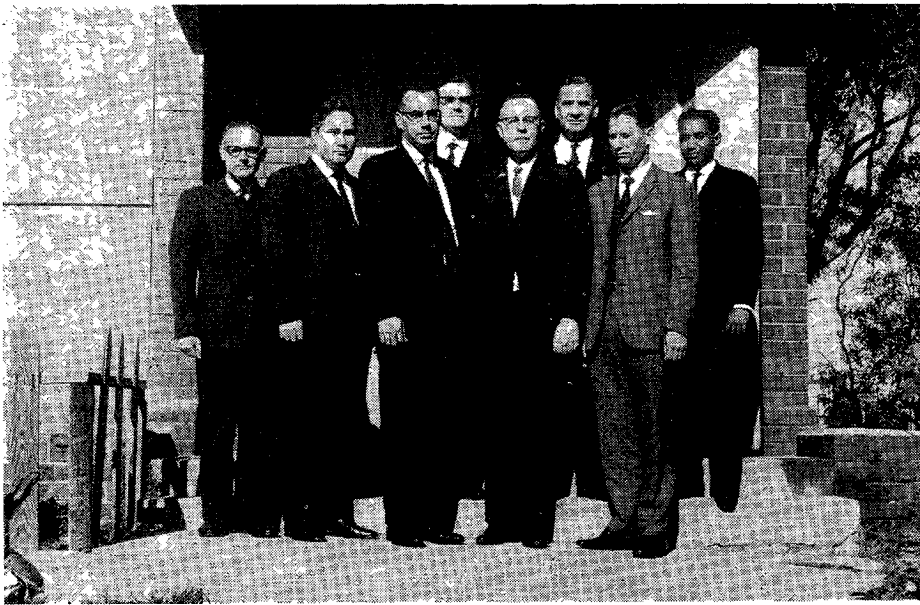




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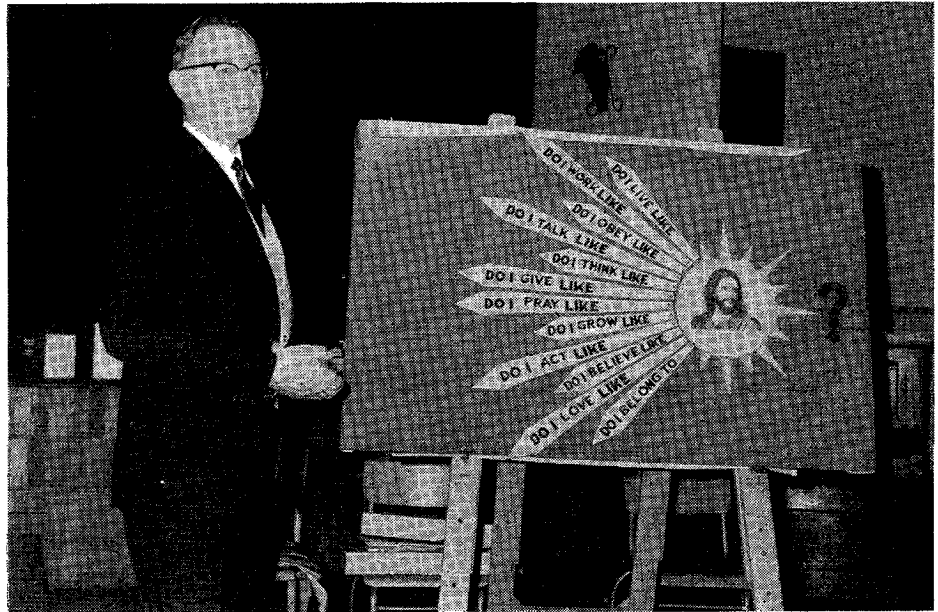
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Focus On — THE SABBATH SCHOOL

Above: During the South African Union Conference Sabbath School Institute, plans for great evangelistic endeavour through the Sabbath-school were laid by, left to right, H. F. Steenberg, Transvaal Conference; M. A. Lawson, Cape Conference; G. F. Clifford, Trans-Africa Division; W. A. Turner, Oranje-Natal Conference; R. C. Barger, General Conference; D. G. Theunissen, Good Hope Conference; A. O. Coetzee, S. A. Union Conference; and R. H. Charles, Indian Field.

Right: R. Curtis Barger giving one of his eye-catching visual aid demonstrations.



Lower: Delegates to the Hanke Sabbath-school Institute deeply engrossed in study preparation for the S.S. Officers' Training Course test.

Photos: G. F. Clifford.



Cover Photograph:

HIS REWARD: Isaac A. Chipezaani (left) receiving the congratulations of W. W. Khonje, S.S. Secretary of the South-East Africa Union, on obtaining full marks for his Sabbath School Officers' Training Course test.

Photo: G. F. Clifford.



Bible Society Day and Offering October 5, 1968

MAN-MADE MAGIC AND THE HOLY WORD (abridged)

by NORMAN BRATT,
*of the British and Foreign Bible
Society, London*

WE MIGHT have guessed. They have done it! As if it were not enough to translate the Gospel into over 1,000 languages (and to aim at versions in all other possible earthly tongues), it has now been taken out of this world into the language of the space age.

For the British and Foreign Bible Society edition of the Revised Standard Version which has just been published, was reproduced by computer—without which the design of man-carrying space vehicles could not have been made a reality.

And, to make such a venture, no better edition could have been chosen. It includes the illustrations by Horace Knowles which were originally used in the Authorized Version of the English Bible first published in 1954 as part of the B.F.B.S. Third Jubilee Celebrations.

Since then the Jubilee Bible has consistently proved a winner, selling nearly 2½ million copies. Now, the Revised Standard Version looks like being just as successful, with the first

impression of 100,000 copies sold out before publication, mainly through schools.

And how the youngsters would have loved to see the magic of the computer at work, reproducing their copies of the Scriptures.

