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CHANGE of NAME for the DIVISION

Now:

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

At the time of its organization in 1922 our field was known as the African Division. Subsequently, in recognition of the interests in Africa of other divisions the name was changed to SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION. For some months now the Division Committee, in counsel with the General Conference, has been considering a change in this name. At the last year-end Division Committee meeting it was voted, and the General Conference Committee has approved, that we change our name to

THE TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

We believe this name reflects the scope of our present territory and that it will be acceptable to the field.

So now you are a part of the TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION family. It is a good family to belong to!

Robert H. Pierson, *President,*
Trans-Africa Division.



HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with Your Division President

Dear Dedicated People of God:

Recently I have been studying some of Paul's epistles. I discovered something I had not noticed before. In his early letters to the little groups scattered through western Asia and spilling over into Europe the apostle always addressed his message to the church in the areas to which they were sent. Notice "Paul, and Silvanus and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians", I Thess. 1:1. In similar manner he addressed the church in Corinth and in Galatia.

In later years, however, the apostle changed his salutations. No longer did he address the believers as an abstract or vague entity known as the church. When he wrote to the Christians in Rome, Colosse, Philippi, and Ephesus he addressed them as "the saints" or "faithful brethren". One writer translates these more endearing terms as "the dedicated people of God".

The mellowing and maturing apostle learned what all of us should learn—the church is made up of individual people. It is not a mass of members. It is individual men and women, boys and girls.

I like to think more and more of individuals and less and less of churches throughout Trans-Africa. I like to feel we are one big family—individual brothers and sisters—rather than 205,000 people as a whole. After all, it is individual persons who count.

To me Trans-Africa Division is Brother Jonas Gisimba way off up in Rwanda selling God's literature and winning 400 souls in the past 12 years. It is Elder and Mrs. Claude Tarr down at Amanzimtoti still labouring zealously for souls and bringing in large amounts of Ingathering every year despite advancing years.

Trans-Africa is Uganda Field president Dennis Bazarra, with beaming face and an evangelistic spirit, holding public campaigns along with his heavy administrative responsibilities. It is Pastor Tom Staples dauntlessly meeting unheard of frustrations and obstacles and opening new work in the northern Congo. It is Pastor H. P. Charles wrestling with evil spirit and eastern philosophies and praying new Asian converts into the church in the Indian Field.

The Trans-Africa Division is Steve

Ioannou, better known these days as "Father Tabsa"—our apostle in the field of visual-aids evangelism, tirelessly pushing the work even beyond the frontiers of his own Transvaal Conference. It is an elderly sister whom I met recently down at the Good Hope Youth Congress who after many years service as a nurse is retiring now at the age of eighty.

To me the Trans-Africa Division is Thamos Lisso, Y. Gwalamabisa, and J. Kiyala, stalwart Solusi graduates now carrying heavy departmental and evangelistic responsibilities in East Africa and Tanganyika. It is Pastor and Mrs F. G. Clifford, greatly beloved leaders in the former Southern African Division and Australasian Division, now retired but still inspiring the members living along the South Coast of Natal.

Trans-Africa Division is Sister A. N. van der Linde whom I recently helped serve mealie-meal and pumpkin to forty bright-eyed little orphans down in Basutoland. It is little children like Robbie Schaffner, Mark Gutekunst, Andre Birkenstock, all our children at Maluti Hospital, and scores more little Christians scattered throughout our 10 countries that I have learned to love and who always clamour for "more stories" when I visit their homes.

Our Division is not just 1,311 churches. It is Elder Leonard Robinson risking his life in an old aeroplane to take medicines to the beleaguered members at Bigobo. It is the man I have been mistaken for on several occasions but who has rendered far greater service to Africa than I ever shall—Pastor A. C. LeButt.

Trans-Africa Division is a brother from a country to the north who has suffered boycott and threats of physical violence because he consistently refuses to disregard principles of truth he holds dear. It is Brother and Sister R. D. Strasdowsky and Brother and Sister D. Casareale, young workers from old Europe who have but recently joined the ranks of our educational workers at Bugema and Gitwe.

I think frequently of Pastor J. Bekker, our indomitable apostle to South West Africa and our two self-supporting missionaries in the same territory—Brethren

H. Schmutzler and R. Engel. They are Trans-Africa. So is Elder J. van der Merwe, veteran evangelist whom the Lord has used to raise up many churches and add perhaps thousands of members to the remnant church during the past 36 years.

The Trans-Africa Division is dear Elder P. Kilonzo of Tanganyika who defies the passing years and refuses to retire. Recently he has gone into Arusha to open up new work. It is Pastor Jonas Mbyurukira, our first African field president, whom God has used mightily in building up His work in a troubled part of the Division.

It is Doctor W. E. Staples whom I watched recently perform delicate eye surgery in the morning and install an electric light plant in the afternoon.

And so I could go on and on. Where can I stop? We have such a wonderful staff of workers and loyal church members. I should mention them all but as it is written in John 21:25 "the world itself could not contain the books." Our Division headquarters staff—officers, department leaders, office workers—union and local leaders, pastors, evangelists, doctors, nurses, medical and educational personnel, teachers, institutional workers, literature-evangelists, stenographers, clerks, lay preachers, and church members—you are the Trans-Africa Division. We think of you and pray for you in our office worship. Each and every one of you is dear to our hearts! You are not lost in the staggering statistics of the Trans-Africa Division.

I pray we may never become so large that we are just a huge ecclesiastical machine rather than a great family of brothers and sisters—individual men and women, boys and girls in Christ Jesus.

May God keep us all very close together and close to Him!

Sincerely your friend and brother,

East African Publishing House

by D. R. L. ASTLEFORD, *Public Relations Secretary, East African Union*

OCTOBER 2, 1963 was a gala occasion at Gendia, Kenya. On that date there took place the opening and dedication of the latest extension to the East African Publishing House. For three years, A. M. Webster, the seventh manager, has directed in a large building program which increased the floor space from 4,280 to 13,630 square feet. During this same time, Brother Webster has kept the books and journals rolling out at high speed to supply faithful literature-evangelists.

Over a hundred guests attended this opening ceremony which took place in front of the building overlooking beautiful Lake Victoria. The program commenced with F. Muganda offering the opening prayer, and the chairman of the board, M. E. Lind, extending a hearty welcome to all. F. G. Thomas from Tanganyika then prayed the dedicatory prayer.

