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## **AN OPEN LETTER** **from the Treasurer**

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS:

It is always a pleasure to write to the workers and church members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the subject of offerings, for as a denomination we have a reputation for liberality.

There are many phases to our work and many offerings come each year giving us special opportunities to support certain projects which might otherwise not be possible of completion.

One of the offerings received each year is the Mission Extension Offering. This year the date for this offering is September 10.

Of all the divisions in the world, Southern Africa benefits more perhaps than the rest because we are so largely engaged in a missions programme and the needs of the mission fields are so real to us.

For years we have been receiving assistance from the General Conference in appropriations for mission extension. In 1955, Bethel Training College received a large appropriation from the Mission Extension Fund. Other projects in the Division which have benefited in past years are: Kanye Mission Hospital, the Sentinel Publishing Company, Heri Mission Hospital and Solusi Missionary College. This year, the Division has voted that money received in 1956 be used to assist in establishing a new advanced training school in the Congo Union.

Projects around the world benefit from these offerings and I know that here in the Southern African Division we shall do our very best to keep the Mission Extension programme constantly growing and enlarging.

Only when the gospel has been preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people can the Lord come. We can help hasten His return by giving of our means for the extension of our mission programme. Let's make plans for a liberal Mission Extension Offering on September 10.

Sincerely your brother,

K. F. AMBS.

**MISSION EXTENSION OFFERING — SEPTEMBER 10**

# The Future and Fruitage of the Literature Work

FRANK UNGER

Publishing Department Secretary, Southern African Division

LITERATURE DAY — SEPTEMBER 3

THE greatest fruitage of our literature work will be seen in heaven. Thousands of precious souls saved through the printed page will throughout eternity remember the faithful colporteur. Often in our meetings here on earth, we ask how many have accepted the message through reading. If that same question should be asked on the first Sabbath in glory, vast multitudes will hold up their hands. It brings us joy and courage to meditate upon these things. Every colporteur should daily find spiritual strength in the thought that in the New Jerusalem he will see those to whom he sold a book while on earth.

Another fruitage of our bookwork will be seen during the time of dreadful trial which occurs immediately before the close of probation. The last chapters of *The Great Controversy* and passages from many of our other books on prophecy will have an entirely new meaning to many readers while the seven last plagues are falling. Many thousands of God's children, hiding in the mountains or suffering in prisons, will find their sweetest comfort in these books. When all preaching is prohibited and our public work stopped, these books will be read and thousands at the very end of time will thus come to Christ.

But it is the immediate future of the bookwork which should have our first attention. As we look out over the earth today we believe the end is upon us. The world is being flooded with soul-destroying fables. Much of the religious literature now printed on the second advent of Christ is contrary to Bible teaching. In some lands we find that the bookwork has been stopped. In others, the doors are fast closing. What would we do if we knew that this year would be the last we had for the literature ministry? Would not the number of colporteurs increase a hun-



dredfold, and would we not all be engaged in this work? God is earnestly calling His people today into more extensive literature service. To respond is the highest duty and privilege of every Adventist. If we fail now we may ourselves be lost.

The opportunities for the use of our truth-filled literature have never been greater than they are at this present hour. Our publishing houses should be pressed to the limit of their capacity in preparing literature that will proclaim the message of Christ's soon coming. We must not, we dare not, gauge our success in terms of financial income. The great and paramount question today is, "Are we fulfilling our mission in proclaiming the Lord's closing message to the world?" We must be tremendously concerned for the accomplishment of our divine commission.

We know that in order to fulfil our divine commission we must make larger

use of our books and periodicals. Only eternity itself will reveal what has been accomplished. To multiply words to this effect will not, perhaps, strengthen our resolves or increase our activities in the use of literature. I do feel constrained, however, over and over to urge the importance of distributing our literature. We rejoice in the success of our colporteurs, and rightly so. They are doing valiant service in many lands in placing our publications in the homes of the people. We do not believe, however, that this particular type of literature distribution in any way meets the demand. All our members should become literature-conscious and be encouraged to make greater use of our books, tracts and periodicals. We need to remind ourselves continually of those oft-quoted words that "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with His glory." (*Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 140.)

