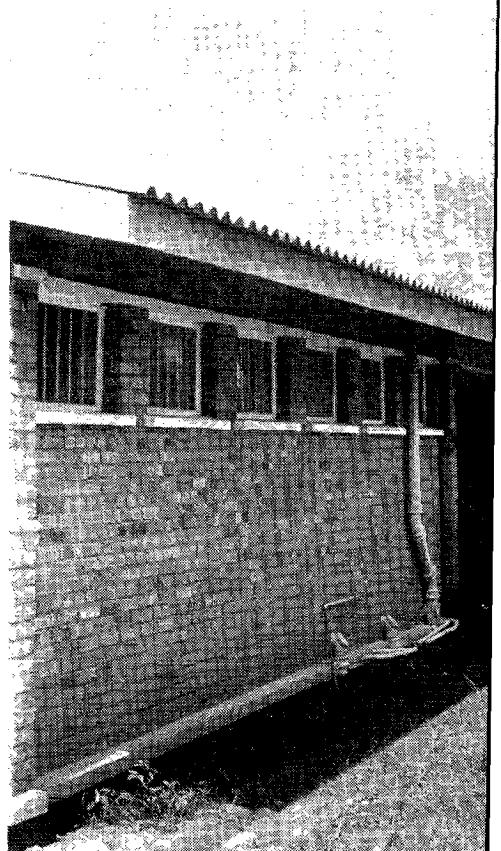
by DOUG SMITH, Literature-Evangelist

Distribution of Central European Leprosarium, Sou



THE LEPER COLONIES of the Malawian Government have been greatly improved through the efforts of the Central European Leprosarium, founded by Brother Kloss. The leper colonies were established in 1900, and the first hospital was built in 1905. The lepers were originally brought from Germany. Assisted by the residents of the colony, Brother Kloss forwards regular contributions from friends and business firms. The lepers have been provided with a number of sewing machines. The matron of the colony, Sister Gillham, matron of the Malamulo Hospital, has been instrumental in arranging the distribution of the new sewing machines to the lepers. She is shown here, in the foreground, among a crowd of leper patients. The supplies were distributed in time for the arrival of the first batch of new clothes, which the lepers had been waiting for since last summer. The new clothes will be used until the next supply arrives in November. The lepers are now able to sew their own clothes, which they have been doing for many years. They are also able to make their own beds and other necessities. The new sewing machines will enable them to do this more easily and efficiently.

The large modern Hospital Block, built at a cost of £100,000, was opened in 1965. It is equipped with all the latest medical facilities and is staffed by a team of qualified doctors and nurses. The hospital is located in the heart of the colony, and is easily accessible by road. The colony is situated in a beautiful, green, hilly area, and the hospital is surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. The hospital is well equipped with all the latest medical facilities, and is staffed by a team of qualified doctors and nurses. The hospital is located in the heart of the colony, and is easily accessible by road. The colony is situated in a beautiful, green, hilly area, and the hospital is surrounded by lush tropical vegetation.



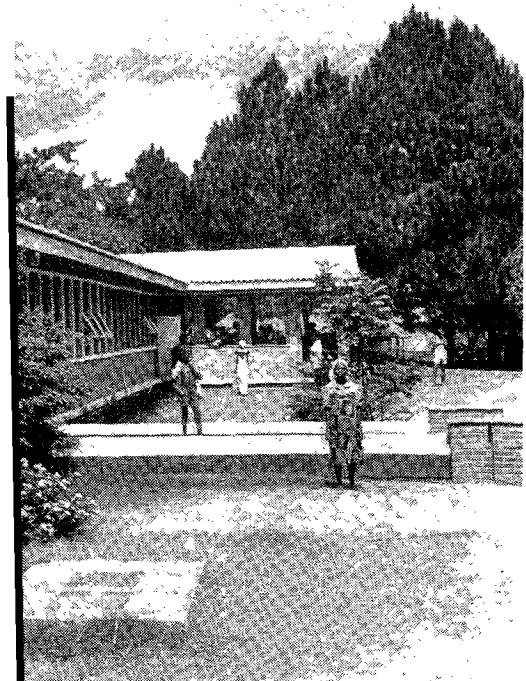
fare Parcels from vision at Malamulo -East Africa Union

ans-Africa Division benefit regularly of Brother Franz Kloss of München, the Adventist elderly citizens' home, ments of clothing and footwear, soli- Germany. One consignment included mpanying pictures show Sister Edith tal and Hospital Aid Chilozzo, super- s of seven large parcels to an eager ever seems sufficient to satisfy the e in Europe's cold climate, are none- amulo. They will be welcome when

lolo Leprosarium in 1962/3, was mostly contri- Memorial Trust.



