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POST-PRIMARY TEACHERS' RETREAT

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A POST-PRIMARY teachers' retreat was held at Victoria Falls from August 20 to 25 when more than 50 teachers and their families from 6 secondary schools in the Zambesi Union territory met for fellowship, prayer and honest appraisal of their role as Christian teachers. Guest speakers included Pastors M. L. Mills and T. V. Gorle and Dr Dunbar Smith from the Division; Pastor A. J. Raitt, principal of Good Hope College in South Africa; Pastor H. Carl Currie, president of the Zambesi Union; Pastor E. H. B. Siamandu, president of the Zambia Field; and Mr Milton Siepman, acting principal of Solusi College.

Pastor M. B. Musgrave set the tone of the conference in his vesper talk on the Friday evening.

During the conference the subjects presented covered a wide range. The spiritual aspects were dealt with by Pastors Mills and Currie. Unity was the keynote of Pastor Mills' early morning messages. He pointed out the five negative attitudes which are the chief enemies of unity—discontent, distrust, envy, pride and covetousness. With these conquered, the effectiveness of Christian teaching will be tremendously strengthened.

In his talks on Christian witnessing, Pastor Currie emphasized the need for more personal contact of the teacher with the student. This method may seem slow, but he reminded the teachers that the rice which feeds hundreds of millions is planted one spear at a time.

Dr Dunbar Smith addressed the group on the Sunday afternoon on "Whole-person Adolescent Development," emphasizing that the balanced "four-square" physical, mental, social and spiritual maturation of the 12- to 20-year-olds is a prime responsibility of teachers who serve, in part, as substitute parents during the school years. He praised the co-educational boarding school environment as a valuable mechanism in the maturation process. In the following session he stressed the "unity" of man in that the healthy functioning of the mind and the sanctification of the soul are dependent to a large degree upon the health of the body.

COVER:

The official opening of the new Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division. This 170-bed building is the first circular structure in the city dedicated to medical work and is one of the projects for this coming 13th Sabbath.

AROUND THE UNIONS

Zambesi Union

In speaking of discipline in the school, Pastor Raitt said the teacher needs to discipline himself, so that no act of his shall mar his demonstration of the Christ-ordered way of life. Student discipline, he maintained, should be thought of positively. It is aimed at the restoration of the image of God in every pupil, and this work requires infinite patience and tact. In its ideal sense the teacher and students are partners.

Important thoughts presented in other timely topics were: "We must refuse to equate popularity, security and majority with truth and success"—Warren R. Zork, Zambesi Union Education Department secretary. "A teacher should take the country in which he is teaching as his country, talk about it, learn to love it, and show the pupils he respects those who are in charge of it"—Rex Pearson, principal of Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia. "Guidance is for all pupils, not just the problem students. . . . They must learn that to live means being able to cope with difficul-

ties. Problems are a normal part of life and pupils must learn to grapple with them."—R. E. Kacelenga, acting principal, Inyazura School, Pastor Raymond Burns, principal of Lower Gwelo College, recognized that the dress and behaviour of the "way-out" student are symbols of his desire for something meaningful with which society has not furnished him. He urged teachers not to draw their "skirts" about them but to try to satisfy these needs.

Pastor Siamandu tersely summed up the goal of present Seventh-day Adventist teachers when he stated that the pioneer missionaries had raised the standard of Christian living high and he urged those of today not to be instructors only, but to maintain that standard.

The conference was conducted in a relaxed social atmosphere which included hikes, a boat excursion, evening entertainments of games, films, and a concert.

Last but not least Mrs Mona Burns and Mrs Shirley Zork did their part by furnishing excellent food.

TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES

by IVAN M. PIERCEY,
Zambesi Union Temperance Department
Secretary

RECENTLY Solusi College played host to the 1971 Zambesi Union Temperance contest. Young people from Inyazura, Lower Gwelo and Solusi took part. The contest was divided into orations (from college, senior and junior students), posters and essays. The prizes were evenly distributed among the schools taking part. Solusi and Lower Gwelo each received two first prizes and Inyazura one first prize. The panel of

judges consisted of the Zambesi Union's president, H. Carl Currie, Brother G. Solomons, principal of Founders High School in Bulawayo, and Conze L. Schröder, pastor of the Bulawayo central church.

The Union's temperance booth was exhibited at the Lusaka Show during August and approximately 20 000 passed by. Large crowds stopped to see the film "One in Twenty Thousand." In charge of this booth was the Zambia Field Temperance Department secretary, J. Sitwala, assisted by Publishing Department secretary S. J. Mainza, who made some valuable contacts for literature sales.



H. Carl Currie congratulates George Mashambi, winner of the Senior High School oration.



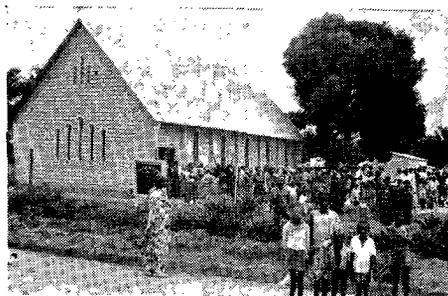
Zambesi Union Temperance booth at Lusaka Show.

Congo Union

Congo Union's new 206 CESSNA Skywagon which was piloted to Africa by Bob Seamount, formerly of the King's Heralds Quartet, and R. A. Pelley, auditor and pilot for the union. Seen in the picture is Desmond B. Hills, Trans-Africa Division's Youth Director (extreme right), and Fred Lang, secretary-treasurer of the South Congo Field. Photo: J. M. Howard.



CHURCH DEDICATION



DURING RECENT years many churches have been built in the South Congo Field. The one at Kamina in Katanga Province was started in 1967 under the leadership of Pastor Stephen W. de Lange, president of the field at that time, and the building has been in the process of erection until it was completed and dedicated this year. Those taking part in the dedicatory service were Pastors Th. Pedersen, Simon Muhune, Paul Mwema and Silas Monga. The present membership of this church is 300.