If there is one class of worker among us that deserves our commendation and our encouragement it is our faithful colporteurs. In the face of great difficulties these earnest workers press on in their endeavours to carry the truth through the printed page to the homes of the people. There are thousands of believers in this message today who have been won through the ministry of our colporteurs. There are yet other thousands who will in the future be won in this way. We need a courageous and victorious colporteur army. We need a well-organized army of our lay-members who will valiantly and consistently distribute our tracts and periodicals. Let us all work and pray together that these armies may be kept constantly in the field.

Share Your Faith Through the Literature Ministry

## Thoughts Make the Man

ARNOLD V. WALLENKAMPF

Most people want to be good. But even though they cherish goodness, they do not know how to achieve it. Over and over again I have heard the exclamation: "I want to be good, but I don't know how. Tell me how to conquer the temptations that confront me."

It is not enough to pray for victory. You and I must co-operate with God in overcoming the besetting temptation. A little girl was walking confidently along the sidewalk. Suddenly she stumbled on the uneven surface and fell. Since she had learned to pray to God in her troubles, she prayed to Him now to come and pick her up. But even though she asked God to pick her up, nothing happened. The answer to our prayers for holier and more victorious living lies partially within ourselves.

God wants and expects you and me to do all we can for ourselves. When we have exhausted our resources, then He will assume the responsibility for the rest. This holds true even in our quest for victory over temptation.

In order to attain to holier and more victorious living, and thus become new creatures in Christ, we have a work to do! The apostle Paul tells us how this transformation is to be effected. "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12: 2.

### Minds to Be Renewed

We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The mind is the seat of reason and thought. To enable God to cleanse every defilement, correct every fault, supply every deficiency, and develop within us every excellence, and thus make us new creatures, we must gain mastery over our thoughts.

The religion of Jesus Christ claims the entire being — body, soul, and mind. Thus the Bible has something to say regarding our thoughts. It makes it clear that it is incumbent on every Christian to control his thoughts. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind," the apostle Peter says in 1 Peter 1: 13. The prophet Isaiah says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 7. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" 2 Cor. 10: 5.

Deliberately to entertain a sinful thought is sin. Jesus Himself emphasized this in the Sermon on the Mount, as He magnified anger into murder, and lust into adultery. (Matt. 5: 22, 28.) Our thoughts must be brought into conformity to the will of God.

The secret of right living, doing, and talking, lies in the control of our thoughts. The wise man said, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23: 7. The most important objective for an individual who uses vulgar or obscene language is not to control his tongue. This is at best a veneer — a surface reformation. A person with impure language must eliminate vulgarity from his thinking. When his thoughts no longer indulge in obscenity and vulgarity, there will be no danger that expressions of such will well out over his lips. The wrong word or the wrong act is preceded by the wrong thought; before the overt act comes its contemplation. The wise man knew that the act is only the fruition of the thought. Hence he said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4: 23.

The messenger of the Lord speaks repeatedly about the vital need of controlling our thoughts.

"Even the thoughts are not to be allowed to run riot. They must be restrained, brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Let them be placed upon holy things. Then, through the grace of Christ, they will be pure and true."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 491.

"Few realize that it is a duty to exercise control over the thoughts and imaginations. It is difficult to keep the undisciplined mind fixed upon profitable subjects. But if the thoughts are not properly employed, religion cannot flourish in the soul."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, page 544. (Italics supplied.)

### Right Thinking and Right Acting

"Moral purity depends on right thinking and right acting. Evil thoughts destroy the soul, while a right control of the thoughts prepares the mind to labour harmoniously for the Master. Every thought should be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 126, 127.

"You should keep off from Satan's enchanted ground and not allow your minds to be swayed from allegiance to God. Through Christ you may and should be happy and should acquire habits of self-control. Even your thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God and your feelings under the control of reason and religion. *Your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot* and to have its own way without any effort at restraint or discipline. If the thoughts are wrong the feelings will be wrong, and the thoughts and the feelings combined make up the moral character. When you decide that as Christians you are not required to restrain your thoughts and feelings you are brought under the influence of evil angels and invite their presence and their control."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 310. (Italics supplied.)

If we desire to scale the heights of Christian excellence and experience the transformation of our faulty characters into new creations, we must by the abundant grace of Christ purpose to gain control over our thoughts.

Jesus, while on earth, never once yielded His mind to the tempter to think a wrong or evil thought. "He did not consent to sin. Not even by a thought did He yield to temptation."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 123. Our is the assurance that Satan "cannot control minds unless they are yielded to his control. The will must consent, faith must let go its hold upon Christ, before Satan can exercise his power upon us."—*Ibid.*, page 125.

