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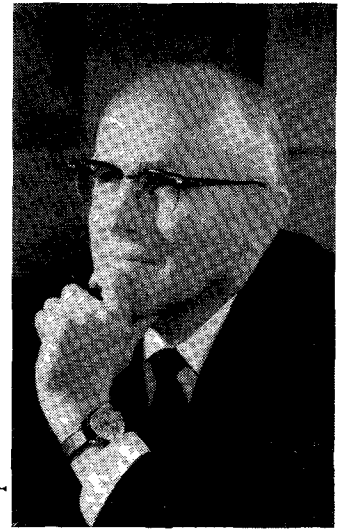
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Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

A Message from the President of the General Conference to the Believers in Trans-Africa

Robert H. Pierson



LOOKING FORWARD TO ATLANTIC CITY

More than three years have slipped by since the last General Conference Session convened in Detroit, Michigan. Within a few months thousands of God's people from most of the lands of earth will be heading toward Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the 1970 Session, to be held June 7-20.

Brethren and sisters, this next gathering *must not be* just another General Conference Session. The hour is too late. God's people are too needy. There is too much work yet to be done. The 1970 Session must, under God, be a gathering characterized by its spiritual impact upon our lives individually, and upon the church as a whole. It must be a time of repentance, of revival, and of renewal. Atlantic City must be a place of great power as well as effective planning. May God make Convention Auditorium a place of Pentecost where the last spiritual thrust begins for a finished work!

Prayer—earnest, persevering prayer—is the key to revival and power. We appeal to our people around the world to *commence praying NOW* for a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the Atlantic City meetings. Remember your leaders who are now planning the program. Plead with God to make this Session all that, under His blessing and guidance, He would have it be.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE 1969 AUTUMN COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

A Christian view of the Sabbath starts from the Biblical concept of the Sabbath day as "the day of the Lord, holy unto the Lord." It stresses the original divine creative rest, but more particularly the element of worship, an activity that goes much deeper than merely "going to church," an activity oriented toward blessing others in every possible way, as Jesus Himself has given us the example.

Our concept of Sabbath-keeping is that the seventh day is to be reserved for communion with and the worship of God; that it is to partake of the nature of rest, physical, mental, and spiritual. The Sabbath was made for man, and if there are emergencies that have to do with the

health and safety of people, these emergencies may be cared for. On the other hand, one should not plan to perform on the Sabbath day work that could by proper care be performed on another day.

"The Sabbath hours belong to God, and are to be used for Him alone. Our own pleasure, our own words, our own business, our own thoughts, should find no place in the observance of the Lord's day. . . . It is a time to visit the sick and to work for the salvation of souls. The ordinary affairs of the six working days should be laid aside. No unnecessary work should be performed."—*Church Manual*, page 207.

Conducting Church Business Activities on the Sabbath Day

In so far as possible, the Sabbath day should be reserved for worship, rest, and Christian witness in which the family will remain together. Meetings that detract from these ideals should be avoided whenever possible during its sacred hours.

The elders or other church officers may meet some time during the Sabbath hours if need be for the purpose of dealing with doctrinal issues, questions of principles, ritual, preaching, spiritual problems among church members, or emergency problems arising from sickness or accident.

The obligations of the stewardship of one's resources and the fiscal needs of the church would be proper subjects for public presentation on the Sabbath, but ordinary church business should be taken up on another day.

Holding business meetings on week-days helps remind one of the fact that "the church" is not just something for the Sabbath day, but for the seven days of the week. All church activities that are of a business nature should be avoided on the Sabbath.

While it is fitting to present missionary campaigns in the church on Sabbath, and to publish appropriate campaign data in the church bulletin, all such campaigns should be conducted on a high spiritual level. In the case of campaigns for missionary periodicals the recommendation of the 1949 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee (April 12, 1949, page 1445) should be adhered to.

Sabbath Funerals

In harmony with the spirit of rest that should pervade the Sabbath it is expected that Adventists should be advised to avoid Sabbath funerals. Although it is true that in some climates and under certain compelling conditions funerals have to be conducted without any delay, such services on the Sabbath day should be avoided whenever possible. If at such times arrangements could be made in advance with undertakers and cemetery employees to perform their routine tasks for the deceased in advance of the Sabbath day, the labour and commotion on the Sabbath could be greatly curtailed. Or, if the memorial service could be held on Sabbath, and interment take place later, there would be no objection. While it is not best to take a dogmatic position on either side of this question, the avoidance of Sabbath funerals is definitely preferable.

Ingathering on the Sabbath

The general practice of Seventh-day Adventist churches is to do Ingathering on days other than the Sabbath. Although the Ingathering plan can be organized so as to bring many spiritual benefits both to solicitor and donor, the preferable course is to do the solicitation outside of the Sabbath hours.

Social Helpfulness on the Sabbath

Recognizing that the Sabbath hours belong to God, the Sabbath-keeping Christian will want to honour and reverence the Creator in all his activities, deportment, and spirit on God's holy day.

Not only in worship, but also in his soul-winning and missionary endeavours his public witness and influence will be compatible with his preachment and belief. Though he may participate in certain types of social work for students, youth, and the poor, he will still exert an exemplary influence of consistent Christian Sabbath-keeping.

If he is engaged in an extension or special school for children and youth, subjects and classes appropriate for the Sabbath can be arranged which are different from the ordinary secular subjects or classes for the week, including activities that contribute to spiritual culture. Nature or neighbourhood walks can be provided to substitute for regularly scheduled recesses. Nature and museum field trips of minimal effort, planning and administration can provide profitable substitution for secular subjects and classes.

