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Kirundu Mission Station

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THE mission station in the Congo forest! Stand on the verandah of the mission home and admire the tropical scene—visibility just one hundred yards! Beyond the clearing are trees and trees and trees; with never a hill to give one a view even over the tree tops. Not a very inspiring scene for the mission family who remain thus shut in for most of the year.

In fact, Kirundu Mission Station is one of the hardest Stations on which to live in this Division. Established thirty years ago, over twenty missionaries have resided there for varying short periods. The high unchanging temperature and humidity make it a trying place for the average family. The nearest shopping centre is Stanleyville, 175 miles away over a rough road.

Just why it is called Kirundu Mission Station is hard to say, for the little post of this name on the Lualaba river (upper Congo) is over thirty miles away, but this name has become known over a wide area.

The two tribes nearest to the station are particularly backward. The Walongola are noted for their hot tempers. On a board demarcating the entrance to their area is a notice flanked with spears tipped with red (denoting blood). No other mission society works in this section.

The sacrifices of the years have produced a church membership of 800.

Five ordained African ministers care for the flock; twenty schools are supported by the mission, and a further twelve are operated by volunteer teachers who receive no pay for their services.

One hundred villages along the banks of the broad Lualaba river wait for the message of salvation. It is planned to improvise water transport by joining two canoes with a plank platform and propel it with an outboard motor. A Johnston's 10 hp. "Seahorse" is on hand for this purpose.

Five camp-meetings are held annually. While lasting only two days they reveal that we have an earnest, self sacrificing membership in this part of the Congo. There was an attendance this year of nearly 3000 and their offerings amounted to Francs 36,730 (£262).

Twelve miles from the mission an energetic pastor has encouraged his people to build a pole-and-grass church, 80 feet long by 30 feet wide. This was filled with a well-behaved and interested group of believers at the camp-meeting.

The sacrifice demanded by this lonely outpost was recently emphasized by the addition of a little grave beside the mission church. After an acute attack of cerebral meningitis Margaret Florence Thomas, age 5, was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver.

Yet the present director, Barry Burton and his family, face the future with courage, seeing many evidences that the Lord is doing a large work of grace among the Walangola and Bakumu people. Let us not fail to remember the work at this isolated mission in our prayers.

AFRICA CALLING!

They are calling, ever calling,
From the gloom of heathen night;
And their hearts are weary, waiting
For the gift of life and light.
Shall we stretch no hand to help them,
Close our ears unto their cry?
Shall we say in selfish accents,
They are dying, let them die?

Are we walking in the pathway
That our fathers gladly trod?
Have we still their holy passion
For the kingdom of our God?
For earth's swiftly fleeting pleasures
Do we keep our best desires,
Offering God but cold, grey ashes
For love's sacrificial fires?

By the Master's great commission
That in days of old He gave,
By the cross on which He suffered
For the world He came to save,
Let us seek to do His bidding,
Richer service to Him bring,
Till each yearning heart has found Him,
And all peoples crown Him King.

Edwin C. Lansdown



Where Will You Stand When Jesus Comes?

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THE title of this subject may seem very hard to answer, but I think it should be easy to answer in full if we allow the Bible to guide us. Where will you stand when Jesus comes? We know that no one will stand before the Son of man if he has not been forgiven his sins. "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on the wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" Matt. 22:11, 12.

What kind of garment did Jesus mean? My brethren, do not be deceived. The garment is the preparation of your souls. Our times demand positive thinking. The very atmosphere seems to be charged with uncertainty and change. The Bible instructor who must lead people to make decisions for eternity shares many conflicts in the lives of her readers. Tension and feelings of indecision are not, however, confined to the lives of those for whom she is working; they may intrude into her own experience until she finds within herself a desire for an easier field of service. There may be a few younger workers who have not found complete satisfaction in their work, and it may seem to them that other avenues of service would be more congenial.

How will you and I stand when Jesus comes? Our heavenly Father will never be satisfied with anything short of perfection. He made man perfect in the beginning, and His plan of redemption is designed to restore His children to that original perfection where they will again reflect His image. He promises this in the beautiful words of the apostle: "Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son." Rom. 8:29. This restoration which begins with the new birth is a purifying, refining process that God can accomplish only when He has the confidence and co-operation of the individual.

In like manner sin can never be removed by washing, or by our weak efforts. The only remedy is the knife in the hands of the divine Physician. We need to have confidence in His love,

His power, His skill, and in the remedy He offers for our healing. "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh." 1 Peter 4:1, 2.

I do not mean to suggest that Christian perfection may be attained merely through sorrow and suffering. What I mean to say is that since we come into the world with a fallen, selfish, sinful nature, the process by which we are re-

stored to intimate fellowship with God requires the death of our very nature.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecc. 12:13, 14. Should we not say, "Lord Jesus, I separate from all that is displeasing in Thy sight, and dedicate myself and all I possess to Thee. Lord, I desire from this moment to live a sanctified life, free from the power of sin, so that in that day I may be ready to meet Thee in the clouds."

If we let Jesus Christ come in, in all His fulness, and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and become God-inhabited, we shall be glad to go without the camp with Him bearing His reproach. Brother, in that day, will Christ welcome you in, or shall you hear a voice saying, "I know you not"? I hope we shall all be ready to meet Him and live with Him forever. May the Lord help us to remain faithful till He comes.

Preoccupation

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THE chief business of life is to find God and be prepared for the second coming of Christ. Everything else should be secondary. We should make Christ first and last and best in everything pertaining to life. This is what Jesus meant when He said: "Be ye also ready."

Yet how many professed followers of Christ today are preoccupied with the secondary things of life—money, fashion, recreation, food and gadgets. Such things in themselves are not necessarily bad but they do not constitute the chief things of life for those who are expecting their Lord soon to return.

