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*Let us Make This
13th SABBATH OFFERING
the Largest in Our History
as Great as the Victoria Falls
for African Workers' Homes*

We Have Heard . . .

"If something needs to be done ask a busy person to do it," is a truism. Also in the same category is: "If you want a project undertaken enthusiastically by any church, ask a busy, active, one to do it—a church which looks as though it just could not take on one more thing."

We have heard that the Melville church in the Transvaal is just such a one. To help needy projects their juniors are inspanned to work in gardens, wash cars, help the aged, sell *Signs*, and many other activities. Two-thirds of the church juniors are busy and keeping out of mischief.

All the members are working to build a hall, especially for the benefit of the juniors and youth. They are doing the building work themselves to save money. They have also made

themselves responsible for the fees of a theology student at Helderberg.

Now this church, like all our other churches, is faced with something else—a bumper 13th Sabbath offering. Do they think of this as a burden? No! They count it a privilege; and strong plans have been laid towards this end. Families have pledged £5-0-0 (R10.00) but undoubtedly will give more. Working young people who live at home have also taken a goal of £5-0-0 (R10.00).

We know that on their Christmas tree at the end of the year money will hang like full stockings to be used for African workers' homes. We know your church will be with them in supporting this great need in our own Division.—P.H.C.



Heart to Heart

A Friendly Chat with your Division President

Dear Believers throughout Southern Africa:

I have just finished reading a recent issue of the **Review and Herald**. As I read the splendid articles on varied subjects I could not help thinking what a blessing our church paper is! In it I found something for every member of the family from the father down to the youngest child. There were the fine uplifting spiritual articles and editorials for the older members. There were the inspiring mission reports from almost every continent to be enjoyed by young and old alike. It is thrilling to know what God is doing through His church in all parts of the world. What a blessing that the front line workers on the field can share the inspiration of their experiences with the whole Advent family around the world through the columns of the **Review**.

For the young people there is always a special page or two. I enjoy reading the section dedicated to youth problems and stories. This sort of reading should keep us all young. Then, of course, there is always a story or two for the boys and girls. I have even noted some "older boys and girls" enjoying these stories as well.

It may be strange, but through the years I have grown accustomed to reading the **Review** from back to front rather than following the usual approach. I am always interested in the brief reports on the back page. This makes quick and interesting reading and one can, as it were, catch a glimpse of the highlights of our world work here on this interesting last page. Usually these columns include triumphs of the Advent message in various countries and in various departments of the church. Don't miss these!

Then, near the back I am always interested in the News Briefs from the different world divisions (including our own Southern African Division). Since it is not possible to read all the division

papers around the world one can "skim the cream" of the work in these divisions by reading the brief notes in this section.

I am always anxious to get "worker news" in the North American union "News Briefs" as well. Here, one can read of the transfer of various workers and outstanding happenings in the different unions. I like to "keep up with friends in other fields".

One could go on and on selecting items of interest from the whole of each issue of the **Review**. What a blessing our church paper has been to Seventh-day Adventists scattered all over the world for many years. The **Review and Herald** has been a tie to help bind the family of God together! Its spiritual messages, its highly informative articles, its reports on the work of God in all lands, inspire and bind together the members of the Advent Movement in many lands. Every Seventh-day Adventist home where English can be read should be receiving the weekly inspiration and blessing one derives from reading the good old **Review**.

No doubt your pastor or church elder has called the attention of your church to the special subscription rate at which you will be able to subscribe to (or renew your subscription to) our church paper.

I hope, fellow church member and worker, if the **Review and Herald** is not making its weekly visits to **your** home, that you will take advantage of this most generous offer made to us by the **Review and Herald Publishing Association**. We need the **Review** to "keep up" with this world movement of ours. We need the spiritual food it provides in tempting a varied fare from week to week. Don't be without it, please! Speak to your pastor or your Church Missionary Leader, and arrange for your subscription to be entered, and your personal copies will be reaching your home soon!

While I am visiting with you for a few moments today I would like to call your attention to the wonderful Bible Commentaries the **Review and Herald Publishing Association** has provided for us. Every minister, every worker, every church officer, yes, every church member ought to have these 9 volumes in their homes. What a wealth of interesting and helpful material they contain!

Almost every time I use these valuable volumes there is a pleasant surprise in store for me. I discover some new helpful feature I hadn't noticed before. In addition to the comments on most of the verses in the Old and New Testament one finds much valuable information provided. The volumes contain a wonderful series of maps, diagrams, tables, and other helpful features.

At the end of each book one finds supplementary material references to other Ellen G. White comments on various verses and the book under consideration. Then, Volume 7 contains an index in which are comments on Hebrew and Greek words, also a general index. Both are extremely helpful. One can get so much more out of Bible study, the study of the Sabbath-school lessons, and the preparation of talks and sermons with these helpful features.

How thankful we should be to our leaders who have provided such outstanding reading material for the church. We should make more use of our periodicals and books. We should be "reading" Seventh-day Adventists, then we will be "better" Seventh-day Adventists.

May God bless each and everyone of you!

Yours for a Wider Use of our Church papers and books,



Greetings from G. R. Nash

Secretary, General Conference Sabbath School Department

our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 352. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 221.

"To 'Move the World' " is the task God has assigned to us. One of the easiest, and most successful ways of reaching the masses by the members of the church is through branch Sabbath-school evangelism. This is a method all can follow. The members have all been to Sabbath-school and therefore know how to conduct this type of evangelism. The call is a call for 100 per cent participation. Thus, thousands of homes should be contacted each week, and many new centres established.

An Appeal to All Church Members

THE Sabbath-school leaders around the world are putting forth earnest efforts to gather all our church members into the Sabbath-school. This is a most worthy undertaking, and one that should have the full support and active co-operation of every church leader and conference worker in the Advent cause. It should also appeal to every faithful church member. In almost every church there are some church members who are absentees at Sabbath-school. Each missing member is a good reason to support the endeavours of our Sabbath-school leaders in their present efforts.

From the standpoint of scriptural and spiritual training the Sabbath-school is our greatest educational institution. It is also our oldest. Virtually, from the very inception of this movement, the Sabbath-school has played a very important part in the activities of the church. Through the years our people have benefited by the weekly blessings of Sabbath-school attendance. The united study of the Holy Scriptures is of untold benefit to all believers. Furthermore, it is obvious that when one is growing in grace—sanctification—he will love to attend all religious meetings—God's appointments with His people. Naturally this will include the Sabbath-school.