Photos on this page
by A. E. Cook.



THE TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHURCH

Part II

by P. H. COETZEE, President, SU

ONE CANNOT HELP but be impressed by the good sense, feeling and humanity revealed in the civil laws recorded by Moses. The law I admire most is the one which makes certain provisions for the buying of a Hebrew slave. This is found in Exodus 21. To us it sounds so strange for a Hebrew to buy or sell a fellow-countryman, but this could only take place under extreme conditions:

- (a) A Hebrew could sell his liberty because of extreme poverty;
- (b) A father could sell his children;
- (c) Insolvent debtors could become slaves to creditors;
- (d) A thief could be sold if he had no money to pay his fine;
- (e) During a war prisoners were sold as slaves;
- (f) A Hebrew could ransom a slave from a Gentile and then sell him to one of his own nation.

But this law made provision that no man could permanently forego his freedom by a rash or foolish decision. No man could make himself a slave for more than six years because "in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing" (Verse 3).

In the next few verses there is for us a wonderful lesson of unflagging devotion. If the slave was a married man when he came to his master, he and his family would go out free in the seventh year. But if he came into slavery as a single man and during his time of service was given a wife by his master, then when he received his liberty he would go out alone and his wife and children would remain as slaves. If, however, he preferred to stay with his master because of his devotion to him, and because he loved his wife and children, then he would go to the judges and the master would place a mark on his ear as a sign that he was to serve him for life. This mark on his ear was the sign of slavery but because of his devotion to his master and to his own family it became a badge of love.

With freedom the slave could have started a new life. He could have earned his own money. He could have enjoyed the comforts of life, but instead he chose slavery because of his love and devotion to his master. As teachers we are placed in exactly

the same position. In the world we can earn so much more and our families could enjoy the comforts of life. But because of our unflagging devotion to Christ and His Church, we prefer to serve the Master.

Sometimes our teachers feel that they are not such a vital or integral part of the organization and administration of the Church. I have even heard teachers complain that education is neglected by the Church. It is therefore good for us to analyse the interest of the Church in its educational programme. Perhaps the Southern Union is a clear indication of what is happening in the Trans-Africa Division. Looking through the 1968 budget I find that 99 per cent of its Specials amounting to over R25,000 went into the educational programme. We employ just as many teachers as preachers. For the same year we budgeted less than R3,000 for evangelistic work and church buildings. Despite the fact that our membership has been standing still over the last few years, and despite the fact that we have large unentered territories; notwithstanding the fact that most of our congregations are without church buildings to worship in, the interest of the Church in our schools is such that the largest share of our budget still goes to our educational institutions. Beyond doubt the Church has proved its interest in the schools of our Union, and has fulfilled its obli-

gation toward this department of the work.

With such a heavy investment in educational work, we as leaders have an obligation to our church members to analyse the results this investment yielded during the last year. Every teacher ought to share in this analysis and go through his own records to determine whether this investment paid dividends.

(a) How many of the students who sat in your classes during 1967 surrendered their lives to Christ? How many were baptized because of your encouragement and example?

(b) How many of your students made progress in their school work and passed their examinations? How do your results compare? Are we the head or the tail?

(c) How many of your students were invested last year?

(d) How many of your students took part in the missionary programme of the Church by handing out literature, joining a visitation programme or conducting branch Sabbath-schools?

(e) How many of your students decided to become workers in the cause of God?

