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Tabasa (Transvaal) Rides the 300 Crest

By D. F. DU PLESSIS

THE deeper one launches into the sea the higher the waves one encounters. Larger billows call for greater fortitude and more skill to ride the crest.

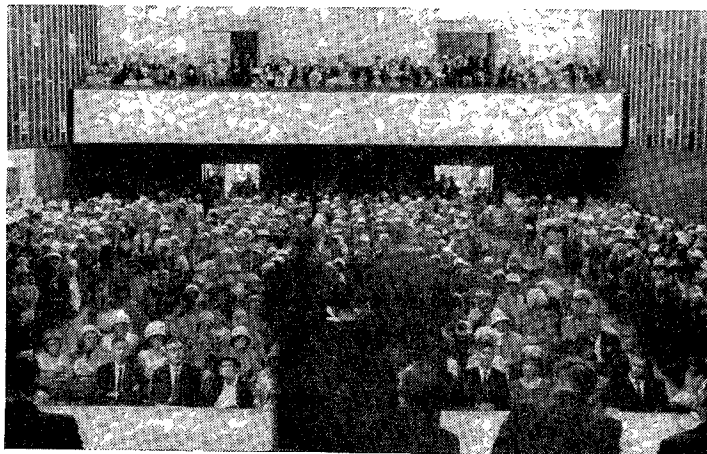
The TABSA organization has had such an experience. Launching into the deep by faith it now rides on the crest of 300 souls won for Christ in the Transvaal Conference.

"Why do we not hear so much about TABSA these days?" some are asking.

The answer is the same as when people ask: "Why is it that not so much is said about satellites and rockets these days?"

Today there are more man-made moons in orbit than when Sputnik loosened the tongues of the world, yet compar-

Every available seat in the Zionist Centre was filled. An estimated 2,000 believers were in attendance.



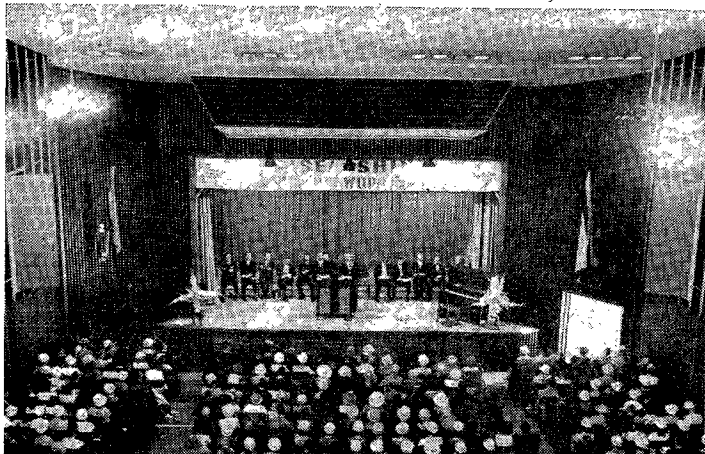
atively little reference is made to them. Why? Because people have come to accept them as part of their everyday life.

Now work out the answer to the question about TABSA.

Can there be some for whom we must pray: "Lord open their eyes that they may see God's provision for them in proclaiming the message while it is still day"?

TABSA has come to stay. TABSA has outgrown its babyhood and most of its teething troubles. The methods and results have proved themselves. Are you as a true Seventh-day Adventist Home Missionary, accepting it as part of your everyday Christian walk?

Divine Service during the Third TABSA Congress. Members of the TABSA Executive Committee are seated on the Platform.





HEART to HEART

Beloved brethren throughout Southern Africa,

A beautiful wife, a churlish sheep farmer-husband, an offended "shepherd-king-elect"—what a plot for a real life drama! And the action moves rapidly to its climax! You have read it in 1 Samuel 25.

"The name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance; but the man was churlish and evil in his doings" (verse 3). One of his men described Nabal as "such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him." (verse 17).

David with his men had come from Samuel's funeral at Ramah to the wilderness of Paran. Here they waited for God to work out events for David's kingdom. "And David heard . . . that Nabal did shear his sheep." (verse 4) According to the custom of the time David sent several of his young men to greet Nabal and to request food from him. They had protected Nabal's sheep from marauders and they deserved some favour in return.

Ill-dispositioned Nabal reacted true to type. He repulsed and insulted David's young men, sending them home empty-handed. When a churlish man insults a determined man of action, such as David was, trouble is bound to be just ahead! David was furious. His decision was made quickly.

"Gird ye on every man his sword!" was the order of the day. "And David also girded on his sword." (verse 13).

Fortunately Nabal's beautiful wife was a "woman of good understanding." Doubtless she had had to save her tactless husband many times before. When Nabal's servant told Abigail what had taken place she went into action.

Without her husband's knowledge the beautiful Abigail set out on a mission of peace with donkeys well laden with ample supplies of bread, wine, corn, raisins, figs and "five sheep ready dressed."

As David rode along the fires of revenge smouldered in his heart "Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness," he mused angrily to himself, "and he hath requitted me evil for good." (verse 21).

"And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground." (verse 23).

"With kind words she sought to soothe his irritated feelings, and she pleaded with him in, behalf of her husband. With nothing of ostentation or pride but full of wisdom and love of God, Abigail revealed the strength of her devotion to her household."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 666.

The lovely wife sought to pick up the threads by accepting the blame herself. She sought to excuse Nabal. Tactfully by implication she presented the course David ought to pursue—he should fight the battle of the Lord rather than seek revenge for personal wrongs. Her mission of peace was blessed of God. David's errand of hate was transformed by words of understanding.

"Blessed be the Lord God . . . which sent thee this day to meet me," David said, "and blessed be thy advice." 1 Sam. 25:32-33. Peacemakers whether in David's day or ours are truly sent of God. Their mission is always a blessed one.

Centuries later a descendant of David's—One called the Prince of Peace—had a message of commendation for the Abigails of His day, and until the end of time. "Blessed are the peacemakers," Jesus said, "for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9.