The way in which the type-setting computer works can be explained in simple terms—although the actual machine is a brilliant complexity of electronic invention.

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The computer has certain circuits which will store information and put it to use after a programme of instruction has been fed into it. A type-setting computer therefore can be “programmed” to any desired line-length, making it space lines or hyphenate words in the correct manner.

This being so the Monotype operator can tap out his material without bothering about the length of lines, or stopping to hyphenate. The punch-

ed tape is then fed into the magically obedient computer which will do the rest. This is done by first “reading” optically the punched tape and automatically translating it on to a magnetic tape, at the incredible speed of 500 characters per second! At the same time the information is passed on to an output printing machine which can produce proofs at up to 1,000 lines per minute, incidently numbering each line as it does so.

And, for all time the entire Bible with its setting instructions, is contained on two reels of magnetic tape.

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Braille Scriptures

“So long as we get the message over” holds special problems for the Bible Society where it concerns the circulation of the Braille Scriptures that will be read by the sensitive fingers of the blind.

Louis Braille who was the son of a French harness-maker was blinded as a result of an accident in his father’s workshop. It is said that the marks raised on the leather he was trying to pierce suggested the idea from which his system of reading developed.

Today Scriptures for the blind are circulated in over thirty languages. These volumes are far bulkier than ordinary books; the complete English Braille Bible, for example, is in thirty-nine volumes, weighs 1½ cwt. and occupies 7 ft. of shelf space. This Bible costs £33 to produce but the Bible Society sells it for £3. Indeed any blind person who applies through a clergyman or a Bible Society official can receive one volume per year free.

Getting the message over to the blind is only one aspect of the worldwide work of the British and Foreign Bible Society that will spend £710,730 in 1968 in helping to circulate Scriptures printed in the common tongues at prices within the reach of the world’s poor.

You can help to “get the message over” by an immediate gift.

Save Souls

by

Supplying Scripture

COME AND VISIT ISHAKA HOSPITAL

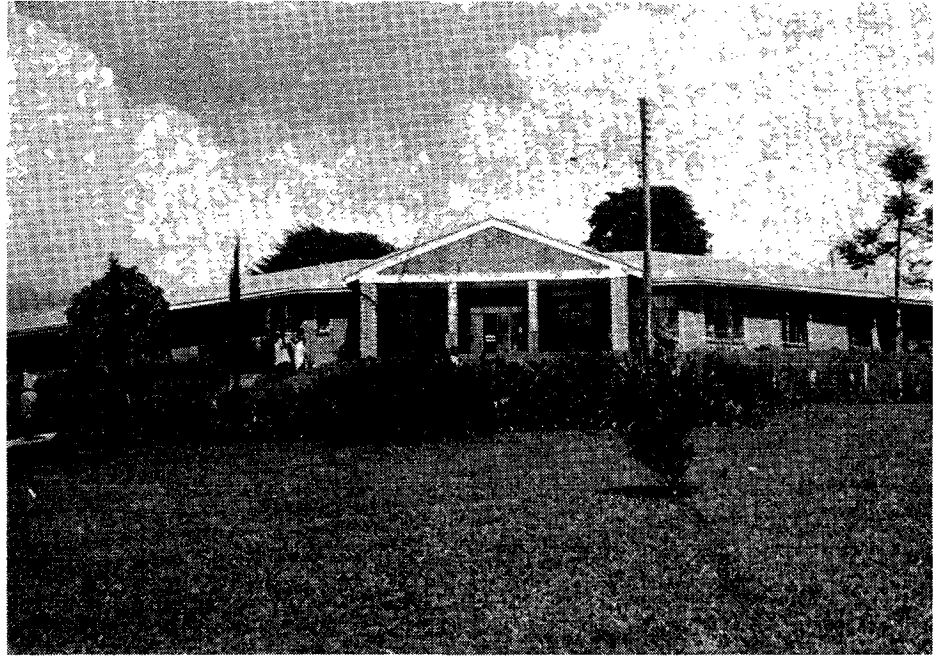
Invites Dr. A. S. Whiting, Medical Director,
Ishaka Hospital, Uganda

OVER 200 days in the hospital and still not well! Yet Mary is able to smile! Every morning while making the rounds at Ishaka Hospital we are greeted by Mary's smile which is always present to cheer us. Mary is now 7 years old. It was over one year ago that she first told her mother about the pain in her leg. Her mother paid little attention since aches and pains are common to those who often have so little. But when her leg began to swell it is probable that her mother consulted the local practitioner, and we do not know for certain but we suspect that he applied his poultice of leaves or caused Mary to suffer agonizing burns to the skin which in themselves can cause infection. But no one involved considered going to the dispensary or the hospital for, they reasoned, surely the old women in the village knew more about these small matters than those young men in white coats!

Months went by and yet Mary's leg became worse and worse until her mother finally considered it time to go to the dispensary.

Mary was immediately hospitalized at Ishaka and the diagnosis of osteomyelitis (bone infection) was made. Was it already too late? Could her leg be saved? Surgery was performed and a piece of rotten bone was removed. Then began the long road to recovery. Over 200 days and Mary's leg is still healing. It is in a cast and just recently she was allowed to walk on crutches.

If Mary had been brought to the hospital soon after her leg began to cause her pain she would have been



Main entrance to Ishaka Hospital, Uganda, East Africa.