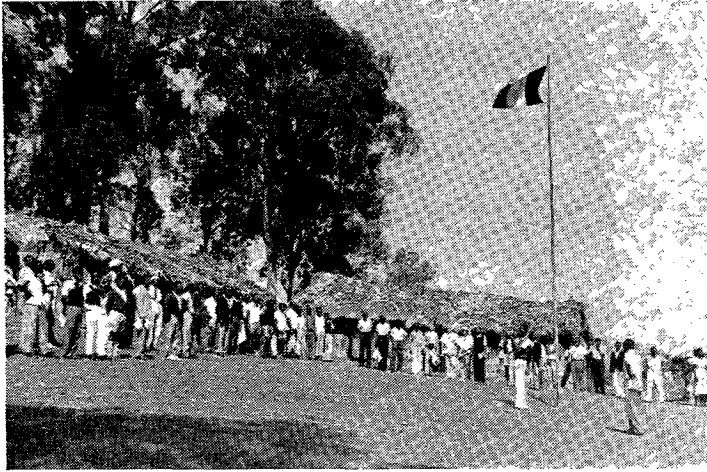
Time is running out. The hour is late. We should engage in no business, follow no pursuit, seek no pleasure that will retard or hinder the work of character building essential to complete salvation. We must make His service our highest interests. This is a time for great convictions, great decisions, great actions for God and His righteous cause.

We need to look our lives squarely in the face and make the return to Christ in full consecration the chief

preoccupation of our lives. With this premise in life we will experience no difficulty in determining what is first and what is secondary, or what must be entirely excluded from our lives. We will be preoccupied more in prayer, in daily Bible study and in a more faithful reading of the Spirit of prophecy, and in finding our place in Christian service.

Shrewdly the devil litters up our lives with many and various secondary preoccupations, so that first things often go begging. A continued preoccupation of secondary things can be fatal. Christ warned: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34, 36.

In the near future the city of God will open its garden gates to receive those who learned while on earth to make Christ first and last and best in everything in their lives.



Kinunu
Campers
Gathered in
Camp Com-
pound

First Youth Camp in the Congo Union

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Education Department Secretary

THE MV Jubilee year 1957 has been a year of progress for the Missionary Volunteers of the Congo Union. From June 21-30 there was held at Kinunu in Ruanda-Urundi the first youth camp ever to be held in this union. Ninety-one campers, among them nine girls, had come from the principal mission stations in Ruanda, from Gitwe, Ngoma, and Rwankeri mission stations to participate in this MV leaders' camp. A few had also come from our Rweze Mission station in the North Congo Mission.

The camp site was a delightful spot on one of the numerous bays of beautiful Lake Kivu. The Belgian Administrator of the area promised us all possible assistance and gave us, free of charge, the hundreds of small trees that were needed to erect the various buildings. The chief of the area likewise gave good help. Grass is a valuable commodity in

this land, but the owner of the land willingly let us have all we needed. The church members and students of Kinunu district also contributed many hours of free labour toward the building of the camp, and helped carry many of the loads to the camp site. Our church members on the various mission stations also participated in this novel enterprise. Their free-will offerings made it possible for a good many of the campers to attend, who would otherwise not have been able to come.

Our campers had never before heard of a camp and had no idea what was offered, but the practical classes that had been selected for the programme soon captivated their interest. All participated in the well-prepared First Aid classes given by Miss Ruth Brown of Ngoma Mission Hospital. The Leathercraft classes taught by Brother Mattingly from Ngoma Mission were of great interest to all and at the end of the camp many proudly displayed the purses they had learned to make. Swimming in Lake Kivu was for many a new experience. Some who had never before tried swimming made astonishing progress. To one who observed the tall Ruanda people splashing in the water, it appeared as if windmills were ploughing through the water.

Brother Mattingly from Ngoma had come to camp with the mission launch and took the campers one day in turns

for a short ride on Lake Kivu. Really, the camp would not have been complete without this pleasure ride! When the launch approached the beach where the others were swimming, some of the pleasure riders landed in the water, but that did not diminish their pleasure in any way.

Africans like to sit around the fire in the evening and discuss the day's events, but the camp-fire programme was still something different. They liked to sing the new choruses and enjoyed the enacted Bible stories to the most. The story of how Gideon defeated the Midianites became very real to them with torches suddenly blazing in the dark and the noise of shouting and the banging of tins.

Brother Lehman from Rwankeri Mission Station gave valuable help in teaching the necessary discipline in the camp. Camp duties, also, were something entirely new to our campers. If you had told these men that in camp they would wash dishes, carry water and chop firewood, they would have laughed at you. But they learned fast. When our overseas staff members one day carried their own water up from Lake Kivu, our campers were, indeed, encouraged to do their part also.

On the Sabbath days hundreds of visitors from the surrounding hills and the nearby schools attended the services. One of our campers who had come from the North Congo Mission, where the work does not advance as rapidly as here in Ruanda, was visibly impressed by the numbers attending, and asked, "From how many districts have these people come for the Sabbath services?" He was truly astounded when he learned that they represented only half of the district of Kinunu in our Ngoma Mission Station.

At the close of the camp 87 MV honour tokens could be distributed to those who had finished a course. Said one pastor, "We have learned as much here as we would never have thought

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Miss Ruth Brown teaching First Aid.



Kinunu Camp overlooking one of the bays of beautiful Lake Kivu.

Evangelistic Effort in Nairobi

The following is a copy of a letter received from Pastor R. J. Wieland, president of the Central Kenya Mission, addressed jointly to Pastors R. S. Watts and W. D. Eva.

DEAR BRETHREN:

You will doubtless be interested in the news of the large evangelistic effort which is now being held here in Nairobi for the Africans in the hall at Kaloleni Location. We feel very thankful to the Lord for His blessings on the effort thus far. We began on August 4. We had planned to hold it later in the year but found that the hall was available for this month and not at a later date. We felt we should therefore take advantage of the opportunity of getting the hall at the low fee of 5/- a night, and begin now.

Brother C. T. Hyde is the speaker nightly and is assisted in the visitation work by his fifteen African student-evangelists from Bugema Missionary College. The students are staying in the African Y.M.C.A. for the month. In addition, all of us in this office are making the effort our first responsibility this month; and two additional Kikuyu pastors have been called in to assist.

We distributed nine thousand handbills initially, put up two hundred posters on trees and light posts around the city, advertized in two Swahili newspapers, and gave announcements over the Swahili radio services. The result was a packed hall the opening night with hardly room for standing. The meeting went off well with no hitch. The next night and almost every night since, all available seats in the hall have been well filled, the audience averaging around three hundred, we estimate. I do not know the exact number of names submitted for free literature, but I think it is around the one hundred and fifty mark.