—J. M. Howard

Congo Union Departmental secretary

CAMP-MEETINGS

by DESMOND B. HILLS

Youth Director, Trans-Africa Division

IT IS a thrilling experience to travel up to eight miles into the mountains, and then climb the last mountain and discover from five hundred to eleven hundred Seventh-day Adventists seated on the hillside. These Advent believers, with their Bibles in their hands, are waiting for a sermon on the mount. It was evident that the people who attended the camp-meetings are loyal and devoted Seventh-day Adventists. The majority had Bibles and when questioned, demonstrated they had a good knowledge of the prophecies and the doctrines. On several occasions, they were asked to repeat the three angels' messages and were able to do so in unison:

Whenever calls were made for baptism, hundreds at each camp-meeting came forward. Most of those who came to the front were already in baptismal classes in their own churches and this is a tribute to the faithful work of the laity and the ministry.

The daily program at the meetings usually started at 10.00 a.m. and generally went non-stop until 3.00 p.m. In this time three or more sermons and many special musical items were given. Most of the believers had walked long distances over the hills and valleys and needed to return to their homes before dark. They appeared very eager to hear the Word of God and very willing to respond to challenges to higher planes of Christian living. They sang songs of welcome and did all they could to demonstrate their appreciation for the visits of the missionaries to their mountain churches.

Central African Union

MV BAPTISM DAY

by CALEB BRÜ

Central African Union Departmental Secretary

AMONG the memorable days in the history of the South Rwanda Field, June 19, 1971 stands near the top of the list. It was a beautiful Sabbath morning and in company with three fellow-workers I travelled from the Gitwe campus where the field office and Gitwe College are located, to Nyanza. Our trip took us up and down and around several sharp bends as the dusty road snaked its way over and around the slopes of the hills. Suddenly we were on the top of a hill overlooking Lake Nyanza. Surely, nowhere was the earth more beautiful!

On the opposite bank of the lake in the shade of the eucalyptus trees the crowd of believers was already dense. Many had left their homes early in the morning and had walked up to 18 kilometres to be on time for the services. Sabbath-school was in progress in one place, and small groups had formed here and there for their class study. At the same time long lines of people could be seen converging from all directions. Young boys and girls, wearing their MV peaked caps and carrying their MV banners, marched to their respective places, for this was their day! This was MV baptism day!

Glancing around the crowd it seemed that a good cross-section of the neigh-

bouring population was present—baptismal candidates in white, government representatives, church members, and our friends the Catholics and Protestants from nearby communities. It was estimated that six thousand persons were present.

When Sabbath-school closed, the baptismal service opened with the hoisting of the Rwanda and MV flags successively, and visitors and friends were welcomed by Pastor A. K. Phillips, president of the South Rwanda Field. Then that mighty concourse of believers rose to sing to the praise of God, their songs echoing and re-echoing through the hills.

(Continued overleaf)



MV baptismal candidates march towards the baptismal font in Lake Nyanza.

Central African Union president, P. G. Werner, gave the main address and made an earnest call to those who had not as yet surrendered their lives to Christ to do so then. Forty new believers stood to signify their decision to join the remnant church of God. Then, after a prayer of dedication, 934 candidates moved in the direction of the lake where they were immersed in the sacred rite of baptism by 27 pastors. In reverent

silence the crowd standing on the banks looked down upon this holy and impressive scene.

This was not the only baptism in the South Rwanda Field that day. Similar services were held in other parts and in all, 1 622 precious souls followed their Lord through the watery grave of baptism on June 19. Surely, this was a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah 66:8.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST AT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

by **TEACHERS A. B. KOOPEDI AND B. B. MAFUYA**

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST teachers converged on Bethel College in the Transkei, South Africa, from Swaziland, Stellaland, Soweto, Lesotho, Ciskei, and the Transkei. The youngest was 20 years of age with one year's experience and the oldest, 64, with 38 years of teaching to his credit. While primarily an educational institute, facets of Sabbath-school and MV work were also discussed in pre-institute meetings. The motto of the educational institute was: TO EDUCATE, while that for the Sabbath-school meetings was: TO COMMUNICATE.

Pastor T. V. Gorle from the Division was present and his lectures dealt mainly with school administration and counselling. Mr and Mrs Milton R. Siepman of Solusi College lectured on Social Studies and English respectively. Then when they had to leave, Brother C. P. D. Ntsikeni of St Michael's School in Swaziland continued the studies in English. His rich fund of information and counsel was sought by teachers at all times of the day for the purpose of self-improvement.

At short notice Professor E. M. Makhanya, librarian at Fort Hare University, shared his extensive wealth of library knowledge and appealed for constant study and breadth of reading by all teachers. Mr M. Zani, school inspector of the Alice Circuit, led out in the field of New Mathematics, and the Orlando school teachers demonstrated some of the new methods in maths and the primary school approach to English in Sub A and B work. Others who made valuable contributions were Mrs A. Khunou, Miss Lephuthing, W. Mngadie, and S. Motha.

Trans-Africa Division's Youth Director, Desmond B. Hills, was on the campus during this institute and spoke at most of the morning devotional meetings. "You teachers," he said, "while preparing the young for translation, let them read faith on your face and in your life." Pastor John G. Evert, president of the Swaziland Field, spoke on "Why MV Work in Our Schools?", and Victor P. Kluzit, Publishing Department secretary of the Southern Union, presented good thoughts on Harvest Ingathering and "My Church School."

A simple ceremony was held at the close of the educational institute when 65 teachers received educational service pins.