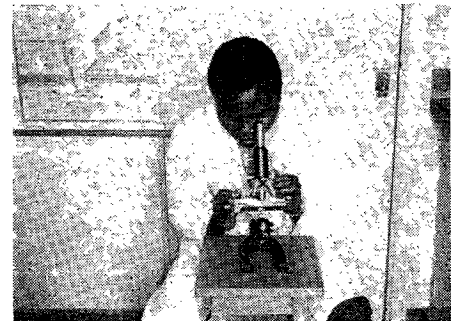
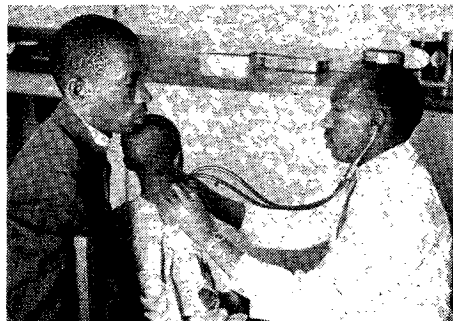
running and playing with the other children in just a few weeks.

"Educate, Educate, Educate." — *Medical Ministry*, page 262. The immediate task before medical workers is healing or bringing relief to those who are sick, but the more important and often more difficult task is to educate the indigenous people in a knowledge of a better way of life. How often we hear the words directed to a very sick patient, "Oh, if only you had come sooner!"

What suffering would be spared! What disability and even death could be avoided if only the people we serve would learn the importance of early treatment and preventive measures.

Ishaka Hospital has during the past year initiated a programme of health education. The need was so great that it was difficult to know where to begin, but it was decided to start first with our own church members

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Immunization, dispensary examinations, and laboratory tests at Ishaka Hospital.

HERCULEAN TASK FACES INDIAN FIELD

WHAT AN overwhelming challenge faces the Indian Field of the South African Union Conference! President H. P. Charles and secretary-treasurer J. P. Wilmot and 265 church members stand before an entrenched 390,000 Hindus, 126,000 Muslims, 42,000 Christian Indians, and 42,000 members of other creeds, all of whom need to be warned of the soon coming of Christ.

The history of this field goes back to 1920 and since then our Indian believers have been members of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and the former Cape Field. It was in 1956 that they were organized into the Indian Mission with Pastor Rodney Lindup as their first director, later president. Pastor H. P. Charles, its present president, became the secretary-treasurer of the infant field, and in 1963 when he succeeded Pastor



Ordination of D. T. Hammond, second from left. Other ministers are (from left) J. D. Runkel, H. P. Charles, R. E. Clifford, and E. C. Webster.

Delegates to the first regular session of the Indian Field. Seen among them are H. P. Charles, president of the Indian Field, and R. E. Clifford, president of the SAUC.



Delegates and church members in front of the Merebank church, Durban, Natal.



Lindup as president, Brother D. T. Hammond became the secretary-treasurer. After the recent business session held at Merebank in Natal, Brother Hammond was ordained to the gospel ministry and has vacated his chair in the field office to care for a district in the Transvaal. Brother J. P. Wilmot, formerly of the Good Hope Conference, has succeeded him.

These valiant and intrepid leaders in the cause of the Lord were able at their session to report that during the past four years there had been a 48 per cent increase in membership; tithe income and mission offerings had almost doubled, and Ingathering totals have trebled.

Their courage is strong as they face the Herculean task before them, believing that the Lord will add to their dedication and hard work some of the "thousands of ways" He has of reaching souls with His last-day message, so that the work in the Indian Field will be finished on time.

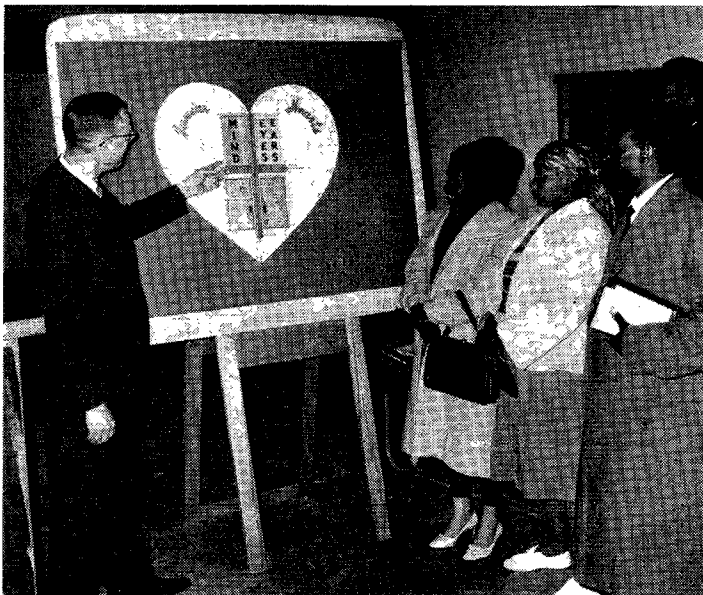
“Into All The World”

by G. F. CLIFFORD,
Secretary, Sabbath School
Department, Trans-Africa Division

FROM ANDERSON, Bugema, Chileka, Durban— to Rusangu in Zambia! An alphabet of places was included in our recent itinerary. Also visited were Rwankeri, Riverside, Gendia, Hanke, and others.

Pastors R. Curtis Barger and the writer travelled the length and breadth of the Trans-Africa Division

conducting Sabbath-school institutes with union, conference, and field Sabbath School Department secretaries and hosts of dedicated local Sabbath-school leaders and members. Here and there a chapel hour, a camp-meeting or two, and speaking appointments in local churches thrown in for good measure, added up to a very interest-



The heart of the Junior depicted on the visual aid board by R. Curtis Barger.

A happy group of delegates to the Rhodesia Conference S.S. Institute, with G. F. Clifford and J. D. Harcombe on the extreme left.
Photos:
G. F. Clifford.



John G. Evert awarding a certificate to a successful delegate at the Southern Union S.S. Institute held in Durban.

