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THE

Apostle Paul

CHALLENGES

the Mission Fields

of TRANS-AFRICA

The apostle Paul believed in a program of self-support. "Our people should learn to earn what they require by leading an honest life and so be self-supporting." Titus 3:14 (Phillips). Paul practised what he preached in his own life. Though he believed a workman is worthy of his hire (1 Tim. 5:18), he preferred personally to make his living with his own hands. Paul was a lay preacher, and a mighty one indeed!

But now about self-support on a wider scale, among the people of God. Paul's words still hold good: "Be self-supporting." I believe if the wise old apostle should travel through the mission fields of Trans-Africa today he would say the same thing. We have a tremendous challenge before us, a challenge to "strengthen our stakes" (more firmly and effectively establish our existing work), and to "lengthen our cords" (reach out into the great unentered areas of our Division field).

Additions by baptism and Profession of Faith in the Trans-Africa Division during 1964 were over 29,000. This is

by Robert H. Pierson
President, Trans-Africa Division

more than the membership of the Tanzania Union, the South-East Africa Union, the Congo Union, or the South African Union. In other words, practically a new union was added to our Division during 1964. And not only last year, for several years more than twenty thousand have been baptized annually. Certainly the Lord has blessed the soul-winning endeavours of our workers in all parts of this field. We are thankful for every one who has taken his stand for present truth and joined the ranks of the Advent Church.

But our spiritual blessings sometimes create financial problems. While our membership has been increasing our appropriations and church income have not

kept pace with the physical growth of the church. We are having to administer, pastor, and care for practically a new union with inadequately increased appropriations. This means that more and more we shall have to look to our own resources to meet the needs of our expanding work.

The Trans-Africa Division has endeavoured to adjust some of its policies in favour of our local fields. Today the Harvest Ingathering and camp-meeting offering policies have been so changed that the local fields now have an opportunity greatly to strengthen the work in their territory when they do well in these two programs of the Church.

I appeal to our leaders, our workers and our members to keep the goal of self-support in your fields constantly before you. Support God's work to the fullest extent of your ability and the Lord will greatly bless you and the work in your territory.

Let us make Paul's words the touchstone of the program of every field in the Division: "Be Self-Supporting."



HEART to HEART

*A Friendly Chat with
Your Division President*

Dear Fellow Pilgrims with a longing heart:

As I travel around among the thousands of workers and church members throughout Trans-Africa I am constantly reminded of the deep longing and the real need for encouragement on the part of many. Hearts burdened with a sense of their great need cry out for the assurance of acceptance with their Lord.

"I believe Jesus is coming soon. I want to be ready," a missionary told me recently, "but I seem to come so far short of the Lord's requirements. I make so many mistakes." "Sometimes I wonder if I have truly experienced the new birth," another earnest labourer confided. "I was born a Seventh-day Adventist and I have never had the cataclysmic conversion that some people experience when they accept the message. Is it because I have never been converted?" "I have just spent some time on my knees praying and shedding tears," a burdened layman wrote me recently, "I want the Lord to make my needs known to me. Sometimes I feel so terribly lost."

Encouragement—assurance of acceptance—how much so many long for it! My heart responds to these appeals for, sensing my own deep need, all that is within me frequently cries out for similar assurance. And, as Paul says, "If we ourselves have been comforted we know how to encourage you to endure patiently." 2 Cor. 1:4 (Phillips).

Thank God the precious assurances are there for every one of us. In both the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy there is help. I keep many of these comforting promises in the front and back of my Bible so that I can turn to them frequently. I would like to share some with you just now. If you long for a closer walk with God, if sometimes your faith wavers, if, on occasions you are tempted to discouragement because of your own mistakes and shortcomings, these precious promises are for you!

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," Jesus assures us, in John

6:37. "Now that you have given yourself to Jesus, do not draw back, do not take yourself away from Him but day by day say, 'I am Christ's; I have given myself to Him'"—"Steps to Christ," page 52.