Certain types of social helpfulness

Meet Our Visitors



K. F. Ambs, an assistant treasurer of the General Conference, attended the Division year-end committee meetings. He too visited some union committees. Pastor and Mrs Ambs spent nearly 18 years as missionaries in this Division. He served in Rwanda, the Congo and lastly as treasurer of the Division. Mrs Ambs will join Pastor Ambs in Kampala, Uganda, where they will visit their daughter and son-in-law, Pastor and Mrs James Bradfield. Pastor Bradfield is principal of Bugema Missionary College.

W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, attended the Division year-end committee meetings and some union committees. Pastor Beach has visited Trans-Africa before and we welcome him as a good friend, one who is keenly interested in our progress.



would be in perfect harmony with proper Sabbath observance as might be seen from the words and example of the Lord of the Sabbath Himself.

Using the Sabbath day to perform missionary activities that are of the nature of everyday work should be discouraged. Such efforts should be limited to emergency cases rather than the putting forth of studied efforts in this direction.

Sabbath Duties of Adventist Medical Workers

Physicians and dentists are frequently called upon to render emergency service during the Sabbath hours. At these times it is appropriate to remember the following counsel:

"Physicians need to cultivate a spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice. It may be necessary to devote even the hours of the holy Sabbath to the relief of suffering humanity. But the fee for such labour should be put into the treasury of the Lord, to be used for the worthy poor, who need medical skill but cannot afford to pay for it."—**Medical Ministry**, page 216.

As physicians, dentists, and other medical workers encounter suffering and hu-

man woe they are duty-bound to offer appropriate relief as may be within their power to provide. The Sabbath presents no exception. Adventist medical workers should be willing to respond to the calls of need whenever they come. At the same time they will not place themselves on the Sabbath where the public will be disposed to come to them with ordinary complaints and ills, be it in private offices, clinics, or health centres, regardless of financial arrangements. Such a plan provides for nurturing the spiritual life of the health worker and reveals the sign of our order.

Sabbath Weddings

The marriage service is sacred and would not in itself be out of harmony with the spirit of Sabbath-keeping. However, most weddings involve considerable work and almost inevitably a secular atmosphere develops in preparing for the occasion and in holding receptions. In order that the quiet worshipful spirit of the Sabbath not be lost, the holding of weddings on the Sabbath should be discouraged.

(To be Continued)

LANGUAGE FESTIVAL AT BETHEL

by *Margaret Pearson*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, was a high day for Bethel College when it played host to ten high schools and two training colleges that participated in the first Afrikaans language festival to be held in the Republic of South Africa for Africans. Bethel received the cup for the verse choir section, missed the choir cup by only one point, and the cup for poetry, (recited by Mzwandile Steto) by two points. Excitement reached an all-time peak, however, when the large Hans Abraham Trophy for the highest number of points in all six sections of the festival was awarded to Bethel.

The more than seventy visiting dignitaries and teachers included the Hon. Mr J. H. Abraham, Commissioner-General of the Transkei, the Hon. Mr G. Matanzima, Minister of Education for the Transkei, Prof. A. Coetzee and Mrs H. de Wet from Fort Hare, Pastor P. H. Coetzee, chairman of the Bethel board, Mr J. L.

The Hon. Mr J. H. Abraham, Commissioner-General of the Transkei, donated a large trophy to the winning school at the Language Festival. In his address he complimented Bethel College on their excellent facilities and fine accomplishments.



Minie, the Afrikaans inspector for the Transkei, and representatives of the press and radio.

Several months ago two of the Afrikaans teachers, Mr James Felix and Mr Dick Maree approached their principal, Pastor R. G. Pearson, with a suggestion to stimulate interest in Afrikaans in an effort to improve the Afrikaans results in the government examinations: why not invite two or three neighbouring high schools to Bethel for a festival? Having received the approval and blessing of Pastor Pearson, Messrs Maree and Felix visited a few schools in the vicinity and also contacted the inspector for Afrikaans, Mr Minie. Mr Felix's idea was so enthusiastically received that it mushroomed into a Transkei-wide language association which will organize an annual festival to be held at a different school every year.

Mr P. S. Ebersohn, the vice-chairman of the organizing committee, worked very hard in preparation for the festival, and acted as master of ceremonies.

Many gifts were donated for the occasion. The Road Safety Association loaned a loud-speaker system, Coca Cola gave drinks, Nestlé, sweets, Volkskas, a guest book, and Mr H. Abraham, Cicira, Blythswood,

St Johns, Ndamase, Fort Hare and Bethel presented trophies.

Most of the visitors had never been to Bethel before and were favourably impressed with the campus, the school plant, and the hall (basement) that had been clad in stage curtains of tan and olive green which made it look very attractive and improved the accoustics considerably. Many came into contact with Seventh-day Adventists for the first time and heard something of our world-wide work, aims and ideals, from the speeches of Pastors Coetzee and Pearson. It was generally felt that the standard of hospitality set by Bethel was commendably high.

Below: Principal Rex G. Pearson with the Hans Abraham Trophy won by Bethel College.



The Editorial Staff of the "OUTLOOK" wishes all our believers a happy Christmas and every rich blessing during the coming year. May the love of the Father, the sweet presence of the Redeemer, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be your daily experience.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON . . .

SQUARING UP WITH GOD IN 1969



E. T. Gackenheimer, Trans-Africa Division Stewardship secretary, says: "Before 1969 ends, let every believer make an accurate study of his stewardship and then render faithfully to God that which is His own."

GIVE ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP

In April this year the Trans-Africa Division Stewardship Department launched a series of institutes which have embraced the territories of the South-East, Zambesi, Tanzania, Central African, and Congo Unions thus far. We have held thirteen full institutes with the emphasis on attendance by field executives, departmental staffs, and paid workers of all categories. In a number of these institutes we had the privilege of having these workers present, and we had a wonderful time studying the Word of God and the Spirit of prophecy regarding the important subject of stewardship, particularly as it relates to tithes and offerings.

Union Stewardship secretaries, F. A. Botomani of the South-East Africa Union, R. R. Ndhlovu of the Zambesi Union, M. Mugemancuro of the Central African Union, H. K. Mashigan of the Tanzania Union, and E. Basaninyenzi of the Congo Union entered into the institutes with enthusiasm, and gave excellent help. They had the sessions well organized and as a result things ran smoothly. The field presidents and Stewardship secretaries kept a watchful eye so that nothing was lacking to make the meetings a success. We were privileged to have many of the local church leaders present and a spirit of brotherly love and fellowship was manifested throughout.

Emphasis was laid on the matter of giving. A statement from the Spirit of prophecy reads:

"We should never forget that God has placed us on trial in this world to determine our fitness for the future life. God tests us here by committing to us temporal possessions, that our use of these may

show whether or not we can be entrusted with eternal riches.

"The Lord does not need our offerings. We cannot enrich Him with our gifts. Says the psalmist: 'All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.' Yet God permits us to show our appreciation of His mercies by self-sacrificing efforts to extend the same to others. *This is the only way in which it is possible for us to manifest our gratitude and love to God. He has provided no other.*"

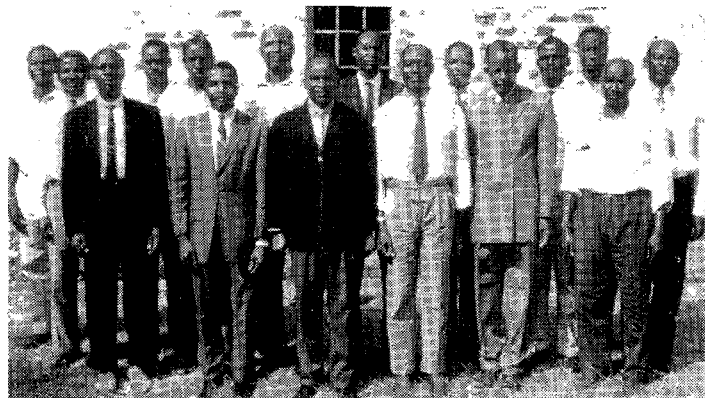
Other references on this subject are to be found in *Testimonies*, vol. 3, pages 384-389; *Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 18 and 19; *Patriarchs and*

Prophets, page 528; *Testimonies*, vol. 2 page 240; *Testimonies*, vol. 3, pages 390, 391.

God so loved that He gave the very best He had. How can we do less?

In the institutes we traced the matter of tithe-paying back beyond the days of Abraham. God said of the Sabbath, "It is holy unto the Lord." He also says of the tithe, "It is holy unto the Lord." The servant of the Lord writes: "The very same language is used concerning the Sabbath as in the law of the tithe: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God' . . . In like manner, a tithe of our income is 'holy unto the Lord,' . . ."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 66, 67.

Right: Workers attending the Tanzania Union Stewardship Institute.



Below: Workers attending the South-East Africa Union Stewardship Institute.



We also studied together what true tithing is. What does God expect me to give in addition to the tithe? How much shall I give? Should we give God the first or the last of our income? We discussed and studied how to improve the low per capita tithe and offering situation in our Division. All present admitted an improvement was needed. Suggestions were made as to what methods were best to improve the situation.

The high light of each institute was the closing service when as workers and local church leaders we signed covenant cards to be faithful in returning to God an honest tithe. Our sincere thanks are expressed to our union administrators who made these stewardship institutes possible.

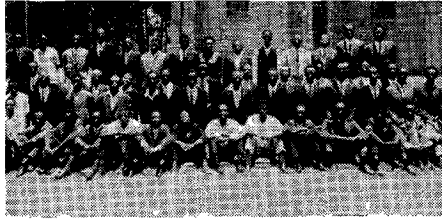
WE MUST BE FAITHFUL EVEN IN BIG THINGS

by ELASTO BASANINYENZI,

Stewardship Secretary, Congo Union.

CATTLE are considered to be of high economic value among the tribes of Africa, and the Rwanda people in Central Africa are no exception. If one of them gives a cow to his neighbour, it is considered that he has done him a great favour. In olden times people would often spend their entire lives serving a person who had given them cows. They could also lament over a dead cow just as if it were a dead person.

Naphtal Denny is a member of the Rusinga church. He and his Christian wife came from a place called Rutshuru which is about 120 km. away. He was converted immediately after his arrival and was soon baptized. He loved his Saviour. This man owned ten cows which represented great wealth. After his baptism he



Institute of Stewardship personnel in West Rwanda.

began tithing the little things such as the garden products, chickens and dairy products, but he only thought of tithing his cattle three years later. During this time his ten cows had increased to forty.