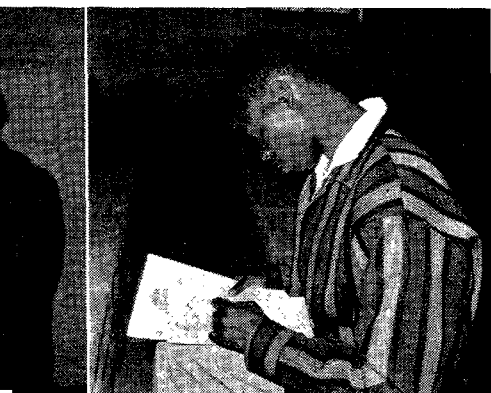


In Malawi a S. S. delegate applies himself diligently to the preparation of a visual aid.
Photos: G. F. Clifford.

ing and busy programme. In a number of unions Sabbath-school councils were held with conference and field Sabbath-school secretaries, in conjunction with the institutes.

Pastor Barger, featuring his visual aid material, presented an excellent and informative series of lectures. His counsel was that Junior and Earliteen groups must be weaned away from the “flannelgraph” approach. The visual aid material presented by Brother Barger demonstrated the effective use of geometric design, graphs, and sequence designs. Pastor Barger showed how a quarter’s lessons may be coordinated and related by the use of such simple visual arrangements as a wheel with 12 spokes, or a golden sun with 12 rays, one for each week of the quarter. The ten commandments were depicted as a circular wall of protection, with the devil represented as a “roaring lion” without the camp. Any one commandment broken made a breach in the wall leaving boys and girls vulnerable to the attacks of the evil one. In order to be of the widest possible use Pastor Barger’s outlines and illustrations will be featured in the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School quarterly bulletin *Sabbath School News & Notes*. If you wish to receive a copy of the *Sabbath School News & Notes* please send us your name and address and you will be placed on our regular mailing list.

At each institute a Sabbath School Officers’ Training course was conducted by the writer. The course was based on the officers’ manual prepared by the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School Department. This course covered all aspects of Sabbath-school work from the duties and responsibilities of the Sabbath-school superintendent and the work of the Extension Division secretary, to the Investment Plan, and individual



stewardship. At the close of the course a short test was given. Successful members were awarded the Sabbath School Officers' Training Course certificate.

During the series of institutes some 340 people attempted the test and 298 were awarded certificates. It was emphasized that certificates attain value only as the knowledge gained is put to good use.

At several of the institutes, workshops were held and visual aid materials demonstrated. Few will forget the workshops conducted by Mrs. C. E. Ondrizek at Hanke Mission and at Anderson School. Mrs. R. Beissner presented her Sabbath-school visual aid materials at the institute in Cape Town for the Good Hope Conference. Mrs. Beissner assured us that all her material was home-made, and as such was within the range and ability of all Sabbath-school members engaged in working for the lambs of the flock. Mrs. G. P. Magee had adapted materials which appealed more to our mission areas, and all the delegates to the Zambia Field institute at Rungu had an opportunity to make some of the material presented by her. At Rwankeri Mrs. H. W. Stevenson gave an outstanding demonstration of how local materials, readily available in the most humble home, can be used in reaching the hearts of the children. Corn cobs, a calabash, twigs, baskets of various sizes, stones, and seeds all formed part of this most interesting display. Children's imaginations are vivid and just a word or two transforms a pile of stones into an altar, some twigs arranged in a circle into a cattle kraal, a bottle into the widow's cruse of oil, or seeds into sheep and goats.

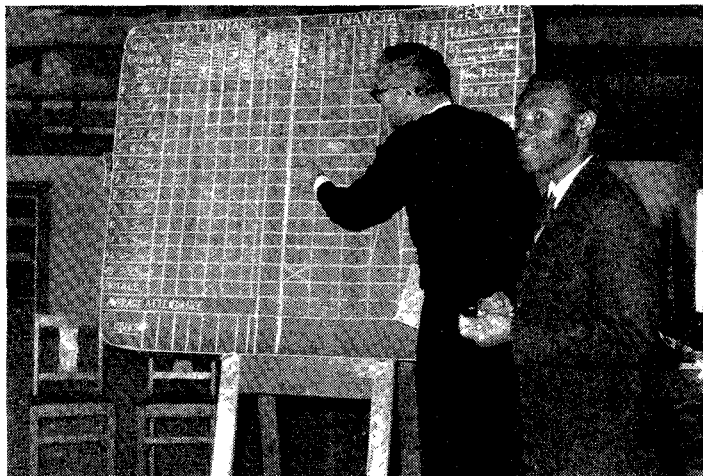
The new basic flannelgraph set of Bible figures, adapted from the "Tell It Again" series, was presented at each institute. This basic flannelgraph



At Riverside, Cape, Mrs. R. Beissner and her daughter displaying Visual Aid materials.

Warren R. Zork of the Zambesi Union explaining the intricacies of the new Sabbath School Report Forms at Hanke Institute.

Photos:
G. F. Clifford.



set has been prepared by the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School Department and includes 118 flannel-backed Bible figures, a piece of flannel for the background, and a manual giving a sketch for each lesson of the three-year primary Sabbath-school lesson cycle. All the figures are numbered and the lessons coded so that even a novice can get up an attractive scene illustrating any given lesson in just a few moments. The set also covers the 52 lessons of the "Adventures in the Bible" series used in Branch Sabbath-school work. The Bible figures are multi-ethnic and can be used in any society. The complete set sells at the special subsidized price of 12/- through your union Sabbath School secretary.

Many Sabbath-school superintendents have difficulty in recruiting sufficient Sabbath-school class teachers

and, as a pilot scheme, two Sabbath School Teachers' Instructors courses were held. The first, in Durban, was for the Southern Union, and the second, at Gendia, for the East African Union. Those taking the instructors' course may now conduct the Sabbath School Teachers course based on the book *Teach* by S. S. Will.

Evangelism formed the keynote of every lecture, talk and discussion. A Sabbath-school that does not engage in active evangelistic endeavour, whether it be through branch Sabbath-school work, Vacation Bible School programmes or the winning of the children of the home Sabbath-school to the Master's side, inevitably becomes lukewarm and is unacceptable to the Saviour. The delegates were challenged to zealous and soul-saving work through the Sabbath-school.