The word "called" used by the Saviour may also be translated "owned". God has a special blessing for peacemakers. They are "owned" by Him as His sons and daughters. He is our Father. If we are troublemakers rather than peacemakers we have another father! "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but

be gentle unto all men." 2 Tim. 2:24.

"Would that there were many more like this woman of Israel," the messenger of the Lord wrote centuries later, "who would soothe the irritated feelings, prevent rash impulses, and quell great evils, by calm and well-directed wisdom." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 667.

"The grace of Christ received into the heart, subdues enmity, it allays strife, and fills the soul with love." *Mount of Blessing*, p. 47.

"Christ's followers are sent to the world with the message of peace. Whoever, by the quiet, unconscious influence of a holy life, shall reveal the love of Christ; whoever, by word or deed, shall lead another to renounce sin and yield his heart to God, is a peacemaker." *Mount of Blessing*, page 48.

How much the world needs Abigails today! How much Africa needs peacemakers—men and women "of understanding" who with Christlike tact, can help dispel the tensions, the hatred, the jealousies, the strife that torture our great continent today.

Sometimes within the church we need Abigails—brethren who, in the spirit of the Prince of Peace can soothe irritated feelings and bring riven factions together, help brothers and sisters straighten out wrongs between them and restore the peace of God to the church.

May the Lord make all of us Abigails of our day! "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

Sincerely yours in Him,

When the Division Committee Meets

By P. J. VAN ECK, M.ED. *Principal, Helderberg College*

Biannually, twenty-eight leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church meet in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where the headquarters of the Trans-Africa Division are situated. These leaders may be weighed down by the problems and perplexities of turbulent Africa but they are at the same time buoyed up by the knowledge of the prayers of the 347,118 believers and adherents in Southern Africa. These leaders assemble in faith believing that the purposes of our God know no defeat.

Seated around the large committee table are the Division president, secretary, treasurer, field secretary, six departmental leaders, eight union presidents and seven African leaders from the Congo, Rwanda-Burundi, Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Rhodesia and South Africa; also the principals of Helderberg and Solusi colleges, and the manager of the Sentinel Publishing Association. At the recent meetings, Pastor W. E. Murray, vice-president of the General Conference, also attended and brought much inspiration.

The day officially starts with morning worship, and at the close of the devotional hour the members divide into prayer groups of four or five. These brethren pray fervently for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; for workers and the thousands of faithful lay members; for divine guidance in solving problems that, humanly speaking, seem to be insoluble; and for wisdom and faith to press on joyfully till Jesus comes. Then they reassemble for the committee session.

On this recent occasion the session lasted six days with the brethren meeting from nine to ten hours each day. During this time an agenda of 280 items was discussed. Some routine items could be dealt with in a matter of moments. Others again require several hours of deliberation and prayerful consideration.

The agenda items usually range over the various needs of God's work—requests for counsel, calls for workers, perplexing situations, problems of exchange arising from devalued currency, amending of existing policies, meeting crises, et cetera.

In some of the newly emergent countries the word "missionary" may be in disfavour. How can we continue doing the Lord's work without using the term "mission" and "missionary"? Are we not a missionary people? An answer is found.

All the meetings of the full com-

mittee are conducted in the spacious committee room with the members seated around a large table. At the head sits "Mr. Chairman," our Division president, Pastor R. H. Pierson, supported by W. D. Eva, R. M. Reinhard and E. D. Hanson. Close by is Mrs. Loris Smith, the recording secretary of the committee, writing—writing—writing.

Sometimes the committee divides into sub-committees. The smaller groups give full discussion to particular problems and then bring their recommendations to the full committee for final approval.

Meet Our Visitor



Dr. Saleem A. Farag was a recent visitor to the Division headquarters in Salisbury. He is an assistant director of the Division of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Loma Linda University. It was he who conceived the idea of the Health Education Course program at Heri Hospital in Tanganyika, and seven years ago he headed the survey team that launched the program. Twelve students are graduating from the Course each year.

Dr. Farag has just spent three months in New Guinea where he launched a similar Public Health project. A Health Education School and twenty-five clinics in various parts of New Guinea are now in operation under the direction of a full-time physician, Dr. Robert Wood, and six full-time Australian nurses. The clinics are visited by the doctor and the nurses by aeroplane, jeep and boat.

The basic philosophy of the program

One day, in the midst of a busy session, time was found for a special season of prayer on behalf of a young worker taken ill. On another day the committee reverently stood in memory of three African workers who met violent deaths in recent disturbances. The chairman prayed earnestly for the sorrowing widows and children. Immediate arrangements were made for the care of the bereaved families.

Behind the scenes, as the Division Committee meets, dedicated office secretaries work early and late — typing, duplicating, and gathering information. Within hours after the close of the session they surprise everyone by producing around 125 pages of minutes recording 270 actions of the session. The Division could not function without these self-effacing, tireless workers.

at both Heri and in New Guinea is to train ministers, teachers, pastors and other workers as well as medical personnel in the principles of disease prevention. Many years ago the servant of the Lord admonished us that *every gospel* worker should feel the giving of instruction in the principles of healthful living is a part of his appointed work. Of this work there is great need, and the world is open and waiting for it.

Leaders in both the Trans-Africa and Australasian divisions are enthusiastic about the possibilities and potential of this program.

Did You Ever?

By J. B. COOKS, *Secretary, Sabbath School Department*

Did you ever see a Sabbath-school member who was faithful and regular in attendance at Sabbath-school apostatize? The Sabbath-school is the stabilizing influence of our church program, not only for the adults but for the children and young people as well.

Did you ever see a Sabbath-school member who studies his lesson carefully every day lose his way?

Did you ever see a Sabbath-school member who is constant and faithful in his individual contributions lose his vision of the world-wide nature of the task of spreading the Advent message to all the world?

Did you ever see a Sabbath-school member who is active in conducting branch Sabbath-schools complaining

about the way things are being run in the home Sabbath-school?

Did you ever see a teacher in the children's classes who has been at the work long enough to see some of his pupils develop into stalwart Christian young men and women feel that his efforts were a waste of time?