And what about those awful times when you let Him down?

"If one who daily communes with God errs from the path, if he turns a moment from looking steadfastly unto Jesus, it is not because he sins wilfully; for when he sees his mistake, he turns again, and fastens his eyes upon Jesus, and the fact that he has erred does not make him less dear to the heart of God. He knows that when he has communion with the Saviour; and when reproved for his mistakes in some matter of judgment, he does not walk sullenly and complain to God, but turns the mistake into victory."—"Review and Herald," May 21, 1896.

"There are those who know the pardoning love of Christ and who really desire to be children of God, yet they realize that their character is imperfect, their life faulty and they are ready to doubt whether their hearts have been renewed by the Holy Spirit. To such I would say, **Do not draw back in despair. We will often have to bow down and weep at the feet of Jesus because of our shortcomings and mistakes; but we are not to be discouraged.** Even if we are overcome by the enemy, we are not cast off, not forsaken and rejected of God. No, Christ is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."—"Steps to Christ," page 49.

And what about those many shortcomings even when we have done our best.

"When it is in the heart to obey God, and when efforts are put forth to this end" the messenger of the Lord assures us, "Jesus accepts this disposition as man's best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit."—"Signs of the Times," June 16, 1890. What a blessed promise! How full of hope!

But there are more!

"He who took humanity upon Himself knows how to sympathize with the sufferings of humanity. Not only does Christ know every soul, and the peculiar needs and trials of that soul, but He knows all the circumstances that chafe and perplex the spirit. His hand is outstretched in pitying tenderness to every suffering child. Those who suffer most have most of His sympathy and pity. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and He desires us to lay our perplexities and troubles at His feet and leave them there."—"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," page 249.

Thus He fulfils to us His precious promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). He knows our needs. He is well acquainted with the fears that harass our soul. In love and mercy He stretches low his hand to succour His fearful child that He might lift us above the miasma of doubt and pressing care.

Jesus invites us "to lay our perplexities and troubles at His feet and leave them there". We may bring our cares and lay them at His feet but too many of us do not leave them there. We pick up the problems and carry them away with us. Peace comes not alone when we bring our cares to Jesus but when we leave them there and trust Him.

Accept the promises of God. They are for you. They will never fail! Remember if you are a great sinner that Jesus is a great Saviour (Hebrews 7:25).

"How I long that you may be encouraged, and find out more and more how strong are the bonds of Christian love." Col. 2:2 (Phillips).

May God bless and encourage your longing heart.

Yours in Him.

What the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Would Mean to the Trans-Africa Division



by G. S. Stevenson
Editor, Signs/Tekens

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God. . . . Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should reign over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" Joel 2:1, 12-17.

This is God's call to the Advent people to prepare for the great and solemn events of the last days. Here is His invitation and requirement, that His people might be prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain power. What a startling and impressive spectacle it would be to the world if the Advent people should respond to this divine summons! This they must do to receive God's promise. How tragic is the condition of God's people in the hour when the Lord is waiting to manifest Himself to them.

"I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming on the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. . . . A great work must be done for the remnant, I saw that God's people are on the enchanted ground, and that some have lost nearly all sense of the shortness of time, and the worth of the soul."—*Early Writings*, pages 119, 120.

The first thing that would happen in the Trans-Africa Division under the baptism of the Holy Spirit would be a revival of primitive godliness, such as has not been seen since apostolic times. Indeed that revival must, in large measure, precede the outpouring of the Spirit. A

turning to God with all the heart is the needful preparation to receive the heavenly unction. But with the reception of the Holy Spirit would come a deepening of the spiritual life and an increase of spiritual fervour which would carry the revival to its climax.

Truly has the servant of the Lord declared, "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. . . . It is our work by confession, humiliation, repentance and earnest prayer to fulfil the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing."—*Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887.

"There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church, and an impenitent congregation. If Satan had his way there would never be another awakening, great or small, to the end of time."—*Ibid*.