The hall is a very fine one—clean, attractive and has been beautifully decorated on the platform for the meetings, with an attractive new pulpit and flowers. There were neat curtains there already. Brother Buckley skilfully rewired the lights so that they can be turned off and on at the pulpit. We are using Brother Ringering's "Black Light" equipment, Kenya Lake Mission's fine public address system, Pastor Hanson's projector, slides from almost everyone, and Nairobi City Council's piano and projector screen. The entire set-up, I think, would be a credit to any European effort. We have typed

all Swahili texts to be used, and photographed them with Brethren Tegler's and Buckley's equipment, using the negatives for slide projection. The texts on the screen when properly photographed show up nicely. Special cards in Swahili for the signatures of those asking for literature have been printed. We also printed a few little offering envelopes, "Thank-Offering", as an experiment to see if the offerings could be boosted. We were very pleased to receive over 105/- in last Sunday night's

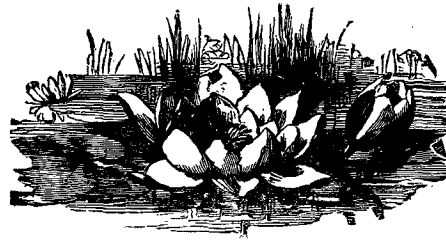
offering through this method. We have been very desirous of trying to find some methods to help make African efforts pay at least part of their way, so we can afford to have more of them. The first night a few people walked out when we announced the offering, but since then the audience has become conditioned, and responds well. We hope we can teach them from the very beginning to bear their share of the responsibility.

Brother Hyde's sermons have been excellent—clear, interesting, forceful, and solid. We believe that the Spirit of the Lord is working through his method of presenting the message, based on the Bible, and emphasizing genuine Christian experience as well as the doctrines. We just wish we had adequate quantities of good Swahili evangelistic tracts to distribute, or enough really inexpensive Swahili literature to sell. We have had the East African Publishing House print four little booklets, selling for about 6d. each and each containing four of the old series of twenty-four tracts, re-titled, to use in the effort. We are also using SIKILIZA.

A very helpful feature of the meetings is Brother Wheeler's nightly six-minute health talk, which is much appreciated by the audience.

Please pray for the success of this effort.

Sincerely yours,
R. J. Wieland.



"God's plans, like lilies pure and white,
unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves
apart;
Time will reveal the chalices of gold,
And if through patient toil we reach
the land
Where tired feet with sandals loose may
rest
When we shall clearly know and un-
derstand,
I think that we shall say, 'God knew
the best.'"

New Records

Helderberg College Student Colporteur Institute

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HELDERBERG COLLEGE once again proved to be a fine host to the conference Publishing Department secretaries during the week of September 7-13. By encouragement and counsel, the college staff had the students in a canvassing mood and it was a joy to conduct the instruction in conjunction with the visiting Publishing Department brethren.

During the first chapel period scholarship certificates were issued to a large group who had qualified and as they stood at attention with beaming smiles

the entire staff and student body stood in salute for a job well done.

A new record was reached when fifty-eight students made application to canvass and were approved by the staff. We are sure that the good spirit prevailing will continue until the close of school. The publishing leaders have now returned to their fields to prepare for this large influx of young people during the holiday months. We expect that this year a new record will be set up in scholarships earned by those faithful students.

Camp-meetings in Nyasaland

WELCOME PHILLIPS

Cape Field

Does it pay to have camp-meetings? Some of our people may feel that there is quite a lot of trouble involved in conducting these meetings. The first camp-meetings to be held south of the equator was towards the close of the nineteenth century. Since that time it has paid to have these annual spiritual feasts; dividends in souls have been thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and hundredfold.

In Nyasaland, a fair and beautiful country with its stately hills and majestic mountains and sub-tropical climate, it was a pleasure to assist in six of the almost forty camp-meetings held during the latter part of June, the whole of July, and the first two weeks of August. The Nyasaland Union Mission planned a fine five-day programme for each of these meetings. Every day we would start out with the "morning manna" conducted at seven o'clock. After four meetings during the day the evening meeting was also held at seven o'clock. Some of the people had to walk as far as twenty-five miles to attend the camp-meetings. The people in all of these meetings would sit on the grass in the open air, just as in the days when our beloved Master conducted His meetings on the mount. On the mission stations there are no halls and the church buildings cannot accommodate all those attending the meetings, for the numbers ranged from two hundred to nearly a thousand, besides the children.

Pastor E. B. Hare of the General Conference left a landmark in Nyasaland. All the meetings I attended we had as the theme song for this year the one he taught the people when he was here. One would hear young and old singing the beautiful chorus, "I will wear a crown in my Father's house." In the four weeks I was there I also learnt to sing this song in the Nyanja language, and the Nyanja people can sing very beautifully.

The people of Nyasaland have very little of this world's goods. Believe it or not, I discovered that some of these people do not earn as much as a 6d. a month, and yet at camp-meeting time the offering is anything from £30 to £150. It would be well for one to discover their secret of liberal giving.

The work of the Lord is being finished in Africa. At five of the six camp-meetings in which I assisted no

fewer than three hundred and twenty-two people were baptized. It was also gratifying when making altar calls to see so many come to the Saviour. Quite a number of those who had left the church came back and others accepted Christ as their personal Saviour for the first time. From these two groups of people no fewer than a hundred took their stand for this saving message.

Perhaps it might be well for me to relate briefly just how God works at times. I travelled to Nyasaland by train, car, aeroplane and lorry. God saved Pastor A. Bristow and me from a fatal accident by a matter of seconds, when we were coming from the Chileka camp-meeting on a Friday evening. A car travelling at great speed towards us

first of all hit a bank and then a culvert. As we stopped at the scene of the accident it was not easy at first to find those who were injured, on account of the dust and the darkness. It was not long before another car came to help us. The car we were travelling in served as an ambulance to carry to the Blantyre hospital the four men who were involved in the accident. This deliverance made me realize that God still needs us to help to finish His work.

To those who are interested in missionary work I feel it will be good food for thought to know that a missionary is not only a preacher, but also a teacher, administrator, bookkeeper, dispensary worker, carpenter, builder, gardener, and even pay-master, as all of these things are part and parcel of a missionary's life on the mission stations.