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Meet Our Visitors



PASTOR K. H. EMMERSON is an assistant treasurer of the General Conference, to which post he was called in 1960. Prior to this, he spent twenty years in treasury work in the South and Inter-American Divisions. His visit to our Division is from November 10 to January 10, and he is attending our Division year-end committee session first, followed by union committee meetings.



PASTOR K. FLECK is visiting our Division from the Central European Division. He has spent 30 years in administrative work in Germany, and for the past six years has served as treasurer of that division. He, too, is attending our year-end committees and boards, and brings us special greetings from our leaders, workers, and believers in Germany.

WE regret that Pastor W. E. Murray, a vice-president of the General Conference, has been prevented from visiting our Division this summer. He was to have attended the committee sessions and we were looking forward to his valuable counsel and spiritual ministry in our midst.

THE Lord willing, I plan to arrive in Entebbe, East Africa, on January 14. There I shall join Pastor J. B. Cooks, Sabbath School Department secretary for the Southern African Division, and start an itinerary together that will last approximately two months.

It is planned that institutes be conducted in the various unions of the Division. During these institutes all phases of Sabbath-school work will be covered. Emphasis will be placed on the evangelistic potential of the Sabbath-school organization—particularly branch Sabbath-school work. The messenger of the Lord in the book *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 10, tells us that "The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." Again, on page 61, we are told "The object of Sabbath-school work should be the ingathering of souls."

"The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74. This is our command, our authorization for branch Sabbath-school work.

"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."—*Christian Service*, p. 72. We are to "Carry the Word of God to every man's door."—*Evangelism*, p. 434. "We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are."—*Christian Service*, p. 121. During the time when the early church was making such tremendous progress under the outpouring of the former rain the Scripture says, "they did not for a single day stop teaching . . . in private houses the good news of Jesus, the Christ" (Acts 5:42, Goodspeed).

This will require a mass movement—by ministry and laity. "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising

Around our Unions

Help to Flood Victims

M. J. CHURCH, *H.M. Department Secretary Central African Union*

THE cruel effects of nature were recently experienced by the inhabitants of the Central African Union as a result of an exceptionally heavy rainy season. Incessant downpours loosened large masses of soil and rocks on the precipitous slopes of the Rwanda mountains, burying alive hundreds of men, women, children and animals—victims of an unexpected disaster. This same rain that dislodged the earth and caused the interment of unsuspecting victims swelled the streams and rivers flowing into Lake Kivu and flowed down into the Ruzizi River and on into Lake Tanganyika which, because of inadequate drainage rose to unprecedented heights. The unfortunate inhabitants of the Ruzizi plain bordering on Lake Tanganyika found themselves homeless, the floodwaters having completely inundated the area.

Faced with these merciless disasters within our borders, our Union committee took immediate action to assist in the relief of the unfortunate victims. One hundred blankets were purchased and put at the disposal of the disaster relief committee founded by the Burundi Government. Following is a letter of appreciation received from the president of the King Mwambutsa Fund:

"Dear Sir,

In the name of the Ruzizi plain victims who were so cruelly affected by the inundations, I take pleasure in heartily thanking you for your contribution of one hundred blankets.

This generous gesture permitted us to effect a greatly appreciated distribution to A.C.A.F., Ngagera, where these miserable ones have sought refuge.

I beg of you to kindly convey to your fellow workers the sentiments of my profound gratitude.

(Signed) G. Nkishimana*

President of the King Mwambutsa Fund."

We were sincerely happy to be able to help those in need, and we can never know what value such contacts can have for the good of the work. We appreciate the liberality of the Division in allowing

us funds for the relief work which is so much a part of our faith.

* The name means "I owe my existence to God."

Opening of New Hospital Block at Kanye

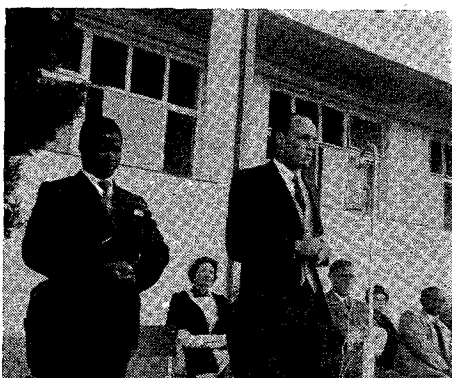
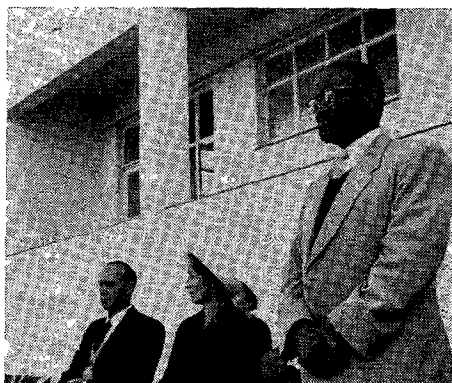
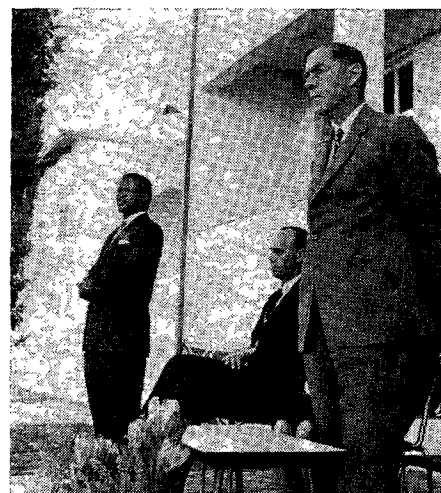
By THELMA OGREN, *Matron*

RECENTLY much emphasis has been placed on the four aspects of our work; i.e. physical, mental, moral, and spiritual uplift among Christians who await our Master's second coming. We are admonished to expand and strengthen our work in the counsel Mrs. White gave us as a people many years ago, "occupy until the Lord comes". In 1960, with the raising of educational standards, it was felt that Kanye Hospital Training School for nurses should meet the need for better trained graduates in the nursing profession. With this in view, plans were laid to increase the hospital bed capacity and bring the existing medical-surgical units up to the standards laid down by the High Commission Territories Nursing Council. In January 1962 ground was prepared and the new 100-bed block was begun.