These are only a few of the searching questions we ought to ask ourselves. After all, it was for this purpose that we organized the "schools of the prophets!" Should we not be honest with ourselves and confess that in many respects we do not see the results we ought to have after spending so much money? Are we really following our "blue-print" or have we lost the track? Perhaps we have felt that the leaders and ministers had forgotten about us, and we have lost our vision. Dear teachers, may God grant that we will develop every phase of our educational programme and obtain the necessary results, so that every cent we have invested in the schools will be money well spent!

Yes, we have a responsibility to the Church! But our devotion should not be only because of the large amount of money the parents and church organization invest in our schools. Our responsibility lies within the nature of our calling. When God established the Church He gave gifts to individual men, so that different men could work for Him in different ways. "Behind all these gifts is the operation of the Holy Spirit, who distributes to each individual man, as He wills." 1 Cor. 12:11. The preacher has no other choice than to



Miss M. Makapela and John Hlaphane, teachers from Taung, Cape Province, attending the Southern Union Teachers' Institute, held at Good Hope College.

preach the Word of God. This gift was given to him by the Holy Spirit. "The same Spirit gives to another man faith, to another the ability to heal, to another the power to do great deeds." Yes, to another He gave the gift of tongues, but to you He gave the gift of teaching! Because this gift comes from above you have an obligation to the Giver and to His Church. All these gifts, including teaching, were given to establish the Church of God and in order to equip the workers properly so that they could proclaim the advent of Christ and finish the work of God on earth.

Thus, whether I'm a preacher or a teacher, whether I am an office secretary or a deacon, we are all working under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We are all united in one great army fighting the evil one in the battle for Christ.

My fellow-workers, your responsibility lies primarily with the youth. Help them first to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and the knowledge and wisdom they require will be added. Give the youth the task of soul-winning; lead them in branch Sabbath-schools, Friendship Teams, and Voice-of-Youth evangelism, and when they grow up they will be workers for God.

As in the days of Moses, we still need that spirit of unflagging devotion. God requires it of us, He demands it from us! Our service should not be marked by a sign of slavery, but we should exhibit a badge of love so that our churches and our students can recognize us as faithful servants by our loyalty and devotion to the task entrusted to us.

CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION BOOKWORK FLOURISHES

by H. J. MATUSSEK, PDS

SURROUNDED BY Uganda, the Congo, and Tanzania in the heart of Africa are two small countries called Rwanda and Burundi. Here, nature is lavish in dispensing beauty but cruel

GENERAL CONFERENCE CABLE

SURPASSING ALL previous records, the figure for accessions to the Church during 1967 reached the all-time high of 28,701 baptisms and 2,356 professions of faith, a total of 31,057 as compared to 30,093 for 1966 or an increase of 964. The following cable, signed by Pastors Robert H. Pierson, T. Carcich and N. R. Dower, was received by Pastor Mills:

OUR HEARTS REJOICE OVER GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON TAD DURING
1967 STOP APPRECIATE DIVISION OFFICE LEADERSHIP AND FINE
SUPPORT THROUGHOUT FIELD STOP MAKE 1968 EVEN BETTER GOD
BLESS YOU.

INGATHERING ON THE WAY

Some Objectives:

1. The Ingathering programme is a denominational evangelistic method. Its prime objective is evangelistic contact. The word "visit" is found more than 80 times in the Bible.
2. To acquaint people in house-to-house and business contacts with the worldwide medical, educational, evangelistic, and welfare programmes of the Church.
3. To ascertain their interest in Bible study.
4. To provide further information about our Church.
5. To present a yearly report on our humanitarian work, inviting people to contribute to its continuance.
6. Most important of all is what personal contacts through Ingathering do for our own souls. "We cannot come in touch with divinity without coming in touch with humanity; for in Him who sits upon the throne of the universe, divinity and humanity are combined."—Christ's Object Lessons, page 385.

to the poor of the land who frequently do not have enough clothes to keep themselves warm.

Because of their hunger for a better way of life, the people of Rwanda and Burundi welcome literature-evangelists who bring medical books and who help to satisfy their desire for an education. Hundreds are coming into the church as the result of dedicated men who are going from home to home selling our literature and talking to the people about the truths of the Bible.