Southern Union

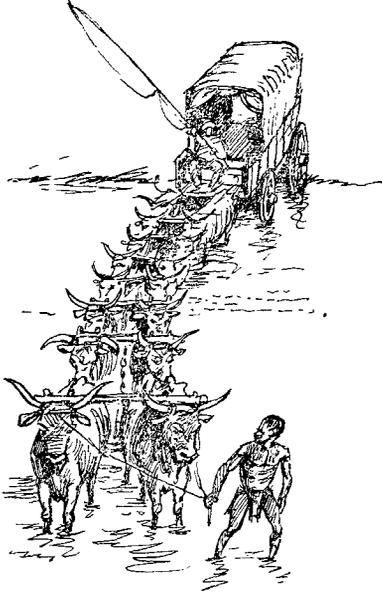
Flanked by teachers from all parts of the Southern Union, those seated in front are from the left: K. M. Kekana, registrar, Bethel College; A. B. Koopedi, education secretary, Southern Union, M. B.

Zani, government inspector of schools, Alice, C.P.; Mrs W. B. Ntshona, Alice, C.P.; Professor M. E. Makhanya, librarian, Fort Hare University; and B. B. Mafuya, principal, Cancele School.



After 50 Years

Merle L. Mills
President, Trans-Africa Division



THE SCOPE and progress of the Advent message in Africa today, as contrasted with earlier days, instinctively evokes the declaration: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." In the formative years of its development the growth of our work was slow and painful. Africa was plagued with poverty, disease, ignorance and superstition. Yet courageous men and women who came from many lands were willing to leave the comforts and conveniences of their homes and cross the seas to this strange and distant land. Deserts, mountains and jungles held no fear for them in their determination to bring release from suffering and to share the hope of the gospel with millions of its benighted people. Those of us who now follow have the good fortune of building on foundations that were laid in sacrifice and of reaping harvests which were sown in bitterness and watered with the tears of those sturdy pioneers of yesteryear.

Ever and anon we are reminded of the supreme sacrifice that many of our forebears made. As we visit the various mission stations throughout the Division and stand humbly and silently beside the lonely and isolated graves of these missionaries or their children, we are constrained to offer a prayer of dedication in respect of these honoured workers who were never privileged to return to their homelands because of some tragedy or dreaded disease which they encountered during the performance of their duty.

It took 28 years, from the founding of our first mission station at Solusi until the organization of our Division in Cape Town, for our membership to reach 3 000. Our Division membership as of June 30, 1971, stands at 223 691. (If the unions of Angola,

Mozambique, Tanzania and East Africa were incorporated into our Division, as they once were, the membership would be 350 000.)

We stated that it took 28 years for our membership to reach 3 000. During 1970, which marks the fiftieth year since our Division came into existence, there were 20 476 who joined the church by baptism and profession of faith. During 1971, in the South Rwanda Field of the Central African Union, 951 souls were baptized in a single baptism. How the hearts of our early missionaries would have leaped for joy if they could have witnessed such a demonstration of the outpouring of the Spirit!

Not only are we witnessing great things for God in the mission unions but we are also seeing an unusual response to the presentation of our message in various parts of the South African Union Conference. In East London in the Cape Conference, Pastor L. J. Cherry, one of our imported evangelists from Australia, opened a series of evangelistic meetings during the early part of the year. He rented the largest hall available, which had a seating capacity of 900. But this was far too small to accommodate the crowds that came to the opening lecture. As a result, it became necessary to repeat the opening subject 12 times. In all, 9 000 people attended the opening lecture. This campaign has shaken the community and has been the subject of great discussion and interest. Beyond all doubt, it has been the greatest spiritual meeting ever held in this city and promises to have a tremendous impact on the area.

In the city of Johannesburg, another large and successful campaign is now in progress under the leadership of Pastor Raymond Kent, our South African Union Ministerial Association secretary, who is

First Colporteur Institute Group in Southern African Division

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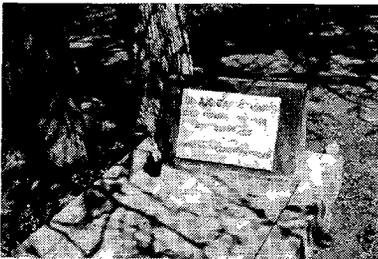
Middle:
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Historical Art Gallery

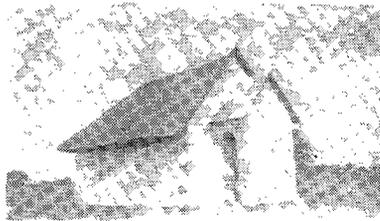


Grave of Dr A. S. Carmichael who died February 26, 1898 at the age of 62. The epitaph at bottom reads: AWAITING THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

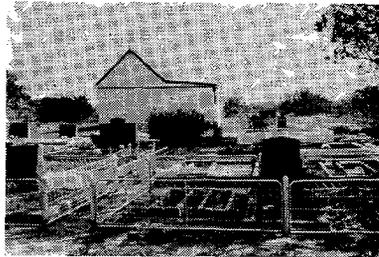


Trans-Africa Division. First office building occupied 1920 at Claremont, Cape Town. W. H. Branson, president. He occupied the front room to the left. The room facing the verandah on the right was occupied by W. B. Commin, the first treasurer of the Division.

The Trans-Africa Division office moved across the road to premises next to the Claremont church, Grove Avenue, Cape Town. This building now houses the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.



Church at Bembesi, Rhodesia, built by H. M. Sparrow.



Our third church in Africa, Rokeby Park. The only one of our churches with a cemetery attached. Pioneer families buried there: Davies, Ebenezer Purdon and his wife. (He gave the land for the church when the families broke away from Methodists): Staples, and many more.



yet another evangelist on loan from the Australasian Division. On the opening night, it was necessary for Pastor Kent to hold three sessions with an attendance of 7 000. The interest has been well maintained through the succeeding months, with meetings conducted four nights a week in different parts of the city. An unusually fine group of people have responded to the challenge of the Advent message, among whom are some Jewish people, a Protestant minister, businessmen and others who are preparing for baptism. It is evident this campaign is bringing great strength to our churches in this metropolitan area, for it is believed there will be well over a hundred who will unite with us in church fellowship.