True revival therefore, is both the prerequisite and the result of the baptism of the Spirit. Should the Spirit of revival take hold and spread throughout this Division, it would enable God to fulfil His desire to work in and through His people in miraculous ways. Under the mighty impetus of the latter rain, wonders would be accomplished in the Church, and in the world, by the Church. God would be able to give to Africa a full and final demonstration of His love, grace and power, as revealed in the lives of men.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick

were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be enlightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 126.

When the Church in the Trans-Africa Division experiences this revival and the reformation accompanying the latter rain baptism of the Holy Spirit, the way will be open for God to finish the work in our continent, and who knows, through us, perchance in all the world. Note these compelling statements:

"The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call, and left the fallen churches. . . . A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends, so that they dared not, neither had they the power to hinder those who felt the work of the Spirit of God upon them. . . . Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers. . . . Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction."—*Early Writings*, pages 278, 279.

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will

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I cannot always trace the way
Where Thou, Almighty One, dost move
But I can always, always say
That God is love.

—Author Unknown.

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Church Development Department

53 Churches Dedicated in 1964

150-200 Dedications Planned For 1965

Sogwala Church Dedication

by W. R. Zork
Secretary, Church Development Department, Zambesi Union

More than six hundred and fifty church members, church leaders and well-wishers witnessed impressive services at the Sogwala church dedication in the heart of the Lower Gwelo Reserve, Rhodesia, on Sabbath, April 10, 1965.

Sogwala church is located forty miles west of Gwelo in Rhodesia's Midlands, and takes its name from Chief Paraffin Petrol Sogwala, influential and respected patriarch of the Lower Gwelo Reserve. Chief Sogwala, long a VOP student, accepted Christ six years ago when Pastor J. D. Harcombe, at that time Southern Rhodesia Field president, conducted a lay-preachers' council in his area. Pastor Harcombe baptized the chief in 1960, and ever since this respected tribal leader has lent his positive influence in fostering the work of the church. The completion of the Sogwala sanctuary cul-

minated seven years of persistent encouragement and hard work.

It was in 1961 that Pastors S. B. Dube and Harcombe laid definite plans for the new structure. However, three years earlier fund-raising had begun with a 2/6 assessment on every member. Much more financial sacrifice and physical labour followed. Members made bricks. Mothers faithfully carried water. Now a beautiful structure seen from near and far and valued conservatively at £1,500, stands as a monument of Christian faith. Gifts from outside Rhodesia have included £120 from regular Church Development funds and a special £170 gift from an interested brother overseas.

During his remarks outlining the history of the project, Brother D. N. Mahlahla asked the congregation to pray especially for the conversion of the African builder whose excellent spirit and craftsmanship were now known to so many.

The new Sogwala sanctuary seats about four hundred and fifty. Floors, plastering, rostrum and pulpit, and both interior and exterior painting reflect a high degree of quality. The walls by the

rostrum and pulpit are constructed of beautiful face brick with a glazed surface. Washable long-lasting PVA paints have been used throughout. Well-made front, side and rear doors have been stained and varnished to a good finish.

The dedication service began at the 11 o'clock divine service when Pastor J. D. Harcombe, now of Johannesburg, challenged us to be ready to accept the work of Christ's hands as He prepares the finishing touches to His building program in the New Jerusalem. As the challenge to "hold fast" rang out to the waiting congregation, Brother Harcombe extended a personal call to decision to those who had never before accepted Jesus. Hearts were touched as five youths and one aged mother came forward for the first time in this first service in God's new house.