Working among the six million inhabitants in one area, Adventist literature-evangelists in 1966 doubled their sales over the previous year, and in the first seven months of 1967 they sold more books than during the entire year of 1966. These colporteurs have become missionary-minded as well. In 1965 they reported three persons baptized as a result of their work. In 1966 the number grew to 225, and during the first seven months of 1967, 401 baptisms were reported. Part of this success can be attributed to the growth of the colporteur working force. Ninety-five literature-evangelists are in the field now, whereas two years ago there were

only thirty-five. In addition, many field and union literature-evangelist institutes have been conducted.

Although there are now 150,000 Sabbath-school members in this area of Africa, in some places we still have no church members. To meet the needs of our work in these areas we are sending out colporteur missionaries who leave their own homes and open up these unentered areas for our work. Two have already been sent and others will follow.

An indication of the spirit among the literature-evangelists in Central Africa was the response they gave when asked how many would be willing to leave their homes, their gardens, and their families to go to another part or even to another country. To respond would mean great sacrifice, for these Africans know little beyond the mountains around them, and usually have not been farther away from home than the next little village. Yet when this appeal was made, not one literature-evangelist refused.

The spirit of the literature-evangelists of Central Africa is permeating the whole field. When these men come together to tell their experiences in the churches there is never enough room for those who wish to hear them. Recently at Gitwe in Rwanda, although there had been no advance notice on the meetings, the church was filled. Whenever possible, thousands of our believers and other interested persons come to hear these Spirit-filled literature-evangelists tell their experiences.

At the Gitwe meetings one colporteur, Hesron Ngaboyisongo, reported that he had been a witch-doctor, and

he confessed what he had done to the people through the agencies of Satan. But God changed his life when another colporteur sold him our books. When the man decided to become an Adventist the entire village threatened him. The heathen priests of the village told him that they would hold a big feast and call upon the god of the mountains, Behaco, to send him to hell.

On the day of the feast the literature-evangelist went to the house of this former witch-doctor and joined him in prayer, while outside hundreds of villagers danced and shouted. Most of them were drunk, as is customary at feasts such as these.

The villagers waited for the chief to give the sign to burn down the house of the new Christian. They brought big bundles of dry grass and dry wood and placed them by the house. Then as the shouting increased, three men carried fire to the hut.

Suddenly the fire carriers stopped and threw the fire down. Panic broke out, the people fled, and in a few minutes there was no one to be seen around the hut.

Within, the two Christians were still praying. The noise of the crowd grew fainter and they wondered what had happened. The next day they learned what had caused the villagers to flee. The returning villagers told them that they were astonished to see the two still alive. "We thought Behaco had taken you to hell. When our fire carriers approached your house they saw a bright light around the roof. We all saw it. There were strong men flying down from heaven. That's why we ran away."

Then the former witch-doctor and the literature-evangelist knew that God was protecting them as He had protected His followers in all ages.

Today many of the villagers are Adventists, and the former witch-doctor last year made a sales record of next to the highest in the union. He is winning many for Christ. Both the educated and the uneducated are eager for books. Those who cannot read take the books they buy to neighbours who can read and ask for their help. In this way two people receive the message from the book at the same time, and many are coming into the church.

The literature-evangelists of Central Africa are moving forward under a banner that will surely lead them to victory. They have taken as their motto, *Forward, Never Backward*.

YOUR EDITOR THINKS:

. . . that our readers might be interested in the rhyme, entitled "A TAD Soliloquy—'More Blessed to Give . . .' ", written by Mrs. Austen and read by Pastor A. W. Austen during the farewell party given to Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Reinhard. The theme of these verses centres around the number of workers who have been called from the Trans-Africa Division to the General Conference. It would almost seem that the Trans-Africa Division is the training ground for the General Conference, and in this respect it has been, through the years, the privilege of the Trans-Africa Division to give of its workers to our parent organization in Washington.

All through the years of the S.A.D.,
And more recently still from the T.A.D.,
The "stepping stone" for the General C
Has been from our ranks, as you will see!

We start with *Branson*, our president dear,
Who was called to the General C from here.
He headed the ranks for many a year,
And proud we were, that he came from our chair!