In 1920 we had 44 churches and a working force of 450. Today our latest statistical report reveals that there are 1 480 churches and 3 056 workers in the Trans-Africa Division.

Transportation was slow and difficult when the Advent message first came to Africa. Whenever possible, our missionaries travelled by steamship on the large lakes and by railway or by oxcart into the interior. Where roads did not exist, they went on foot. The Division personnel were away from the office and from home three to four months at a time. Africa has experienced a drastic change during these intervening years. While roads in some areas are not good, there is scarcely a place that cannot be reached by motor-car. Some highways are as modern as those in other parts of the world. Jet plane service is now available, connecting all main cities with air services. Division personnel are not required to be away from home more than three or four weeks at a time. The Division now operates a fleet of four small aircraft, consisting of two 206 CESSNAS and two 185 CESSNAS, all made available through donations from kind and interested friends across the seas. This greatly facilitates the progress of our medical, giving quick transport to our medical, departmental and educational personnel, thus increasing the efficiency of the work. Yes, it can be said that the message has literally taken wings here in Africa, a land which is no longer backward and under-developed but is emerging as a continent of nations, each striving to take its place with the other progressive and modern nations of the world.

The picture-roll used to be a common aid both in capturing attention and for presenting our message to the simple and uneducated peoples of Africa. Today, a modern aid is being introduced which promises to give great impetus to the preaching of the gospel. It is an ambitious and imaginative program called TABSA, which means:

IPS...

Trans-Africa Audiovisual Bible Study Association. This organization, sponsored by the Trans-Africa Division, envisages a co-operative effort of both laity and ministry in a great evangelistic thrust throughout Africa. Illustrated Bible studies have been produced on 35 mm colour filmstrips in 16 different languages. The lessons have been narrated on thirty-minute cassette tapes. An audio-visual unit has been developed which provides a built-in projector for the filmstrips and a tape recorder powered by eight flashlight batteries, all enclosed in a convenient plastic case. The filmstrips have been completed by Global Film Service of Arlington, California, and the audio-visual unit is now being manufactured and will be ready for distribution by the end of this year. It is expected that great fruitage will result from the many hours of planning, labour and expenditure that have gone into this project.

Education

By 1972 the Congo and Central African unions will both be operating senior secondary schools, and by so doing will be joining the other four unions of the Division which have at least one secondary school for their youth.

Good Hope College has come into its own as an educational institution for our Coloured constituency of South Africa. Under the capable and dedicated leadership of Pastor A. J. Raitt, a campus of modern buildings has been built, and a curriculum developed which provides quality education up to two years beyond academy.

Helderberg College offers B.A. degrees with majors in Theology, English, History, Afrikaans and Education. It also offers B.Sc. majors in Chemistry, Zoology and Biology. It sponsors an excellent teacher-training program. A primary school block is now under construction which will greatly strengthen and enhance the teacher-training course. A large number of graduates now serving in important positions of responsibility, both in South Africa and the mission field, have been prepared for their careers at this institution. Ninety per cent of the graduates from this educational institution enter the organized work. Three hundred and sixteen full-time students are enrolled this year at the college, 98 of whom are on the college level.

Solusi College, which had a most humble beginning in 1894, is continuing to fulfil an important role in preparing African youth for service in God's cause. It offers post-Standard Ten ministerial training, a four-year degree course in Theology, History and Education. Just recently a two-year post-Cambridge commercial course has been introduced.

A beautiful and spacious library, made possible by the 13th Sabbath offering overflow, which adds to the beauty of the campus, has now been completed. A modern science block is soon to be constructed which will not only fill a long-standing need in our academic program but will also add to the attractiveness and beauty of the college campus as well.

The Medical Work

Our medical work continues to fill an important place in the evangelistic and humanitarian program of the Division. However, all of our hospitals are located in the mission unions and serve the needs of Africans mostly. During recent years there have been no hospital facilities for European populations. This has been a source of concern and embarrassment to our European constituency who, for some time, have felt that facilities should be made available. Definite plans are taking shape to achieve this goal. The South African Union Conference and the Southern Union have appointed an Adventist Medical Services committee which is to co-ordinate and promote the medical work throughout the Republic of South Africa. The primary object of this committee is to develop plans for a hospital which would offer special medical services. The architect's drawing, providing for a fifty-bed hospital, has already been completed and the committee is awaiting approval from the Province to locate this institution in the Bethlehem area of the Orange Free State before launching into a union-wide fund-raising campaign.

Leprosy, a notorious and repugnant disease many centuries ago, has long been considered as being contagious. Research now reveals that, while this is true to a limited extent, it is not as contagious as was once thought. In other words, to come into casual contact with a leper is not a likely cause for contracting the disease. Shaking hands with a leper is no longer considered dangerous. Consequently, the practice of isolating the leper is now considered passé and not necessary to the treatment of the disease. The new approach is to treat the leper in his village. This is done under a control program which calls for a nurse or health educator to cover a specified area, making periodic visits to the villages to keep records and dispense medicines to the patients. As a result of a sizable contribution from a mining company in Zambia, our Division is embarking upon a three-year control program in a restricted area in Barotseland in the vicinity of our Yuka Hospital. Another such project is envisaged by the Congo Union at Lulengele in cooperation with the Loma Linda School of Public Health.



Helderberg College,
Somerset West, Cape.