About eighteen months later, a group of sponsors, speakers, and friends gathered in front of the block to take part in the opening exercises. The day was warm and sunny and smiles were on the faces of all who saw the unit for the first time. His Honour, the Resident Commissioner, Mr. R. P. Fawcus, was the guest of honour, and he officially opened the building and laid the cornerstone. He thanked the missions of Bechuanaland for their substantial medical help in the Protectorate. This had amounted to one-third of the total medical hospital services and one-half of the total out-patient work. He spoke of the original plans to supplement hospital services in the territory after the closing of Moffat Hospital, the second mission hospital in Kanye which operated from 1949 to 1959. He also mentioned how repeatedly and persistent-

ly Chief Bathoen had urged the government to assist. The Government at first suggested that we operate Moffat Hospital; but because of difficulties in connection with two campuses, it was felt that the added beds must be on our present ground, and plans were started to find the finances to undertake this proposition.

Other speakers were Dr. C. J. Birkenstock, the medical director of the hospital, who welcomed all and thanked the various groups and organizations for their contributions toward the erection of the building. The total cost of the building amounted to £40,000, of which the government contributed £17,000, the Na-



His Honour the Queen's Commissioner,
R. P. Fawcus, Esq., C.M.G.
Chief S. G. Bathoen, C.B.E.
Dr. C. J. Birkenstock.

tive Recruiting Corporation £9,000 and the Indian community £5,000. Dr. Birkenstock gave credit to Mr. George Summerton, the contractor, for the erection of such a fine building at a cost as low as £400 per bed as compared with an average cost of £1,000 per bed in the Republic of South Africa, and £1,500 in England. We are very grateful to Brother Summerton and his workers for their tireless work on the building which made it possible for the opening exercises to be held on time.

Other speakers were Dr. M. H. Shaffner, Medical secretary of the Southern African Division, who spoke on behalf of the Church and Mr. G. Arbe who gave thanks from the Indian community. Chief Bathoen graciously thanked the government and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for making the new building a reality and urged that the present medical aid rendered to his people not lose any of its love and devotion, but rather be enlarged by each individual member of the hospital staff. Each speaker made mention of the part Dr. Jack Hay had played in the beginnings of this block.

The building itself is of two storeys. The upper floor houses maternity cases and provides delivery and labour rooms and the nursery. There is also a private section with 7 two-bed wards, each room opening onto a common veranda overlooking the valley below. The first or ground floor has the women's medical and surgical units, and four separate private rooms similar to those of the upper storey. The doctor's private examination suite is at the entrance of the private section on the ground floor.

The 300 guests at the opening included Dr. R. Thomas and Matron Johnson from the Scottish Livingstone Hospital of Molepolole, Dr. Standing and Matron Barnes from Athlone Hospital in Lobatsi, Mrs. Fawcus, wife of the Resident Commissioner, the District Commissioner, Mr. and Mrs. D. Atkins, Dr. H. M. Shaffner and Pastor T. M. Ashlock from the S.A. Division, Mr. J. Baker from the Zambesi Union, Mr. Chand an Indian representative from the Legislative Council, Mr. Matsetsi from Gaberones, and other visitors from Lobatsi, and Ramoutsa. A good representation was present from Kanye itself.

After the various groups were escorted through the building by members of the staff, they were served light refreshments by Mrs. C. J. Birkenstock, Mrs. G. Willmore, and their helpers.

The building is not quite ready for occupancy yet as the new borehole water supply has not yet been laid on to the wards. It will be a great day when in a

month or so patients can be transferred to this department and actual nursing care be given in the new situation. May we not lose sight of the purpose for which the building was begun, and may we give love and devotion to the people on our doorsteps as Christ would do and as our chief has suggested.

Team Work

JOHN G. KERBS, *Publishing Department Secretary, South African Union Group II*

THOUGH a literature-evangelist is a specialist in the sale of gospel literature, he ever bears in mind that he is a member of a large team of workers for God.

For the past ten weeks, Brother Isaac Medupe and Sisters Maggie van der Merwe and Mirriot Tsotsi have been preparing the way for an evangelistic campaign in the city of De Aar, Cape Province. These faithful literature-evangelists have been willing to leave their homes to work in this city so that the efforts of the pastor, who will hold the evangelistic meetings, will be more fruitful. During their time there, they have worked more than one thousand hours and placed at least five hundred truth-filled books in the homes of non-Seventh-day Adventists. In addition to this, they have given away free literature, prayed in more than one hundred and fifty homes, and enrolled more than fifty people in the Bible Correspondence Course. More than thirty Bible studies have been reported by this group of workers and they have found approximately 25 people who are already willing to attend church services.

Surely, with team work like this, there will soon be a great harvest of souls in De Aar.

Church Development in Southern Rhodesia

By SIMEON B. DUBE, *President, Southern Rhodesia Field*

THERE is a great awakening in Southern Rhodesia for the building of better churches. For some time after the Church Development program was launched our members could not understand why they needed better churches, but after patient teaching and explanations the idea has firmly taken root. We are happy to tell you that today our people have a completely new outlook. Our goal for churches to be dedicated during 1963 is 10, and of these we have already dedicated



Sr. Mirriot Tsotsi, Isaac Medupe, and Sr. Maggie van der Merwe.

3. But by checking my list I see we have 12 churches which, by the help of God, we want to dedicate before the end of this year besides the three churches that have already been dedicated. If this plan succeeds, then we will have a total of 15 newly dedicated churches for this year.

On August 3, we were very happy to dedicate one of our most beautiful little churches, in a town called Shabani where asbestos is mined. The pastor had invited quite a number of the personnel from the nearby companies, and the little church was filled to capacity for the dedicatory service.

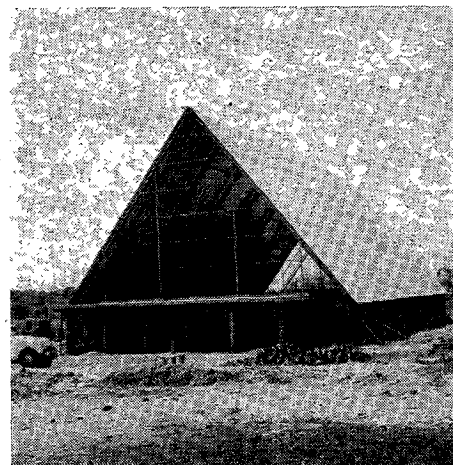
The history of this church is interesting. Early in 1962 we approached the Shabani Town Management Board office in the African township to ask for a new church site because the one we had was damp and dirty. The superintendent of the township said he knew our Church and our people, and he wondered why we had been given such an inferior site.