### Thoughts Known in Heaven

All our thoughts and motives are known to God. (Amos 4:13; 1 Cor. 4:5.) The angels in the courts of glory are even weighing your thoughts and mine; they are balancing our good thoughts against our impure imaginings.

"I have seen an angel standing with scales in his hands weighing the thoughts and interest of the people of God, especially the young. In one scale were the thoughts and interest tending heavenward; in the other were the thoughts and interest tending to earth. And in

## Remembrance

ANNA MODINE MORAN

*I would remember pleasant things I've known:*

*The hearty handshake and the cordial word;*

*The little kindnesses and favours shown*

*To me; the gentle voices I have heard;*

*Encouragement that helped dispel my fears,*

*And fragrant flowers given me when ill;*

*The tender smiles and sympathetic tears;*

*The friendly letters that I cherish still.*

*I would remember all these pleasant things,*

*Nor trade remembrance for the wealth of kings.*

(Continued on page 8)

## Bugema Trains Evangelists

C. J. HYDE

Principal, Bugema Missionary College

ALL the world is now cognizant of the fact that Africa is no longer asleep but that her people have awakened. The greatest miracle of the "time of the end" is the swift change that has taken place in the African from savagery to literacy and civilization. Similar progress for European nations covered a period of many hundreds of years.

The progress continues, in fact it advances so rapidly that we, the heralds of God's last warning message to this world and to Africa, must constantly review our evangelistic programme and methods to keep them up-to-date, or fail in our God-given work.

Uganda with its newly founded university college is perhaps the most advanced of all the three East African territories and providentially it was in this country the East African Union Mission obtained freehold land and began building a higher-grade school to serve its very large constituency. Now known as Bugema Missionary College, this school presents its first group of young men for the Overseas Certificate Examination which is at university entrance level. This is the first time in the history of this union mission that a group has reached this standard in one of our schools, but it is not too soon. Other Protestant bodies reached this level many years ago and government schools are also ahead of us in this respect. We all know that European workers will never finish God's work in Africa, therefore, the only procedure for us is to train consecrated Africans to do it in as short a time as possible.

Along with better academic standards must go progress in evangelical education. The ministry should always be the best trained working group we employ. It is true that God by the aid of the Holy Spirit can make up for a lack of education when this lack is not the fault of the worker He has chosen, for we remember that statement in the book *The Acts of the Apostles*, page 40, which says that the language of the apostles was perfect after the day of Pentecost. Even today God performs marvels with some poorly educated but wholly consecrated men, but this can NEVER excuse us from doing our utmost to give the Lord properly trained workers.

In 1948, the East African Union began a new ministerial course for tried African workers of suitable academic background. This was to be a two-year course taught in English and later a three-year course as young men of even

better academic standards became available. This decision has never been regretted, in fact our only regret is that we were not able to begin the course sooner, for the value of this new type of worker has been patent to all. They have shown far better ability in all that they have undertaken. In addition to a heavy programme of pastoral work, the first two groups of ministerial students reported over 500 converts as the result of properly conducted public efforts.

This new type of ministerial worker is in such great demand that most graduates have already been called into posi-

sions History, Denominational History, Bible Survey, and Public and Personal Evangelism. They are also taught how to make and use apparatus. In the second year of the course, a field school of evangelism is conducted where the theory of the classroom is put into practice under the guidance of an experienced teacher. Efforts have been held and we are happy to report that they have been successful in spite of the fact that most of the students are out of their own language area and need translators for every contact they make. One other subject of which mention should be