Did you ever know of a church pastor or elder who could not find the time to concern himself with the welfare of the Sabbath-school becoming disappointed in the members of his church and finding that he was forced to spend much more time in working with his parishioners to keep them in the church?

Did you ever read this in the book, *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 11? "There are sacred responsibilities entrusted to Sabbath-school workers, and the Sabbath-school should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children, may be so fitted up that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church. They should help the church onward and upward as far as it lies in their ability going from strength to greater strength."

Congratulations



Pastor J. J. B. Combrinck of the Transvaal Conference has recently had conferred upon him the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem by the World Headquarters of this organization. He has represented South Africa in the International Bible Quiz contests, sponsored by the Israeli Government. He has visited Jerusalem on a number of occasions and spent several months in the work there gaining valuable experience in methods of working for Jewish people.

We send our sincere congratulations to brother Combrinck for this distinction which has come to him and also for the public witness for the message he has made in governmental and other circles. —Ed.

Andrews University Seminary Studies Steps up Publication Schedule

By DONALD LEE, *Director of Public Relations*

Volume 2 of the Andrews University Seminary Studies will be available the last part of August, announced Dr. Siegfried Horn, professor of archaeology and history of antiquity at Andrews and editor of the journal.

The coming issue of AUSS will contain twelve articles by various authors from the U.S. and abroad. There will be three articles on church history, three on theology, two on both Old Testament and chronology, one on New Testament and one article on comparative religions. All of the articles will be in English, according to Horn.

Beginning with volume 3, AUSS will begin semi-yearly publication with issues available in January and July. Subscriptions will remain at \$2.50 per year, and those who are interested in obtaining subscriptions should do so through the University.

Since the publication of Volume 1 of AUSS in October, 1963, there have been over 250 paid subscriptions to further issues. Reception of the new journal by the editors of other scholarly journals and seminaries has been good, remarked Dr. Horn. There are 40 seminaries and departments of religion on the subscription list at the present time. In addition to regular subscriptions there have been requests from the editors of ten other publications in the field of theological research to exchange subscriptions. Among those requesting AUSS on an exchange basis are *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Theology Digest*, and the official publication of the Pontifical Bible Institute of Rome.

When plans to publish AUSS were begun, it was hoped, said Dr. Horn, that the paid circulation would eventually reach 350. There are over 250 paid subscriptions on order now. Although 350 may seem like a small circulation, explained Dr. Horn, one of the most widely circulated scholarly theological journals, *Biblical Archeologist*, has 3,000 subscribers, while the *Journal of Cuneiform*, which is in its sixteenth year of publication, has a circulation of about 100.

The fact that we had more than enough articles for volume 2 of AUSS and were able to begin work on the third volume is encouraging, he said. The first issue of volume 3 which will be published in January, 1965, is now in galley proofs, as work begins on the second issue of volume 3 to be published in July, 1965.

THANK YOU, MVs

By P. BOSIRE and S. O'OMENGE,
Solusi College

"A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth" Proverbs 17:8.

This is true of the gift of nearly £85 which Missionary Volunteers of the South African Union gave to Solusi College at the beginning of 1964. This money was given specially for the library. As the Solusi library is still in its infancy and is very small, everyone at the college was happy that the MVs had given it such a valuable transfusion of needed vitality. The Library committee debated carefully how to use the money to the best advantage and decided to put it towards the cost of a new set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. The new Britannica has now arrived, and is on the shelves of the Reading Room. Sixteen of the beautiful volumes carry a gift plate marking them as gifts from MVs of South Africa.

In the hearts of the staff and students of Solusi there is a permanent memory of and gratitude for the interest of the MVs and their generosity in giving a gift which made it possible for this famous and up-to-date encyclopaedia to be placed in the reading room of the Library where it is used every day by young and old.

Everyone at Solusi says a big THANK YOU to the South African MVs. May Solusi respond to the challenge by giving more to the growth of the church than she has received.



G. Y. Kamwendo (left), a Second-year College Student, and Solace Mlalazi, a Library Assistant, unwrapping the New *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

Christian Education Trains for Service

T. R. LISSO, *Education Dept. Secretary,
Tanganyika Union*

About forty years ago, a young man was born at Majita, in Musoma District, Tanganyika. Being one of the few fortunate African boys, he had completed the Lower Primary School requirements by the time he was eight years old. Although these Primary Schools were taught by teachers with little training, without books or equipment, the children learned what there was to learn.

At the age of fourteen, Rukiko, did not know how to plan for the future. One day his father asked him to choose between going to the Government School in Tabora, and our Ikizu Training School. Rukiko was in a dilemma. He thought for a while—should he attend the Tabora Government School, which was well equipped, and had highly trained teachers, or should he attend Ikizu which had less equipment, and fewer trained teachers. Rukiko had met students from both the schools. His heart had been touched as he heard the Ikizu students sing "Rock of Ages, cleft for me". He finally decided to attend Ikizu Training School so he could learn to preach and sing well.

In 1936 Rukiko attended Ikizu Training School where he learned to love God and man. Five years later he graduated as a teacher-evangelist. He returned home happy, to await a call into the Master's vineyard.

Unfortunately, when the Tanganyika Mission Field Committee met that year, there was not enough money to employ new workers. Instead, the committee had to cut down on the number of workers already employed. Rukiko was most disappointed. His father advised him to pray.

The following month, Rukiko went for an interview with the District Commissioner in Musoma, in order to get a job with the Government. He was accepted, and the date of March 1, 1942 was set for him to begin work. The evening before that date, someone brought him a letter from Majita Mission. It asked him to come to Majita to work as a teacher.

Now Rukiko faced the greatest test yet. He had to decide between working for the Government, or working for God. He spent the whole night in prayer. When morning came, the words "It is a call from God" were still ringing in his ears. He decided to take the Mission call, so he went straight away to cancel his work appointment with the District Commissioner.

After teaching for over ten years, Rukiko went to Bugema College, and finally to Solusi College. Now he holds a very responsible position in the Tanganyika Union office as a departmental secretary.