"Where do you want your church to be located?" he inquired; and I pointed to a site which we believe would be a good one. We made our official application for this new site and we were then asked how much money we had in hand. Unfortunately we did not have the stipulated amount and feared we might lose the site. The superintendent seemed anxious for the Seventh-day Adventist church building to be on the better site and when he understood our financial position, he suggested the name of someone whom he thought might stand security for us. This gentleman kindly wrote a letter to the Town Management Board agreeing to be our security, and we were allowed to transfer to the better and healthier site.

The building work commenced in January 1962 and the church building was finally finished and ready for dedication in August this year. We are looking forward to the time when many more churches will be dedicated. May the Lord continue to bless His work throughout all of Southern Rhodesia.

**Members, Visitors and Officiating Leaders
at Dedication of Shabani Church,
Southern Rhodesia.**

**Right: Mpopoma Evangelistic Centre
under construction near Bulawayo.**



**P. H. and T. M. Field Station
Report**

By P. W. DYSINGER, M.D.

AN old English proverb states that "the proof of a pudding is in the eating." This is certainly true of a school program—the students are the reason for a school's existence and the graduates are the only proof of the school program. Because of the interest of those who helped finance the first years of the Heri Health Course, the interest of the teachers, and to be better able to answer the many questions as to how the graduates can best fit into the already organized work of the church, a safari was made to visit the first graduates of the Health Course.

The safari began on June 6 and took those participating—Dr. Jack Zwemer, staff member of the Loma Linda University Division of Public Health, Mrs. Paul C. Dysinger, instructor in the program for the student wives, and P. W. Dy-

singer, M.D., present director of the Loma Linda University Field Station at Heri—all the way around Lake Victoria. Besides making an evaluation, the purpose of the trip was also to counsel and encourage the graduates and to provide them with some health teaching aids.

There were eleven students in the 1962 class—the first year of the Health Course. These consisted of two hospital workers, four teachers, four pastors or evangelists, and one housewife-teacher. As these have returned following graduation, they are working as follows: one of the hospital workers is a dresser in an isolated dispensary and the other is acting as a hospital laboratory technician; two of the teachers have returned to teaching Standard 4 in primary schools, but the other two teachers were re-assigned as district evangelists. Of the four pastors and evangelists, two have been appointed as field departmental secretaries—one as a publishing secretary and the other in charge of Sabbath-schools, temperance, and evangelism in his field, another is working as a district pastor

and another as a mission station director. The one woman graduate is occupied as mother and housewife.

Since the Heri Health Course has not had as its purpose the preparation of a new type of worker, none of the graduates were assigned their position on the basis of their health study. Evaluation took this into consideration. In large part, any health teaching done was above and beyond their regular duties. We do not mean to infer that the employing agencies discouraged health teaching; in fact, we were well pleased at how often their leaders were assigning graduates to specific health teaching assignments. Nonetheless, as would be expected in a new program, the amount of use made of what was taught in the Health Course was dependent mostly on the individual initiative of the graduates. All, so far as we could determine by talking with the graduates and others, were satisfactorily performing their regularly assigned duties.

Just as the group differs widely, so does the way in which they are utilizing their newly-acquired knowledge. The dresser states he never treats a preventable illness now without pointing out how the illness could have been prevented and money saved to the patient. The other hospital worker is actively working in a community health improvement program, including active assistance in community health schools. The two teachers are both teaching health to others in their schools in addition to their regular teaching. One of the teachers has initiated a fruit-tree planting project among his students and is active in Sabbath-school work where he, among other things, teaches a course in the Spirit of prophecy each Sabbath. The other teacher is elder of his local church and has a active program going in it. In addition, he has been teaching a local health class and assisting in a prevention of disease program in his

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Season's Greetings

The Editorial Staff of the OUTLOOK sends warm seasonal greetings to all our readers. It is our earnest prayer that during the coming year, all of us will experience, in greater measure, the overshadowing love of the Father, the near presence of the Saviour, and the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit. May we be inspired and energized to greater achievements for the Master.—Ed.

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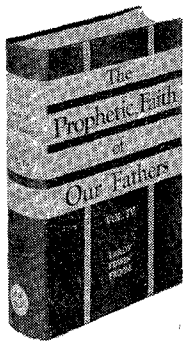


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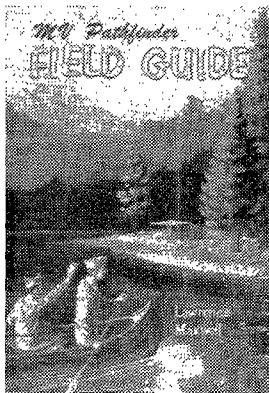
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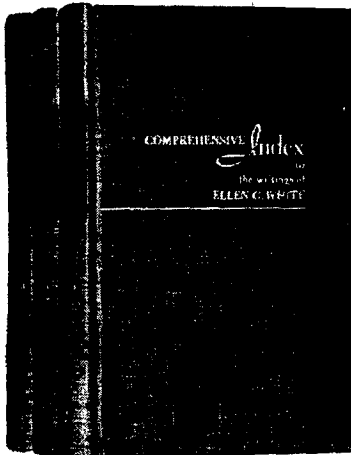