The main address was given by C. T. J. Hyde of the Trans-Africa Division, and this was one which emphasized progress. He described how the publishing house appeared to him back in 1930: The building was a converted cowshed, and the press was foot-powered. Pastor Hyde suggested that we all think of this publishing house as a church, not a factory. "The man who sits at the linotype," he said, "indeed preaches to thousands, and all the workers of this institution are dedicated preachers of the gospel. They have dedicated their lives to God's service, and this special 'church' is sending beacon lights to the peoples of Zanzibar, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Congo."

H. D. Jakinda of the staff presented an interesting history, some highlights of which were:

- 1913: W. Lane built the first building, a small circular grass hut. The *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* in Luo was the first product.
- 1925: F. H. Thomas came as manager, and with a staff of five, enlarged the house to 14 x 28 feet, and *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies* were printed in Luganda, Kisii, and Swahili.
- 1931: R. A. Carey became the manager and started the first literature-evangelist, Yuda Odongo, on his way selling books. Brother Odongo was present at this opening ceremony. The publishing house, under Brother Carey's leadership was enlarged to 28 x 70 feet.
- 1947: T. Wangerin came as the next manager and carried the work forward to a great extent. After his services as manager, Brother Wangerin devoted his full time to directing literature - evangelists, supplied with books from the house.
- 1949: J. Trace was the manager. At this time, more floor space was added and the work progressed favourably.

1952: D. K. Short became manager No. 6. During this time, a large number of machines were brought in, and the plans for this present enlargement were made.

The East African Publishing House prints in eight languages for twenty-five million people.

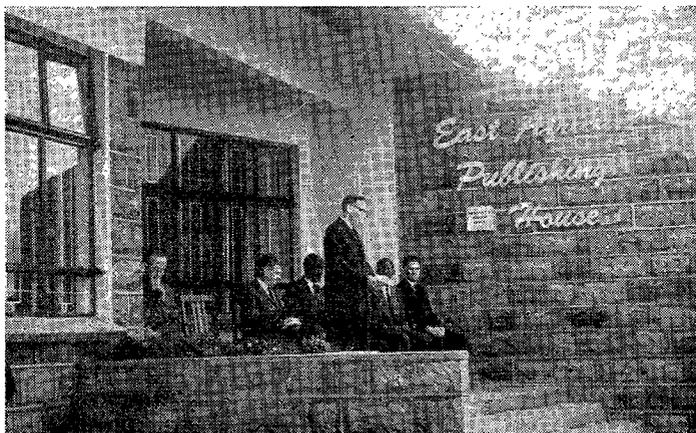
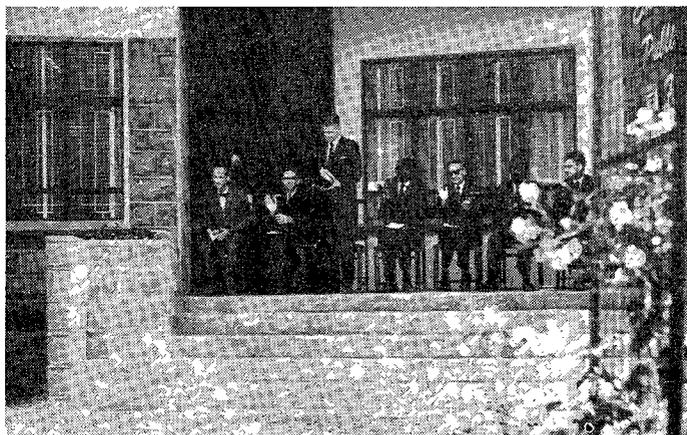
Brother Jakinda's report concluded with a tribute to the hundreds of literature-evangelists who have been and are being supplied by this house and who are carrying the gospel to the indigenous people.

The official opening of the extension was then conducted by Mr. G. A. Skipper, O.B.E., Civil Secretary, Nyanza Region. Mr. Skipper spoke of the great enthusiasm in this country for books and learning, and of the way in which this institution is helping to supply this need. He remarked that "Books are the key by which this great hunger for learning can be satisfied." The ribbon-cutting ceremony then took place, and Manager Webster conducted the visitors on a tour of the house, showing the various processes of printing.

Light refreshments were served by the ladies and these were greatly enjoyed by all.

The writer like other visitors, left with a feeling of thankfulness to belong to a sisterhood of publishing houses around the world which exist for but one purpose, that of promulgating the gospel to all peoples.

Mr. G. A. Skipper, O.B.E., addressing the visitors.



Prayer

C. T. J. Hyde giving his address.

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart." John Bunyan, 1628-1688.

Please join in praying for our workers and believers in Rwanda, Central Africa.

Thank You

THE final report on our 13th Sabbath Offering for the Trans-Africa Division has, of course, not come in as yet. In fact, there have come only fragmentary reports from different parts of the field thus far. But enough has reached our ears to convince us that all of you did your utmost to make this offering the largest ever and we want to say a great big THANK YOU for your part both in giving and in promoting this offering.

At the top of the list is the Central African Union. Imagine *thirteen* or *fourteen* times the total of an average 13th Sabbath came in for the last quarter. It is almost unbelievable! To Pastor Vail and Pastor Evert and all our other workers and members in that great field, a great big word of appreciation for the wonderful way in which you supported the program.

From the Congo Union headquarters in Elisabethville—just a handful of workers, but £100; from the Salisbury Sabbath school with approximately 100 members, £215; from Solusi College, £86; from Lower Gwelo, £45; from Hanke Station, £30; and so on and so on, the good word continues to come in!

From across the waters the good news comes as well. The Takoma Park church where I was the pastor some years ago, usually gives about \$1,200 for 13th Sabbath. This past quarter they gave over \$3,200. Several folks have sent cheques of \$50 or \$100 direct to the Division or union offices—all wanting to have a part in swelling the offering for African Housing. It is wonderful!

Again, a great big THANK YOU, and may the good Lord richly bless you.

ROBERT H. PIERSON.

News from the S.D.A. Theological Seminary



Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, Dean, S.D.A. Theological Seminary.

has granted almost 1,000 degrees and trained almost 2,600 ministers and teachers.