There are many Rukikos in Tanganyika, in fact there are many in the Trans-Africa-Division, just waiting for a real Christian Education. To-day, as never before, our young people need to attend Christian schools. In a time when concepts and ideals are changing, our young people need to understand the true meaning of service. They need to be trained for service in our schools. The youth of

today are hungry for knowledge. They are not satisfied with the attainments of those who have gone before them.

"In our schools the standard of education must not be lowered. It must be lifted higher and still higher, far above where it now stands . . . but the education given must not be confined to a knowledge of text books merely." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 131.

May our schools be such as will meet the needs of today, to train the many Rukikos who are waiting to be of service to finish the assigned task of those who live on earth today.

Crucified

*Dusty path he trudges, taunted by
The thing that he has done;
But he will hide his guilt within the
hours
Behind the setting sun.*

*The city gates, his own familiar street.
Could only he forget
The mobs, the cries, the things that he
has seen,
And now this strange torment.*

*Why had he done it? Why had he ever
let
His lips say, "Crucify"?
Had this Man done him wrong? If not,
his conscience
Kept on pounding, "Why?"*

*But now his harassed thoughts would
find relief
Within the walls of home.
He steps across the threshold to its
peace—
But, no—he had not known!*

*His son—the idol of his heart—lies ill;
They weep beside his bed.
One hope is left: The Man of Nazareth
will heal—
They know not He is dead!*

*His son's parched lips— he sees them
moving now:
"You'll take me right away?"
How can he tell him?—cold and guilty
words—
"I crucified Him, son, today!"*

—Marjorie Lewis Lloyd.

Stewardship Corner

Once when I preached on Malachi 3:10, showing that the Lord had plainly promised that, if His people would prove Him by bringing tithes and offerings, He would pour them out a blessing they could not receive and rebuke the devourers that destroyed their crops, a preacher brother said to me, "I do not think you should teach people that they will receive a financial reward for giving. You should teach them to give because of love for God and not for selfish reasons."

But I answered that the dear Lord had already settled that matter in the Bible. If God promises to repay those who give

according to His plan and to prosper them in material things, then we ought to preach those promises. And since such glorious promises are in the Bible, since God promises such rewards for giving, why should we not hold up these promises as legitimate and proper incentives to giving?

"Do not teach people that tithing will pay; teach them that tithing is right," a good Christian brother says. But he forgets that doing right always pays, and the Bible is full of glorious promises that doing right will always have a reward from a righteous God.

AROUND OUR UNIONS

Maxwell Preparatory School

By NAOMI GLASS

Parents, pupils, and teachers always look forward to the closing days of school for several different reasons. At the Maxwell Preparatory School one of the main reasons is that there is usually a special program on the last evening of the term. Thursday evening, March 26 was no exception. There was indeed a very special program that evening, the kind of program which only a Christian school can put on at the close of term. What greater reward could parents have for their sacrificing in order to give their children a Christian education, or teachers for their long hours of patient instruction, than to see their boys and girls go through the waters of baptism as a public confession that they have given their lives to Jesus?

Yes, in the Nairobi Central church that Thursday evening we had a beautiful baptismal service, when nine boys and



Pupils of the Maxwell Preparatory School who were baptized recently.

girls, all pupils of Maxwell Preparatory School, were baptized.

Pastor M. E. Lind, who had conducted the Week of Prayer for the school just a short while before, was unfortunately not able to be present, but other ministers were present to have a part in the simple but dignified and impressive service. Pastor A. H. Brandt offered the opening prayer, after which Mrs. P. Brandt, the headmistress, read a beautiful description of the baptism of Jesus,

entitled "The Heavenly Dove." None will ever forget the meaningful resume of our doctrines given by Pastor R. J. Wieland. After each candidate had indicated acceptance of these doctrines, they all knelt together in front of the rostrum while Pastor F. H. Thomas offered the dedicatory prayer.

Pastor F. G. Thomas then baptized his twin sons, John and David. Pastor R. A. Marx baptized his daughter, Rosemary. Pastor G. S. Glass baptized his son, David, and the other children to whom he is 'foster father' as elder of the church. These were Lillian Asiyu, Gail Calkins, Winona Calkins, James Kingsnorth, and Terence Roberts.

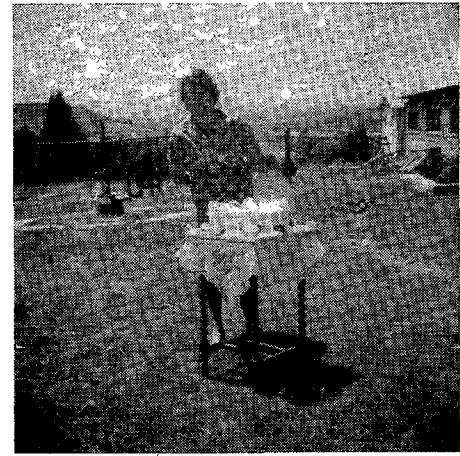
We rejoice in this harvest of fruit from Christian homes and schools, and we pray that not one may be missing in that glad day when Jesus comes to gather His greater harvest.

Children's Home Celebrates 25th Anniversary

J. D. HARCUMBE

The Children's Home in Basutoland which was started by Miss Mary Martin, O.B.E. twenty-five years ago has certainly been a blessing to the babies and children of leper parents. Hundreds of children have passed through this institution, free from the dreaded disease of leprosy.

Mrs. A. N. van der Linde, the present matron, held a little 25th anniversary party at the Home and together with the Children's Home Board, I had the privilege of attending these celebrations. The Matron in her speech reminded us of Miss Martin's great sacrifice and it was encouraging to note how the Lord has blessed the efforts of the workers of the Children's Home in saving these children. Surely the Lord takes care of these little ones. Most of them are taken away from their mothers when only a few weeks old and very weak physically. In spite of this, it is not long before they become accustomed to their new home and are blessed with good health and strength. At present there are 42 children in the Home. They are well cared for, and get clothing and good food.



Mrs. A. N. van der Linde, Matron of the Children's Home, cutting the Birthday Cake.