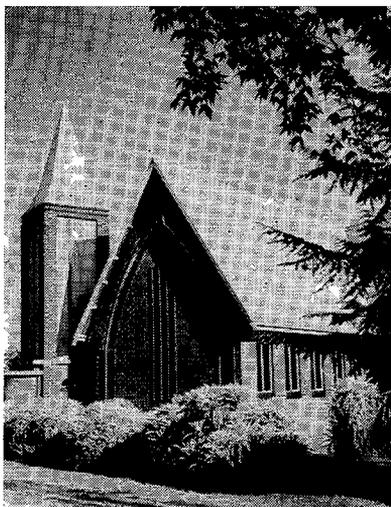


Our present Trans-Africa Division
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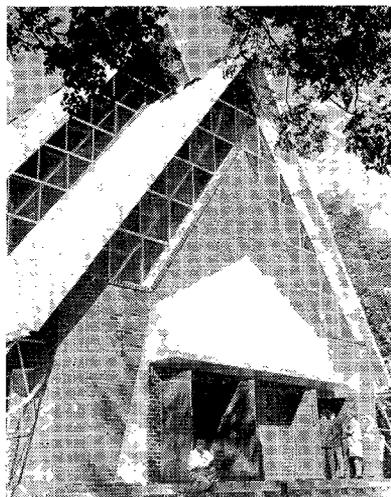


Dr Ray Foster examining ulcers—
Mwami Mission.

After 50 Years



The Sunnyside Church, Pretoria, Transvaal.



Solusi Church.



We have many dedicated preachers like D. M. Malotle and A. E. Maseko of the Southern Union.

Probably the most dramatic breakthrough in our leper work in Africa is the new technique of reconstructive surgery. This involves the transplant of tendons, replacing those that have been made useless as a result of this disease. This requires skilled surgery and a follow-up program of occupational and physiotherapy. As a result patients who for years have been maimed or incapacitated are restored to mobility and usefulness, enabling them to regain the use of crippled, twisted feet, gnarled stiff fingers and immobilized eyelids, and preventing eventual blindness. The Trans-Africa Division sponsors this program under the title of TALRES, meaning: Trans-Africa Leprosy Rehabilitation and Research Service. Dr Ray Foster, an orthopaedic surgeon and graduate of Loma Linda University, has taken special training in this new technique in India where work in this field was pioneered. He is now the director of our TALRES program in this Division. With the aid of a plane, made possible by friends interested in this work, the doctor is able to cover a large area of the Division and serve our leprosaria in Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania and the Congo as well as a limited number of institutions of other denominations. His skilled service and Christian influence have elicited most favourable comments and have brought us into favour with the governments where this service is provided.

Publishing

We are pleased to report that our publishing work has enjoyed considerable growth. Our Malamulo Press has expanded its present facilities and is now self-supporting. It is the plan in the near future to replace the present facilities with a new plant. Our Sentinel Publishing Association has increased its area of operation in recent years by leaps and bounds. It now publishes six monthly periodicals, sixteen quarterly productions and prints books and magazines in about twenty-five languages. Land has been purchased and architectural drawings are now completed for the erection of a new plant which will double the present floor space. The old plant is up for sale which, when disposed of, will prepare the way to move its operation to the new location. For 68 years it has continued to operate on the present site in Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, at the Cape, but when relocated, will be three miles further from the city. Beginning with our first colporteur, R. S. Anthony, our literature evangelists, who are responsible for the distribution of the material produced by our publishing house, have grown in numbers to an army of 284.

Sabbath-school Work

Our Sabbath-school membership, an important segment of the church, is soon to reach the half million mark, the present membership being 436 363, with another 32 609 in branch Sabbath-schools.

The youth of Trans-Africa are on the

march, having become an army of over 100 000. They constitute the heritage of the church. For the future leadership of the church we look to them. Their loyalty and devotion will lead the church on to ultimate victory.

From a handful of missionaries, we now have 197 families and 93 single workers who have left their home bases to come to Africa. They no longer live in mud huts or pole houses, but have reasonably modern homes. Some live in isolated areas and all are separated from home and loved ones, many by as much as 10 000 miles. It does become lonely at times and many hearts are made heavy as these missionaries must part with their children, sometimes at a very tender age. They send them away to schools from 500 to 1 500 miles away from home. But these dedicated men and women have come to Africa, committed to a cause which they believe will soon triumph.

Yes, we have come a long way since our work in Africa was organized on the division level, half a century ago. We have seen the hand of God directing and sustaining the work through the years despite disappointments, vicissitudes and frustrations.

Irrefutable evidence abounds that the Lord has been with us and there is no doubt that His presence will continue to be with us. However, we dare not relax our efforts or allow our vision to grow dim. There must be no looking back, no gloating over the ground that has been covered. David Livingstone, whose indefatigable and daring exploits aroused the interest of the world in Africa, said, "I care not where we go so long as it is forward." This, too, must be the war-cry of the leaders in every category of the Church. The task is not yet finished. Africa must be warned of the great Advent and of the climactic events that are soon to break across the globe. Funds must flow into the treasury the like of which has never been seen. Talented and dedicated youth must make themselves available for service. None of us must think of ourselves as mere cogs in a massive machine that has been developed for the sole purpose of meeting certain criteria and deadlines. We must be dedicated instruments and agents through whom the Spirit of God can flow, thus giving a powerful impetus and urgency to our task which will enable God to "finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."

We have no time to lose. Final events which will bring a collapse of civilization are stealing upon us. God is ready to do great things for us which will even surpass the remarkable accomplishments of pentecostal Christianity. Africa is ready for the final harvest. Its millions are searching for hope and succour. Whether you be a worker or a layman, the challenge is for you to allow God's power to dominate your life so that His work will be quickly consummated in the earth and His church here in Africa and around the world will be made ready for the great day of victory.