In the year 1968 emphasis was placed upon genuine stewardship. Naphtal Denny testified that he wanted to be a faithful steward in all that God had entrusted to him. He recognized God's blessings. He decided to give a faithful tithe of everything, for he realized he was like the Pharisees mentioned in Matthew 23:23. He realized that thieves would not break in and steal treasures which were laid up in heaven, and that he would not receive the promised blessings if he was not faithful. So, one day he called the church elder and the deacons to come and collect the tithe of all his cattle. All the cows passed under a rod and every tenth one, which was "holy unto the Lord," was set aside as tithe. Forty cows passed under the rod and four were given to the Lord. The people were surprised to see this Christian give such expensive items to God. Naphtal had proved his God. Not one of his cattle died when there was a murrain epidemic in the area. When the people asked him for the remedy he used to preserve his cattle, he replied, "The remedy is tithe."

GREAT NEWS FROM HELDERBERG!

B.Sc. DEGREE:

It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Helderberg College Board, in co-operation with and on the advice of the Trans-Africa Division and General Conference, will continue to offer the B.Sc. Degree Course. Young people interested in this course should contact the college immediately.

B.COM. DEGREE:

We are also happy to announce that the college will introduce the B.Com. Course starting from January, 1970. We have a number of young people enrolled in this internationally recognized degree course and feel that it will be of tremendous value to our Seventh-day Adventist young people who are interested in entering the business field.

RECOGNIZED COMMERCIAL COURSES:

The college is recognized by the Department of Higher Education to enter students for the following Commercial Certificates:

- National Secretarial Certificate (1 year)
- National Secretarial Diploma (2 years)
- National Diploma in Commerce (3 years)

MEALS ON WHEELS

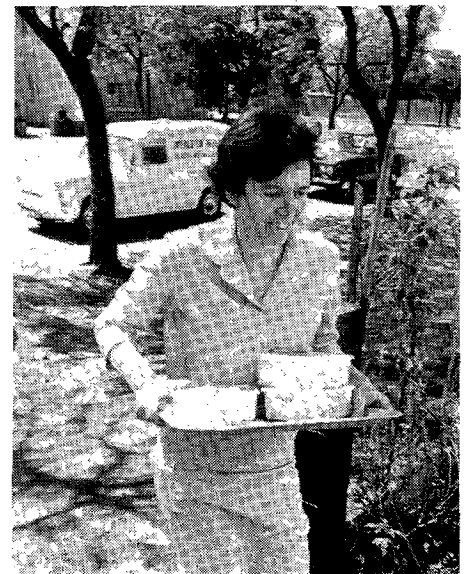
by J

The dream of having a Meals on Wheels service for the aged of Bula-wayo had been in the minds of many in the church for a long time. In fact, at the beginning of last year, our Welfare Leader, Sister Pam Wilson, brought the subject up for discussion. But after careful consideration the proposition had reluctantly to be abandoned, for we recognized that our small congregation would be totally unable to finance so ambitious a scheme.

Several months later, however, the plight of many of the city's senior citizens, living alone and uncared for, came to the attention of the press, and it was not long before a meeting was called of all interested persons and bodies to discuss what could be done to alleviate the conditions under which many were living. As a direct result of this meeting, at which the Seventh-day Adventist Church was represented, a co-ordinating committee for the Care of the Aged was formed and Pastor Conze Schröder was appointed chairman.

Several projects for improving the facilities for the aged are now under way, the first of which to be given the "green light" was Meals on Wheels. Our representative on the committee assured the other members that our church was ready and willing

Mrs June Hayes hurries with containers of meal to



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RÖDER

to undertake this assignment, since we had the voluntary staff, the facilities, and also the know-how because of similar projects operated by the Church in South Africa. All that was needed, he said, was the financial backing of the public of Bulawayo.

This was forthcoming in a most remarkable way and to an astonishing degree. It was a clear indication to all of us that the Lord was leading in this venture. A street collection realized a substantial amount; business houses were approached by letter, and many generous cheques were received. The service clubs of the city have shown considerable interest and made valuable donations, not only in cash but also in helping to re-equip our kitchen to meet the specifications of the Department of Health.

Meals on Wheels got off to a fine start. Its inauguration was well covered by the press, radio and television. It has continued to operate smoothly for six months, with the fullest co-operation from the ladies of the church who have rallied around faithfully to help prepare the meals every Wednesday and Sunday on a rotation basis, and also to drive the vanette and deliver the meals to the homes of the elderly. There has been the finest spirit of fellowship and undoubtedly this service to the com-

munity is proving a blessing to our church as well as a comfort to the aged.

Those receiving meals pay 2/9d. (27½c) per meal. Payment is made monthly, each person receiving a booklet of coupons in exchange for 22/-, (R2.20) which covers eight meals. The meals are served and delivered in tightly-sealed plastic containers, and as each one receives his or her two containers, one for the main course and the other for dessert, two empty containers are returned from the previous meal, together with a coupon in payment. The meals are kept hot by being packed in a large, well-insulated box which holds 32 boxes in four rows of eight with hard-board separating the layers. It takes a little over an hour to complete the delivery, serving about twenty-five people at present, and the last meals are still piping hot when delivered.