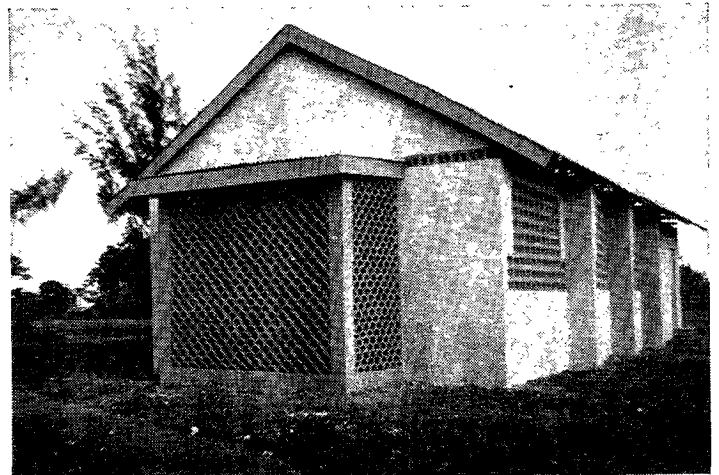
Special guests at the dedication also included Pastor S. B. Dube, Matebeleland-midlands Field president, A. W. Bell, field secretary-treasurer, and Mr. P. E. Chigogo, independent member of Parliament for the large Gokwe area in which the Lower Gwelo Reserve is located. In his words of commendation to the members, Mr. Chigogo likened the new church building to a spiritual "dip tank" where all may come to have their spiritual bodies cleansed from the "ticks of sin." Though hard times faced them because of this year's poor crop, he encouraged all to accept the words of Jesus from the morning's Scripture reading, "Let not your hearts be troubled ..." (John 14:1).

As the first act of thanksgiving at the



Seated, L. to R.: The Hon. P. E. Chigogo, member of parliament for Gokwe Tribal Trust Area; Chief Paraffin Sogwala; and J. D. Harcombe. Standing, L. to R.: S. Mahlahla, A. W. Bell, W. R. Zork and S. B. Dube.

CHURCH DEDICATED AT MALINDI, KENYA



close of the main service, Mrs. S. B. Dube, wife of the president, presented four carefully finished sets of interlocking communion trays complete with cups for the Lord's Supper. Dorcas mothers presented a beautiful floor mat and one lady teacher gave a lovely bouquet of artificial flowers. There followed a thank offering in which the entire congregation shared. S. W. Beardsell, principal of near-by Lower Gwelo Training College, offered the prayer of consecration.

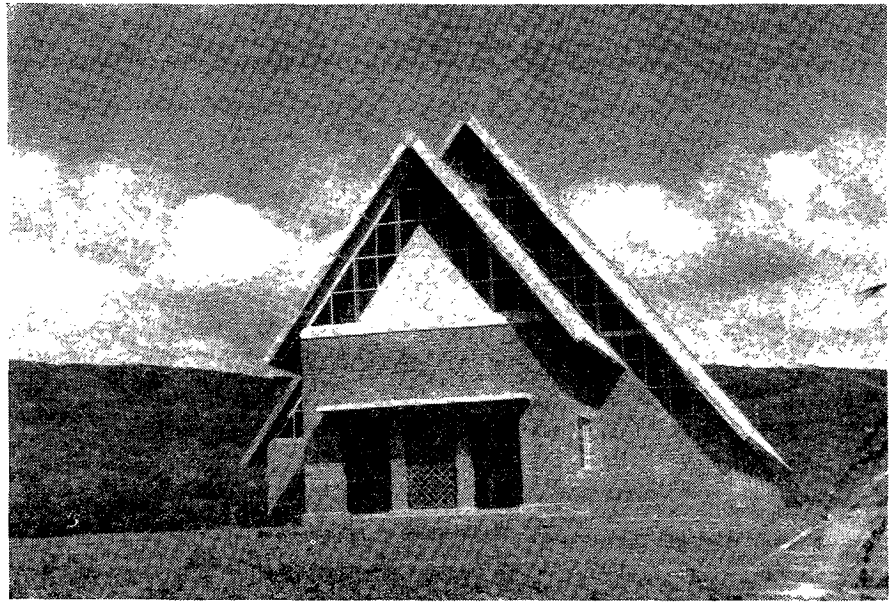
Visiting guests will long remember the spirit of thanksgiving, fellowship and hospitality which extended throughout the Sabbath day. European and African visitors were provided a special Sabbath thanksgiving dinner through the kindness of Chief Sogwala. Hymns of praise by the Sogwala and Lower Gwelo young people added to the appreciation of the day's services. All were impressed by the determination of the Sogwala people to use God's new house in ever more successful methods of soul-winning and soul-holding amongst the thousands of this great Midlands area.