Mr. Mokitine, Superintendent of the leper colony at Maseru, is also a board member of the Children's Home and was present at the celebrations. We were very happy to learn that he was successful in obtaining a larger grant from the Basutoland Government to help Sister van der Linde take care of these needy children. The Lord certainly blessed because we had hoped for an increase of R10 (£5) but we were overjoyed to learn that it was R90 (£45) per month. This will indeed be a great help in operating the Home still more efficiently. Mr. Mokitine has taken a great interest in the Home and is anxious to do even more for these unfortunate children in the future.

On this 25th Anniversary it was fitting to open the small addition to the Home. This consisted of two bathrooms and toilets which were gifts from the Native Recruiting Corporation. As we went around visiting the children, we were happy to see how contented and good they were and what a joy to hear them sing their little Christian choruses which they sang from the bottom of their little hearts.

When one little boy came to the age when he could no longer stay at the Home, he was transferred to our Emmanuel Mission, a few hundred yards away from the Home. Later, he was taken by his parents to his own home but could not adapt himself to this environment and so returned to Emmanuel Mission. Another child, a little girl of nine years old, turned quietly to one of our workers as she was about to leave the Home and Emmanuel Mission and said: "I will remember Emmanuel."

I am sure all our readers will pray for the members at the Children's Home, and especially for Sister van der Linde and her eight associates.

Dedication of the Mombasa Church

By MARIAN BAKKER

"To God be the glory; great things He hath done," were the words of the hymn which opened the dedication service of the beautiful new church building in Mombasa on May 9. On approaching this very fine structure, one sees first the torch at the top of the tower, a fitting symbol of our church as the light of the world. The veranda is set off by wrought iron pillars at whose bases a few bright flowers nod in the breeze. On entering the church one is impressed by the unusual design, and the lovely colour scheme of blue, grey and yellow. The new pulpit and padded chairs for the platform, against a yellow background and grey curtains make the front of the building an attractive setting for the preaching of God's Word.

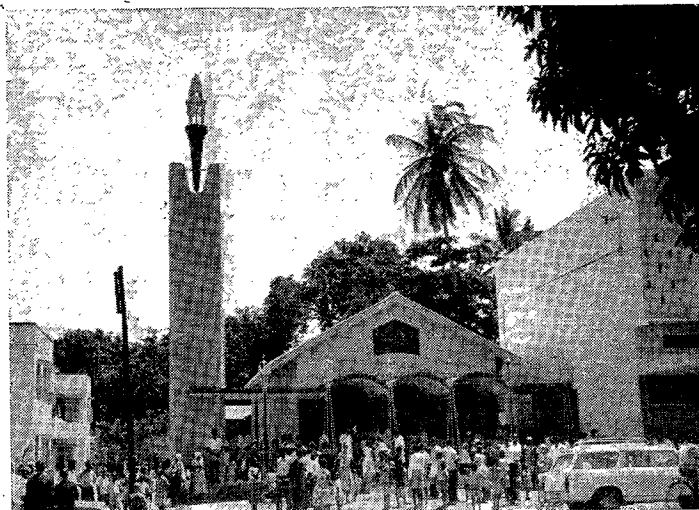
Yes, indeed, to God be the glory and thanks to His holy name. He will give His reward to the faithful ones who donated the sh.80,000 for the erection of this lovely building. Special thanks are expressed to the Trans-Africa Division, the East African Union and the Central Kenya Field for their very liberal donations.

The present district director for the Coast district, P. D. Bakker, related the history of the Mombasa church, and paid tribute to its early leaders in these words: "One of the greatest joys that can come to any family, community, or even a religious body is the growth within that sphere. Without development or growth there is no progress. A child that does not grow is lamented by the parents and looked upon by others as an unfortunate case. Stages of development must be seen at all times. Although slow sometimes, the development must be continuous.

"Back in the year 1933, Pastor W. C. S. Raitt landed at Port Reitz. The first site for the mission was near the present airport. In 1935 the Changamwe plot, our present headquarters for the Coast, was purchased, and the first school and church erected. Pastor Raitt has left his mark on the area, not only in the present Changamwe church building, which has stood since 1939, but also in the lives of many of the people at the Coast. His works truly do follow him."

We were privileged to have with us the Hon. R. S. Matano of the Coast Regional Assembly. His key words were: "Church work has had a large part to play in the development of this country.

The new Mombasa Church on Dedication Day.



P. D. Bakker (right) presents a gift to the Hon. R. S. Matano of the Coast Regional Assembly.



I am a Christian myself and believe it is through the church that we can expect people to live together. All people and religions can work together for the good of us all. It is through the church that the light will spread throughout Kenya."

We were very pleased to have with us Pastor M. E. Lind, our East African Union president, who gave the dedicatory sermon. A few of his words of admonition were: "There was a whole nation searching and waiting for the Messiah to come, and when He came they knew Him not. They had all the knowledge needed to find the Messiah but the knowledge availed them nothing because they knew Him not. Let us as a church remember this, that no knowledge is of any value to us unless it is the knowledge of Him, the One that God sent to this earth. So, my friends as we dedicate this church, even though we are conscious of its beauty, let us not miss the point that unless God lives in the lives of the men and women in this church and transforms you and me to be like Him, we live in vain. We would like, not only to dedicate this

building, but ourselves to His service."

Another honoured guest was our Central Kenya Field president, Pastor A. H. Brandt, who led out in the very beautiful "Act of Dedication", and the dedicatory prayer.

The church was filled to its seating capacity of 250 and I am sure that every heart was saying, "Thou, O Lord, hast made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy."

Needed

A Doctor to assist in self-supporting medical-missionary work in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. Inquiries: Dr. J. G. Foster, P. O. Box 529, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

New Radio Opportunities

By C. T. J. HYDE

*Secretary, Radio-Television Department,
Trans-Africa Division*

Many of us have been praying earnestly for years that opportunities would come for getting the Word on the air and for giving Africa the message which God has for the peoples of this vast continent. Our prayers are being answered. New providences are opening before us and by these providences the Lord is testing the sincerity of our prayers. If we, as a people, are not prepared to follow up the opportunities provided by the Lord, then why should we continue to pray for further opportunities?