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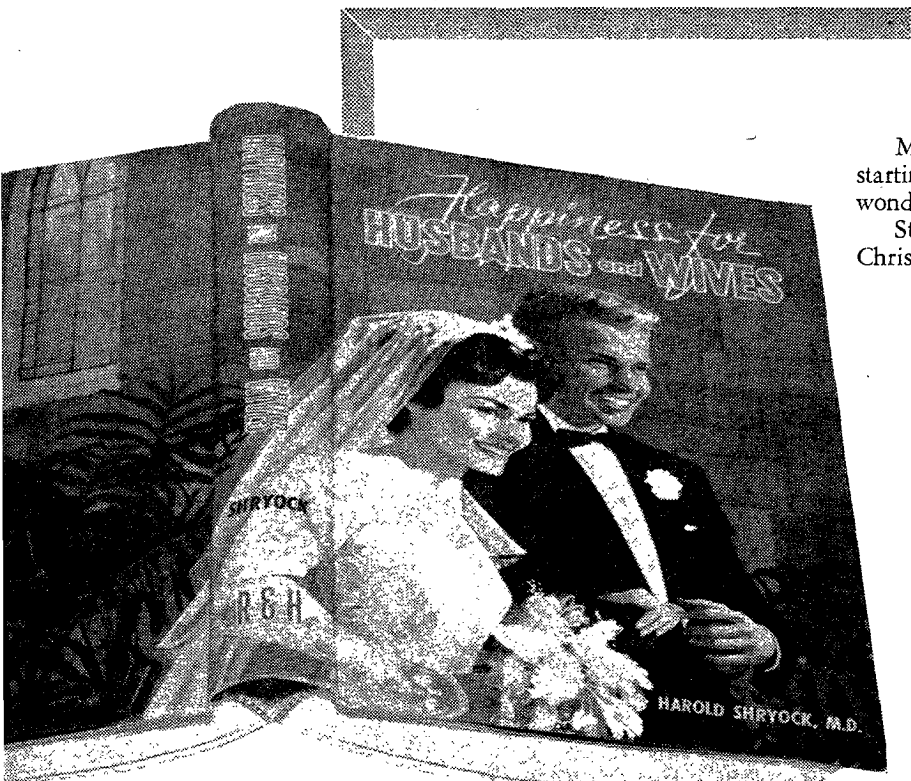
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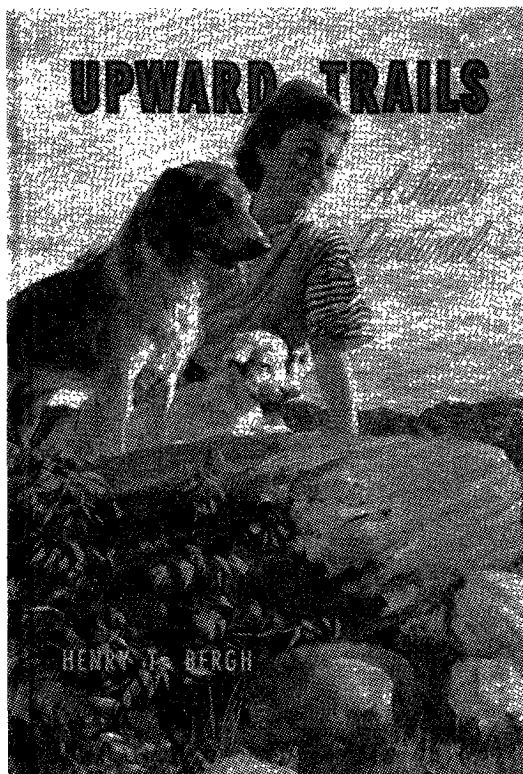
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local dispensary. He will also be accompanying his field president to camp-meetings to do health teaching there.

The pastors are using their knowledge in two ways: 1) in work for the improvement of the health of our own church members, and 2) to help get new converts through evangelism. One evangelist and one department secretary have each held efforts in which they combined the teaching of health with the usual subjects. Their experience shows that health education does much to break down prejudice. Both had good success where previous efforts have had little. In one difficult area, 66 souls took their stand for Christ as the result of the medical evangelism. The other pastors and evangelists have active programs within their churches and districts and have special plans for camp-meetings. Several testified that it was impossible for them to supply the demand for their services as health teachers. Not only have the graduates found people interested, but they report success in getting people to change their customs and habits towards more healthful living. For example, with their encouragement, people have begun boiling their drinking water where it comes from impure sources. Other health educators have reported this as an extremely difficult thing to get people to do. The recognition of health as a part of religion no doubt makes the difference.

The work the wives are doing appeared to be outstanding, somewhat unexpectedly so. All are active in either children's Sabbath-school teaching or some form of Dorcas work. Several are holding regular sewing and health classes, including the teaching of cooking and nutrition. A large amount of goodwill has been built up

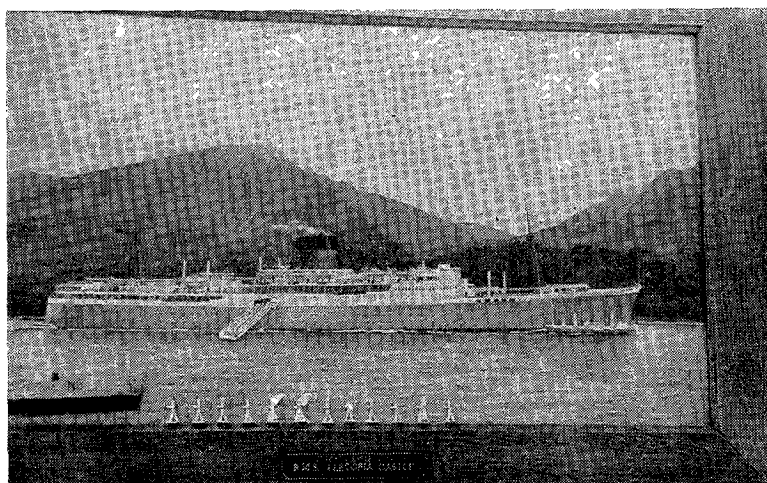
by the use of simple water treatments for the simpler and more common illnesses. After this contact with the graduates, no longer can the teaching of the wives be placed secondary to that of their husbands. Their place of importance in the work being done is first rank.

Finally, it was very gratifying to see the alert mentality and good health of the graduates and their families. All testified to enjoying better health than they had prior to their study. This, of course, is as it should be in a health course. Too often teachers of health are in poor health themselves. One's example in this, as in other things, speaks much louder than words.

As we completed our more than 1800 mile safari through the eight fields in Tanganyika and East Africa where the graduates are working, several things impressed us. One was the good health and example seen in each family. Another was how well each has been accepted in his community and the apparent eagerness to learn from him. Thirdly, the importance of the wives as members of a team was strongly manifested. Fourthly, we were happy to see that the graduates'

enthusiasm for teaching health had increased rather than decreased following graduation. Finally, we were well impressed by the initiative shown in devising so many different ways of putting their teachings into practice. If there had been doubts about the value of health education, they could not but be dispelled by what was seen and heard.

Several ideas for the improvement of the Health Course curriculum were gleaned and plans have begun to spread more widely the effects of the course than can be done by teaching ten or a dozen students each year. It is hoped and planned that field institutes in health can be started in the near future. Thought is also being given to correspondence courses in health, designed especially for the conditions in Africa. The privilege and challenge of helping "to restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized" (*Education* pp. 15, 16), is more real to those connected with the Heri Health Course than it was before this 1963 safari.