And when they called for *J. F. Wright*,
(To us it seemed all wrong)
But "right" or "wrong," we lost the fight,
We went out on "first gong."

Then *J. I. Robison* admired by all,
Was next to accept a G.C. call;
For years he'd worked in this Division,
Till called overseas to a higher position.

It wasn't long and again from our hearth—
They called our dear *Oom Kalie Bozarth*.
He'll be remembered for houses he planned,
Scattered throughout the Division they stand.

Now, *G. R. Nash* was a popular one,
You'd be surprised the good he'd done.
We loved him truly, we loved him well,
And all too soon, we said "farewell."

The G.C. needed him, this we know.
For this is evidenced by the OVERFLOW.
We fondly hoped we'd done our share,
And the G.C. in future would look elsewhere!

'Twas not for long, and we wondered how far
The G.C. would go, when they called
Floyd Tarr—

And to our dismay, so great was his worth
That the G.C., soon sought his kinsman by birth.

Their search was short, they found their man,
Their choice of such was not our plan—
And so two *Tarrs* we yielded to them,
And *Eddie* was taken from among our men.

W. A. Higgins, our publishing gent,
Packed his belongings and away he went.
The General Conference had placed a call,
And the T.A.D. once again "played ball."

And while in the game, they asked us to yield
One of our workers from the Mission Field;
E. W. Pedersen, en route to G.C.,
First spent a term in the N.E.D.

As you can see, we'd been tied up in knots,
And not satisfied yet, they called *R. S. Watts*.
Now this convinced us, once and for all—
When the G.C. needs leaders, TAD answers the call.

*K. F. Amb*s was a treasury man—
Who deftly controlled our financial plan,
But "Overseas" wanted a man such as he
And once again came the general plea—

Give us your man, our need is great,
Little thought they of the gap they'd create;
But dutiful offspring we'll always be
And we let him go across the sea.

We yearned for the day when the G.C. would say,
"The TAD's done her duty, let's call it a day"—

But no sooner yearned, than again came the lever
To pry loose our favourite, *W. Duncan Eva*.

But the situation worsened, grew tragic and fearsome—
The next to go was our dear *R. H. Pierson*—
Mournful and sorrowful, deeply grieved and abashed,
The whole world around us appeared to have crashed!

The shock having passed, our hearts glowed with pride.
The man at the TOP once stood at our side.
Again from the ranks of the T.A.D.
They chose the "BIG CHIEF" for the General C.

The strong suffer loss, but never lose heart,
We thought that by now we had played our part—
But a "bull's-eye" they scored with a two-winged dart.
In calling our *Rudolf* and *Mary Reinhard*.

Our Capital, Cash and Reserves all ring true—
For all of this, we are grateful to you.
We hope to keep contact with you over there,
And know you will see we get our fair share.

Trans-Africa's loss is the G.C.'s gain—
And now your departure causes us pain.
The years you have spent here, have not been in vain,
Come often to audit, and see us again.

—PHYLLIS AUSTEN.

IMPORTANT DATES

Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 11
Harvest Ingathering	Set by Unions
Disaster and	
Famine Relief	June 1

Reporting on PEOPLE AND EVENTS

When for health and other reasons, Pastor G. O. Bruce of the Far Eastern Division, found it necessary to decline the call of the General Conference to be the treasurer of the TAD, the search had to begin over again. But it did not last long because the selection of the Lord fell on Pastor Vincent A. Fenn. Pastor Fenn was the treasurer of the Middle East Division for a number of years. In 1966 he and Mrs. Fenn returned to the United States but responded to our call to be secretary-treasurer of the Central African Union. They had already left their homeland and were visiting their son in Beirut, Lebanon when the call to be treasurer of the TAD came to them. We are indeed happy they have responded.

The Good Hope Conference is planning a workers' retreat to be held at Good Hope College during July. Guest speakers will include Pastors F. G. Clifford, R. H. Kent, K. G. Webster, and A. J. Raitt.

Sabbath-school officers throughout the Division will be taking note of the recommendation of the General Conference Sabbath School Department that the practice of having Sabbath-school Rally days should be discontinued, and instead two Visitors' days are being substituted. It is believed that members will welcome this recommendation and make full use of the Visitors' days to invite their relatives and neighbours to worship with them.