I conclude where I commenced. It pays to have camp-meetings so that the Lord's people can receive fresh inspiration and may God grant us much of His Spirit to continue to work until Jesus returns to take the saints home.



A Preacher's Prayer

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing-room be at a price;
I only ask that as I voice the message
They may see Christ.

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
I only ask that as I voice the message
He may be nigh.

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises,
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
I only pray that as I voice the message
Hearts may find God.

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinction any part;
I only ask when I have preached the
message
'Twill cheer my Saviour's heart.

—Selected.

Successful Teachers' Institute

P. J. VAN ECK

Education Department Secretary, South African Union Conference

REPRESENTATIVES from Bethel, Good Hope, Hillcrest and Sedaven as well as all the European church school teachers, met with their educational leaders for an eight-day institute at Helderberg College on July 3.

Most of the visitors were Helderberg graduates. Some had not seen their alma mater since their own graduation. All forty-three visitors were most appreciative of the facilities placed at their disposal by the Helderberg staff.

The daily programme included regular devotional features, studies in educational psychology, lectures on methodology, round table discussions, a library science "workshop" and a school arts class.

Senior educational counsellors present included Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Marais, Pastor and Mrs. J. B. Cooks, Pastor and Mrs. P. J. van Eck, Pastor and Mrs. W. Marais, Pastors H. Marais and W. R. Quittmeyer, as well as members of the Helderberg staff.

Provision was made for teachers of primary and high school subjects to meet separately. The visitors avidly seized the opportunity of observing the teachers of the Helderberg Primary School giving demonstration lessons in arithmetic, history and language.

Forward in Faith

IVA M. HANSON

Director, East African Bible School

Like all Voice of Prophecy schools, the East African school began as an acorn, and like any normal acorn, it is growing. We trust that one day it may develop into a tremendous oak. This school began under the sponsorship of the Central Kenya Mission, to meet the conditions which arose from the Mau Mau movement among the Kikuyu people. Since it was not possible at that time, 1954, to conduct meetings in many areas, and even with such a possibility it was not advisable to do so, it was felt that the organization of a Bible school would in some measure be a solution to the problem of getting the

which is being done by way of following up these interests. Many branch Sabbath-schools have been organized and sponsored by fellow-workers. The reaping has begun. A third language, Luganda, will soon be in operation.

However, when the great enemy sees souls being wrenched from his grasp, he does not remain idle. Many of our students are dependent upon the post boxes of their employers or of other mission societies. Because of prejudice, many lessons fall, therefore, to reach the students who so eagerly await their coming. But we go forward in faith, knowing that somehow God and the earnest seeker for truth will somehow find each other. We, the staff of this infant organization, request the prayers of God's people on behalf of the work we are humbly endeavouring to do for Him.



East African Voice of Prophecy Staff

Left to right:
Sitting—Andrew Gathemia—Asst. Director, I. M. Hanson—Director, Japhet Manuel—Instructor in Swahili
Standing—James Mutero—Kikuyu Asst., Christopher Waigwa—Kikuyu Asst., D. Washington Buka—Swahili Assf.

Voice of Prophecy

truth to such areas. The work grew beyond the expectations of faith, so that in 1955 the school was taken over by the East African Union with the addition of Swahili as a second language. At the present time the number of applications has far surpassed the 20,000 mark, and of these several thousand are in reality active students. It keeps the five African staff members unusually busy coping with the various aspects of this work. I should like to take this opportunity to express with gratitude my appreciation of the faithful services rendered by these faithful young men—all of whom are Voice of Prophecy graduates, either of Cape Town or of our own school. Day after day the workers in the Voice of Prophecy school toil on, not seeing the immediate results of his work as does the evangelist, but trusting in God to water the seed which is daily sown.

It was indeed a day of rejoicing, when in April, the first of our students, five Kikuyu men, were baptized into this truth, some having come through great tribulation. Since that time a Kikuyu woman has also been baptized, and many are in preparation also among the Swahili students. We appreciate the work

The Straight and Rugged Path

CHRISTOPHER WAIGWA CHARLES

Voice of Prophecy Staff, Nairobi, E. Africa

I was born on January 8, 1940 of Christian parents, and was reared according to Christian principles. I had contact with the Bible from the time I could read. It was my custom as a child to read portions of the Scriptures to my family each evening, a habit which has affected my life to the present and will continue to do so throughout my life. After spending six years in a Protestant mission school, I entered a Catholic school because they promised financial help of which I was in need. Money was scarce at that time due to the Mau Mau terrorism. Here I was warned against Protestant doctrines, and trembling lest I suffer eternal torment, I began studying the Catholic doctrines. But I was never quite satisfied.

One day a friend of mine told me about the Voice of Prophecy lessons which he had heard advertised over the radio and which he was studying. Perhaps the idea of winning a certificate

turned my head a bit but anyhow I too applied for the lessons. When the lesson came telling of the change of the Sabbath without any Biblical authority, I was especially impressed. So one day in class I asked my padre, "Please sir, which day is the seventh?" He knew this was a difficult question to answer, fearing further questions from his students, and knowing that I was to oppose him. However I determined that I would leave that school. When the padre heard this he promised me compensation if I would but adhere to the teachings of his church. But I put such an idea far from my mind. I felt as if I had been released from gaol. The next year found me again in a Protestant school.

One day in this school we were being taught about the "Lord's Day." As the teacher began to write out the important points of the lesson on the blackboard, he suddenly asked, "Are there any Seventh-day Adventists present?" Not seeing one hand raised, I felt that I must honour my Maker, so I raised

my hand though at first it seemed as heavy as an iron bar. I then announced that though I had not yet been baptized, I firmly believed that they were the only people who taught strict observance of the commandments. To prevent further discussion he attempted to point out that it is difficult to tell which is the seventh or the first day since the week is like a circle. After commanding me to sit down, he continued with his class. Then he asked, "Now, what have you as an Adventist to say to these things?" I replied that I believed the seventh day was Saturday and the Sabbath of the Lord, and that Sunday had never been the seventh day. "Do you mean to say," said he, "that we are wrong in calling Sunday the Sabbath?" He even asked me for proof. He continued by saying that Jesus rested in the tomb on Saturday and Sunday, and rose the day following. But I reminded him that the Bible does not say "after three days" but "on the third day" Jesus rose from the tomb.