South-East Africa Union

THE EVER-NEW MIRACLE

MYRNA L. WRIGHT
Missionary Wife

THE EVER-NEW miracle of the conversion of a soul was again evident when Mr and Mrs Charles Khonyongwa were baptized in Mzimba in May this year. Brother Khonyongwa is the District Educational Officer of the Mzimba District and first became interested in the message after an Ingathering contact made by Pastor Melchior Klaussen and Mr Kamwendo of Malamulo College in 1965. Bible studies followed but these



Among the 103 persons baptized in the Kasitu River, Malawi, by Pastors F. K. Nyasulu, F. P. S. Sibande, W. D. Nkosi, and Burton L. Wright, were 50 Mombera Secondary School students.

were interrupted when Mr Khonyongwa went to the United States on study leave. There he was visited by Pastor Bissell and while convinced of the truth, did not take his stand at that time. Upon his return to Africa he was posted to the Mzimba District and was encouraged by the friendliness and spiritual help given him by Pastors N. Y. Kasambara and J. H. Kanjira. Problems confronted him but his faith remained firm in his new-found religion, and on occasions when it has been necessary for him to submit assignments on a Sunday he has spent the entire Saturday evening preparing these rather than doing them on the Sabbath.

Mrs Khonyongwa was baptized with him and it is their desire to have all their five children grow up to know the Lord.



The Khonyongwa family with N. Y. Kasambara (extreme left) and J. H. Kanjira and E. Mbale (right, rear).

THE DEVOURER REBUKED

A Tithe Experience

by F. A. BOTOMANI
*South-East Africa Union
Departmental Secretary*

FROM THE North Lake Field, M. M. Kaunda writes about a thrilling tithe experience of one of his faithful church members. "Mr Banda has a wet garden and during the first few years of his Christian life, wild pigs destroyed all his produce, and also the produce of the other gardeners near him. At that time he was not a tithe-payer but after I had visited him and studied this important doctrine with him, reminding him of God's requirements and promises, he began to pay a faithful tithe.

"This year when the maize in his garden was ripe the wild pigs paid their usual visit to his garden, but on the morning after Brother Banda was surprised to notice that they had only pulled off 11 cobs and thrown them on the

ground without eating them. They had visited the neighbouring gardens and utterly destroyed all the maize. Three days later they came again and this time only passed through Brother Banda's garden without destroying one stalk, but his neighbours' gardens suffered the same devastation as before.

"In Brother Banda's garden the tall maize stalks remained as a witness of God's protecting power over His faithful people. Many in the nearby villages were led to inquire of Brother Banda as to the reason why his maize had not been destroyed and he improved this opportunity to tell them of the tithing principle as found in the holy Word of God and of His promises to the faithful. His own faith has been strengthened because God's promise to rebuke the devourer has been fulfilled and he uses this experience to encourage his fellow church members to be faithful tithe-payers."

Right: A mission launch is to be purchased with funds donated on 13th Sabbath to carry doctors and nurses to the river people of Indonesian Borneo.

*South African Union
Conference*

A STUDENT SHARES HIS FAITH

JOHN T. MASON
*Secretary, Publishing Department,
Trans-Africa Division*

DAVID GARNE is a student at Helderberg College and the son of Pastor Geoffrey E. Garne, editor of our Sentinel Publishing Association.

During the 1970 winter holidays David shared his faith as a student literature evangelist. During the first week he



David Garne

sold a set of *The Bible Story* by Arthur S. Maxwell to a lady. A book a month was to be delivered and from the first volume the seventh-day Sabbath truth was brought to the attention of this lady almost immediately. The very next Sabbath she attended church services.

Arrangements were made for her to be given Bible studies, and now she is not only a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church but has decided to share her newly found faith by becoming a literature evangelist. David is happy he made the decision to be a student literature evangelist during his holidays.

**13th SABBATH
December 25, 1971
Far Eastern Division**



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FIFTIETH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

IN accordance with an action of the Trans-Africa Division Committee voted in Blantyre in 1970, celebrations are to be held in Salisbury to mark the conclusion of a year of various activities commemorating our fiftieth anniversary. These Golden Jubilee celebrations will be held on Sabbath, November 20, 1971, and in addition to two public meetings planned for the Salisbury area, news releases will be sent to the radio and newspapers and a Golden Jubilee brochure will be produced.

—D. B. HILLS, *Public Relations Director*

At Rest

MYRTLE SATHER was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on February 4, 1905. She was fourth in the family of six boys and three girls born to Mr and Mrs Henry Sather.

Her early life was spent in Terrace, Minnesota, where she attended public school. In 1924 she graduated from a commercial course in the Hutchinson Theological Seminary.

In December of 1924 she began work as a secretary in the Wisconsin Conference, continuing in that capacity until called to accounting and secretarial duties at Maplewood Academy in June of 1931. In 1939 her interests took her to Pacific Union College and St Helena Sanitarium, where she graduated from the nurses' course in 1942. Her first employment as a nurse was in office nursing at the St Helena Sanitarium.

She was called to mission service in Africa in May of 1945, but owing to the war she had to wait 8 months before proceeding to her position as nursing director of Kanye Hospital in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, now known as the country of Botswana.

At Kanye Hospital, Myrtle was a dedicated witness to the African population as well as to European settlers and traders in the area. Her unselfish striving for excellence made a lasting contribution to the patterns of nursing care. Nursing education was raised under her guidance to fully-accredited standards.

She seemed to be tireless in expending herself in all areas that would further the work of the Lord. She contributed time and knowledge to evangelistic work, women's classes, home-making, and branch Sabbath-schools for the children.

In 1959 she was called to heavier responsibilities and wider influence as medical secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. She guided in the development of 11 hospitals, 48 clinics, and 6 schools for nurses, midwives, and medical assistants. She travelled thousands of miles between Cape Town and Kenya, visiting, en-



MYRTLE SATHER

She laboured among us here at Kettering until December, 1969, when illness prevented her continuing and thus dictated her future. Since then she moved among us less and less but with no diminishing of her personal interest in each employee and each project of the institution.

While visiting her niece, Linda, in Berrien Springs on July 4 she suffered another of her many serious heart attacks. The pain and suffering of the ensuing weeks were born bravely as she continued to minimize herself in her concern for others.