"As we look ahead," says Dr. Murdoch, "study is being given to the Bachelor of Divinity program as a prerequisite to entering the ministry. This is due to the growing recognition that ministers should be well qualified for their work in this age of advanced learning. Such a program would permit a broader base in general education on the college level before specialization in theology."

At the present time there are 17 full-time staff members, 10 part-time staff members, and 10 guest lecturers and teachers at the Seminary.

At the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary 4 students from the Trans-Africa Division are attending this year. They are:

Vivian Puccinelli from the Republic of South Africa,

Josef Birkenstock and Lyndon McDowell from Southern Rhodesia,

Phillip Lieven from the Congo Republic.

Altogether 33 countries are represented at the Theological Seminary. Since its beginning in 1934 as the Advanced Bible School at Pacific Union College in California with 71 students, the Seminary

Especially for Sabbath School Superintendents

The General Conference Sabbath School Department announces that a set of *Senior Sabbath-school Program Helps* has been prepared for 1964. These helps are on punched loose-leaf sheets, 5½ x 8½ inches in size. Purchasers can put them into their own three-ring standard-size binders.

These program helps will give superintendents helpful suggestions for the plan-

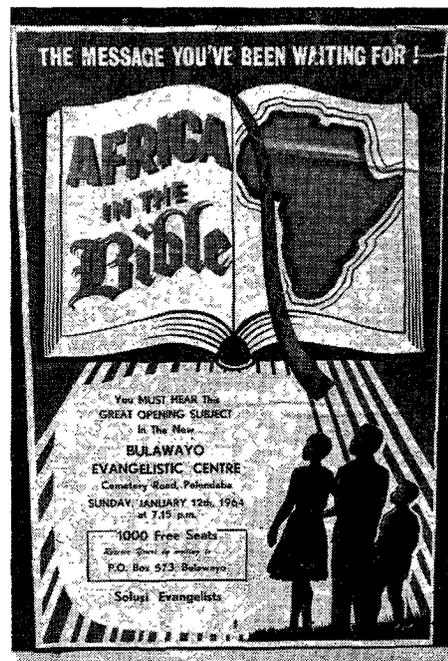
ning of programs every week for the whole year. They contain quotations, poems, illustrations and various other helps in attaining goals and objectives held by the Sabbath-school. They also contain ideas for promoting mission offerings and encouraging daily lesson study. A suggested time schedule for each item on the program for each Sabbath is also given.

These helps have been prepared by experienced, leading Sabbath-school workers and should help superintendents in planning for inspiring and interesting programs.

Order these through book depositories as you do other materials. The Religious Book Distributors managers will order them from the Review and Herald Publishing Association. We are not sure of the price, but are confident it will not be high.

THE SECRETARY,
Sabbath School Department,
Trans-Africa Division.

Mpopoma Effort



One of the Campaign posters.

ON the opening night of the evangelistic campaign conducted by the Solusi evangelists in Bulawayo, the attendance was between 1,200 and 1,300. The average for the rest of the first week was 800. This effort is being held in the new Mpopoma Evangelistic Centre which has a seating capacity of 1,500. J. M. Staples, head of Solusi's Theological Department, reports that the Sabbath afternoon studies on Revelation have an attendance of around 1,200 including church members.

Try a Reformation Series!

by RON THOMPSON, *Pastor, Bulawayo*

SPARKED by an article which appeared in the *Ministry* a few years ago, in which Pastor O. J. Ritz of Minnesota, U.S.A., held a *Reformation* series of meetings, a similar series was conducted in Bulawayo. Enthusiasm for such a series resulted from the courses on "Calvinism" and "Ecumenical Trends" given by Dr. D. Walther during the Seminary Extension School at Helderberg College early last year.

Under the title of "The Faith of our Protestant Fathers", we began in the Small City Hall by showing the film "Martin Luther" to an audience of over 200. The Sunday night meetings then continued for the next eighteen weeks in the Advent Hall of the Bulawayo church. During the second half of the campaign the average weekly attendance of non-Seventh-day Adventists rose by 25 per cent. Two meetings which attracted special attention were those connected with John Wesley. The colour film, "John Wesley", in conjunction with the sermon, "John Wesley's Gospel and Law" (excerpts from 44 *Sermons*, by John Wesley) drew 120 people. "Wesley's Gospel of Health" and a colour film on smoking and cancer increased the audience to 140. Methodists seemed particularly interested in these meetings, as well as in the films on Wesley and Luther.

The first sermon in the series was, "The Just Shall Live by Faith", and this was placarded throughout Bulawayo by a portrait of Martin Luther. Altogether, eleven different posters made by silk screen were used during the meetings, and the portraits of Luther and Wesley were often featured. For instance, pictures of Luther and Wesley accompanied the titles "Karlstadt Versus Luther over Sabbath Question", and "Predestination Attacked by Wesley". The following are some of the titles used to show that Seventh-day Adventist doctrines were not conceived in 1844 but are based upon Biblical truths as uncovered by the Protestant Reformation: "Michaelangelo's 'Last Judgment'"; "Tyndale and the 2,300 Year Prophecy"; "Anti-Christ Unmasked by Luther, Calvin, *etcetera*"; and "Protestants Preaching Purgatory". Roman Catholic sources supporting the message were chosen with such titles as "Jesuit Lacunza Stirs World on Second Advent" and "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism". The Ecumenical Trend was covered under the heading "The Reformation in Reverse".

The entire series was financed by the local Home Missionary Society, and weekly offerings at each meeting helped to balance the budget. Home Missionary endeavour also supported the campaign in other ways, since the series started one week after the annual Harvest Ingathering was launched.

In order to hold the interest, handbills, slides, black light, and films from the Central Africa Christian Film Library and the Trans-Africa Division were used. A series of ten films on St. Paul were shown during the first half of the series, and films showing the work and teachings of Seventh-day Adventists were an added feature throughout.