According to the minutes of the Natal-Swaziland Field of the Southern Union, there is every indication that this field is moving steadily ahead. Evangelistic campaigns, Voice of Prophecy rallies, and camp-meetings are featured prominently in their programme for this year.

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A combined Lay Activities and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council is to be held at the Yumba Youth Camp from April 18 to 29.

The East African Union has a budget for evangelism of Sh. 5,400 for 122 campaigns to be held this year.

E. Basaninyenzi has been appointed Stewardship secretary of the Congo Union.

In order to care for missionary graves, the Congo Union Committee has appointed responsible persons located in the vicinity of these graves to undertake this assignment.

AT REST

LONG.—Harry James. On the afternoon of February 12, 1968 Brother Long was laid to rest in a quiet corner of the Greendale Cemetery near his home in Victory Avenue, Salisbury, Rhodesia. He suffered for about a year before he fell asleep in Jesus.

He was born on April 16, 1905 in Surrey, England. After being a prisoner-of-war for 3½ years he came to Africa with his family during 1948. In Bulawayo he and his wife joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Work difficulties caused them to emigrate to Australia but eventually they returned to Salisbury where their only daughter lives.

Brother Long had a keen mind and deep convictions which he endeavoured faithfully to follow. Sister Long, her daughter Mrs. Patricia Strong and family, the members of the church and his many friends have committed him into the care of a faithful and loving heavenly Father.

J. B. COOKS.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

MAY 1968

	3	10	17	24	31
Cape Town	6.04	5.57	5.52	5.49	5.45
Johannesburg	5.38	5.33	5.30	5.27	5.24
East London	5.28	5.21	5.16	5.13	5.09
Port Elizabeth	5.36	5.29	5.24	5.21	5.17
Bloemfontein	5.41	5.35	5.31	5.28	5.25
Pietermaritzburg	5.22	5.16	5.12	5.09	5.06
Durban	5.20	5.14	5.10	5.07	5.04
Windhoek	6.25	6.20	6.17	6.15	6.13
Bulawayo	5.42	5.38	5.36	5.34	5.33
Salisbury	5.33	5.29	5.27	5.26	5.26
Gwelo	5.34	5.31	5.30	5.29	5.28
Lusaka	5.43	5.41	5.40	5.39	5.38
Blantyre	5.22	5.18	5.17	5.16	5.15
Lubumbashi	5.57	5.55	5.53	5.53	5.53
Nairobi	6.32	6.31	6.32	6.32	6.33
Mombasa	6.16	6.14	6.14	6.16	6.16
Kisumu	6.44	6.42	6.42	6.44	6.45
Kampala	6.50	6.49	6.49	6.51	6.52
Dar-es-Salaam	6.17	6.14	6.14	6.15	6.15
Tabora	6.43	6.40	6.41	6.42	6.43

JUNE 1968

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	5.44	5.44	5.44	5.46
Johannesburg	5.23	5.23	5.25	5.27
East London	5.08	5.08	5.09	5.11
Port Elizabeth	5.16	5.16	5.16	5.18
Bloemfontein	5.24	5.24	5.26	5.28
Pietermaritzburg	5.05	5.05	5.06	5.08
Durban	5.03	5.03	5.04	5.06
Windhoek	6.12	6.13	6.14	6.16
Bulawayo	5.32	5.33	5.34	5.36
Salisbury	5.25	5.26	5.27	5.29
Gwelo	5.26	5.27	5.28	5.30
Lusaka	5.37	5.38	5.39	5.40
Blantyre	5.15	5.16	5.17	5.19
Lubumbashi	5.54	5.55	5.56	5.58
Nairobi	6.34	6.35	6.37	6.38
Mombasa	6.16	6.16	6.18	6.19
Kisumu	6.45	6.46	6.48	6.48
Kampala	6.52	6.53	6.55	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.18
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Lord, Send a Revival

by MERLE L. MILLS,
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THE CHURCH of God has come to its hour of greatest peril. Not from without but from within a sinister enemy threatens the effectiveness and security of the church. Amid unprecedented affluence and freedom, the church is evincing a phlegmatic, apathetic and complacent spirit. Such a trend encourages reliance upon the machinery of the church rather than upon the Holy Spirit as its source of power. No longer are we, as a people, impugned and derided. Opposition that was encountered in the early days of our movement has all but subsided. In fact, we have been accorded a measure of respectability by the evangelical groups of Protestantism, no longer being vilified as a sect or cult.