With God's Bookmen

LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE

says DAN MCADAMS,
Publishing Department Secretary,
General Conference

WE ARE LIVING in an age of great scientific progress and enlightenment; yet, we are living in a time of trouble and deep spiritual darkness—spiritual darkness in the homes and hearts of men and women everywhere. Isaiah, the gospel prophet, states it very plainly in the following words: "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people. . . ." Isaiah 60:2.

Many people are reaching out for a better way of life. They are grasping for something which will bring them lasting joy. What is the answer to the world's needs? Is there hope? Is there light in this time of darkness? Yes, there is light and that light is Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world. In John 8:12 Jesus states "I am the light of the world. . . ." In Matthew 5:14 Jesus again says "Ye are the light of the world." That means you. That means me. That means every Seventh-day Adventist. Can we harmonize these two statements by the Master? Yes, we surely can. Jesus is the great Light. We become lights as we reflect the grace, charm, and beauty of Jesus Christ. There are also many aids that the Lord has given to His people to enable them to dispel darkness. One tried and proven method is by Adventist literature. Yes, we can LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE! It is through the publishing arm of the church that the world in a large degree will be lightened with a knowledge of the plan of salvation and the truths found in the sacred Scriptures. This thought is undergirded by the following statement: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, pages 139, 140.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates 44 publishing houses and publishes literature in 260 languages and dialects. Today we have the best equipped publishing houses and the most attractive literature we have

ever had in the history of the Church. We have the books. We have the magazines. But, God is looking for men and women with hearts aflame for the message who will go forth as beams of light bringing hope and happiness into the homes of people everywhere through gospel literature. Yes, the time has come to LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE. "A world, perishing in sin, is to be enlightened. . . . The lost sheep is to be brought back in safety to the fold." Who will join in the search? Who will bear the light? Remember, there is a blueprint for every life. The call of the church for total evangelism constitutes a challenge to every member. Many years ago Mrs. E. G. White made the following statement: "Night after night I am standing before the people, bearing a very positive testimony, and pleading with them to be wide awake, and to take up the work of circulating our literature."—*Review and Herald*, April 20, 1905. It is the plan of the denomination to have at least one literature-evangelist in every church. Is there a lightbearer for truth in your church going from door to door with truth-filled literature? Pray for those engaged in this work. Pray for more workers. Perhaps God needs you. The people who are living in spiritual darkness need you. You need the enriching experience which you will gain as you go forth to work for the Master as a literature-evangelist. Why not respond to this great challenge and join our faithful

bookmen around the world and help to LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE?

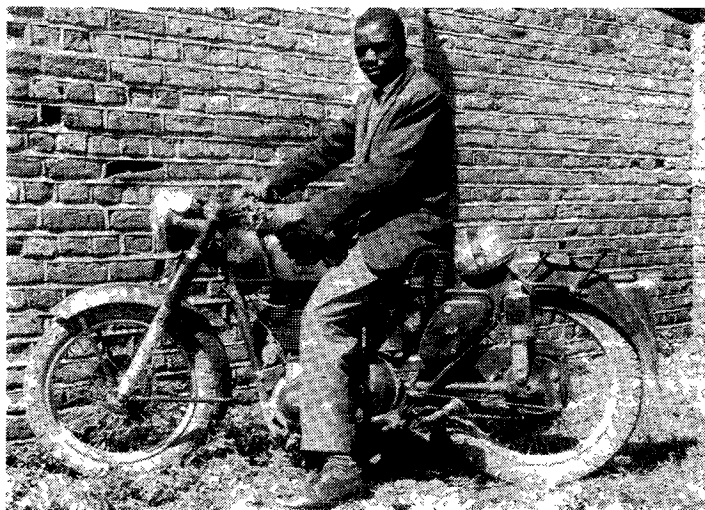
TEAM-WORK

by A. J. OBERHOLSTER,
Publishing Department Secretary,
Cape Conference

NOT TOO MANY weeks ago a group of dedicated literature-evangelists met in Aliwal North at the home of Pastor W. le Roux. This meeting was to initiate seven men in the work of house-to-house visitation, selling our truth-filled books and introducing the Bible in the Hand plan.

At 7 o'clock on the Monday morning we gathered in the beautiful Aliwal North S.D.A. Church where we had our early morning devotions. At this meeting we were nervous because we did not know what to expect during the hours to follow. But the Lord blessed in a remarkable way, and we found the people were friendly. Even the dogs allowed us to carry on with our work. We could sense the presence of holy angels as we went from house to house.

The result of the first day's work was good, but not good enough. At our prayer meeting that night we thanked God for His goodness and we prayed earnestly for the people of Aliwal North. When we awoke the following morning, the ground was