The series ended on a positive note when a public baptism was conducted and three adults were joined to the

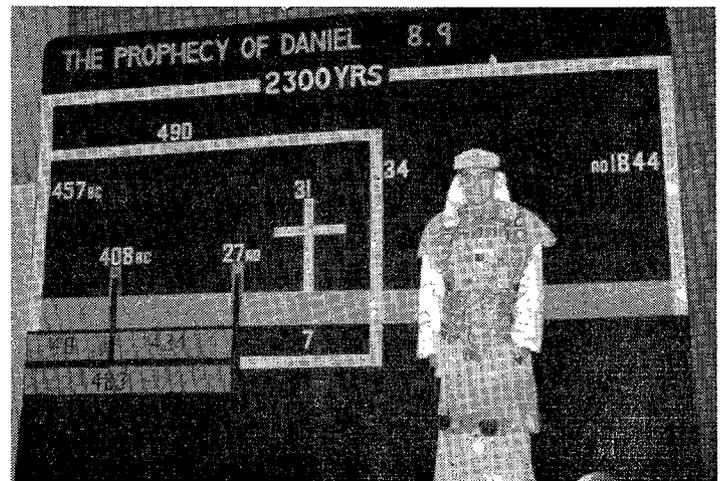
church. Another baptism is to follow. Some former believers were reclaimed.

It was thrilling at the final meeting, "The Church in the Wilderness", accompanied by the film "African Diamonds" to see eighty of God's gems—young and old (fourteen were not Seventh-day Adventists)—singing with conviction the theme song, "Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still".



One of the Campaign Posters.

A. R. Smart of the Zambesi Union Office, dressed in the garb of a High Priest assists in the explanation of the Prophecy of Daniel 8:9.



Re-Opening of Songa Hospital

WHEN war broke out in Katanga two and a half years ago, it was necessary for the safety of our workers to temporarily close our Songa Hospital near Kamina in the Congo. But now Songa has been re-opened and Dr. and Mrs. W. Muller and Miss Julia Hoel have returned. The Mullers came out from Germany under appointment to Songa but had to be re-routed to Nyasaland during the trouble. Miss Hoel also laboured in Nyasaland while waiting to be able to return to Songa.

Their return trip was a difficult one, punctuated by many stops and delays along the way because of the destruction of roads and bridges, and they were accompanied by a United Nations armed escort because of bandits. But when they reached the mission, the welcome from the believers and the local populace was tumultuous.

The physical plant, especially the houses, had been badly damaged by looters, but repair and restoration work is now well under way, and the hospital is admitting patients once more.

We are thankful to the Lord for His watchcare over His people and work during troublous times, and that now Songa can once again witness effectively for the message.



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Radio New York

Thrilling Experiences

The Thief Who was Fooled

by DIFASI NGOBI
(Staff Member, Voice of Prophecy Office,
Nairobi)

"GET me a hammer, quick!"

"I have none; use this heavy stone."

No one heard the two thieves in the dead of night break the lock on the door of the Luganda office of the Voice of Prophecy in Nairobi. Once inside, the leader tried to decide what they should steal. He was very much interested in the two-drawer metal card file which contained nearly four hundred cards with names and addresses of men and women who are seeking to learn more about Jesus, the Saviour of the world, that they might be prepared for a place in His Kingdom.

"Look, man, here is a valuable typewriter," whispered his friend. "Let's take it and we can sell it for a lot of money!"

"No, stupid! Don't you know that a locked metal box like this contains lots of money? Forget the typewriter, and help me carry this box out. See how heavy it is? There's probably £1,000 here!"

The next morning when I came to work, the broken lock testified to the visit of the thieves. My heart beat fast as I entered, anxious to see what had disappeared. Typewriter, chairs, book cases, everything was in order. Finally I realized that our card file was not in its place. The brethren in the office advised me to report the theft to the Kenya Police. I did so, but also I sent a report to the Chief of Police of all the Universe! As it is our custom to have special prayer for our students every Friday morning, I put a request in the Prayer box

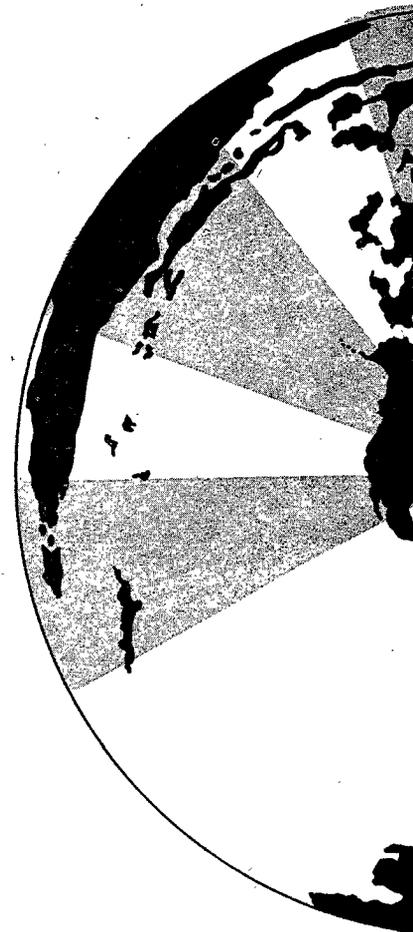
that the Lord might help us to find that box with its precious addresses.

Three long weeks went by, with no word from the police. I lost faith that we would ever see that box and its cards again, and decided to go to the Director's office to ask if we shouldn't buy another box and more cards. While we were talking together, the telephone rang. The police were asking us to come to the station and collect our card file and cards!

Our office is situated in a residential area of Nairobi. The thieves, apparently puzzled as to what to do with their loot, carried the heavy box to a large vacant plot some distance away. There, with the help of stones, they excitedly broke into the box only to find that there was not one penny inside. In disappointment and rage, they scattered the cards all around, and then, in an attempt at revenge, lit a match and tried to burn the lot. As is normal with thieves, fear of being caught made them do their work carelessly. Or perhaps it was because the publishing house had chosen a nearly incombustible type of card on which to print our records—we don't know the reason. But the cards were burnt only around the four edges, in every instance leaving the names and the addresses clearly visible. The disgusted thieves abandoned their booty on the vacant plot until it was found three weeks later by the police.

Aren't you glad also that the Lord preserved those precious names and addresses for us? With His blessing many of those dear people will yet take their stand for Christ and His truth. So far this year, 45 souls have been baptized as a result of our Luganda Bible correspondence lessons.