Never have we heard such glowing reports of the onward march of the third angel's message. Our membership is burgeoning. Our institutions are proliferating. Church buildings are multiplying. A rising crescendo of evangelical activities at the very centre of our church organization have been heartening to observe. But despite these encouraging trends, there is a malaise which prevails among us which we do not like to discuss. Little is written about it. One hears few sermons concerning it. Nevertheless, we sense that all is not well with the church. There is the haunting fear that the spiritual growth of the church is not keeping pace with the physical growth.

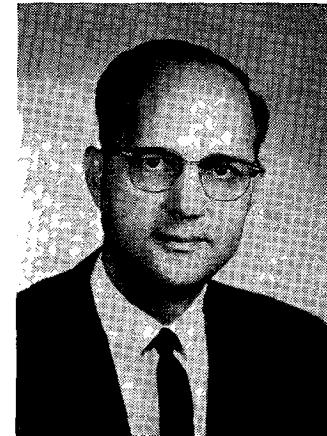
As the distance widens between us and our fore-fathers, the danger that we will forget our humble origin and our heaven-appointed mission increases. Pride and self-sufficiency are hidden dangers found in any movement which has had an inauspicious beginning. Today, with our far-flung network of operations around the world and with the multiplying financial obli-

gations, the spiritual needs of the church can easily be overshadowed. History testifies that, if precautionary measures are not taken, a church-orientated programme while enjoying physical progress can suffer spiritual regression. We can bestir ourselves with many plans and committees, yet be completely oblivious to a languishing, dying spirit. We may be recognized as devout church-members because of our works and still be superficial Christians.

Thus, the prayer of every heart must be, "Lord, send a revival." This is the most urgent need of the church today. Sins of omission and commission, covert and overt sins must be repented of. We must arise from a life of mediocrity and lassitude. Unless we have a living faith and a genuine, personal and daily relationship with Christ, all of our good works and pretentious piety will be as naught. "I have been shown that there must be a great awakening among the people of God. Many are unconverted whose names are on the church books." —*Review and Herald*, Aug. 13, 1889.

The apostle Paul was given a vision of the church prior to the coming of Christ and he warned, "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Romans 13:11.

Is it possible that this message was meant for you and me? Can it be that we have equated ceremonialism with righteousness as did the Pharisees? Do we think we are religious because we go through the motions of religion, adhering scrupulously to the doctrines of the church? The Pharisees were fastidious in their adherence to the traditions and customs of



their elders, but they met with scathing rebuke from Christ who called them hypocrites and whitened sepulches. Of them He said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15: 8.

Friend of mine, is it possible that your religion is similar to that of the Pharisees? Consider carefully this meaningful message. "In the estimation of the Pharisees it was the sum of religion to be always in a bustle of activity. They depended upon some outward performance to show their superior piety. Thus, they separated their souls from God and built themselves up in self-sufficiency. The same danger still exists. As activity increases and men become successful in doing any work for God there is a danger of trusting to human plans and methods. There is a tendency to pray less and have less faith."—*Desire of Ages*, page 362.

Reader of mine, have you wrapped yourself in a robe of self-righteousness? Despite all protestations to the contrary are you living a life separate from God? Do you find that your zeal and love for Christ is on the wane? Do you become more concerned over your creature comforts, acquiring a larger and more modern house, or possibly a larger motor-car? Do you have the passion for lost souls that you once had? If the answers to these poignant questions are in the negative, then pray, and pray earnestly, "Lord, send a revival. Arouse my soul from its slumber. Make me conscious of the hour of danger to which our church has come. Lord, send a revival, not only for today but for every day that I may be aware of my unworthiness except as I hang my helpless soul on Thee."