She and her sister Gladys returned to Kettering by plane on Friday, August 6, and Myrtle was thankful the Lord had allowed her to return home. Last Sunday, although irritated by her weakness, she still felt motivated to do some sewing for her grand-nieces. That same evening, just two days before her death, she had to be almost forcibly restrained from attending a church function which she thought she should attend. This is only one example of many in her life-long, unselfish dedication. Truly we had a saint among us.

On Tuesday morning, August 10, on the way to her doctor's office, she suffered the fatal attack. Myrtle now awaits the call of Christ her Saviour.

—Dorothy Schaffner.

couraging, guiding and counselling the workers in each area. In workers at each isolated station she instilled a sense of worth and unity in relation to the total overall medical work program.

In 1962 the illness of her sister Blanche interrupted one of her many safaris through Africa, and she returned to the United States permanently.

In March of 1963 Myrtle was called to Kettering Memorial Hospital as Associate Director of Personnel. It was in this capacity that so many here in Kettering learned to love and respect this gracious Christian. Never sparing herself, she worked diligently to gather and establish the Kettering Hospital family. Her personal love and concern (which often provided temporary housing, many delicious meals, and a sense of really belonging) did much to make each new worker feel a part of the miracle of the beginning of Kettering Memorial Hospital. She brought to the institution a tremendous amount of energy and unity as she travelled all over the United States by bus, train, and plane, skilfully searching out the right people for the right positions, helping to establish the image of Kettering Hospital.



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 30-November 6 *Week of Prayer*
- November 6 *Week of Sacrifice Offering*
- December 4 *Stewardship Day*



REPORTING ON

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

The Division president, Merle L. Mills, will be returning soon after attending Autumn Council at world headquarters in the United States. This is always an important meeting of the church for transacting business and distributing the world budget.

Year-end General Conference visitors to attend our committee meetings are Pastor Martin E. Kemmerer, under-treasurer, and Dr Bernard E. Seton, an associate secretary. While this will be Pastor Kemmerer's first visit to Trans-Africa, Dr Seton is well known, having served here as a missionary in Angola, dean of men at Helderberg College, and finally as editor of the "Signs of the Times" at the Sentinel Publishing Association.

A warm welcome is extended to new workers lately arrived in Trans-Africa. In the list are Brother and Sister D. Neal Boger, serving at Kivu Adventist Seminary in the Congo; Brother and Sister J. Kaufmann from South Africa, serving in the union office in Lubumbashi; Dr and Mrs Robert R. Wresch in the Blantyre-Malamulo Clinic, Malawi; Miss Francoise Winand from the Trans-Mediterranean Division to teach at Kivogo Seminary in Burundi; and Mr and Mrs D. W. Pond to teach at Kivu Seminary, Congo.

A number of workers have returned from furloughs lately: Miss Myrtle Bredekamp to Yuka Hospital in Zambia; Dr and Mrs I. B. Brozio to Helderberg College; Miss Mima Burgher to Maluti Hospital in Lesotho; Pastor and Mrs R. E. Clifford, and Pastor A. E. Cook, to the Division office; Mr and Mrs T. R. Gilbert to Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia; Mr and Mrs Daniel Gutekunst to Kivogo Seminary in Burundi; Mr and Mrs E. E. Lampson to Solusi College; Mrs Muriel Pike to the South-East Africa Union office in Blantyre, Malawi; Pastor and Mrs Brian Pilmoor to Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia; and Mr and Mrs Donald E. Robinson to the Division office.

Going out on furlough are the Richard D. Davidian family of the Central African Union, and the P. W. Munger family of the Congo, with the H. M. Peak family returning permanently to the United States.

The new 206 CESSNA, 9J-ACY, flown to Zambia by Brother Jim Lanning of Maryland, U.S.A., is for Dr Ray Foster's use during his frequent visits to leprosaria in Zambia and Malawi.

Members of the office family of the Central African Union have been busy in evangelistic campaigns. The union president, P. G. Werner, held two short campaigns and the administrative secretary, E. Ntakirutana, two departmental secretaries and the union translator were also actively engaged in soulwinning efforts. Among them, more than 250 souls were brought to the cross of the Saviour. Half the union goal for new converts for 1971 was reached by the end of the first quarter in concerted efforts of workers throughout this union.

C. L. Williams, Publishing Department secretary of the Congo Union, writes that a 59 per cent increase in literature sales is the result of the first five months' work this year. An assistant Publishing Department secretary, Mr Kanumbi Marcel, has been appointed in the West Congo Field and his good work has contributed to this increase. Brother Marcel is also a dedicated soulwinner and already several people have been baptized.

The Pastor Script Service, a new service of the Radio-TV Department of the General Conference, is off the press and available to interested pastors and laymen. This service provides scripts for those wishing to do radio work. For further information, write to Pastor Walter Scragg, Radio-TV Department of the General Conference of S.D.A. Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012, U.S.A.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium is inviting Seventh-day Adventist general practitioners to join the staff of their new hospital in Michigan. This hospital is situated 80 miles from Andrews University and in its vicinity are a church, elementary school and academy, and several churches. Anyone interested should write to the administrator, Richard Lane, 197 N. Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016, U.S.A.

Trans-Africa Division's Ministerial Association secretary, A. E. Cook, is holding an evangelistic campaign in the city of Gisenyi, Rwanda.