Dedication of the New Mere Church at Malindi

The new Mere Seventh-day Adventist church is 6½ miles from Malindi, Kenya. It was dedicated on the day that Kenya

became a republic, December 12, 1964. On that day, the Mere church became the house of God. Pastor M. E. Lind preached the dedicatory sermon and he presented the thought that a Christian is one through whom light shines and even so the new church must be one whose members shine for Christ.

The building is so designed as to be kept as cool as possible in the hot climate of the Kenya coast.



New Matandani church, Malawi.

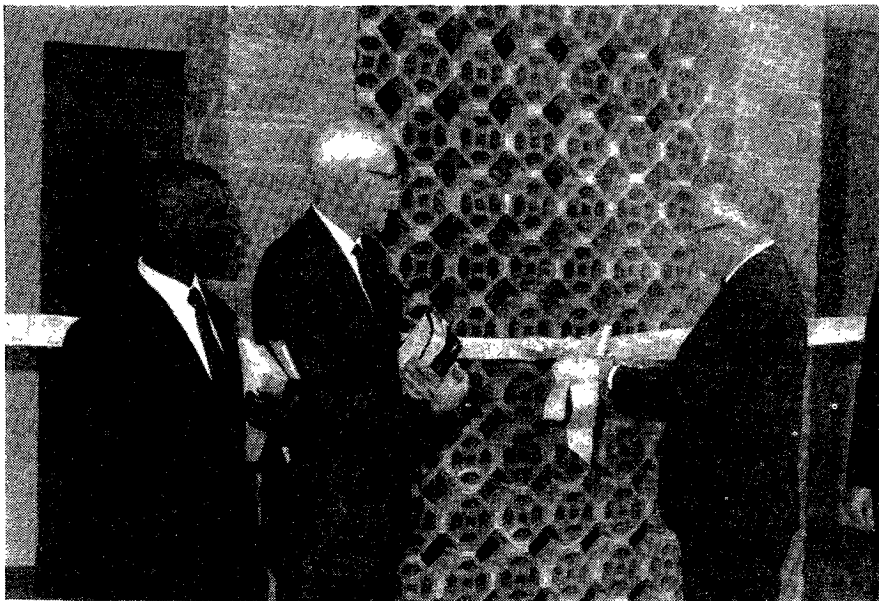
Matandani Church Dedication

by Norman L. Doss
President, South-East Africa Union

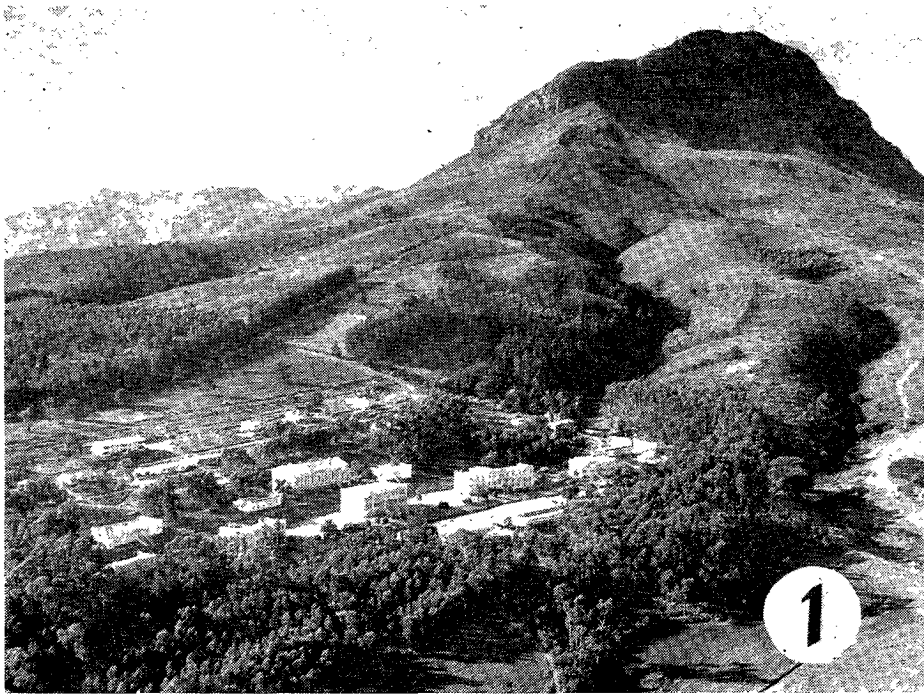
The beautiful new Matandani church was dedicated on Sabbath, May 8, 1965. The church was designed by Pastor O. I. Fields and built, under his and Brother K. B. Cronje's supervision, by students in the industrial and maintenance schools at Matandani. The very reasonable building cost of just over £2,000 (including very small labour costs) was made possible by student labour and close supervision. An ingenious baffle design above the rostrum permits good lighting with no glare in the eyes of the congregation.

This beautiful new sanctuary is located on an elevated site near the entrance and is visible for miles in several directions serving as a beacon light for heaven-bound travellers in the Neno hills.

Taking part in the dedication service were: R. H. Pierson, president, Trans-Africa Division, O. I. Fields, director, Matandani; K. B. Cronje, Assistant director, Matandani; F. A. Botomani, Church Development secretary, South-East Africa Union; W. M. Webster, secretary-treasurer, South-East Africa Union; Y. Sosola, veteran pastor, Matandani; R. T. Tsoka, present pastor, Matandani; W. D. Pierce, principal, Mombera Seminary; M. Howe, district pastor, and the writer.