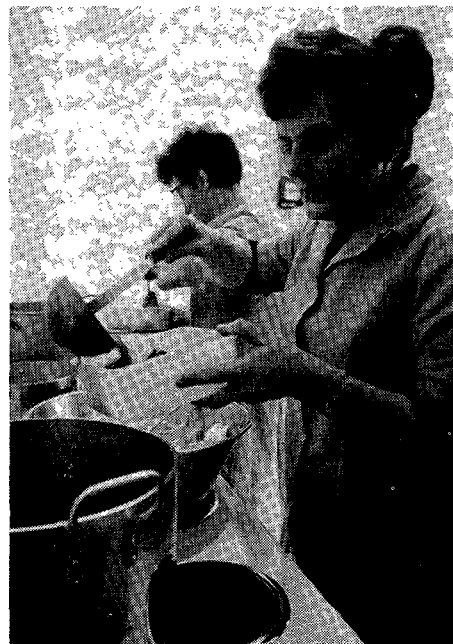
We are concentrating on providing hot and nourishing meals for those living alone, who in many cases do not have adequate cooking facilities, and neither relatives nor friends in Bulawayo to give them a good meal. Some of the old folk who receive meals live in most distressing circumstances, and their appreciation and gratitude for the meals to which they look forward on real "red letter days" is more than a reward in itself.

Meals on Wheels is more than just

what its name implies. It is our trained nurses and those with a St John Ambulance training and experience who deliver the food, and they keep an eye on the health of the old people, reporting any change in their physical condition on cards which are kept as records for this purpose. There is also a visitation program in progress with each "meal" recipient being allocated to one of our ladies who undertakes to visit them in their own time, just to make

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Pictures on this page by "Sunday News," Bulawayo.



Behind-the-scenes workers filling the containers with a balanced meal in the well-equipped kitchen in the Bulawayo church. Mrs. June Schröder, one of the chief organizers, is seen on the right, above.

from the parked vanette, and delivers the citizen.



SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Secretary G. F. Clifford Reports:

INSTITUTES IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

Under the direction of the writer and A. O. Coetzee, of the South African Union, a Sabbath-school Officers' Training Course was conducted for the Sabbath-school officers of the central churches in the Johannesburg area, and a second institute for the Sabbath-school officers of the Good Hope Conference churches in the same area.

The Sabbath-school Officers' Training Course manual as prepared by the Trans-Africa Division was used at both these institutes, following which a brief test was given on the material covered. A total of 36 persons were issued with certificates and Mr S. J. Hunter of the Good Hope Conference is to be commended on obtaining full marks for the test. In addition to this officers' course, Mrs P. Clifford displayed visual-aid materials and demonstrated how they may be used to enrich the kindergarten Sabbath-school program. Suggestions for "on time" devices and hints on how to keep young children both quiet and interested were given.

At the close of each institute several Sabbath-school films were shown including the very popular investment film, "And There Was Bread," and the Trans-Africa Division film on Solusi, "African Horizons."

THE CHILE UNION MISSION THANKS YOU

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED from Gaston Clouzet, the Chile Union Mission president, that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the second quarter of this year amounted to U.S. \$101,230.77. Fifty percent of this money will be used in the Chile Union to build a new boy's dormitory for the Chile College.

Brother Gaston expresses his sincere appreciation on behalf of the Chile Union Mission, for the part which each Sabbath-school member has played in contributing to this excellent Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow. Each year the overflow seems to mount higher and higher,

thus giving fresh evidence of the liberality and devotion of our Sabbath-school members throughout the world. This spirit of liberality for God's work in lands afar spells greater prosperity for the work in the homelands, for Sister White in *Counsels on Sabbath*

School Work, page 136, states, "to show a liberal self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off."

For this fourth quarter of 1969 we are privileged to give to the Southern Asia Division and we know that your hearts will respond again to the appeal of the mission field this coming Thirteenth Sabbath.

Department of Education

Secretary G. F. CLIFFORD Reports:

PROGRESS AT SONGA MISSION

In a letter just received from Brother A. dos Santos, principal of Songa Primary and Secondary School in the Congo, we glean the following interesting facts: There are 420 students enrolled in the school this year, of whom 152 are in the four-year secondary school cycle. The dormitories are overcrowded and a number of students are living in two old workers' houses on the mission. The farm is progressing well and with the new tractor, land has been cleared for 7,000 pineapple plants and 500 palm trees. Over 300 acres have been cleared during the holiday period, and maize, peanuts and sweet potatoes have been planted.

During the past school year a number of students were presented for the government examination and all but one succeeded in passing. The Department of Education has given recognition to the school and now it only needs the approval of the Governor.

In addition to the academic work the religious side of the student's life has not been forgotten. Over 300 students have been enrolled in the MV classes and they are planning for a massive investiture which will include some 37 candidates for the Master Guide pin.

Under the new Trans-Africa Division plan for the development of secondary education in the Congo, Songa Secondary School will offer the first four years of secondary education, following which the students will transfer to Kivu Seminary in the North Congo Field. For a number of years Brother dos Santos has battled on alone at the school and has worked far beyond the regular call of duty. A new teacher, Brother Jean-Louis Drouault, is due to arrive soon and in the meantime Pastor Max Church, the Congo Union Education secretary, has been assisting.

The future for our work in the Congo looks bright and we solicit your prayers and interest in this great field.

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INGATHERING SURPRISES

by DUSAN SOFRANAC, Congo Union

INGATHERING appointments took me to Kinshasa, capital city of the Congo, and during this campaign, as always, many happy surprises awaited me.

In one large business organization I had difficulty in gaining an interview with the director but finally his secretary changed her unco-operative attitude and arranged for me to see him. After presenting our needs to him, he was interested enough to turn up his past records to see what he had given previously. He found that in 1965 he donated £14 (R28) but nothing since that date. "I am sorry, Pastor," he remarked. "You have lost £42 (R84) these last three years but I shall give £14 (R28) this year."