RADIO's power places the gospel "at the fingertips" of millions overseas, as they may now hear the regular Voice of Prophecy English-language broadcasts over WRUL's powerful system of transmitters located on Cape Cod, Massachu-

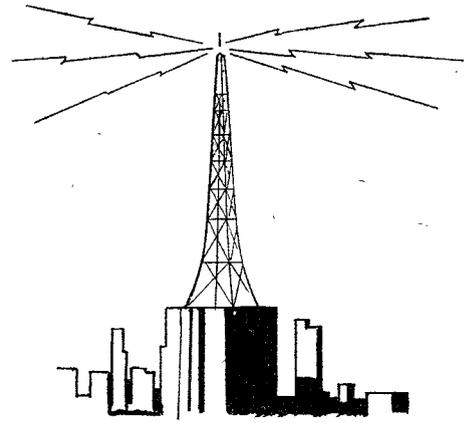


setts. The map shows the possible coverage when the complete system of transmitters is put to work sending beams of light over nearly two-thirds of the populated areas of the world. Over a hundred nations are reached.

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**My Word Shall not Return
Unto Me Void**

W. H. J. BADENHORST, *Director, Voice of Prophecy Bible School.*

"FOR as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55: 10, 11.

These words have a new meaning for me since I have been connected with the Bible Correspondence School in Cape Town. Day after day we receive ample proof of the truth of these words. Letters continue to come in testifying to the power of the Word of God to accomplish that which He pleases.

Let me share with you just a few of the letters that have come to my attention recently. From Vereeniging, South Africa:

"I am sending in lessons 3-4, 5-6. I just wanted you to know how much your Bible lessons have done for me. It has given me far greater understanding and knowledge of the Bible. I, like many other people in the world today, never bothered to open my Bible to read it. But I have always had faith and prayed to God. Now, since receiving your first lessons I have an interest in the Bible which I have never experienced before. I look forward to your next lessons as they help me a great deal. We need God so much. What would we do without Him? Please remember me in your prayers."

From Kampala, Uganda:

"I am very pleased to hear that I have completed the course of 40 lessons. Through all those lessons I gained much LIGHT. . . . My holy day is now the seventh day, not Sunday. . . . I want to

keep the seventh day, the Lord's day, until the end of my life, and I thank you for giving me this light. I understand everything clearly."

From Uitenhage, South Africa:
"Dear Voice of Prophecy,

Though I am not good at writing in English, I hope you will understand what I wish to say. I am sending my last test paper of your forty Bible lessons that you have been sending me the last twenty months. At first, small disturbances came into my mind, as I did not fully understand, everything, but as I read them again and again, these troubles were removed. Many thanks to you and to God. The light is really a blessing in this little home. Your lessons are very important, and have wonderfully led me to accept Jesus as my personal Saviour and His seventh-day Sabbath. Since then, I am spending most of my time in His gospel trying to win souls for Him. To tell the truth, I call the Voice of Prophecy a 'Blacksmith' because it repairs ruined souls and turns back the hearts of those who are content to remain in their state of ignorance concerning God. Today, I can boldly stand before a great multitude and tell of this message. Onward, Voice of Prophecy! Now as a prisoner of the Lord, I am still very anxious to know more and work harder for this truth."

From Nakuru, Kenya:

"I am pleased to tell you that my wife and I are baptized and that we are now church members. I notified you that I resigned from my job because of Sabbath. Will you please send me *Signs of the Times*. I have received a small envelope for an offering. Since I have no job at present, I promise to send sometime in the future. Please pray to God for my wife, my daughter and two sons, and myself for our clothes, and food, and *mostly for us to be righteous.*"

Friends, should not this be our prayer too? Although we need food and clothes, yet our greatest need is to be right with God.

- 15.440 Britain metres, 19:43
- 15.385 Continental Europe 19:50
- 17.760 Africa 16.89

We suggest you try these frequencies and report to the Radio Secretary, Trans-Africa Division, on the results.

The Follow-up Work

By C. T. J. HYDE

THROUGHOUT the year our five VOP correspondence schools are receiving the names of new enrollees for the Bible courses. I expect that you have had the thrill of getting someone to sign up for the course. You have prayed that the course would mean salvation to this person. You have asked discreet questions every now and again, "How are you enjoying the Bible course?" "Do you think that the course really explains the Bible in a fine way?" You think to yourself, "I wonder when he (or she) will reach the lesson on the Sabbath." "What will his reaction be?" Let us say that your enrollee accepts the teaching of the seventh-day Sabbath as being true. He hasn't decided to keep it, but he does believe it to be the true Sabbath. He comes to the teaching on baptism and accepts this too. The VOP school asks him if he would like someone to visit him and he agrees, and looks forward to being visited. Weeks pass by and no one comes. Weeks grow into months. His course is over and he needs to be brought to face up to real decisions of faith, but no one comes.

Not knowing all this you meet him one day and greet him heartily, "How

are you?" "I am fine, thanks." "It is so nice to meet you again", *etcetera*. After a time you broach the subject of the lessons. "By the way, how did you get on with those lessons?" "Did you complete them and get your certificate?" "Yes, I did." "Wonderful! Now what are you going to do about it all?" "Oh, nothing!" Now *you* are disappointed. He has finished the lessons and yet he is going to do nothing about it all and you wonder why. "Did you understand the Sabbath to be the seventh day?" "O yes, there is no doubt about that." "You saw that baptism by immersion too is the only real baptism?" "Yes, that is right." "My friend, why have you decided to do nothing about it all?" "Well, you see I asked for someone to visit me, one of your Church, but no one has come, and that is a long time ago now. Evidently it is not so important after all."

So a soul which YOU had found and who enjoyed the Bible course is left to grow cold again. How terrible you feel, don't you? From our schools we have this report: Almost 88 per cent of those who really go through with the course request a visit, but only 25 per cent are visited and of those who are visited 38

per cent are baptized. Now it is very easy to see that if all who wished, were visited the number who are finally baptized would be more than three times as great. What can we do to remedy this sad situation?

1. We are devising plans to assist our workers to make the visits, but even when a worker has made the visit we think something more should be done.
2. We think that all our churches should have a VOP Sponsor. This person will be responsible to see that everything that can be done, will be done for the VOP students in the area around the church.
3. When the worker has made the contact he should inform the church VOP Sponsor, if we have a church in that area, and the sponsor can select a tactful warm-hearted church member to make friends with this VOP student and do all that is possible to win him for Jesus and the TRUTH. His friendly contacts will prevent his growing careless and cold.

If in the example we gave there had been some contact between the VOP school and the church VOP Sponsor, that person would have had plenty of visits while awaiting a worker and he would not have grown cold. Shall we not see to it that every church has a wise VOP Sponsor, and thus make our investment in the VOP schools bring to the church larger gains in membership?