I heard the other day of a man who is spending a thousand pounds a month to put the Word on the air! This surely is a noble effort, and while there are very few among us who could afford such a donation every month, yet all of us could do much more than we have done towards the support of the radio and television departments. So, as you read the following report ask yourself the question: What does the Lord expect me to do?

New opportunities are opening in Northern Rhodesia. From the Lusaka Radio Station programs are being broadcast in two African languages: Tonga and Nyanja. I. E. Schultz reports that he has high hopes of soon being able to broadcast in English from this station and he is making earnest preparations for these programs.

From the Congo Union comes good news. In the Congo where disturbances are frequent, it surely is gratifying to see 1,595 new enrolments for the French course and 93 new enrolments for the Swahili course for the year 1963. This represents an increase of almost a thousand new enrolments for the year. The increase in the number of graduates over 1962 was 66; ten more Voice of Prophecy students were baptized in 1963 than in 1962. So, in spite of all the trouble in the Congo, the work is going forward in these departments. D. H. Thomas is now the Radio-Television secretary for the Congo Union.

Radio-Television secretary for the Central African Union, M. Church, reports that they have now been given time and are broadcasting regularly in French. Brother Church tells us that in the city of Bujumbura a new French Voice of Prophecy course is being run and is proving popular amongst the new civil servants. Those who can read French are

finding it most interesting and they meet every Sabbath afternoon when their lessons are discussed together. These meetings are proving more popular as the weeks go by. Elder Church and Elder J. G. Evert, Home Missionary secretary for the Union, plan to visit four of the cities in Rwanda and Burundi with a view to seeking new enrollees for the courses.

Approaches have been made to both the Kenya and Uganda television services and we are praying while awaiting the decision of the boards of both these services.

During an evangelistic campaign in Mombasa, Kenya, our health lessons were advertised. These became very popular especially amongst the Asians. No further advertising has been done for some time, yet the enrolments are coming in daily as students inform their friends of the wonderful course which they are taking. The number who are taking the course is now in the six hundreds and this is actually constituting quite a crisis in the Nairobi Voice of Prophecy School as they do not know how they can handle such growing numbers. Elder R. J. Wieland, Radio-Television secretary for the East African Union, remarked to the writer recently when he was up in East Africa, "In 1963 we were £150 over our budget and now in 1964 instead of being able to curtail our commitments it seems that more and more are piling up. What shall we do?"

One day as we came out from a very cordial interview with the program manager of the television services in Nairobi, Elder Wieland turned to me

and asked, "What shall we do if we get on television and then get swamped with extra requests for Voice of Prophecy lessons? How shall we handle it? We do not have the room, nor the office space. We do not have the men and neither do we have the budget for such an increase of work."

So, the Radio-Television and Voice of Prophecy department of the Trans-Africa Division, places before our constituency, before every member of every church this question: What shall we do? We were given an opportunity of making a good offering on April 4, Voice of Prophecy Rally Day, and if for some reason you did not give your offering then, do so now. This will be your opportunity of answering Elder Wieland—this will be your opportunity of seeing that the work of God is not curtailed.

Must we limit the moving of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of men and women? Should we follow up the openings which come to us? Should we endeavour to get further openings on radio and television and so get the Word of God on the air at this momentous hour of Africa's history? There never has been a more important time to give the gospel to Africa. What shall we do? We leave that question with you.

Moving Forward in the Congo

by J. T. KNOPPER, *Publishing Department Secretary, Congo Union.*



Young Waldemar Stander of the George Church, South Africa, sells 200 "Signs/Tekens" every month.

Our readers of the OUTLOOK will be glad to hear some good news from—the Congo Union's Publishing Department. We are moving forward. In April we had 32 reporting literature-evangelists, with a total of 2,406 hours canvassing. Our deliveries for the first four months of 1964 were Cfrs. 414,421, excluding bookroom and pastor sales. We praise the Lord for what has been done, but we believe greater days are ahead and higher goals will be reached.

The other day we established our literature work in the capital city of the Congo, Leopoldville. A three days' institute was held to bring to the minds of the new recruits the "WHAT" and "HOW" of literature-evangelism. Then we launched into the deep. The Lord blessed our efforts in a marvellous manner. What a challenge is before our literature-evangelists in this great city! Thousands of people are gathered here who are looking for a better life on this earth, but who

do not know of the second coming of Christ. Among European and African people we have found the field ripe to receive the message through the printed page. With four new colporteurs we sold over Cfrs. 1,000,000 worth of literature in two weeks. Some people thanked us gratefully that we had given them a chance to buy. Among the business people in the centre of the city, we placed Cfrs. 20,000 worth of literature in three hours, all in cash sales.

Later I went to Matadi and worked there myself, since we had no church members in that city. The Lord blessed me with a similar experience. Our need is for more literature-evangelists and for good leadership in the field.

Our first missionary colporteur has also begun his work. He sold his shop in his home village and went to Jadotville to start new work through literature-evangelism. He has had good success and already has found an interest in the message. There is another missionary colporteur willing and ready to go to Kolwezi. The workers from the South Katanga station will raise funds through the Big Week campaign to build a house for this missionary colporteur in Kolwezi.

We hope in future to be able to bring you more good news from the Publishing Department in the Congo.

work of the chaplain and other staff workers.

On the Thursday evening the nurses invited the staff and visitors to a well-provided banquet, and on the Friday night, Elder Majombozi, secretary-treasurer of the Transvaal field, very ably conducted the consecration service. His timely message, "A Call to Consecration" was indeed blessed by God. It was inspiring to note how sincerely the newly graduated nurses responded to the call



Three of Maluti Hospital's graduating nurses with Sister-Tutor M. Burgher.

and dedicated their lives to the Lord to be a blessing to their own people.

Divine service on the Sabbath was conducted by brother D. Bothma who recently resigned from Maluti Hospital. We certainly appreciate the good work he has done at Maluti during the eleven years he has served there.