Another generous donor was the director of a bank whose contribution was £35 (R70) and whose interest in

our work I was able to satisfy by giving him as full a report as I could.

Another surprise awaited me when I visited the offices of a large store. Once more the secretary was reticent to arrange for an interview for me but when eventually I managed to see the director he asked what his previous contribution had been. While I was consulting my records he busied himself by looking through the brochure, and then said: "Pastor, your work merits more than I have given in the past." His donation rose from £7 (R14) to £35 (R70).

As I entered the fine office of another organization the manager was reading his newspaper. I introduced myself and he remarked on an article I had written for that newspaper which he had read with interest. His gift jumped from £14 (R28) to £57 (R114).

The director of a large Swiss watch firm recognized me immediately I ap-

proached and inquired after Brother G. M. Ellstrom whom he had met on previous visits. After generously increasing his donation he spoke about present-day events and listened intently as I explained the fulfilment of Bible prophecies concerning this generation. Then he accompanied me to the main entrance of his firm and in the hearing of his office staff, he remarked: "Monsieur le Pasteur, your regular visits and the nature of your activities do me a great deal of good."

The comment of another businessman, a Congolese, as he instructed his accountant to give us a cheque for £35 (R70) was: "This is for a denomination which is doing an outstanding work for this country."

It is from experiences like these that we are conscious afresh of the presence and help of the Lord and in this way old and new business friends and acquaintances help to swell the inflow of Ingathering funds.

"SABBATH" VISIT OF SHIP TO PITCAIRN ISLAND CHANGED

by HERBERT FORD

Public Relations Director,
Voice of Prophecy, Glendale,
U.S.A.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, that tiny spot of land in the trackless Pacific Ocean, leaped into news columns around the world recently because its people chose to honour the Sabbath day!

In early September Tom Christian, radio operator on the island, received a news clipping that the luxury passenger liner, the S.S. *United States*, was to make its first cruise into the Pacific Ocean in January of 1970. Tom noted that the first stop of the vessel was to be at Pitcairn on the morning of January 31, 1970—a Sabbath!

Because the Pitcairners' only way of earning money is by selling curios to passing ships, the news that the ship would arrive on Sabbath morning caused considerable dismay. Except for the schoolmaster and his family from New Zealand, all the people on Pitcairn are members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Each week, on Tuesday afternoon, Tom Christian has a radio schedule on his ham radio rig, VR6TC, with Eddie Pullen, engineer at The Voice of Prophecy headquarters in Glendale, California, on K6DTT. During his

first schedule which followed reception of the news clipping, Christian made a request:

"Eddie, could you get someone to appeal to the shipping company to either advance or delay the arrival of the S.S. *United States*? Our people won't sell curios during the hours of the Sabbath, and if we don't it will probably disappoint the passengers because they've surely heard about our curios."

The Voice of Prophecy made an appeal through the General Conference to the American President Lines which owns the vessel. At first the steamship company had the impression that the Pitcairners would sell curios on Sabbath—that the only time they would not was during their actual worship service hour.

Further information cleared up that misunderstanding. Then followed a cable from the Pitcairn people to the shipping company, and a direct telephone call from a government aide in Fiji to the company headquarters in New York City in behalf of the Pitcairn people.

Finally the word came from New York to Glendale; and on Tuesday, October 7, from the ham radio room at The Voice of Prophecy, Eddie Pullen talked to Tom Christian:

"The American President Lines say they are definitely delaying the arrival of the *United States* at Pitcairn until after sundown on Sabbath, January 31," he reported. "There will be up to 1,900 passengers aboard, so the Pit-

cairn people can plan to have the biggest curio-selling session in their history!"

Because they chose to honour God's holy Sabbath day, a little band of some eighty people on a tiny isle in the Pacific Ocean changed the plans of a giant American shipping company!

MEALS ON WHEELS, BULAWAYO

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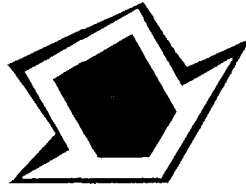
friends. These old people are often extremely lonely and for someone to visit them and listen to all they have to say, gives them great happiness. We believe this is as important a part of our Christian ministry as is the nourishing of their bodies. We pray that as they learn to have confidence in us we will be able to bring to each of them the comfort of the wonderful love of Jesus Christ and point them to the blessed hope of His soon return.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 3: | Lay Activities (Soul-winning Commitment) |
| January 10: | Temperance Commitment |
| January 17: | Consecration of Church Officers |

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At Rest

MARTIN, Denise Agnes.—Born under the sunny skies of Rhodesia, Denise grew up in the church in Salisbury. It was there she met Colin Martin, a young man from England. They were married in the Salisbury church by Pastor Ernest Logan. Following their decision to give their lives to the Lord in service they went to Newbold Missionary College in England. After graduation they worked together in London, Torquay, Exeter, Taunton, and finally opened the work in Yeovil. On April 10 this year, Denise became paralysed. The Lord did not see fit to heal but to let her sufferings bring others back to Him. Her mother, Mrs Doris Senior of Salisbury, Rhodesia, visited her daughter and was strengthened by Denise's faith and fortitude. After more than five months of suffering she fell asleep in

Jesus on September 24. The funeral service was held in St Peter's Church, Yeovil, by courtesy of the vicar. Those assisting were Pastor E. H. Foster, president of the South England Conference, Pastor E. Logan and the writer. Colin spoke deeply of his happy life of ten years of wonderful partnership. Due to her sincerity and happiness Denise radiated life wherever she went. Children loved her and her Sabbath-school lessons in the places where she worked will not soon be forgotten. She was the ideal preacher's wife. Denise truly loved her Saviour. To her lonely husband, Colin, her little son Roland, her mother and other relatives we extend our deepest sympathy. We cannot fully understand why one who was only 29 years of age should so soon be laid to rest, but we are confident the Lord knows best. Denise will soon hear the voice and feel the life-giving touch of her loving Saviour and then she will know more fully why she was allowed to suffer that others might be blessed.