Duties of a V.O.P. Sponsor

HERE are a few of the duties of the local church SPONSOR. If the SPONSOR is really alive and awake, he may think of more duties as necessity arises.

I. PROMOTION:

a. It is the duty of the SPONSOR to promote the VOP work in the church where he has been appointed as SPONSOR.

b. The SPONSOR should ask his Home Missionary leader to give him opportunity *at least once a month* to speak a few words about the Voice of Prophecy project during the Home Missionary service.

c. The SPONSOR should ask the Missionary Volunteer leader for the opportunity to speak a few minutes at the MV meeting occasionally in an effort to encourage the young people to enrol their friends in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course.

d. The SPONSOR should keep *application cards* on hand. These may be obtained from the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

e. The SPONSOR should ask the local elder or pastor to make frequent announcements regarding the *application cards*, advising that they may be obtained from the SPONSOR.

II. VOICE OF PROPHECY RALLY DAY AND VISITATION WEEKS:

This special annual occasion comes early in the year. The SPONSOR should be laying definite plans to make this time one of soul-saving. He should ask the chairman of the church board to appoint a small sub-committee (including the SPONSOR) to consider plans for making the Visitation Weeks a great drive for getting Voice of Prophecy names. This sub-committee should report their

plans back to the church board. The SPONSOR should see that application cards are in hand.

The Voice of Prophecy offering must be discussed and planned for; territory for visitation bands worked out, *etcetera*.

III. SYSTEMATIC RECORDING:

The SPONSOR should have a book in which he records:

1. All records of Voice of Prophecy students.
2. Their names and addresses.
3. The date on which the names are handed to the SPONSOR.
4. The date on which the names are sent to the VOP office.
5. The name of the church member who handed in the name of the student to the SPONSOR.

Meet Our Visitor

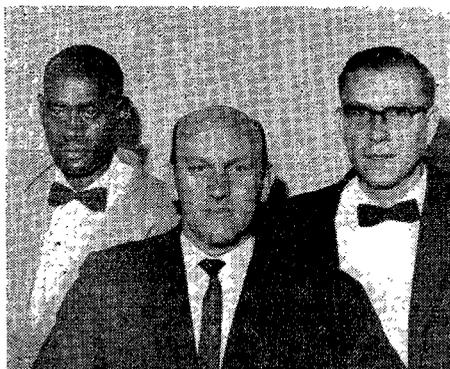
AROUND OUR UNIONS

Usumbura City Effort

JOHN G. EVERT, *Departmental Secretary, Central African Union*

SEPTEMBER 29 was a great day here in our Central African Union, as it was then that we began our first city effort in this Union. We had prayed much and worked hard before the opening night and in contrast the devil had doubled his efforts too. God was on our side, however, and in spite of the fact that the meetings were to be conducted in our own church there were between four and five hundred people present with not even standing room in the aisles. The attendance has scarcely dropped now, and we are conscious that God is working mightily.

Those who attend regularly are showing a genuine interest. They appear to be a good class of people. Amongst them is a district leader of the Swedish Mission who was not paid last month by his society because he had favoured our teachings and had attended our meetings. He has decided that he must follow what is truth even though it may mean that he must return to the hills of Burundi and hoe and plant in order to make a



L. to r: P. Manuyori, M. Church and J. G. Evert.

living. He has many fellow-believers who have been eagerly listening to him teach our doctrines, and who may follow him.

Pastor Phineas Manuyori is my translator and does an excellent work of putting the message across to the people. Pastor Max Church is the campaign manager and gives strong help with his VOP department.

We have felt God's closeness and seen His power working amongst the people. Won't you join us in this effort by praying that God's Spirit may touch lives here in Usumbura?



PASTOR CARL E. GUENTHER is an associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. He has spent his entire 30-years of service in the United States as a pastor and departmental secretary in various unions until his appointment to the General Conference in 1953. He is visiting our Division from February 7 to March 31 and in company with T. M. Ashlock will officiate at union H.M. institutes.

God Kept His Promise

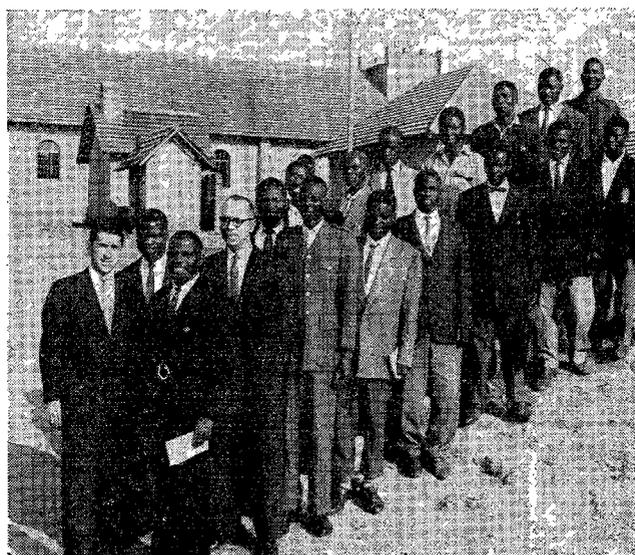
As the old Christian saw the end of his earthly life drawing near, he divided his property and possessions into two parts, giving one part to his sons and the other to his nephews. These parts were then further divided among these relatives. The eldest son, Brother A. W. Chilumbi received 50 head of cattle, and as he put it, his "first duty" was to give God His portion. His brothers and friends mocked him and said he was wasteful and would soon come to poverty. But Brother Chilumbi remained firm to the principle of tithing that he knew was right, and gave 5 head of cattle to the Lord.

Not long after his uncle, not knowing about the payment of tithe, brought him a present—five head of cattle!