The writer was the speaker for the graduation ceremony and the subject chosen was "Witnesses." Mrs. M. Pote, matron of the hospital, reminded the nurses of their responsibilities, and finally, Dr. H. E. Clifford presented the certificates, while the matron pinned on the nurses' insignia.

Quite a number of Basutoland African government officials were present.

May the Lord continue to bless the hospital staff as they minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Basutoland.

New Churches in South Rwanda

News from South Rwanda is always welcome. F. L. Bell, president of this field, writes that four new churches were organized during the first quarter of this year. These were at Nyanza with 116

baptized members and 134 in the baptismal class, Kabacuzi with 112 members and 116 in classes, Kabareshya with 194 members and 142 in classes, and Mush-ingishiro with 79 members and 111 in classes.

The Karama church was dedicated recently and has a membership of 252, with 323 still in classes. This church is growing so rapidly that it possibly soon will need to be divided into two.

From Brother Bell's letter, we learn that, "The members at Nyanza have a fine new school building in which to meet for their services. This building is a monument to the faithfulness and patience of the members. Back in 1954, Pastor Eliezari Semutwa held an effort in Nyanza and had very encouraging results. Eighty people accepted the message and started studying, preparatory to baptism. At the same time forms were filled in and sent to the government requesting land upon which to build a church. After a number of months had gone by, the request was refused. During this time our people met for Sabbath-school and church services under a group of gum trees just outside the town on the land of a friendly Moslem gentleman. From then on, numerous requests for various pieces of land in and around Nyanza were presented to the government but all were refused for various reasons.

"For nine years God's people assembled each Sabbath in rain or sunshine under the gum trees. Then two things happened. The Moslem gentleman moved to another town and offered to sell his land to us, and Rwanda became an independent Republic. We immediately applied for permission to buy this land. Today, after 10 years of faithfulness and patience we have a fine piece of land, a nice school with 95 pupils, a good teacher's house, and plans to build a church in the near future."

LEST WE FORGET

"What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Every dollar of our means should be considered as the Lord's, not ours; and as a precious trust from God to us; not to be wasted by needless indulgences, but carefully used in the cause of God for the work of saving men and women from ruin."—*Life Sketches*, p. 214.

Graduation Exercises at Maluti Hospital

by J. D. HARCOTBE, *Vice-President, South African Union Group 2*

There was great excitement at Maluti Hospital during the week-end March 12-14 when five nurses from our hospital received their diplomas. This is the third class that has graduated. The nurses spent four years training at Maluti Hospital and wrote the Basutoland Government Hospital Certificate. They are Alritta Chabane, Sophia Matela, Ethel Doris Msuseni, Evelyn Tsotetsi and Dora Nontobeko Vuso.

It is only through the Lord's blessing and the consecrated efforts and fine spirit of the hospital staff that so much is being accomplished. Besides attending to the physical needs of the people, very much is being done for their spiritual needs. One of the most encouraging results is that not only patients are being won to the message, but many of the African nurses. Four of the five graduate nurses are Seventh-day Adventists, two of them being won to the truth through the

Christ in All the Bible

(Fill in the blank spaces)

In Samuel, the _____ and _____ of David.

In Kings and Chronicles, _____ over kings.

In Ezra and Nehemiah, _____ of heaven and earth.

In Esther, our _____.

—Adapted from *God Speaks to Modern Man*, by Arthur R. Lickey

gardens may see them every time they come. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

I am happy to say that Brother Banda's prayer was answered. More than three times troops of monkeys and baboons came into my own personal garden, but never spoiled my crops. Each time I saw them and was able to chase them away, as Brother Banda's prayer was still ringing in my ears.

When the crops were ready for harvest, we used Deut. 28:5, 8 as our text: "Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. The Lord command blessing upon thee in thy store house, and in all thou settest thine hand unto. And He shall

bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Because of God's wonderful promises, many people who obeyed were richly blessed. We collected 10/- for a thank offering and about 100 baskets of maize for tithe (about seventeen bags).

We wish that some visitors could come and see us right here at our leper colony. Many of our members have no fingers or toes, yet their store houses are full. The writer has never reaped more than forty baskets of maize during his three years' stay at Mwami, but this year he reaped more than 140 baskets.

May the Lord bless all faithful tithe payers.

Harvest Tithing At Mwami Leper Colony

By S. M. E. SHONGA

I am working at Mwami leprosarium in the Nyasaland Union. After serving as a teacher for seventeen years, I was called to the ministerial work here at the colony in 1963.

We have promoted tithe paying on the basis of thanking God for His mercy. Early in January this year, I called a church business meeting to study how we could increase our harvest tithe. The following suggestion was made by the officers and agreed upon by the church members:

Two or three of the officers, especially the deacons, would personally visit the gardens of the members and there have special prayer asking the Lord's blessing to rest upon the crops. We believed that if the Lord blessed the fields, the tithe income would be more for His sake.

While visiting gardens, the text used was from Malachi 3:11: "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in your fields, saith the Lord of hosts." With these challenging words at our colony, we had a wonderful year. Brother E. Banda, a lay-evangelist, was given oversight of tithe promotion. He is a blind man, but worked faithfully in promoting this important method of serving our Lord. His prayer was, "Our loving and heavenly Father, Thy word says that Thou shalt rebuke the devourer if we faithfully pay our tithe. Even though I am a sinner, I beseech thee that when the baboons and monkeys come to our fields the people responsible for guarding the

A Visit With Our Pioneers



Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Matter, Sr.

Fifty Years of Service to Africa

by W. R. VAIL, *President, Central African Union*

April 15, 1964 marked the 50th anniversary of the first arrival in Africa of Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Matter, now living in the territory of the Central African Union.

As a couple newly married only a month before, Brother and Sister Matter came out to what is now the East African Union, to work at the old Kanyandota Mission, Kenya, in 1914.

Later, Pastor Matter pioneered the opening of Rwankeri Mission in Northern Rwanda in the early 20's when life was rugged and the work was hard. About 1931 he went to start the work in what is now Ngoma Hospital, in the West Rwanda Field, associating with Doctor J. H. Sturges, caring for the buildings and the evangelistic work among the people of the hills surrounding Lake Kivu, while Doctor Sturges got the medical work started.