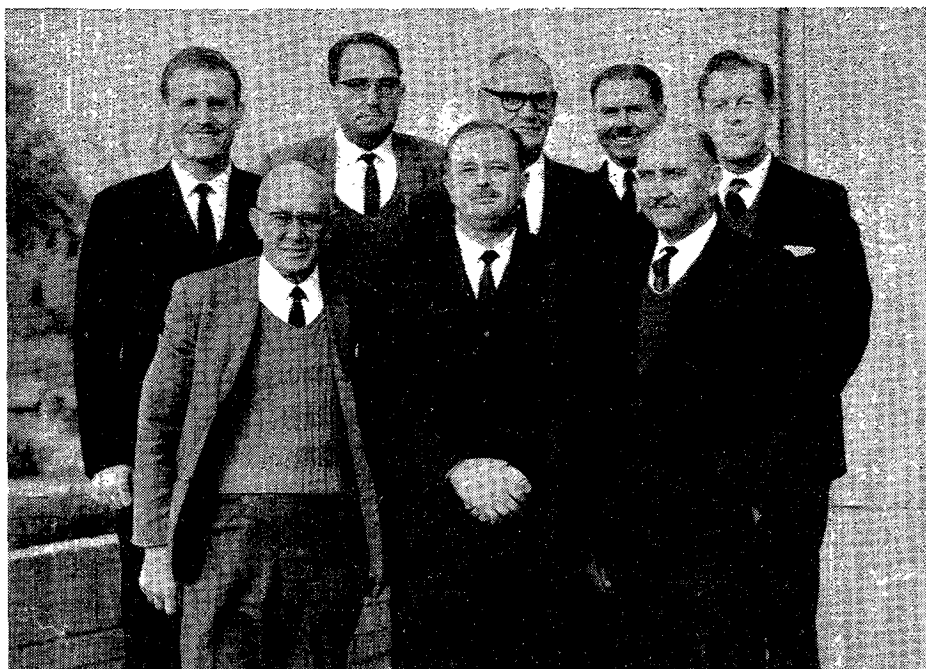


W. A. Ngwira of Malawi is a real soul-winning literature-evangelist. Many have been baptized as a direct result of his work.

covered with snow as far as we could see. That morning undaunted we went out with more boldness and determination than ever before. It proved to be a very successful day. This was the way it went from day to day during the whole week, every day becoming better and better, till eventually by Friday we were able to reach our goals of R1,000 in orders and R350.00 for sales.

Apart from the financial success, we had some blessed experiences. One lady told us that she was disappointed in her church because her ministers continually warned against other religions. We told her that we were Seventh-day Adventists and she bought one of our truth-filled books for cash. One of our literature-evangelists sold books to the value of more than R80.00 in one home. Among those books were jewels like *Your Bible and You* and *Climax of the Ages*.

We thank God for team-work. We believe that this is one of the most successful ways of spreading the gospel in our smaller towns, but we need far more workers to finish the task. Join our happy group of TEAM-WORKERS and enjoy the blessings of heaven!



The team: Back row, left to right: A. J. Oberholster, W. Loftie-Eaton, A. J. Rheeder, Pastor W. le Roux, P. Siddons; front row, G. L. S. Foxcroft, N. W. B. Cousins, J. F. Lombard.

THOUSAND MILES IN THE BUSH

by DUSAN SOFRANAC,
Acting Publishing Department
Secretary, Congo Union.

IT HAS BEEN a real privilege for me to meet Pastor J. T. Mason, the Publishing Department secretary for the Trans-Africa Division, during his recent visit to the Congo. We are both comparatively new in Africa, but not to the great literature ministry with which we are connected in service.

After spending three days with our colporteurs in Lubumbashi we journeyed to Songa Mission where a second colporteurs' institute was held. All our literature men from the neighbouring districts, and other interested persons, were glad to receive the helpful instruction, suited to conditions in the Congo, given by Pastor Mason. While at Songa we were the guests of Drs. O. Rouhe and M. A. Hansen and also Brother A. Dos Santos, principal of the Songa School. The needs of our visiting colporteurs were cared for by Pastors Paul Mwema and Silas Mongo and the Field secretary, Enos Seburikoko.

While in session at this institute we received a radio message from the union office in Lubumbashi informing us that a new colporteur had sold to

a copper mine director literature to the value of US \$527 in one morning. This was not only encouraging but for the Congo a real exhibition of what can be achieved at this time when the country is becoming more financially stable. We were most happy for this event in our publishing work.

In our haste to get Pastor Mason to the airport to catch his plane, our car twice skidded in the sand, and it was impossible to cross one of the many bridges without first stopping to repair it. The road was bad and the dust so thick that we were coated with a layer of dust before the end of our journey. But despite these vicissitudes and some damage to our car, this interesting and rewarding safari ended safely and with the blessing of the Lord. Pray for us in the Congo book work.



T. E. Ntata was formerly a business man in Malawi. In the four years of his literature ministry prosperity and the blessing of God have come to him. Recently he built a new home for his family and purchased a motorbike for easier transport.

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YOUR EDITOR THINKS . . .

that retrospection has its rewards, provided, of course, that only the jewels of thought and the gems of prose are dwelt upon. While looking through a 1924 "Outlook" for a particular item of information, retrospection produced these interesting results:

John Raubenheimer commenting at his graduation from Spion Kop College on the Class Motto, "To Do His Will," wrote: "We often ask, 'What can we do?' An old Scots woman in Edinburgh was once arrested as a suspicious character. She was seen furtively picking up some things from the sidewalk and hiding them beneath her shawl. On examination it was found that the articles were only little pieces of glass. Upon being questioned, she replied that she was only picking up the stray pieces of glass that they might not cut the children's feet. "Classmates, let us ever bear in mind that there is glass to be taken from life's highways; there are thorns to be uprooted and roses to be planted."

"Our heavenly Father alone sees what He can make of man," was quoted in the 1924 "Outlook."

And from this same issue of the "Outlook" it would appear that Songa Mission had some troubles even way back in those days, for Pastor R. P. Robinson reported that: "The original mission house was struck by lightning on November 21 (1923), and was burned to the ground with all its contents. No one was living in the house but it contained a lot of mission equipment." As late as 1967 Songa workers had to evacuate because of unrest and war, and mission property and equipment was damaged and looted. But not so today! The Songa Hospital is in full operation once again under the leadership of Dr. O. Rouhe, assisted by Dr. M. A. Hansen. The school under principal Alberto Dos Santos has a busy programme going on all day. We hope Songa's troubles are over.

Wishful thinking will not reproduce a sanitarium such as we had in 1924 when it was reported that "The Sanitarium is enjoying a good patronage. The institution is full. The workers are being kept exceptionally busy. Miss J. Vermaak and Miss D. Peach (Mrs. Daphne Milne) have recently joined the staff."