# Evangelism

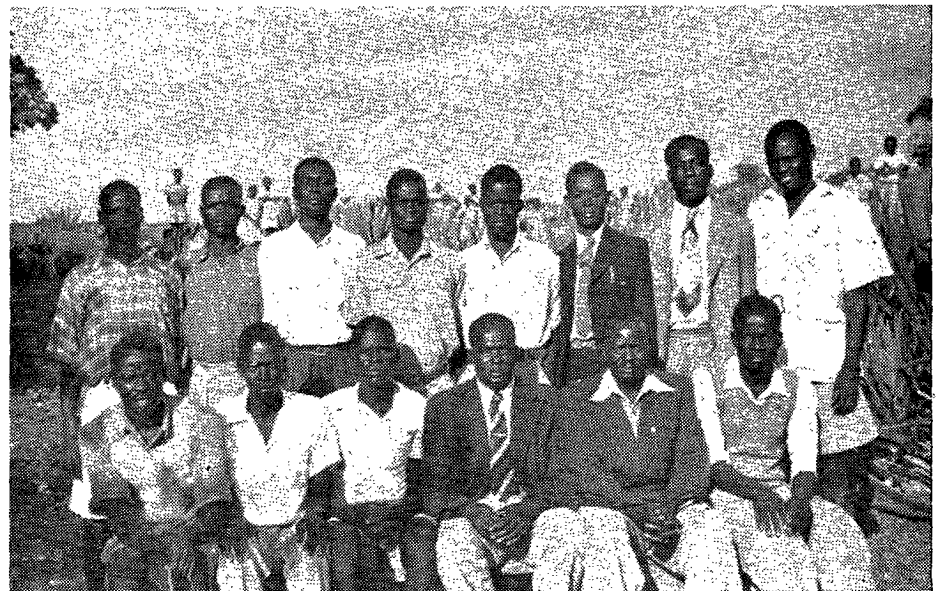
tions of leadership. This is as it should be, although if the need for them were not so pressing, we would like to see them spend more time first in straight evangelism. Every graduate on leaving college finds himself called to pastor two or more churches of from two hundred to four hundred members each—a task which might appal even a worker of long experience. It is remarkable to see the grace which the Lord bestows on these untried workers. Of course, most of them have had some years of service as teachers earlier, but nevertheless, their responsibilities are heavy and their work demands everything they can give.

The course the students receive covers most of the usual subjects taught in any of our colleges, such as: Church Leadership, Advanced Bible Doctrines, Daniel and Revelation, Church History, Mis-

made is a specially prepared course dealing with the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church. This subject, above all others, emphasizes the entire consecration the Lord requires of His workers and this has had a very marked effect on these young African students.

The value of such a group of ministerial students in a college is inestimable. They greatly assist in all the religious activities. They set right examples of conduct and attendance. They put into practice the classroom training given in Personal Evangelism by working for the conversion of younger students of the academic groups and often such personal work will avert the forming of group-misbehaviour.

As the average African becomes more literate so our converts are becoming more aware of the step they are taking



A group of evangelists in the East African Union.

when entering the church. Further, as we gain a better educated convert who has attended a regularly conducted series of Bible lectures, so the time necessary in the baptismal classes will be shortened, thus speeding up the accession of members without lowering, but actually raising, the standard of our new members. Surely, this is as it should be. So let us constantly be alert to ways and means of raising the standard of our ministerial workers and we shall accelerate the work and bring to a rapid conclusion the preaching of the gospel in this continent of Africa.

Satan is showing that he is awake to this forward movement by bringing into Africa disturbing anti-religious elements. There is still much to be done and that which remains must be done with rapidity while it is yet called DAY.

Please pray that God may give us, as teachers, wisdom and grace and also give an abundant measure to our faithful African workers for the finishing of the task.

this village are Catholics. Therefore, we borrowed Catholic books from which to prove to them that Saturday is the Sabbath of the Lord and not Sunday. In every sermon preached, Christ was the central theme.

By the grace of God, at the end of the third week twenty-six precious souls fell in love with the Man of Calvary.

Here high up in the mountains of the Moon, we believe the counsel that was given by God in Joshua 13:1, "And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." In harmony with this, we are enlarging our tents, lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes.

A fine, commodious church has been completed at a cost of more than Shs. 400. The seating capacity of this new building is 120. A worker has been sent there to do follow-up work. I believe that he will render great help to that area. The other day he sent me the May report in which he reported Shs. 150 tithe and offerings. This has indeed been an inspiration to us.

been ruined for the lack of personal contact which might have been saved. Nothing else can bring a solution to these sin-stricken souls except as the message of the love of God comes to them individually.

#### How Should We Do Personal Work for Benefit?

Listen to what the apostle Paul says, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house . . . repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:20, 21. Personal visitation and labour must be done to obtain true and complete conversion in one's heart. All old habits must drop off like dead leaves from a tree when conversion takes place. (2 Cor. 5:17.) The man or woman with a new heart delights to obey all of God's commands. Ezek. 36:26, 27.