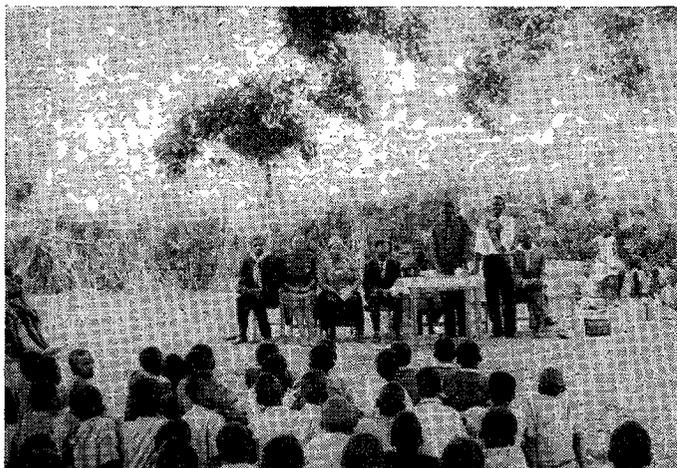
Brother Chilumbi has continued to be faithful in giving to the Lord a tithe on his produce, profit from his grinding mill, store, and cattle. Today he is a prosperous business man—sure evidence of God's blessing upon his faithfulness—and is also a strong leader in his church as well as an influential man in his district. God has kept His promise!

The Literature Ministry is Onward

Nyasaland Colporteurs and their Leaders; who have started an accelerated literature program. The Leaders, first four on the left, are P. J. Salhany, acting P. D. secretary, Nyasaland Union; J. A. Ziyenda, North Nyasa Field; R. S. Mazunda, South Nyasa Field; and A. Bristow, president, South Nyasa Field. R. A. Forbes (not shown) the new P. D. secretary for the Nyasaland Union has just completed his Chinyanja language study and is ready for a strong field program.



MVs on FIRE for GOD



Investiture Service at Sogwala School

CALEB S. J. CHINYOWA

A well planned Investiture was conducted at Sogwala School last November. Three-hundred-and-fifty pupils were invested and 27 of them took their first stand for Christ.

Mr. A. Tredoux from Lower Gwelo Mission was the main speaker during the 11 o'clock service and also gave the Charge to the juniors, while the writer gave a talk and the Charge to the one candidate invested as a Master Guide.

The Master Guides present helped with the Investiture service. They were

A. Tredoux, C. Nkomo, Mrs. D. Gumede, Miss Edna Mhlanga, Miss Melody Ndlovu, Job Ndiweni, Welcome Sibanda, and Moses Mhlanga.

The head master of the School, J. Ndlovu, is a keen MV worker and we are looking forward to the time when he will be invested as a Master Guide.

Obituary

DELHOVE.—Mrs. Virginia (nee Bailly) was born at Junet, La Docherie, Belgium on March 23, 1884. Her early life was spent with foster parents.

At the age of nineteen she met her future husband, Pastor D. E. Delhove, our late veteran Seventh-day Adventist pioneer missionary to Ruanda-Urundi. During their courtship, he accepted the message. This led to severe persecution and trouble from his family. He was forced to leave home. She moved to Switzerland where she lived with an Adventist couple, and at the age of 22 was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

In 1909 they were married in Belgium by Pastor Roth. Soon after this they left for England where she and her husband prepared themselves for mission work at our school in Watford and the hospital at Caterom.

In 1913 she returned to Belgium while her husband went alone as a missionary to East Africa. She was to follow later but the 1914-18 war separated them for its duration. The year 1918 saw the family reunited. They stayed in Europe only long enough to equip themselves for Africa, and this time they left together. This began a long life of mission service by the side of a very active husband. Together they pioneered Adventist mission work in Rwanda and Burundi, establishing the now-famous Gitwe Mission in

1921. Life was hard and primitive in those early days. There were 8 children to rear (6 of her own plus 2 foster children), yet she never complained but stood loyally by the side of her husband, through tribal wars and famines when thousands died around them. To-day, the work she helped to pioneer has grown to be one of the largest and most successful soul-winning areas in Adventist mission territory. From Gitwe, she followed her husband to Buganda in Burundi, thence to Elisabethville in the Congo, then Songa and Kirundu. Again in later life they pioneered our Rwese Station in the North Congo.

In 1945, Mother and Dad Delhove retired on a small holding on the borders of Prince Albert National Park in the North Congo. Here it was that in 1949 Dad passed away. Then Mother lived first with her eldest daughter Lydia for eight years until she had to retire. Paul Delhove and Patricia, Mother's youngest son and daughter-in-law cared for her for just over one year. Her last five years were spent in the home of the writer and his wife Clara, Mother's third daughter.

For the past seven years Mother suffered much, for she was bed-ridden all this time but she bore her cross patiently until the end. She passed away in her sleep in the early hours of October 11, 1963. Left to mourn her passing are five living children of whom all but one are or were missionary workers in the Cause.

T. W. STAPLES.



Mrs. July Ndlovu invested as a Master Guide.

From Hither and Yon

We learn that Sedaven High School, South Africa, under the able principalship of Pastor W. du Plessis, had 100 per cent matric passes this past year-end, including 2 first class passes. Congratulations, Sedaven!

The extension to Mwami Hospital in North-east Rhodesia was opened on November 8.

C. T. Bannister has accepted a call as secretary-treasurer of the Zambesi Union, replacing J. M. Baker who returns permanently to the United States this mid-year.

Biennial sessions held in the South African Union have resulted in the re-election in the Good Hope, Oranje-Natal, and Transvaal Conferences of K. Landers, G. E. Garne and J. W. Newman as presidents of these respective organizations, and A. D. Jephthas, R. E. Ansley and R. E. Clifford as secretary-treasurers. In the Cape Conference, D. M. Baird was re-elected as president with C. D. Verwey as secretary-treasurer. No changes were made in the South West Africa Field and J. Bekker and Mrs. M. Botes continue as officers of this field. In the Indian Field, H. P. Charles was elected as president with D. T. Hammond as secretary-treasurer.

Pastor and Mrs. O. I. Fields of Matandani Industrial School returned from furlough in late December, and Pastor and Mrs. G. L. Goodwin and their four children returned to Rwanda in January. Pastor and Mrs Lyndon McDowell and their family returned to Africa in January also after an absence of three years overseas. Brother McDowell is to head the Theological Department at Helderberg College.

New appointees include Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Hodgen, Philip and Victoria to Solusi College; Mr. and Mrs. George Dunder, Terrence, Neil and Roger Lee to Ikizu Training School, Tanganyika; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Ellstrom, Mervin Lee and Kathie to the Congo Union office for departmental work; and old friends, yet new appointees, Mr. and Mrs. Ron. E. Gardner take over the manager-ship of the East African Publishing House.