Pastor G. E. Garne, editor of *Signs of the Times*, is conducting an evangelistic campaign in a cinema in Brooklyn, Cape Town. There is a good interest.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1971

	5	12	19	26
Cape Town	7.17	7.24	7.31	7.37
Johannesburg	6.27	6.32	6.37	6.42
East London	6.37	6.44	6.51	6.57
Port Elizabeth	6.49	6.56	7.03	7.09
Bloemfontein	6.38	6.44	6.50	6.55
P'maritzburg	6.23	6.29	6.35	6.40
Durban	6.21	6.27	6.33	6.38
Windhoek	7.06	7.10	7.15	7.19
Bulawayo	6.16	6.20	6.24	6.28
Salisbury	6.03	6.07	6.10	6.13
Gwelo	6.07	6.13	6.18	6.23
Lusaka	6.10	6.14	6.17	6.21
Blantyre	5.46	5.49	5.53	5.55
Lubumbashi	6.10	6.13	6.15	6.17

DECEMBER 1971

	3	10	17	24	31
Cape Town	7.43	7.49	7.54	7.58	8.00
Johannesburg	6.47	6.52	6.57	7.01	7.03
East London	7.03	7.09	7.14	7.17	7.19
Port Elizabeth	7.15	7.21	7.26	7.30	7.32
Bloemfontein	7.00	7.05	7.10	7.14	7.16
P'maritzburg	6.46	6.51	6.56	7.00	7.02
Durban	6.44	6.49	6.54	6.58	7.00
Windhoek	7.24	7.29	7.33	7.37	7.39
Bulawayo	6.32	6.37	6.41	6.45	6.47
Salisbury	6.17	6.22	6.26	6.30	6.32
Gwelo	6.29	6.33	6.38	6.43	6.45
Lusaka	6.26	6.30	6.33	6.37	6.39
Blantyre	5.59	6.03	6.07	6.12	6.14
Lubumbashi	6.21	6.24	6.28	6.33	6.36

THE BENCH-MARK OF HUMAN RELATIONS

by MERLE L. MILLS

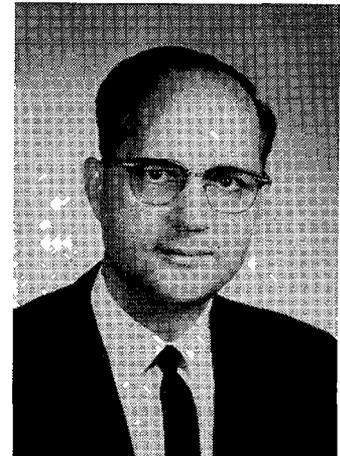
President, Trans-Africa Division

A BENCH-MARK is a term commonly used by civil engineers which applies to a topographical survey. It is usually a stationary object such as an outcropping of rocks. It can also be a piece of concrete or a steel pipe placed solidly in the ground. An exact reading of its elevation in relationship to the surrounding area is then taken, which information is recorded. This marker is then clearly identified and precaution is taken to preserve its location. This is essential for it serves as a beginning point in making a map of the prescribed area that is to be surveyed. All elevations taken and recorded thereafter must be in reference to this prime marker. If its location or accuracy of height is disturbed in the slightest degree a confused and distorted situation develops, causing great perplexity and expense.

But what has a bench-mark to do with human relations? Simply this: there are more than three thousand million people on this planet. If friction is to be avoided and harmony prevail, a clearly defined and identified standard of human behaviour must be acknowledged and honoured. Or else confusion, cacophony and chaos will reign, resulting in hostility, anarchy and bloodshed. One can therefore see the necessity of a bench-mark of human relations, relevant and applicable to every facet of life. Such a mark or standard does exist. It is of divine origin and is found in the inaugural and sublime sermon by Christ, recorded in Matthew's Gospel: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12. This injunction is remarkable in its simplicity, clarity and sublimity. Its scope covers the entire spectrum of human behaviour. There is no ambiguity nor doubt as to what is intended. It is neither repressive nor reactionary, but advocates a principle which preserves the dignity and nobility of man. What a contrast to that of the ideological and philosophical patterns laid down by Marx, Engels, Haeckel

and Lenin who have influenced the lives of millions with such disastrous results.

Christ gave respect to the individuality and personality of man. His philosophy permitted no selfishness, hate nor retaliation. His religion makes no provision and gives neither credence nor licence to the law of the jungle which is "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." Man's response and relationship to his neighbour is not to be in kind, but rather in the manner in which he would want to be treated himself. The command to do to others as "ye would that men should do to you" could be called the eleventh commandment, for in reality it is an epitome of the ten commandments which are based on the principle of love. What a change there would be in our society and what a different world this would be if man's behaviour were always motivated by love! Problems of human relations would cease to exist. There would be no sharp or dishonest business actions. Criticism and fault-finding would disappear. False accusations or the judging of one's motives would be unknown. There would be no lying and no misrepresentation. There would be no stealing. There would exist no uncharitable or unforgiving spirit toward one who makes a mistake. There would be no spirit of revenge or of retaliation against those who were guilty of wrong. Tolerance and patience would not be lacking toward the defects and imperfections in others. The gossip and rumour mills would grind to a halt. There would be no place for disloyalty, disunity and division in our personal relationships, or to the church or nation to which we belong. Prejudice and discrimination, based on class, race, creed or colour would not mar our relationships and divide society. The spirit of envy would lose its force. Jealousy would no longer thrive. The spirit of anger and hate would be given no licence to perpetrate their ugly work. These and a host of other related and sordid offences would no longer mar



or sully our relationships, for we dislike being treated in such a manner ourselves. Every act affecting our personal relationships would be referred to the Golden Rule which states that we are to relate ourselves to others in the very way we would wish others to treat us.

Is this an idealism which is unobtainable? Does the natural environment of a sinful world make it impossible for Christians to rise above the level of this dissident and corrupt society? The answer is No. Just as Christ lived an exemplary and unblemished life, rising above the miasma of Nazareth and enjoying a harmonious and affable relationship with His followers, so we may do the same today. "Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 664. Here is the solution to the complex problems of human relations—"subjection to God." This calls for the abiding presence of Christ in the heart. Where Christ is there is love, and love is a motive which instinctively inspires selfless acts, bringing them into accord with the bench-mark of morality which states that what we wish others to do to us we must do likewise to them.

Friend of mine, will you do that which is necessary to make certain your human relations are in harmony with the divine bench-mark that is identified and clarified by the Golden Rule?