The servant of the Lord says, "Not only is the truth to be presented in public assemblies; house-to-house work is to be done. Let this work go forward in the name of the Lord."—*Evangelism*, page 431. In fact, the growth of our believers comes only when house-to-house work takes the first place in the gospel workers' programmes, otherwise our work will to a great extent be a failure. We have to search, to gather, and to care for souls properly. The time has come when we should feel personal evangelism as an urgent call more than ever before. Many churches are unfruitful because some of us have confined our messages only to the pulpit. Instead of visiting our people we have wasted time and the devil has used that wasted time to visit our members and to feed them with wrong things. Brethren, we have no excuse. Listen to what the Spirit of prophecy says, "Money loaned or given cannot accomplish it. Sermons from the pulpit cannot do it. Teaching the Scriptures in families,—this is the work of an evangelist, and this work is to be united with preaching. If it is omitted, the preaching will be, to a great extent, a failure."—*Ibid.*, page 441.

The example of Jesus in linking with humanity in personal work should be followed. We see Him teaching about "the water of life" to an individual Samaritan woman. We meet Him teaching to Nicodemus the most important lessons, lessons which have echoed through all ages—the new birth and the love of God. Many times He taught His disciples this lesson of personal contact sitting among them on the mountainside, sometimes beside the sea or walking with them by the way and very

# In East Africa

## A Typical African Effort

DENNIS K. BAZARRA

THE small village of Kasiisi near Fort-Portal was the scene of our January, 1955, evangelistic campaign. Though noted for its conservatism in religious matters, we found the village ripe for operation of the Spirit's power.

Meeting in a small building, the attendance for a village of this size was outstanding from the start, reaching as high as seventy-five people on certain special evenings. We had no hand-bills, nor printed posters but the Lord was very gracious to us.

Our arch-enemy was, however, not asleep. It was not long before other religious leaders were awakened to action. Everyone who attended our meetings was called and questioned. As a result, many of our interested ones were prevented from coming to the meetings. But the Almighty has more than a thousand ways through which He saves the faithful ones. When we almost failed in that way, we reorganized our team with heavy emphasis on home visitation. Those who served faithfully in visiting homes were Sister Mary Kahinju, Abusolomu Ndyanabo, Yokana Kibwana, Yohana Mubindo, Johnson Masereka and Zerubaberi Nyakana.

Ninety-five per cent of the people in

In all that has been accomplished, we give honour and glory to the God of heaven from whom all blessings flow.

## Personal Evangelism

FARES MASOKOMYA

WHAT does personal evangelism really mean? We find the answer in the words of the apostle Paul, "Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, *warning every man, and teaching every man* in all wisdom; *that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*" Col. 1:27, 28. From these inspiring words it is very obvious that personal evangelism is the message of Christ to individuals, that it is to warn every man, to teach every man, that we may present every man perfect before the face of the King of kings.

#### Why Do We Need Personal Evangelism Now More Than Ever Before?

If ever there was a time when personal work was needed it is this present time. Why? Because *time is short*. All of us who believe this message should feel a solemn obligation resting upon us for the salvation of human beings. There is a great need of true conversion among our believers everywhere. Many homes have



often in the homes of the people. Let us as ministers and all gospel workers train our church officers and laymen to do personal work, taking some of them with us when we visit from house to house, breaking the bread of life and praying with the people. "As they see their ministers' hearts all aglow with love and zeal for the truth and with a desire to save souls, the churches will arouse themselves. These generally have the gifts and power within themselves to bless and strengthen themselves, and to gather the sheep and the lambs into the fold."—*Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, page 213.

#### Personal Work is Indispensable in Evangelistic Campaigns

Last year we had an evangelistic effort in a very hard and unpromising place. We consecrated ourselves to the Lord daily through prayer. We had twenty-five meetings and the attendance was satisfactory every night. Our greatest task was personal evangelism, visiting and praying in the homes of the people from morning until afternoon. It thrilled the hearts of the laymen to join with us in this programme of visitation. We were indeed grateful to the Lord to see eighty souls taking their stand to join the baptismal classes at the last meeting. Then we organized our new converts among our faithful laymen in follow-up work.

#### The Result Will Be Tenfold

"If half the time now spent in preaching were given to house to house labour *favourable results would be seen*. If this work is done in humility by those whose hearts are imbued with the love of God the words are fulfilled, 'The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.'" Ps. 119:130. One pastor reports, "It is one year since I came here, and after organizing my church officers to do personal work *the number of believers has increased and the tithe has raised considerably*. For instance, the weakest church which used to report Shs. 300 per month, now reports Shs. 1,000 per month. Even my church treasurer, joins me in visiting the weak members. Yes, the result will be tenfold for the Lord is ready to bless His church when humanity harmoniously joins with divinity.