Transfers over the year-end included Mr. and Mrs. Gene D. Hunter to Solusi College from Bethel College; Pastor and Mrs. P. G. Werner,

temporarily to the presidency of the North Congo Field during the furlough of T. W. Staples; Miss Moreen Wright from Maluti Hospital to the Blantyre Practice; and Miss Antoinette Jordaan from the Salisbury church school to Anderson Memorial School.

Helderberg graduates are already well into their new work. Mr. and Mrs James Unger (nee Delina Kritzinger) are at Malamulo College, as is also Mr. Neville Toson; Miss Felicity Juby is at Rusangu Training School, Northern Rhodesia; and Miss Karen Cloete has the new Salisbury church school well organized.

Mr. and Mrs John Delhove has joined the Helderberg College staff, and Miss Eunice Hahn the Division staff in Salisbury. Misses Lois Visser and Yvonne Kritzinger, and Messrs. Rodney Austen, Eric Korff and Willem Venter are serving in the South African Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coetzee of True Foods welcomed Mark Michael into their home on January 9.

Four churches were dedicated in the East African Union in January, and the Northern Rhodesia Field reports 9 new churches completed during 1963.

In the southern province of Northern Rhodesia our believers under the leadership of Pastor J. Mabuti set aside Sabbath, January 18 as a day of fasting and prayer for God's blessing and guidance upon the officers of the newly formed government in Northern Rhodesia. "Our duty, according to the Scriptures," writes Brother Mabuti, "is to pray for those in authority, for the continuance of peace, and for freedom of worship."

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From the Editor's Scrap Book

"Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know."

—Charles Kingsley, 1819-1875.

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Sunset Calendar for March 1964

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	7.18	7.10	7.00	6.47
Johannesburg	6.38	6.30	6.22	6.12
East London	6.40	6.32	6.22	6.09
Port Elizabeth	6.50	6.42	6.32	6.19
Bloemfontein	6.44	6.38	6.29	6.17
Pietermaritzburg	6.29	6.22	6.13	6.01
Durban	6.26	6.19	6.10	5.58
Lusaka	6.28	6.24	6.20	6.13
Bulawayo	6.30	6.25	6.18	6.09
Gwelo	6.26	6.21	6.15	6.08
Salisbury	6.18	6.14	6.07	5.59
Umtali	6.12	6.07	6.02	5.55
Blantyre	6.02	5.58	5.53	5.45
Elisabethville	6.30	6.28	6.23	6.17
Nairobi	6.49	6.48	6.46	6.42
Mombasa	6.39	6.37	6.34	6.26
Kisumu	6.59	6.57	6.55	6.51
Kampala	7.06	7.06	7.03	6.59
Dar-es-Salaam	6.44	6.40	6.37	6.29
Tabora	7.09	7.05	7.03	6.58

Featuring: THE TANGANYIKA UNION

President—F. G. THOMAS

Secretary-Treasurer—R. D. MARX

Graduation, Ikizu, 1963

by FORM III ENGLISH CLASS

"EVERYTHING has a beginning and an ending. . . ." These were the introductory words of Mr. Owange, vice-president of the teacher-training class, as he announced the opening hymn for the Class Night program in the dining-hall at our Ikizu Training School in the Tanganyika Union on October 31.

Several speakers told how they had struggled to complete their education. One of the Form II students, David Muganda, had composed a Swahili epic in honour of the T.T.C.'s, and this he and some of his classmates sang to the seniors.

Mr. Mkono and his group dramatized slavery in Africa. When the slaves were freed and the women were permitted to choose husbands for themselves, it brought down the house.

Two of the graduates demonstrated how one group of teachers forgets all the methods learnt, while the others put these lessons into practice out in the bush.

Miss Elvas Kauka, a young lady from Nyasaland, encouraged the younger students to enrol in the T.T.C. class in 1964 so that they could be graduated in 1966.

On Friday evening, November 1, as the

organist played the majestic notes of a piece called "Pomp and Circumstance" on the beautiful Wurlitzer Organ (a gift from our German brothers), the graduates marched into the church. They looked very smart in their black robes, white shirts, and black bow ties.

Messrs. Johnson, the class sponsor, and Ganz, mathematics master, sang "I walked today where Jesus walked", to open the meeting.

Pastor F. Muganda, president of the Majita-Ukerewe Field, preached a powerful sermon on the class motto and aim: "To Know Him; to Make Him Known." It was translated from English to Swahili.

The class pastor, Mr. Malongo, gave the class response which was followed by the song "I'll go where you want me to go", sung by the class president, Mr. Joseph Muganda.

The organist, Mrs. A. L. Davy, played again at the end of the sermon so that almost everybody nodded his or her head. The song was "Help me find my place". The graduates marched joyfully out of the church.

On Sabbath morning the church was overcrowded for there were many guests of different races.

Pastor R. Megera, vice-president of East Lake Field, urged the young people to carry out the Lord's injunction when He said: "Follow Me!" Several special

songs were sung emphasizing the topic of the sermon. Everybody enjoyed them.

The last meeting was held on Saturday evening when Pastor F. G. Thomas, president of the Tanganyika Union preached. Sixteen young men and three women are ready to enter the work and will help carry the gospel to the distant sections of Tanganyika.

Dedication of the Nabungona Church

by A. L. DAVY, *Former Field Secretary, Tanganyika Union*

ON October 20, 1963, the dedication took place of the Nabungona church. To the superficial observer this church seems the same as dozens of other churches in Tanganyika. But on closer inspection, one who knows can see that this is not the case. Most of the churches in this part of the country are built of sundried mud brick but the Nabungona church has used solid cement blocks with cement as mortar.



When first I was told that a church 70 feet long by 30 feet wide was being built out of cement blocks, I shook my head sceptically and knew that someone was making a mistake. Someone was indeed mistaken as I found out when I visited this area in April of this year. I spent several days holding workers' meetings at Nabungona and found that I was the one mistaken.

It was a thrill to be asked to take part in the dedication of this lovely house of worship. There were over a thousand people present for the occasion and everyone's joy was unbounded as the believers took part in the act of dedication which was conducted by Pastor Harun Kija, our Union Church Development secretary. The dedicatory sermon and prayer were shared between Pastor F. Muganda and the writer.

With a beautiful building and an enthusiastic membership this church will be a light on Ukerewe Island in Lake Victoria.



Ikizu Graduates, 1963.