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AN effective device was used recently in the Salisbury Sabbath-school. The superintendent, Mrs. Murray Kitto, explained it to me in this way: The ocean steamer, pictured above, is at anchor waiting to take missionaries across the sea to their appointments in foreign lands. The launch, in the left hand corner, is waiting to take the missionaries to the steamer, and the missionaries, 12 of them, are waiting to board the launch, provided their passage fare is paid by the Sabbath-school members reaching their weekly goal. If the 13th Sabbath offering goal is reached the launch, with

the missionaries on board, takes them to the steamer to set out for mission lands. The missionaries include a mission station director, a doctor, 2 nurses, an evangelist, 2 Bible instructors, a school principal, 2 teachers, a pastor, and an assistant pastor.

In the Salisbury Sabbath-school all of the missionaries were able to board the launch, and on 13th Sabbath the launch was able to take them to the waiting steamer, because the weekly and the 13th Sabbath offering goals were reached.

—Ed.

Heathen People Yield to Christ, Burn Their Old False Gods

H. KULABA—as told to R. J. Wieland

THE Buyinda branch Sabbath-school is very small. As the evangelist of the Kaliro church, it is my duty to visit the little branches here and there. How often I have longed to see the numbers of believers in the branch Sabbath-schools grow!

Planning to visit Buyinda one Sabbath, I asked our believers there to invite their friends and neighbours to the Sabbath service. Our people showed a willing and co-operative spirit, and brought some visitors. The Lord helped me to preach a sermon on the subject, "How Sin Enters Into the Life of Man; and How Jesus Saves From Sin." At the close of the sermon I asked if any one was willing to renounce the sins of the world, and to yield himself to follow Christ.

An old man about 60 years of age stood up. It is not easy to teach a man of that age; but he joined the baptismal class to prepare to join the body of Christ.

Three months later I visited Buyinda again. On this Sabbath, I preached about the helplessness of false gods, as I knew that many people in this part of Uganda still are bound to dark superstitions. This old man again stood up, and asked a question. "What can I do about the old gods which I have inherited from my

grandmother and grandfather?" I asked him to bring them to me.

In his collection, there were (1) *Kalumba*, the old Busoga god who keeps the home; (2) *Lujingo*, the god who prevents sickness in the home; and (3) *Ntakwe*, the god who helps fishermen to catch many fish. He also brought a pack of cigarettes which he wished to destroy. I told the old brother that we would keep the collection until his baptismal day during the coming camp-meeting at Iganga, when we would burn them all. He agreed.

At the camp-meeting, a woman also came from Buyimba, who had been a consulter of familiar spirits. She too had a collection of charms and "gods" which she wanted to contribute to the fire. Not only has she given her heart to the Lord, but her four daughters wished to do the same. One was baptized with her.

After the baptismal service at the river two miles from Iganga, we all returned to the church. Gathering at dusk after the day's meetings, we brought the collection of old Uganda gods, and burned them. Now we ask that you will pray for these new believers that they may "grow up" into Christ, and not remain mere babes in spiritual understanding. It is not easy for an old man to "grow up"; but this dear old brother wants to live to bring glory to the Lord who died for him upon the cross.

Aren't you glad that the believers at Buyinda responded so willingly to their evangelist's plea to invite their friends and neighbours to the Sabbath services?

enthusiasm of these members, also donated much of their time and labour in helping the people complete their churches.

When the work was nearing completion, target dates for the dedications were set: June 29 for Saiwa church and June 30 for Mcere church. At this juncture, Pastor A. Bristow, president of the South Nyasa Field worked out a program for the dedication service. An invitation letter was circulated to our ministerial workers in South Nyasa and Ruw Fields. Our Division president, Pastor R. H. Pierson, and the Division Church Development secretary Pastor J. A. Birkenstock were also invited to attend our first dedication.

The door and window opening ceremony was assigned to various people. The Division president unable to attend, sent his donation to open the front door which ceremony was assigned to him. The back door was to be opened by Pastor N. L. Doss, the Union president. Pastor J. A. Birkenstock was asked to remove the piece of cloth which covered the name of the church on the sign post. The windows were divided amongst the doctors, pastors, officers and heads of institutions. We also provided special seats for some of our workers. We regarded this to be an honour to these people, and with this honour we asked a donation of money according to the honour we gave to each one.

The day of dedication for each of these churches was a happy occasion. Members and visitors gathered and filled both churches to the door. During the service, the writer gave a scripture reading on 2nd Chron. 6:14-42. The local church leaders gave the history of the church. The dedication sermon was given by Pastor J. A. Birkenstock, and Pastor A. Bristow led out in the act of dedication followed by a dedication prayer offered by Pastor N. L. Doss.

An attractive placard on reverence in the house of God, stressing that dedicated churches be used to the honour and glory of God, was explained and presented by the writer. This placard will hang in the vestibule of each church. The donations received from the "Opening Door and Window" ceremony and the offering from the congregation amounting to £40, will be used for church furniture. After congregational singing, the meeting closed with prayer by an elder of the church.

We in the Nyasaland Union are glad to see our labours in church building work come to fruition. We believe that this is a foretaste of many more churches that will soon be ready for dedication.

Church Dedications in Nyasaland Union

F. A. BOTTOMANI, *Church Development Department Secretary, Nyasaland Union*

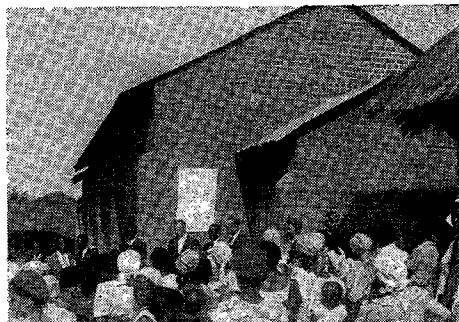
THE Church Development Department was launched in this union in 1960, and a strong program of fund raising and

labour donating has resulted in the completion and dedication of two churches already this year. More dedications are expected before the year ends.

Pastor W. Luwani of the Mcere church, and Evangelist W. Makandanje of the Saiwa church, with their members, determined to complete their churches this year. Pastors A. Bristow and J. C. Schoonraad, inspired by the zeal and



Mcere Church Dedication.



Saiwa Church Dedication.