Life was made very bitter for me after

East Africa

that and finally I was expelled from school, because of my opposition to my dictatorial instructor. But this worked for my good for in the quietness of my home I studied the Scriptures with joy daily. I felt a great burden for those who were negligent in their study of the Word and taught all who would listen, of Jesus' soon coming and of the preparation necessary. But my problems were by no means at an end.

The headman of our village had learned that I was receiving lessons from the Voice of Prophecy, so he summoned me to his presence. I thought of God's witnesses as recorded in the Bible, Stephen, Paul, Jesus Himself, and I determined to have the courage of Daniel if necessary. The headman asked me, "By whose authority are you studying these lessons, and bringing a new religion to our village?" I replied,

might it not be I, so that father could remain to care for the family. Then I returned to his bedside. Just after midnight he fell into a deep sleep, waking in the morning a well man. Jesus Himself had performed that miracle. Those friends who came in during the day could hardly believe all that had so frightened us during the night. Now I knew even more certainly that there is nothing better than to give oneself unreservedly to God. I prayed that God would use me in spreading His gospel, otherwise I felt no need of living.

I had not long to wait. A letter came from Mrs. Hanson, of the Voice of Prophecy in Nairobi, asking me to join their staff. My heart nearly burst with joy! I packed my case, and waving my hand to my dear ones as I assured them that I would see them again if God approves, I left for Nairobi. It was all

Bible School

"Please, sir, this is not a new religion for every doctrine comes from the Bible; also, this democratic government allows religious liberty." Then he tried to class me with the Mau Mau gangsters, saying, "If Government knew about these lessons they would be stopped at once." I told him I would be glad to give him all the lessons and if he could find any concord between them and the Mau Mau, I would be willing to be judged as a violator of the law. With many threatenings, he gave me the lessons which he had withheld, and I staggered out into the night praising God for my deliverance and yet weeping for the surrounding wickedness.

As a last resort, Satan tried to take the life of my beloved father who was very dear to me. One evening after dinner he became very ill and in just a short time he bade us farewell, assuring us that he would be with us but a little while. All the relatives were called in to witness the departure of their loved one. Suddenly I knew that I must plead with God for the life of my father, so I went out behind the old water tank and there told God that if one must be taken from our family,

so wonderful, that I, a sixteen-year-old lad should be a little missionary going so far from my home to enter the service of the Lord—just what I had prayed for so long.

May I appeal to you, my fellow-youth, to waken and realize your responsibilities! God requires every one of you. Shall we not answer His call? Shall we tarry? God forbid. We will work and watch for our Lord. The end is rapidly approaching.

"Forward be our watchword, steps and voices joined;

Seek the things before us, not a look behind.

Burns the fiery pillar, at our army's head:

Who shall dream of shrinking, by our Captain led,

Through the toil and fight? Canaan lies before us,

Zion our home beams with light."

My High Calling of God

DANIEL WASHINGTON BUKA

Voice of Prophecy Staff, Nairobi, E. Africa

I thank God the Father of our Lord and Saviour that His love and mercy have rescued me from the power of the devil, and that I have been shown the marvellous light of truth, that I may be a joint heir with Christ.

I was born into a Christian home, my parents being sincere believers in a certain Protestant Mission. They reared me in strict accordance with their convictions and I obeyed them implicitly. In my teens I attended a government school, at the completion of which, I was employed by the East African Railways. In this capacity I served faithfully for eight years.

During this time I wandered from God. I became a lost sheep. And though the Holy Spirit pleaded with me constantly, I felt helpless and hopeless and in despair cried out, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

One day while reading the *Signs of the Times* I was attracted by the announcement of the Voice of Prophecy School in Cape Town. I enrolled immediately. That was in 1954. How I enjoyed those lessons! I thirsted for each one! God in His mercy gave me two dreams to point out His true church. I was deeply impressed as I studied of the price paid for our salvation. I realized that it was our transgression of God's law that caused the divine Son of God to suffer the penalty which was due

us, we being the transgressors, so that through His merits we may be reconciled to God. I then resolved to obey my Lord and keep His commandments under any circumstance.

When I learned of the Sabbath, I readily accepted it. I was confounded to see that the majority of professed Christians observe the first day of the week. What a tragedy! I thought that perhaps I was the only one who was enlightened with the Sabbath truth, and that perhaps as soon as the matter would be presented to other Sunday-keeping Christians, they would gladly obey. I was greatly disappointed to see how great is the controversy.

I was perplexed as to how to contact Seventh-day Adventists, thinking that perhaps they were to be found only in certain parts of the world, and not in the area where I lived. One day I decided to search the district. The area is full of trails running at all angles through dense tropical vegetation. After cycling many miles I was completely lost. I was a stranger in Uganda, so was not well acquainted with the language. Finally a man who understood Swahili pointed to a trail which led to a Seventh-day Adventist six-teacher school. Joyfully did I push through the tall grass. How happy I was to meet Brother A. M. Muyanga, who with his wife, received me courteously. After a brief visit I left them, longing to return. My immediate officer, an Indian, very kindly allowed me Sabbath privileges, but only as a favour, not officially. He assured me that it would never be officially allowed that I might have freedom on the seventh day.

Now I felt a great need for baptism. While waiting for the one promised by the Voice of Prophecy to visit me, I searched for Pastor F. H. Muderspach, president of the Uganda Mission. Later I was baptized by Pastor Y. B. Bamanya along with nine other candidates. This was on May 28, 1955. I had a great burden for my fellow men and I pleaded with God to take me from my present occupation and allow me to work for the salvation of others. How little did I realize that He was interposing for me according to His own plan!

Between the 10th and the 13th of August, 1955, at the camp-meeting at Nawanende, I was introduced to Pastor E. D. Hanson, president of the East African Union Mission. He told me that he thought there was a place for me on the staff of the newly-organized Voice of Prophecy School in Nairobi. I felt amazed that God should answer my prayers in this way. But many were the trials and temptations that awaited me. My immediate officer pleaded with me to stay by my present employment, otherwise I would lose all my gratuities and bonuses which would amount to about £100. My elder brother pointed out that I would not be able to help my family as before, that I would have no house or land when it was time to retire, that I would not be able to support my wife and children, etc. etc. I prayed for victory over this crisis, and by the grace of God I withstood all opposition.