—S. G. Maxwell.

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Reporting on PEOPLE and EVENTS

A visitor who spent three days at headquarters in November was Pastor Robert H. Pierson, now president of the General Conference. In company with Pastor W. R. Beach, he presided at a Territorial Commission attended by 35 delegates from countries south of the Zambezi River, Angola, Mozambique, Madagascar, and Mauritius. The key thought of his devotional talk to the delegates was taken from Judges 4:14: "Up, for this is the day." "This is the day," said Pastor Pierson, "in which the Lord will finish His work, and cut it short in righteousness."

Upon returning from furlough, and before taking up his appointment at Helderberg College, Dr Daniel Walther is conducting an evangelistic campaign in Lubumbashi, Congo. He reports a nightly attendance of 130, with a good number of university students in the meetings. Pastor Max Church is giving fine assistance by conducting lively and interesting pre-meetings and Bible Quizzes, and caring for V.O.P. students and their lessons. Dr Walther will be professor of History at Helderberg.

I. J. van Zyl has been appointed as associate professor in Helderberg's Theology Department. This appointment has brought to fruition plans for an Afrikaans-speaking associate in this department and will be of inestimable value in preparing bilingual ministers for the South African Union Conference.

Pastor W. Böhme will serve next year as Pastor of the Helderberg College church. Also, he will assist with the practical aspects of training theology students for public evangelism. Mrs J. Runkel will serve as secretary to the Registrar. Mr D. Bulgin will join the staff in January, 1970 as assistant science professor. Miss M. Atkins will teach in the Helderberg Primary School in 1970. Mrs Markwood will join the Cafeteria staff as a most welcome assistant.

Our union presidents have reported a total of 6,711 persons who were baptized and entered the church on September 27, the special World Baptism Day. Baptisms for the third quarter of this year total 8,081, with our Division membership standing at 229,718.

News from the Publishing Department continues to gain momentum. John T. Mason, the Division Publishing Department secretary, reports that by October there were more baptisms reported by literature-evangelists than for the whole of 1968. The 1968 figures included the East African Union, which the 1969 figure does not.

The Zambia Field is leading the African fields in the Division in deliveries so far this year. The entire Division was showing a gain of £7,684 (R15,368) at the end of September over the same period last year.

We regret to inform readers of the death of the two-year-old son of Brother M. T. Kachoka, a teacher at Mombera Secondary School in Malawi. This sad event occurred as a result of a collision

between a bus and a truck near Lilongwe on October 14. Mrs Kachoka was seriously injured but is recovering satisfactorily.

Brother and Sister Jean L. Drouault flew from New York to Kamina in the Congo in October to take up their new work on the staff of the Songa Seminary.

Brother and Sister David Follett have joined the staff of the Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia. Dr and Mrs Bradley Nelson have also arrived. He has begun work as the relief doctor of the Division, at Mwami Hospital in Zambia.

Dr and Mrs Charles Wical returned to Yuka Hospital in Zambia from their furlough in October.

Mrs Pauline Long of Solusi College left on November 1 for her furlough in the United States.

Pastor A. E. Cook and his secretary, Mrs Jean Cripps, have been busily engaged in preparing a special booklet for presentation at the General Conference Session at Atlantic City in the United States in June, 1970.

The new HOME AND HEALTH journal, being published quarterly, has made its initial appearance among the Division's committee members. It received a very favourable reception. It is felt that it will fill a real need and make a definite impact in all circles.

The good work of literature-evangelists in the Tanzania Union under the able leadership of J. T. Knopper has brought their sales figures up to 90 per cent of their goal for the year with three months still in hand. Brother Knopper writes that August sales figures were the largest the union has ever experienced, almost as much as for the union during the year 1963.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

JANUARY 1970

	2	9	16	23	30
Cape Town	8.01	8.01	8.00	7.57	7.54
Johannesburg	7.04	7.05	7.05	7.03	7.01
East London	7.20	7.21	7.20	7.17	7.14
Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.33	7.32	7.29	7.26
Bloemfontein	7.17	7.18	7.18	7.16	7.13
P'maritzburg	7.03	7.04	7.03	7.01	6.58
Durban	7.01	7.02	7.01	6.59	6.56
Windhoek	7.40	7.42	7.42	7.41	7.39
Bulawayo	6.48	6.50	6.51	6.50	6.49
Salisbury	6.33	6.35	6.36	6.35	6.34
Gwelo	6.45	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.40
Lusaka	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.40
Blantyre	6.15	6.17	6.18	6.18	6.18
Lubumbashi	6.36	6.39	6.39	6.40	6.42
Nairobi	6.41	6.45	6.47	6.49	6.51
Mombasa	6.35	6.38	6.40	6.41	6.44
Kisumu	6.49	6.52	6.54	6.56	7.00
Kampala	6.58	7.01	7.03	7.05	7.07
Dar-es-Salaam	6.43	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.49
Tabora	7.05	7.08	7.10	7.11	7.13