The Prayer Closet

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

"O Lord, open Thou mine eyes. Cure my blindness, that I may see past the tall buildings of cities and perceive the souls thereof. . . . Let me see beyond the quick satisfaction of hate to the long joy of forgiveness. Let me see beyond appetite to the pleasure of self-control. Let me see beyond greed to the luxury of giving. Past gold to the treasures of contentment. Widen my horizon. Give me largeness of heart. . . . Let me see past the night to the renewing dawn; past gloom to glory, past death to eternal life, past the finite to the infinite; past men and things and events to God."

DR. FRANK CRANE, *Four Minute Essays*, vol 9, p. 73.

Quoted in *Morning Manna*, p. 327, by A. A. Esteb.

Idjwi Island Responds to the Gospel

P. G. WERNER

FROM our Ngoma Mission Station I had often looked across the wide expanse of beautiful Lake Kivu to the distant mountains of Idjwi island and felt a strong desire to visit there. This long-felt wish was finally to be fulfilled during this year's camp meeting season.

The mission motor boat was out of repair, so the travelling party, consisting of the West Rwanda Field president, his Home Missionary and Education Dept. secretaries, and the writer, crossed to the island by canoe at the southern tip where the island lies close to the mainland. From there we were paddled in one of the commonly used dugouts for 8 hours along the eastern bank of the island to the northern section, where the majority of our church members live. Forty minutes walk brought us in the afternoon to the church. Here the district leader has his home. We were pleased to meet again one of the teachers, a man of the local Havu population, whom we had helped a few years ago to study at the Seminary, in order to better prepare some of the indigenous workers from the island itself. With the exception of two, the workers on the island are all African missionaries from the Rwanda mainland.

Idjwi belongs geographically to the great Congo, but its mission work is directed by the West Rwanda Field of the Central African Union. Under the old German administration of Rwanda and Burundi the island was at one time part of Rwanda, but in the course of

some border arrangements it was handed over to the then Belgian Congo. Since it lies closer to the Rwanda side, its population and economy have, however, always been closely linked with Rwanda, and so our workers took the Advent message there in the middle forties, not many years after the work was started at Ngoma Mission itself. The larger part of the population belongs to the Havu tribe; another segment are Rwanda people who have moved there in years gone by. More recently many refugees from Rwanda have made their home there. From the beginning our message has found a ready response among this Rwanda segment, as has also been the case on the Rwanda mainland. Only quite recently have converts from the Havu people come forward in increased numbers.

On Sabbath and Sunday we had pleasant camp-meetings with our people. About 1000 attended on the main day. During our return trip on Monday we held two further meetings in the southern section of Idjwi under a large shady tree right at the water's edge. Here about 400 people attended. In both sections about 80 people responded to the altar calls made. It was gratifying to observe that more than half the new converts came from the Havu tribe. It seemed to us that the presence of the many Rwanda people on the island has acted as some kind of leaven among the Congolese population. Their example in responding willingly and in large numbers, has now also induced the Havu people to come forward in the same measure.

Incidentally this occasion was the second series of camp-meetings held this year in both the northern as well as the southern section. Due to a changed date

and lack of fast communication, camp-meetings were already held there 3 weeks before under the energetic leadership of the local district leader. Some 80 other people had then also responded to the calls to follow Jesus. The work has measurably gone forward since the arrival of the new district leader two years ago.

Much poverty and actual distress was seen among the Congolese people of the island and among the many Rwanda refugees there. A great need exists for clothing and medical supplies. It is hoped that some means of relief can soon be brought to these suffering people.

For our return trip we were given the use of a diesel freight boat by one of our members on the island. This brother was formerly one of our teachers, but is now a prosperous trader. Because several of our missionaries had assisted him, in times past, we were now privileged to travel comfortably and fast across the wide expanse of the open lake right to our Ngoma Mission Station. The camp-meeting trip had been for me personally a pleasant come-back to the Congo. It was also a pleasant foretaste of what the gospel can still accomplish in the future in that great land.

Rewards of a Long Journey

G. MBWANA,
Tabora District Leader

It took a journey of over 700 miles, travelling on 10 different buses, 3 land-rovers, 2 lorries and a bicycle, to visit the four Voice of Prophecy students in my area. I thank the Lord that he kept me safe on all the lonely roads, and in the strange places through which I travelled.

Mr. Aron, an evangelist of another mission organization, is so happy that he has received additional light on Bible truths. He is interested in accepting the Bible Sabbath, but wants more time to study. He and his wife are happy with what they have learned.

Stefano was very happy to see me as he had been waiting for a long time for a visit. He is ready for baptism and has a great desire to become a literature-evangelist. He wants his fellow tribesmen to learn the truth as it is taught in the Bible.

Ruben, the servant of a certain mission family, is a very good man who is now studying the Advanced Bible Course. He is finding it difficult to make a decision on the Sabbath as he works for people

on a mission where they keep Sunday. After earnest prayer together, I left him, trusting that the Lord might give him the strength to make the right decision.

The fear of his parents still holds Origen back from accepting all our truths. He needs more help and personal encouragement.

Even though I am home again after many troubles and difficulties, my heart is back with the men I visited. Pray with me that the Lord will help these men in their decisions. They are encouraging their friends to take the Bible Course too. I pray that many will accept the truth for the last days.

"Love so Amazing"



F. E. POTTER

Editor's Note:

(Many of our readers may remember Brother F. E. Potter, and will rejoice to know of his renewed allegiance to the Lord and His truth.—Ed.)

THIRTY-SEVEN years ago I accepted the faith and began colporteur evangelism. After a short while I was appointed Field Missionary secretary to the Cape Conference, later to the Union Conference, and afterwards as Publishing Department secretary to the Southern African Division, serving 13½ years in all.

During the latter two years of my service I was under constant buffeting by Satan through one who was near to me. Instead of seeking the Lord for strength to bear the trial, I relied on my own efforts. The result—failure, and I drifted back into the world again.

The 1939 war broke out a few months later. I joined the Forces and rank by rank rose from Private to Major and was released at the cessation of hostilities.

Back in civilian life I entered into the usual round of worldly pleasures—theatres, cinemas, drinking, smoking, et cetera. My home life was not a happy

one and little by little I turned to drink to brighten my days. The years went by and during them I gave no thought to the Lord. I never entered a church. I never uttered one prayer. I lived for self only as I had done through the long years before my acceptance of the faith in 1926.

The time came when I began to realize the tight hold that liquor had over me. I made many attempts to give it up, but failed.

One night I knelt beside my bed and in simple language begged the Lord to release me from the curse of drink. I promised Him that if He did I would follow Him again and, by His grace, remain with Him to the end.