When my employers saw I would not remain with them, I was released with a loss. With my wife and children I set out for Nairobi empty-handed—no capital savings, no land, no house, nothing. I should have been overwhelmed but for the promises of the God who had led me thus far. I was met in Nairobi by Pastor Hanson and was given a warm welcome into the family of God's workers, where I now happily participate in making known the way of salvation to my fellows. My wife has been baptized. In spite of the acute housing shortage I was able to find a temporary cottage.

Satan has not ceased to stir up opposition against me. My elder brother has constantly been appealing to me to return to my former job.

I appeal to you, my fellow brethren, to join me in prayer that whatever the circumstances, whatever the accusations may be, that the Lord will keep me firm, and give me victory with triumph. May the Lord bless us as we continue in this mighty battle!



Lessons leaving the dispatch room, E. African Voice of Prophecy.

Stimulants

Quotations from students' letters expressing their appreciation.

"By listening to God's servants through these lessons, an impression has been made upon me I will never forget. Words of men are inadequate to express all that the last three months of training have meant to me."

"May the Lord be praised because I have gone through the Bible and I have learned many things that I never would have learned otherwise."

"I would be very glad if you would put me on your prayer list. Could you pray that I may have strength to stop drinking beer and smoking, and that I may be one of the flock of our Lord."

"My wife and I are very happy for the work you have done for us, and we thank God very much for the light He has given us. I assure you that before taking your tuition we were in very great darkness. We could not think the Bible is the wonderful Book as we see it now."

"I am pleased to send you my tithe of £8-1-0."

"I am happy to send my Christmas gift of ten shillings to be used by your mission for the service of God."

"I feel that I am greatly indebted to the Voice of Prophecy. They have worked very hard just for the sake of my soul, without any obligation."

"Our employer has told us to stop

these lessons. I understand clearly that we are not obeying the fourth commandment which is God's, and for that reason, no matter who would come to teach me that Sunday is the Sabbath, I will not believe. That is what we are told but we are not given good reasons as you have given us. I am not frightened, even if I am hated by other people. I know if they had loved Jesus they would not have hung Him on the cross. I am also ready to be crucified with Him."

"I am enclosing herewith stamps to the amount of five shillings, three being for tithe and two for offerings. Please send me a tithe form always on the 25th of the month so that I may send my tithe. . . . If I am persecuted I will be persecuted with my Lord and I will abide in Jesus."

Literature-Evangelism in East Africa

Excerpts from a letter received from J. N. Hunt, Publishing Department Secretary, East African Union, to F. Unger.

October 3, 1957

DEAR BROTHER UNGER:

I have just arrived at the office after one of the most exhausting and most interesting Big Weeks I have ever spent. Pastor Osmunson accompanied me down to the slopes of Kilimanjaro around Moshi and Arusha areas. Both of us travelled more than 1,000 miles trying to reach the European farmers scattered over that vast area.

The Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother Osmunson reported 68 hours and 277 books sold resulting in £553. 16. 3. in orders and £417. 15. 3. in deliveries. My report was 74 hours of work and 324 books sold, with £609. 15. 0. in orders and £446.0.0. in deliveries. This was actually seven long days of canvassing.

Our first morning's canvassing was quite interesting. Brother Osmunson sold an American who is managing a large coffee estate there, a set of Bible Stories with a volume of *The Bible Speaks*, at about 10:30 in the morning. At about 12:30 I met this same gentleman at his home (Brother Osmunson had seen him at his office) and before I left I sold him a set of *Bedtime Stories* and a *God's Answers*. I had a good time teasing Osmunson about not serving his customers properly when

we met that evening. We called on all kinds of people—Germans, Scandinavians, Greeks, Italians, Indians, Africans, including the big chief of the Wachagga who recently returned from America. It was rather interesting to canvass a number of Greek families, and sell them English books, while speaking to them in Swahili.

We met all kinds of road conditions. Dust so bad down to the Sisal estates that I had to use the windshield wiper to get the dust off. Most of the farmers had crop failures with their bean planting this year, and it was an unusually low year in coffee production, but in spite of it all the Lord blessed and gave us success beyond our expectations. We made it our aim of putting some message literature in every home rather than thinking of the sales, and the Lord did the rest."

Your Help Is Requested

ANOTHER important book project, vital to our cause, is under way—the gathering of the testimony of religious leaders not only through the centuries past, but in our day as well—who hold the principle of the unconscious sleep of the dead, with immortality bestowed through Christ as a gift at the resurrection, and/or the ultimate destruction of the finally impenitent wicked.

As will readily be seen, this assemblage, when brought together in completed, logical, and winsome form, will

prove to be of greatest value to us as a denomination, because of our own positions thereon. This fact is becoming conspicuously evident: *We are not alone in this view.* We have already found the writings of hundreds of others—many of them conspicuous, honoured, scholarly leaders—who have preceded us, or who so hold today. And they are scattered through all leading faiths, and over many lands. The significance and helpfulness of this testimony can readily be seen.

Unquestionably some of our workers, not only of North America, *but in our overseas divisions*, have or know of certain books, pamphlets, or periodical articles in our own day (or of the past) that might be secured, which set forth such positions—such as that of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, Eric Lewis of Canada, the late Dr. Emmanuel Petavel of Geneva, Prof. Gerardus van der Leeuw of the University of Groningen, Dr. A. R. Vine, editor of the London *Congregational Quarterly*, Dr. Martin J. Heineken, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, and Daniel R. Davis, Anglican rector of St. Mary's, in Britain.

We urgently need the names and writings of any well-known non-Adventist theologians, and Greek and Hebrew scholars, of the past or present, who have reached their conclusions on the basis of wide research and Biblical evidence. If you know of or find such materials, please do not send them on without first communicating with L. E. Froom, c/o General Conference of Se-

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Hillcrest Hall

S. IOANNOU

1957 is a red-letter year in the history of Hillcrest Secondary School for it is this year that the plans, prayers and hopes of many years have come to fruition. Many must have thought that the dream of having a hall at Hillcrest would never come true—but at last it is now a reality.