Let us concentrate on this mighty work. The flock is panting and crying for help. Have you heard the crying in your church? Our Lord left the heavenly palace and becoming a human being He also became a servant so that He might contact sin-ridden souls and He sacrificed everything for them on the cross. Do you feel a burden in your



A Bible Instructor in Uganda, E.A.

heart for the salvation of souls? If this is so, let us, through this wonderful love, "feed the flock of God which is among you" with "a ready mind; . . . and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

### The Fruit of a Kind Word

C. L. PADDOCK

MR. JAMES BUCHANAN MURRAY was the most popular and beloved man in the growing city of Newton. He possessed a youthful face, accentuated by thick, iron-grey hair. No frown ever disturbed his brow. He went calmly to his business in the morning, greeting everyone with a cheery word and a sunny smile. At the same time he was just what he seemed to be — a prosperous businessman.

"I expect to pass through life but once. — If therefore there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."— *Penn.*

There were other enterprises being pushed to completion in the city; other hustling business firms were in the field, and other men were there upon missions similar to Mr. Murray's. But among them all he was without a peer; his place was pre-eminently at the top, a leader among men. At his own works he was a friend and counsellor, and his quiet, radiant life was an inspiration to all within its reach.

He was a great man — the fulfilment of Emerson's definition, "The great man is he who in the midst of the crowds keeps with perfect sweetness and serenity of solitude." Being extremely modest, Mr. Murray was rather embarrassed when called upon at a luncheon of the Commercial Club to tell the secret of his rise in the business world, of his success in life, and his success in handling men where others met with strife, dissatisfaction, and complaint. Rising, he said:

"All that I have accomplished, all that I am, I owe solely to the fact that in early youth I realized that the underlying principle of life is just plain, simple kindness, a kindness that comes from the heart. Life is, after all, made up of little things. As we advance in years, we learn that the things we once prized so highly were in reality not of so great importance. They are transitory, and the simple things are all that abide. Just how I came to realize this so early I can best explain to you by telling you the story of a boy I knew then.

"Jim was an orphan, but the butt of the whole town. He was twelve years old, small and undersized, and he never remembered having had a kind word spoken to him in his whole life. He was accustomed to harsh words, suspicion, and rebuffs. As a natural consequence of his hard life, he was a shrinking, pitiful little figure, and the more he dodged people the more suspicious they became; and the more suspicious they became, the more he sneaked away and kept out of sight.

"The only earthly possession of which Jim could boast was a dog that cringed and shrank almost as much as his master, and which was as much hated. Jim was not cruel to his dog except in words — and that is really the worst form of cruelty, even to a dog. A harsh, unkind word can cause more misery, heartache, and anguish than actual physical cruelty.

"One day as Jim came down the street he saw a bundle slip from the overloaded arms of a little lady just in front of him. As she stooped to pick it up, the others rolled down. Jim sprang to her assistance, gathering up the bundles and

replacing them in her arms. 'Thank you, dear, you are a nice little boy,' she said kindly, and went on her way after giving him a bright smile.

"Jim was amazed; a queer choky feeling passed over him. They were the first kind words he had ever heard in his whole twelve years of existence. He stood and stared after her. He knew she was the busy little dressmaker who lived in a small cottage on the outskirts of the town, her cottage being almost as dingy and faded as the grey coat she wore. He watched her out of sight; then he whistled to Tige, and made straight for the woods and a stream that wound around the town.

"He sat down on the bank of the stream and did some thinking. 'Thank you, dear, you are a nice little boy,' he pondered. 'Come her, Tige,' he commanded, and Tige slunk to his feet. Then Jim lowered his voice in imitation of the little faded lady, and said, 'You are a nice little dog.' The effect on Tige was electrical. He picked up his ears; and if a dog could stand at attention, Tige did. 'Uhum! even a dog likes it!' said Jim. 'Well, Tige, I don't blame you; it is nice. I won't holler at you any more,' and Tige wagged his tail joyously.