Here, he and Mrs. Matter worked untiringly until his retirement some twenty years later. Since that time, Elder and Mrs. Matter have lived in a cottage they built for themselves down near the shores of the lake, not far from Ngoma Hospital. Although being supported from the sustentation fund, both have been ready to help out whenever their help was needed by the Mission, even to holding the fort at the risk of health and life itself in the Congo or Rwanda, while the regular missionaries were away on furlough.

The Central African Union hereby expresses publicly their appreciation of the many long years of service rendered to Africa and Rwanda by Elder and Mrs. Matter, and to wish them both in the remaining years allotted to them, much of the blessings of their Lord, to whom they have been so devoted.

From Hither and Yon

While in Johannesburg recently, associated with the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, Dr. M. H. Schaffner, Division Medical Department secretary, also carried out a routine medical inspection of the students at Sedaven High School.

According to reports coming in regularly from the union fields, *Operation Advance* is moving steadily forward under the blessing of God. This program sets before our workers and believers a number of standards and goals to be reached by the end of the present quadrennium at General Conference Session time in 1966. Our members are urged to pray earnestly for the advancement of the work of God in our large Division field and to labour faithfully and zealously to achieve the goals set for each church.

At the recent Division Committee meeting it was voted that the name of the Nyasaland Union be changed to the South-East Africa Union.

We learn also from the minutes of the Division Committee that in future our Harvest Ingathering brochure will be 8 pages instead of 12 pages. It is felt that this smaller edition will prove to be just as satisfactory for the solicitation of Ingathering funds.

During the absence on furlough of Pastor and Mrs. D. K. Short of the Sentinel Publishing Association, Pastor G. S. Stevenson will carry the responsibilities of manager along with his editorial work.

Pastor A. W. Austen, presently studying at Helderberg College, is the new president of the Rhodesia Conference with Brother Colin K. Willmore continuing his work as secretary-treasurer.

The Norman L. Doss family left Blantyre on June 14 for their overseas furlough. During their absence, Pastor C. T. J. Hyde will be the acting president of the South-East Africa Union.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Rittenhouse from the United States are spending several months at Maluti Hospital in Basutoland on a relief basis. Their valuable assistance is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Rittenhouse is better known to us in the Trans-Africa Division as Miss Virginia-Gene Shankel when she was at Helderberg College during the time her father, Dr. G. E. Shankel, was the principal of that institution.

Dr. and Mrs. Shankel are joining the Rittenhouses on a tour through Southern Africa when Mrs. Rittenhouse will be giving benefit violin concerts.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wical and family

have transferred from Heri Hospital in Tanganyika to Yuka Hospital in Barotseland.

Returning from overseas soon are the J. A. Birkenstock family, arriving in Cape Town on August 13; and Pastor Rex Pearson who is flying from New York to East London on August 18. Mrs. Pearson and the family will arrive in September. The Raymond Tarr family will get to Cape Town on September 24.

Our warm greetings are extended to Pastor and Mrs. E. T. Gackenhimer who will soon be arriving in East Africa from the United States. Brother Gackenhimer is the new Home Missionary secretary of the East African Union. We also welcome Brother and Sister E. G. Markosky who will arrive in Mombasa in August, en route to Bugema Missionary College in Uganda. And David and Beryl Unger and little David will be going to Malamulo Training Institute on their arrival from the United States in August.

Special Prayer Requested

The special prayers of our believers are requested for Brother and Sister John Raitt of Solusi College. Brother Raitt is undergoing treatment in the Bulawayo Hospital.

Mrs. Mwema Kauti from Chimpenpe Mission in Northern Rhodesia is at present in the Salisbury Harari Hospital receiving treatment. Please pray for her.

Pastor and Mrs. E. Mwanje of the Uganda Field recently lost their son. He was killed instantly when a lorry overturned and crushed him. Please pray for these bereaved parents.

Let us all pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's waiting church.

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Sunset Calendar for August 1964

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Cape Town	6.11	6.17	6.22	6.26
Johannesburg	5.44	5.50	5.54	5.54
East London	5.34	5.40	5.45	5.49
Port Elizabeth	5.43	5.49	5.54	5.58
Bloemfontein	5.47	5.52	5.57	6.00
Pietermaritzburg	5.31	5.36	5.41	5.43
Durban	5.27	5.33	5.37	5.40
Lusaka	5.51	5.52	5.53	5.55
Bulawayo	5.50	5.51	5.53	5.54
Salisbury	5.44	5.46	5.48	5.49
Gwelo	5.44	5.45	5.47	5.48
Blantyre	5.30	5.33	5.34	5.35
Elisabethville	6.05	6.06	6.07	6.08
Nairobi	6.42	6.42	6.41	6.38
Mombasa	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.47
Kampala	7.00	7.01	6.59	6.56
Dar-es-Salaam	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24
Tabora	6.53	6.52	6.52	6.51

From the Editor's Scrapbook

"The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that."—McCosh

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." "He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." In the East the former rain falls at the sowingtime. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain, and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.

The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.

There is to be "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. This we should seek with *intensity of desire*, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour. Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the

Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.

At no point in our experience can we dispense with the assistance of that which enables us to make the first start. The blessings received under the former rain are needful to us to the end. Yet these alone will not suffice. While we cherish the blessing of the early rain, we must

not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact that without the latter rain, to fill out the ears and ripen the grain, the harvest will not be ready for the sickle, and the labour of the sower will have been in vain. Divine grace is needed at the beginning, divine grace at every step of advance, and divine grace alone can complete the work. There is no place for us to rest in a careless attitude. We must never forget the warnings of Christ, "Watch unto prayer," "Watch . . . and pray always."

Pray without ceasing, and watch by working in accordance with your prayers. As you pray, believe, trust in God. It is the time of the latter rain, when the Lord will give largely of His Spirit. Be fervent in prayer, and watch in the Spirit.—*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, pp. 506-507, 512.

PRAY for the LATTER RAIN

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