The next morning I went about my work and when my first customer asked me to join him in a drink I found that my appetite for liquor had completely disappeared. I ordered a soft drink and suffered my customer's ridicule. That was over six years ago and up to this day no liquor of any kind has passed my lips, nor have I ever had any desire to take any.

Shortly after this I gave up cigarette smoking and have never touched a cigarette since.

Then I decided to keep my promise to the Lord in earnest. I commenced attending church, began paying tithe and offerings, relinquished cinema going, gave up questionable health habits and, on May 11, 1963 was baptized in the Central church, Johannesburg, by Pastor E. C. Webster.

"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all." Yes, love that followed me all through my selfish life, all through my back-sliding years and, near the end of my unprofitable life, draws me gently into His fold again without a word of censure.

Yes, by His grace, He *shall* have my life, my soul, my all, and I shall walk beneath His sheltering arms until I meet Him when He comes to gather His own very soon.

F. E. POTTER.

A Recent Book Reviewed

By S. G. MAXWELL

THE RADICAL REFORMATION—

George H. Williams. Wiedenfeld and Nicolson, 20 New Bond Street. London W.1.

IF you think you know all about the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, then you should read this book, for Dr. Williams, in his 865 pages, will convince you otherwise. It is clearly

shown that the revolt of Luther, Zwingli and others against the established church and the efforts of that body to regain lost ground in the Counter Reformation was paralleled by another revolt by thousands of conscientious Christians who felt that the Magisterial Reformation had not gone nearly far enough and that the intrusion of the state into the realms of conscience and doctrinal expression was to be opposed.

Those responsible for this Radical Reformation are usually referred to as visionaries, schismatics and heretics, yet the motive behind a large majority was true sincerity. It is a privilege to get acquainted with them and to appreciate their beliefs, sacrifices, missionary endeavours and their futile attempts at unity.

As sect after sect arises in the different lands of Europe one is intrigued to find that many of our "peculiar" beliefs were held four hundred years ago. The majority urged adult baptism by immersion and man's unconscious state in death was commonly believed. The separation of church and state and the believer's position as a non-combatant were stressed. All looked forward to the speedy coming of the Millennium. Some kept the seventh-day Sabbath. Mention is made of one disputant who "took up the task of refuting the seventh-day adventism (Sabbatarianism) espoused by Hut's disciple, Oswald Glait".

While there were anti-Trinitarians among them and a few resorted to arms, the greatest tragedy was their inability to unite their beliefs. If only the unifying influence of the Spirit of prophecy as manifested in the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had been found among them what a different epoch of history might have been written.

But their witness and sacrifices were not in vain. Many a Christian denomination today can trace back some of its particular beliefs to these despised sectarians. We can agree with Dr. Williams when he states, "The Radical Reformation was a tremendous movement at the core of Christianity during the threescore years following Luther's three great Reformation tracts of 1520."

Once into the history you will not want to put the volume down. But be sure to have a dictionary by your side, (a pocket size will not do). Your vocabulary will be the richer by several hundred words.



Sunset Calendar for January 1964

	3	10	17	24	31
Cape Town	8.01	8.00	7.58	7.56	7.50
Johannesburg	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.03	6.59
East London	7.20	7.20	7.17	7.16	7.10
Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.32	7.30	7.28	7.22
Bloemfontein	7.18	7.17	7.15	7.15	7.10
Pietermaritzburg	7.03	7.02	7.01	7.00	6.55
Durban	7.01	7.00	6.58	6.58	6.53
Bulawayo	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.45
Lusaka	6.44	6.44	6.45	6.44	6.43
Salisbury	6.33	6.34	6.34	6.34	6.31
Gwelo	6.43	6.44	6.44	6.43	6.42
Blantyre	6.16	6.16	6.17	6.18	6.16
Umtali	6.30	6.31	6.32	6.31	6.30
Elisabethville	6.36	6.37	6.38	6.40	6.39
Nairobi	6.42	6.44	6.45	6.47	6.48
Mombasa	6.36	6.37	6.39	6.41	6.41
Kisumu	6.50	6.51	6.53	6.56	6.57
Kampala	6.58	7.00	7.02	7.05	7.04
Dar-es-Salaam	6.43	6.43	6.44	6.47	6.46
Tabora	7.06	7.07	7.09	7.10	7.10

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Editor's Note:

(Recently, our Maxwell Preparatory School, under the able principalship of Mrs. A. H. Brandt, put on a combined investiture and school concert. One eyewitness described it as "an excellent performance of a very high standard". We wish we could have attended.—ED.)



As early as 7 p.m. on the night of the 26th September the parents and friends of the children at Maxwell Preparatory School arrived for a special evening. This was the night when the staff and students were to hold a combined school and Investiture program.

At 7:25 p.m. all was quiet as the parents and friends silently awaited the moment when the Principal would make an appearance. But no! At 7:30, at the sound of a trumpet the students marched to the tune of "When the Juniors go Marching By", from the back of the church and onto the rostrum. It was a thrill to see the young people marching so straight through the audience and onto the platform.

The Principal, Mrs. P. Brandt made the opening remarks welcoming the parents and friends to the combined program of the Maxwell Preparatory School. The program was entitled the "Pageant of Missions", in which the young people representing 10 different

countries, portrayed how during the dark ages the youth of Scandinavia took up the preaching of the Gospel, when their parents were forbidden to preach. They showed how the work spread from country to country and how that today the Gospel is being preached in almost all the countries and Islands of the sea.

The program again brought to us parents the need to reconcile our lives to God and to do all we can to hasten His coming. It left no doubt in the minds of friends who attended how God had protected and cared for His work and workers through many difficulties.

At the Investiture service all the students from the school were invested and also received vocational honours for the work they so faithfully did during the year.

We are proud of our young people here in East Africa and look forward to seeing many more boys and girls invested in the near future.

by E. W. Bradbury



MUSIC EXAMINATION FIRSTS

ONE of the cultural attractions of the progressive Maxwell Preparatory School in Nairobi is its Music Department.

In the recent Music Festival of Kenya, our school averaged the highest number of entries in the colony and was awarded a proportionately high number of first and second prizes. Three of our young competitors were invited to play on television and others in public concerts.—We are proud of our young musicians.

D. C. BEARDSSELL.



Front, l. to r. James Astleford, Leif Lind, Wayne Brandt.

Back, l. to r. Peter Brandt, Shirley-Ann Brandt.