Building operations began towards the end of last year. For us at Hillcrest it was possible to follow the day-by-day progress as the building began to take shape.

Although very modern in its design the new hall merges very well with the rest of the school.

In this hall have been incorporated some very practical features such as a kitchen with serving deck opening into the hall, the principal's office, a projection room and two dressing rooms.

The floor of the hall is level and is constructed of the finest Japanese beech wood, making it ideal for gymnastics or indoor sports.

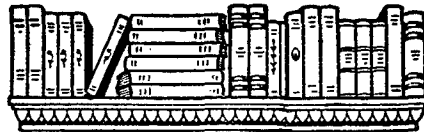
Above the hall is a modern caretaker's flat with a back porch facing a beautiful view of Devil's Peak.

The hall will prove a great help to the community as well as meeting the needs of the school. It is here that the boys and girls will be able to tune their hearts to God, every morning before

Pastor J. B. Cooks giving the official opening address of the Hillcrest Hall, with Brother P. A. Venter interpreting.

beginning their school work. Parents will be able to see what their children can do when the school concert is held. The MV Federation will be able to plan its socials for the young people and the school and churches will hold functions here to meet their commitments.

Hillcrest Hall will very definitely help fulfil the aim as it appears on the school corner-stone "To the Glory of God and the Salvation of our Children".



The Book Shelf

Burning Bushes, by Georgia Cottrell, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1956.

AMONG the books that have interested me lately are several that are "easy to read." They demand no greater effort than a tired man is ready to make at the end of the day. Yet, each in its way may lead to study in one's own mind or in the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy as deep as one cares to make it.

Such is one of the books chosen for the MV Reading Club for 1957. It is *Burning Bushes* by Georgia Cottrell, published in 1956 by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The material dealt with is familiar to every

God's Other Book

WE measure a man's character by the success he has achieved. We judge an architect by the structure he erects. We may know our Father's character also by the things He has made. On the pages of nature's open book we may learn through illustrations of the ever-refreshing loveliness of our Creator's attributes. The



Some of the 400 people attending the opening ceremony.

Adventist, covering as it does, Bible stories such as those of Moses, Joseph, and Esther; and the life and teachings of Our Lord and of His apostle Paul. For the preacher and teacher who wishes to inspire young people it comes as a boon, touching the old truths with imagination and reverence with a breath of freshness and a glow of new light. I quote from page 65: "The light of our own day is breaking upon us, the whisperings of our personal destiny are heard. Our life is before us. . . . The wrappings of the gift that is in us are being loosened, the mystery of our life's purpose is beginning to unfold. The little seed, planted by our Maker, and sleeping for a while, has begun to germinate. . . . The special ability that is to mark our place in life is calling for recognition. . . . A flame of divine fire has been kindled within us, and we are approaching our Burning Bush, where the great I AM will come down and upon that holy ground confirm to us our birthright and send us to perform that which He has put in our hearts to do in His service."

RUTH V. GORLE.

fresh, unstained faces of the flowers testify that God is good.—Beulah Lloyd.

There is a lesson in each flower,
A story for each stream and bower;
In every herb on which you tread
Are written words which, rightly
read,
Will lead you from earth's fragrant
sod,
To hope and holiness and God.
—"The Testimony of the Flowers."

What Hath God Wrought?

W. M. TSHEFU

THE Mafeking-Taung Mission District, situated in the northern part of the Cape Province, has really witnessed great things which the Lord has wrought.

Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38.

The lay preachers, realizing this great task, the critical times ahead of us, the crisis coming upon this world, and the imminence of Christ's coming, felt it their reasonable duty to answer the divine call—"Who will go for us?"

Inspired by instruction given at the recent preachers' councils, these consecrated men were able to buy a projector and slides. They also intend buying an electric projector, which will be used with a new car battery, which they have bought. It is really heart-touching to see these men cycling more than eighty miles every week-end to go and preach the gospel.

Last year Brother J. G. B. Maforah and the writer visited and prayed with a man who was ailing. This year, when we visited him again, he exclaimed when he saw us, "I was just thinking of you. The Lord healed me, and now I want to serve Him!" We all thanked the Lord. Today he is our brother in Christ.

Our church elder at Mafeking, Brother Z. G. Nko, bought a projector and slides and every evening he holds cottage meetings with an attendance of between nine and eleven people. We pray that his labours will be blessed.

May 30 to June 2 of this year will never be forgotten in this district. It was during this time that the first MV rally was held at Mafeking. The Field MV leader, Moruti D. M. Malotle, gave us timely messages and recreation. The youth, during this time of uplifting, felt as never before, to go forward and share their faith. We also thanked the Lord when at our devotional meetings the youth praised the Lord for victories won. We know that the seed sown will germinate, and bring boundless blessings for eternity and lead the youth from victory to victory.

Our church elder at Madibogo, Bro-

ther Solomon Seheri, has created a great interest at Khunwana. As a result we have four new converts there. While just off Pudimoe Station westward, the elder of Manthe church, Brother Stanley Mosimege and some of our preach-

ers have won seven souls to the Lord. Great interests have been aroused at Molelema, Manthe, Taung, Dry Harts and by some of our faithful members of Mafeking at Ganyesa.

Brother Godfrey O'Reilly of Taung bought an electric projector, and is now busy converting a wireless set into an amplifier, which will help in the promulgation of the third angel's message. Just recently, he and Brother R. Crisp with some of our preachers held real revival meetings with the projector at Taung, Manthe and Mogopela, and are now planning to labour for Molelema where the headman and a number of people are showing a real interest in the message.

When at Schweizer-Reneke, one often heard these words from the people, "These two brethren are trying to form their own Sabbath church, Brother S. Mashwa (minister) and Brother D. Moga-gane (evangelist)". Therefore these sayings needed rectification and reconciliation. From the 5th to 7th of July, 1957, we called together all our churches from Vryburg to Taung, with all the companies, to come to Schweizer-Reneke for a combined ordinance service and preachers' council. The response was wonderful. With the trumpet the writer used, the many voices singing the songs of Zion aroused the attention of the whole location. Bands were formed on Sabbath afternoon, to visit from house to house, and make personal invitations to the evening meeting. Using the electric projector loaned to us by Brother G. O. O'Reilly, and the church building loaned to us free of charge, we found the spacious church filled to capacity. Many were standing outside looking through the windows. The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world was portrayed vividly to all, and many lifted up their hands when the appeal was made to open the hearts for the divine Guest. When they were asked how many would like such meetings to be held, they all lifted their hands, some both hands, and with great smiles. Their wishes were answered, for the mission committee has voted that the writer and Brother J. G. B. Maforah hold an effort there.