"The boy continued to think, and the dog sat and watched him. Finally the boy pulled from the odds and ends in his pockets a piece of broken mirror, and looked at himself. He saw nothing but grime and dirt, the accumulation of many days. He went down to the water's edge and scrubbed it off carefully, almost painfully. Then he looked again. He scarcely recognized himself. He was surprised. He stood erect and looked up instead of down for the first time since he could remember. He distinctly liked the sensation. A feeling of self-respect awoke within his being. Ambition sprang full grown into life. At that moment the course of his life was changed, and a determination to be worthy of the kind words spoken to him by the little dressmaker and to pass them on, took possession of his soul."

Mr. Murray paused. There was no sound in the great dining-room. His tone, low and sweet, almost reverent, had aroused a feeling very nearly like awe in the hearts of his hearers. They had forgotten the luncheon.

Then he continued: "Gentlemen, I was that boy. This — your city, my city — was that little town of forty years ago. Our plant stands upon the spot where that gentle woman stood when she implanted in my life the first seed of kindness. She sleeps out yonder in what was then the cemetery of a country

church. As a tribute to her memory, I have told you this story."— *The Light Bearer*, July, 1955.

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## New Wing of Maluti Hospital Opened

MARTHA C. HANSON

Matron

FOR one who was present at the opening of the Maluti Mission Hospital in March, 1951, it was a special privilege to be present on May 18, 1955 when the new wing of the hospital was officially opened.

I well remember how on that occasion in 1951, with only two patients in the hospital, I wondered just what the future held for this institution. During 1951 and 1952, the patronage and the daily patient average slowly but steadily increased. By July 1953, we had reached the total of fifty patients and by the end of that year had sixty. Now the figure stands at about eighty. The staff has also increased. Instead of one European nurse we now have three on the staff, the others being Miss Josephine Clayburn and Mr. Daniel Bothma.

The hospital building became very crowded, with the beds pushed close together to make room for more and when the beds were full, mattresses were put on the floor, under beds and in passages to take care of all who needed treatment. So we eagerly looked forward to the building of the new wing which was made possible by a grant of £1,500 from the Governor General's War Memorial Fund, supplemented liberally by the South African Union Conference from Harvest Ingathering funds.

In November of 1953 the new wing and the nurses' home began to take form, and we were very much interested in its progress. Then came May 18 of this year when the new wing was formally opened.

There were present officials of the Basutoland Government headed by the Resident Commissioner, Mr. Arrow-Smith, and the Government Secretary, Mr. Marwick who had been present at the first opening ceremony and had cut the ribbon on that occasion. In addition

many friends from Basutoland and the Union of South Africa had come to be with us. Several hundreds of Africans were also present.

Dr. W. E. Staples, the medical superintendent welcomed the guests and introduced His Honour, the Resident Commissioner. In his address, Mr. Arrow-Smith expressed the pleasure of the Government over the work that the hospital has done and their expectation of greater service through the new facilities now available.

The acting Director of Medical Services addressed us and also the representatives of the paramount chieftainess and the district chief who expressed their thankfulness for the services of the hospital. We were sorry that it was not possible for a representative from the Governor General's War Memorial Fund to be present. However, they sent us a message which was read by Pastor D. A. Webster, secretary-treasurer of the South African Union Conference. Pastor G. S. Stevenson, president of the South African Union Conference, spoke responding to the addresses which had been made and telling of the work which Seventh-day Adventists are doing in all parts of the world, carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gospel of health wherever they go.

Two songs were sung by a choir composed of members of our staff and friends from the community. As a fitting conclusion to the service, Pastor A. W. Staples, president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference offered prayer, dedicating the new wing of the hospital to the service of God and the people of Basutoland. Then His Honour, the Resident Commissioner, cut the ribbon stretched across the front entrance and declared the new wing of the hospital open.

Following the ceremonies, under the leadership of Dr. Staples, the Matron, Brother D. Bothma and members of the African staff, our visitors were taken on conducted tours of the hospital, clinic and nurses' home. Lunch was served in the dining-room of the nurses' home.

We are very thankful for the blessings of God which have guided in the work at Maluti Mission Hospital for the four years of its existence. It is a great satisfaction to know that many babies have been safely born because of the hospital and that many mothers are well because of their care here; that many blind people have gone home rejoicing in their recovered sight; and that in many other ways we have helped to alleviate some of the miseries of the world. We are thankful for the privilege of sharing with these people our faith in the near

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return of the Saviour. Some of our patients and hospital workers have been baptized and others are interested and attending the Bible Class. We look forward to greater service in the future with God's help and blessing.