Pastor W. A. Spicer was president of the General Conference in 1924 and visited our Division in 1925. Here in Africa Pastor W. H. Branson held the reins as the work in the Division expanded into South-West Africa, Angola, and the Congo. The East African territories were still under the jurisdiction of the European Division.

Katanga Mission in the Congo was just one year old in 1924 and a special service conducted by Pastor A. C. Le Butt was held to commemorate this event.

Eileen Crouch (Mrs. Eileen Regnier) while at Spion Kop College, reported that: "It was on September 6, 1921—I still remember the date—when it snowed and snowed, until before night this world of Spion Kop was white."

One needs to take a good deep breath when considering the jump ingathering figures have taken through the years. The Division goal of £3,000 was passed by £166 in 1924, and in 1967 the total of £135,776 made possible an overflow of £54,776 beyond our basic goal of £81,000. What hath God wrought!

It was in 1924 also that our missionary paper, the "Sentinel," had its name changed to "Signs of the Times," its present name. But before the change took place, Miss Winifred Tickton sold 3,600 copies of the "Sentinel" during the three months of her school holidays at the end of 1923. It would give an excellent boost to the sales of the "Signs"/"Tekens" in 1968 if more of our students would sell this good missionary paper during their holidays. The present circulation of the "Signs"/"Tekens" is 23,000.

And now, in 1968, the "Outlook" has pleasure in introducing to our readers the new editor of the "Signs"/"Tekens," Pastor Geoffrey Edmund Garne.

Pastor Garne is a graduate of Helderberg College, and his years in the ministry have been divided between pastoral, evangelistic, departmental and administrative work. During his student years he paid his way through college selling our truth-filled books. Now, his full time can be devoted to editorial work and creative writing. It is also our pleasure to have him join our "Outlook" editorial staff as the Acting Editor. We are confident his counsel and guidance will be of unique value to us.



Pastor G. E. Garne

COME AND VISIT ISHAKA HOSPITAL

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at Ruhanga. Weekly visits were made by members of the staff and instruction was given in principles of health, hygiene, and temperance, with practical demonstrations. The series was completed by conducting an immunization clinic.

This is only the beginning, but it is a step in the direction that we often tend to neglect while we are busy caring for those who are already ill. The Great Physician was also a Teacher. Let us walk in His steps.

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Reporting on

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Imagine, if you can, Dr. E. G. Marcus' impressions when he returned to Mwami Hospital in Zambia recently. He pioneered the medical work there and recalls the times he had to operate under a mango tree. Now he has returned on a three-month relief basis, and writes: "It is wonderful what God can do in a few short years. Forty years ago I was surrounded by leopards, lions, and cheetahs, but now all that is gone and I find many people living and working on the mission. I used to listen to the cry of the hyenas and the growls of the leopards, but now I hear people's voices raised in praise to almighty God."

Few of our readers are personally acquainted with Brother and Sister V. M. Hansen of La Sierra, California, but this dedicated lay couple have given service of inestimable value to the Trans-Africa Division. Working firstly with Pastor T. M. Ashlock and lately with Pastor H. W. Peterson, they have been assisting in the work of producing filmstrips for our TABSA programme. Many hours—running into hundreds—of voluntary service have been given to this task and now the end of their contribution to the TABSA work is in sight. These dear members have also donated funds to our Division for our mission programme.

It is therefore with deep regret that we announce the death of Brother Hansen on July 28. He had been ailing for some months but had kept at his tasks hoping to be able to complete them soon. But as he slept on July 28 the Lord allowed His faithful servant to slip into the long deep sleep of death, thus ending his suffering and weakness. Our tender sympathy is extended to Sister Hansen and her family, and we say Thank You most sincerely for all that has been done for Trans-Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hay and their family have returned permanently to their homeland, Canada, after serving at Mugonero Hospital in Rwanda for the past five years. As with Kanye Hospital in Botswana while Dr. Hay was its medical director, Mugonero Hospital has made positive advancement during these past years. There is a building programme going on there at the present time which will give added strength and facilities to the work.

Enjoying their furloughs after their first term of service are the Charles Staffords of the Heri Health School in Tanzania, the B. E. Jacobs of the Division office, the Dr. G. U. B. Brozio family of Helderberg College, and the Helton Fisher family of Malamulo Hospital.

Furlough time has also come around for the Victor Kluzit family of the

Southern Union and the D. E. Thomas family of the Congo Union. Still on furlough are Pastor and Mrs. M. E. Lind, the F. G. Thomas family, Pastor and Mrs. P. G. Werner, and the R. D. Pifer family, and looking forward to their furlough soon are Pastor and Mrs. M. B. Musgrave of the Zambesi Union.

New appointees, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Carlsen, are already settling in at Mugonero Hospital and will be well acquainted with mission life when Dr. and Mrs. Frank Strickland arrive later this year after a period of French study in Europe. The A. M. Long family are at Kivogo School in Burundi, Miss Winifred Pierce is nursing at Songa Hospital in the Congo, and Miss Phyllis Collins is at Maluti Hospital in Lesotho.

The Chigwamba church in the Mtoko district has been dedicated. The Division president, Pastor M. L. Mills, assisted by Pastors O. D. Muza and V. Davies of the Mashonaland Field, performed this ceremony in the presence of 400 members and visitors from as far afield as Inyazura and Salisbury. During the afternoon, Brother Arthur Shumba was ordained to the gospel ministry. Three choirs with praise and rejoicing as their keynote lent their assistance, and throughout the day convincing and energetic translations of the messages were given by Pastor E. J. Chinowaita.