When we have visited some homes the people have said that we must quickly build a church, and others have said that there will be many converts in this place.

As we see these things we say "What hath God wrought!" Dear reader, kindly pray for the work in this district and especially for the effort that is to be held at Schweizer-Reneke, that many souls in the valley of decision may be gathered into the fold.

"We Stand on Our Knees and Hide Our Faces"

Fifty-six miles from Fort Victoria lives an Adventist family. They are the only Adventists living at Zaka, a little outpost in the bush. Brother van Baart employed on bridge construction by the Government, and his wife have three children—Lynne aged 7, Bonnie aged 5, and Edwin aged 4. Every Sabbath morning the family gather for Sabbath-school out there, and Sister van Baart teaches her little ones to sing and pray and read the lesson just like any other kindergarten Sabbath-school teacher. But . . . there are more than three little ones in her Sabbath-school. There are other smiling faces as well. Children from the few surrounding homes have come in as well. And how wonderful they find all the new and interesting things their teacher has for them. After Sabbath-school they run off home so happy and blessed. One day one of the mothers asked her little one what they did at the Sabbath-school. Unhesitatingly the reply came: "We stand on our knees and hide our faces." Yes, to many little ones Jesus is a new Friend, and prayer is a new experience, because some faithful Adventist brother or sister has opened their homes to the little ones about them.



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From Hither and Yon

Arrivals:

A warm welcome is extended to workers present and new returning from overseas. These include Pastor and Mrs. J. P. Sundquist and their young family. Brother Sundquist has been attending the Institute of Scientific Alcoholic Studies, the MV Golden Jubilee Celebrations, medical cadet camps, and Home Missionary institutes in the United States, while Sister Sundquist visited her parents in England.

Miss Miriam Spinks has returned to the Division office after a break of two years and a half in the Northern European Division. She is once more to become secretary to Pastor W. Duncan Eva.

Two other missionaries returning to our Division field are Miss Maria Haseneder and Miss Dorothy Walter. From 1937-1945, Miss Haseneder served in the Congo Union and at Nokuphila Hospital in Johannesburg. She has recently served as medical Department secretary of the Swiss Union Conference, and will now join the staff of the Songa Mission Hospital.

Miss Walter is to take up the threads of her former work once more at Malimulo Mission Hospital, in Nyasaland, after spending the past six years in the United States.

Returning from overseas furlough and

study leave are Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Robinson, and Pastor and Mrs B. E. Seton and their families. The Robinsons will now be located in Elisabethville where Brother Robinson will take up his new duties as Publishing Department secretary of the Congo Union, and the new home of the Setons will be at the Sentinel Publishing Company, in Kenilworth, Cape.

Furloughs:

MISS HELENA DE VOS from the Voix de l'Esperance in the Congo Union is flying from Elisabethville to her homeland, Belgium, where she will visit her family.

Another furloughed worker is Miss Helen Furber going to Canada to visit her widowed mother. Sister Furber has now completed her third term of faithful service in Southern Africa.

New Arrivals:

A very cordial welcome is extended to Pastor and Mrs F. L. Bell who come to us from the British Columbia Conference. They will join forces with our missionaries in the Congo Union, locating at Gitwe Mission Station. Brother Bell graduated from the Canadian Union College as an honour student and has served in the Publishing Department of the British Columbia Conference and also in active evangelistic work. We wish them rich blessings and rewarding experiences in their work in our Division field.

Erratum

It is regretted that in the September 15 issue of the OUTLOOK, page 8, an error occurred in the heading of the article "As We Think of Tomorrow". The third line should read "... and aims are reflected in these paragraphs." The valued philosophy and aims of our devoted union MV secretaries would never be "rejected" by our readers.

—OFFICE ED.

First Youth Camp

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possible." Another camper who serves as an assistant station director longingly stated, "How I wish I could come back to camp next year, but I am afraid they will tell me that I am too old."

Some of the campers expressed the desire to have youth camps on every mission station; another even suggested they should be held in every district.

It showed us that the camping idea has taken hold with our African young people here. We are now planning for more camps in the future and we hope many of the more than 30,000 young people of the Congo Union will be able to take part.

Your Help Wanted

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venth-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington 12, D.C., U.S.A. In this way we will avoid duplication.

Your co-operation on this important project is earnestly solicited, and will be deeply appreciated.

LEROY EDWIN FROM.

Obituary

MacKenzie, Leonard Walter.

Leonard Walter MacKenzie, aged 29 years, passed away at Salisbury, on Friday, August 23 and was laid to rest on Wednesday, August 28. Pastor D. M. Baird conducted the services in the church and at the graveside.

To his bereaved wife and children, Alan and Jennifer, our heartfelt sympathy is extended.

M. A. F. PIERCEY.

Sunset Calendar for December, 1957

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	7.46	7.51	7.56	7.59
Johannesburg	6.47	6.53	6.58	7.01
East London	7.05	7.10	7.16	7.19
Port Elizabeth	7.18	7.23	7.28	7.31
Bloemfontein	7.03	7.07	7.13	7.16
Pietermaritzburg	6.48	6.52	6.58	7.01
Durban	6.46	6.50	6.54	6.59
Bulawayo	6.34	6.37	6.43	6.46
Lusaka	6.29	6.33	6.36	6.40
Gwelo	6.28	6.34	6.38	6.40
Salisbury	6.19	6.22	6.28	6.31
Blantyre	6.01	6.04	6.10	6.13
Elisabethville	6.23	6.25	6.31	6.34
Nairobi	6.29	6.31	6.35	6.37
Mombasa	6.22	6.24	6.29	6.32
Kisumu	6.35	6.37	6.42	6.45
Kampala	6.43	6.46	6.51	6.54
Dar-es-Salaam	6.28	6.32	6.37	6.39
Tabora	6.51	6.54	6.59	7.01