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THERE IS NO ROOM

by Merle L. Mills,
President, Trans-Africa Division

WALKING along a lonely country road I became suddenly aware of the cessation of all activity. Nature had become strangely silent. The sun had set. The cattle had returned from the fields. The birds had hurried to their nests. As darkness supplanted twilight I became anxious and fearful, for I had no place to stay that night. I was a student canvasser, far from home, without public transport or a motor-car. Upon making inquiry at a spacious home I was told, "There is no room." The darkness had become oppressive and it seemed that the moon and stars had agreed not to shine that night. Seized with panic at the thought of having no room in which to spend the night I importuned a farmer, asking that he permit me to stay in his barn. Again I was met with a curt, rude rebuff. Having no other choice I took to the road again which, by this time, had become indiscernible. Stumbling from one farm to another, and threatened by vicious dogs, I was rejected each time with the now familiar words, "There is no room."

While, for me, this was a never-to-be-forgotten experience, it is but an insignificant event and a miniature picture of what took place some two millenniums ago on that memorable Christmas-tide when Joseph and Mary sought a room in Bethlehem. Traversing the narrow unkempt streets of that Oriental town, they were always turned away with the words, "There is no room." Footsore and weary but with hope in their breasts they made their way to the inn, certain they would find an inexpensive room, adequate for their needs. But to their great disappointment they were told, "There is no room."

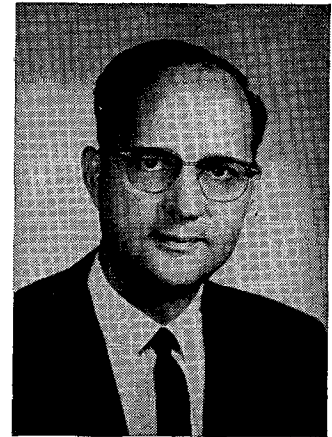
Exhausted, dejected, and apprehensive that the arrival of the unborn Child was imminent, they sought out a stable at the edge of the town and there found shelter for the night. This ignoble environment became the cradle of Christianity. Amid the unsavoury odours of this habitat a King was to be born whose eminence and glory was destined to encircle the world and penetrate the darkness of every age.

As the world slept on with no room for these unwelcome guests Mary gave birth to her firstborn, the Christ-child.

No sympathetic, helpful hand was found to tenderly care for this Babe. No words of comfort were given to the young mother as her cry of pain penetrated the chilly night. Joseph alone ministered to her needs and laid the little Babe in the manger where He was kept warm by the hot breath of the beasts of the stall. The busy throng had no time to devote to this most noble of all women and purest of all babes. In ignominy and abject poverty the "little boy Jesus" was ushered into a cold, unfriendly world.

The question might well be pondered by each of us during this Christmas-tide, Why was Jesus so unwelcome and so shamefully treated? His coming had been predicted by scores of prophets. Daniel had predicted the very hour of His birth. His lineage, and the very town where He was born had been foretold. Basically, there are two answers to this question. Firstly, the spiritual leaders of Israel had a distorted concept of the manner of Christ's coming. The Messiah was portrayed as a military leader who would come to deliver his people from the Roman yoke. Secondly, the Jewish religion had degenerated into one of self-righteousness and self-conceit. The leaders excluded themselves from other ethnic groups, believing that they alone would be saved. All other nations beyond the pale of Judaism were considered lost and as having no right to salvation. They became selfish, materialistic and avaricious, placing great emphasis on temporal power and the pursuits of life. Such a concept of life led them to believe that a person born into poverty was cursed of God and could not find favour in His sight. Consequently, their teachings blurred the real purpose and mission of Christ's coming, causing them to be totally unprepared for His appearing. This explains why "there was no room" for Him in the inn. The first to witness His birth were the dumb animals of the stall. The first to worship Him were the humble, ignorant shepherds. The first to offer Him gifts were the heathen sages from the East. And the first recognition of His kingship was manifested by a baptism of blood under the ruthless decree of Herod.

But are we justified in denouncing



the generation of Christ's day? Is there not a great danger that Christians will act the same today? Are we so engrossed in our material objectives and have our concepts of His return become so blurred by our apathy and smugness that should He come suddenly we would find no room for Him? Have we become so comfortable and satisfied with the world and so concerned with our future security that we have little or no time for Christ? Millions of so-called Christians pay lip-service to Christ, especially during this season of the year, exchanging gifts and good wishes in the spirit of conviviality. Really, what has this to do with Christ's birth? Should we not bring our gifts to Christ as did the wise men? The gift which He covets most from us is our hearts. "My son, give me thine heart." Prov. 23:26. Once Christ has control of the human heart, the motives, thoughts and actions are brought into subjection and harmony with His will.

Friend of mine, the Master who was once the Christ-child of Bethlehem's manger now stands before the door of your heart, seeking admittance. Will He be treated now as He was at His incarnation, when it was said, "There is no room"? Or will you quickly throw open the door and invite Him in during this happy season, and each day during the coming new year will you give Him your affection and your love? In so doing you will enjoy a security and hope which can be found in no other way, for He has promised to return soon to this world not only as your Saviour and mine, but as King of kings, and Lord of lords to reign forever as the undisputed Sovereign of the universe.