**Thoughts Make the Man**

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this scale were thrown all the reading of story-books, thoughts of dress and show, vanity, pride, etc. Oh, what a solemn moment! the angels of God standing with scales, weighing the thoughts of His professed children—those who claim to be dead to the world and alive to God. The scale filled with thoughts of earth, vanity, and pride quickly went down, notwithstanding weight after weight rolled from the scale. The one with the thoughts and interest tending to heaven went quickly up as the other went down, and oh, how light it was! I can relate this as I saw it; but never can I give the solemn and vivid impression stamped upon my mind, as I saw the angel with the scales weighing the thoughts and interest of the people of God. Said the angel, 'Can such enter heaven? No, no, never. Tell them the

hope they now possess is vain, and unless they speedily repent, and obtain salvation, they must perish.'—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, pages 124, 125.

**Girding Up the Mind**

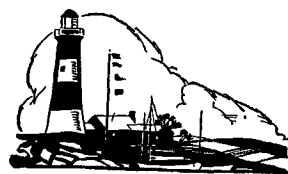
In order for us to be ready to meet our soon-returning Saviour in peace we must gird up the loins of our minds and habituate ourselves to think on themes that are pure and lovely. "We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts. The only security for any soul is right thinking."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 491.

It is not sufficient to eject unwholesome thoughts from our minds, we must deliberately choose to think ennobling and elevating thoughts. Someone may protest, "But I can't prevent the sinful thought from coming to me."

That may be true. But even though you can't prevent a bird from flying over your head, you can prevent it from building a nest in your hair. The same applies to the sinful thought. Even though possibly we cannot prevent the sinful thought from occurring to us, we can prevent it from finding a lodging place.

May we choose to habituate our minds to dwell on pure and holy themes. Then it will prove impossible for evil thoughts to gain access to our thinking. As a glass filled with water cannot at the same time be filled with air, so a mind occupied with good thoughts cannot be filled with impure thoughts.

The servant of the Lord has this promise for us, as we purpose to re-educate our thinking: "The power of self-restraint strengthens by exercise. That which at first seems difficult, by constant repetition grows easy, until right thoughts and actions become habitual. If we will, we may turn away from all that is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard; we may be respected by men, and beloved of God."—*Ibid*. This is possible through submitting ourselves, with our wills to Jesus. "When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 312.—*Review and Herald*, July 21, 1955.



**From Hither and Yon**

*Arrivals*

BROTHER AND SISTER ERNEST LOGAN and little Angela arrived in Cape Town from England on July 21. They have been engaged in evangelistic and pastoral work in Northern Ireland and now join the staff of the Rhodesia Conference, locating in Salisbury. We bid them a very warm welcome to our Division.

*On Coastal Furlough*

MISS RUTH BROWN is visiting the Cape for a few weeks before going to the warmer climate of Durban.

*Northern Rhodesia Mission*

PASTOR JAMES MALINKI in a recent letter says: "We have just finished our revival meetings. The results are good. Men and women have been reclaimed and new decisions have been made."

*North Bantu Mission*

OCTOBER has been set as a special month for baptisms. Their goal for the year is 600. May the Lord bless the workers in this field and enable them to reach this high goal.

*Publishing Department*

THIS department of the Southern African Division reports a gain in deliveries of £4,102-8-8 for the first five months of this year over the same period of last year.

**Sunset Calendar for September 1955**

	2	9	16	23	30
Cape Town	6.27	6.32	6.38	6.42	6.48
Johannesburg	5.54	5.57	6.01	6.03	6.08
East London	5.50	5.54	6.00	6.04	6.10
Port Elizabeth	5.59	6.04	6.10	6.14	6.20
Bloemfontein	6.00	6.04	6.08	6.11	6.16
Pietermaritzburg	5.43	5.48	5.52	5.55	5.59
Durban	5.40	5.44	5.49	5.52	5.56
Bulawayo	5.56	5.57	6.00	6.00	6.03
Salisbury	5.46	5.47	5.49	5.49	5.51
Blantyre	5.34	5.34	5.35	5.36	5.37
Elisabethville	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.07
Nairobi	6.33	6.32	6.31	6.27	6.27
Mombasa	6.20	6.19	6.18	6.15	6.15
Kisumu	6.43	6.41	6.41	6.37	6.37
Kampala	6.51	6.49	6.48	6.45	6.44
Dar-es-Salaam	6.21	6.20	6.20	6.18	6.18
Tabora	6.47	6.46	6.46	6.44	6.44