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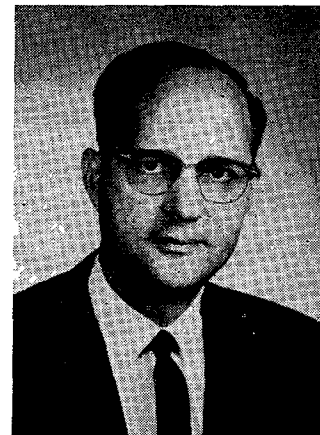
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Cape Town	6.50	6.56	7.02	7.07
Johannesburg	6.09	6.13	6.16	6.20
East London	6.12	6.17	6.23	6.28
Port Elizabeth	6.22	6.28	6.34	6.39
Bloemfontein	6.17	6.21	6.26	6.30
Pietermaritzburg	6.01	6.05	6.10	6.15
Durban	5.59	6.04	6.08	6.13
Windhoek	6.51	6.54	6.56	7.00
Bulawayo	6.04	6.06	6.08	6.11
Salisbury	5.52	5.53	5.55	5.58
Gwelo	5.57	5.58	6.00	6.02
Lusaka	6.04	6.05	6.06	6.08
Blantyre	5.37	5.39	5.39	5.41
Lubumbashi	6.06	6.06	6.07	6.07
Nairobi	6.25	6.23	6.21	6.19
Mombasa	6.14	6.13	6.12	6.10
Kisumu	6.34	6.32	6.30	6.28
Kampala	6.43	6.40	6.38	6.36
Dar-es-Salaam	6.18	6.17	6.16	6.15
Tabora	6.43	6.41	6.41	6.38

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Cape Town	7.13	7.20	7.27	7.33	7.39
Johannesburg	6.23	6.28	6.34	6.39	6.45
East London	6.33	6.40	6.47	6.53	6.59
Port Elizabeth	6.45	6.52	6.59	7.05	7.11
Bloemfontein	6.34	6.40	6.46	6.52	6.58
Pietermaritzburg	6.19	6.25	6.31	6.37	6.43
Durban	6.17	6.23	6.29	6.35	6.41
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Kampala	6.37	6.37	6.38	6.38	6.39
Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.18	6.21	6.21	6.24
Tabora	6.40	6.42	6.43	6.43	6.46

DEVALUATION

by MERLE L. MILLS,
President, Trans-Africa Division



DEVALUATION is a large word and so are its ramifications and implications. The meaning of this word is better understood today than it was a few months ago. At that time the pound sterling was devalued and as a result, shock waves of fear and anxiety reverberated around the world. Because of her inability to meet certain commitments a financial crisis had developed in England and by government decree the pound was arbitrarily reduced in value by 15 per cent. In reality, this was tantamount to serving notice on her creditors that she had defaulted in meeting her financial obligations to that extent. Consequently, there was an extraordinary demand for gold on the world market which placed the American dollar under suspect. For several days the world was held in suspense as to whether or not this development would also lead to the devaluation of the dollar. Fortunately, its stability was maintained and a world financial obligations to that extent.

But another kind of devaluation, of a sinister and malignant nature, has developed to a far more alarming and astonishing proportion. We hear very little about it. No massive effort has been made to combat it. Yet the foundation of government, the structure of the home, and the fabric of our society have been threatened to such an extent that if it continues unchecked and unabated, it will lead to a cataclysm of the first order. I am referring to the devaluation of morality.

Moral standards have crumbled so in recent years that it can be stated with certainty that we are now experiencing the depravity and licentiousness which prevailed in the days of Lot. The permissive trends of our times have so corroded our social life that it would be no exaggeration to assert that the profligacy of Sodom

and Gomorrah have taken second place to that of our own society. It is taboo and passé to preach adherence to the code of social ethics based upon the ten commandment law. Sexual restraint and propriety which give no admittance of promiscuity are now considered Victorian repression and puritanical rigidity. It is argued that it is unreasonable and factitious to expect one to adhere to the Judeo-Christian philosophy which advocates the inhibition of man's thoughts and deeds. Consequently, what was whispered in hushed tones and looked upon as disgraceful and shameful conduct in past generations is now openly accepted and condoned. This is the result of a new freedom of morality which casts restraint to the winds, giving licence to the carnal and lustful nature. As the hemline of the dresses has gone up chastity and virtue have plunged downward. Illegitimate births, abortions, divorces, adulteries, pre-marital sexuality, homosexuality and pornography have sky-rocketed to new heights. Something has gone terribly wrong. What has happened?

A deliberate attempt is being made today to devalue our time-honoured morals. A diabolical effort has been made to depreciate the principles of honesty, decency and modesty. It is the devil's ploy and stratagem to lessen man's affections for and interest in the spiritual life. To separate man from God and develop a milieu of unrestrained pleasure and voluptuous orgy has been and now is his most successful method of destroying the civilization of yesterday and today.

But morality has been devalued in other ways than that in the social realm. Lying and stealing are increasing by leaps and bounds. Employers experience great losses because their employees secretly take

home with them company tools and manufactured products. Large department and chain stores report staggering losses from pilfering customers. Bank robberies and embezzlements are mounting every day. Misrepresentation in business and false advertising are the order of the day. Bad debts are escalating. Equity is fallen to the ground and truth has lost its value in the market place. Slander and false propaganda have become such effective tools in the devil's hands that one scarcely knows what to believe of what he hears and reads.

Should we think it strange by reason of what we are witnessing now? Are these not irrefutable evidences that the end of this present world is at hand? Reader of mine, are you callous and unmoved by what is taking place? Are you being swept up in the brackish waters of impiety and wantonness which are engulfing the world?

Dissolution, dishonesty and deception are increasing with unprecedented magnitude. Like bands of steel, they are encircling their deathlike grip around the world. Our only hope of deliverance from the ruthless clutches of the blatant evil of our generation is through the power of Christ. One cannot possibly conquer these satanic and deadly forces by resolution or human will power. It is for us to remain alert and conscious of the rising tide of immorality sweeping over the world today. May we adhere to the admonition given by Christ who warned: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41.