R. H. Pierson cutting the ribbon across the doorway of the new Matandani Church, watched by R. J. Tsoka and O. I. Fields.



1. Helderberg College campus seen from the air.

2. Robert Bell (foreground) and Keith Musgrave busy hanging paper in the chapel (formerly known as the parlour) of the men's residence. The young men of Salisbury House are working toward having pews in the chapel where they assemble each morning and evening for worship.

3. Remy Moreira at work on the "top floor mural." A distinctive interpretation of the Heerengracht, the new business centre of Cape Town.

The Cape Times, May 17, 1965

In the May 17 issue of the *Cape Times* this news story appeared:

"The men students of Salisbury House, a residence at Helderberg College, Somerset West, are not afraid of a servant scarcity. They are do-it-yourself experts.

"Yesterday they showed their handiwork to admiring guests from Cape Town. The men spent 3,500 man-hours in doing the job which entailed scraping old limewash off the walls and repapering them with designs of their own choice. The old doors which have been used by three generations of students have been repanelled in light oak and the passages in grained plywood and plastic washable material.

Wall Murals

"The foyers on each of the three floors have been completely modernized with wall murals each 20 ft. by 10 ft. The major cost of the reconstruction has been borne by the 115 students in the residence.

"For the past couple of weeks they have been working at high pressure to get the residence ready for yesterday. The high whine of an electric saw has been heard often as the students have cut timber for their project.

"A staff member said yesterday that this work had been done voluntarily as a community project.

"These students are used to doing

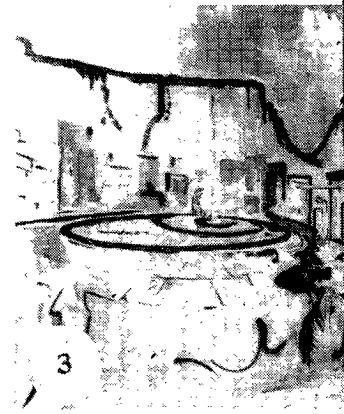
things for themselves as the college is self-contained and the students learn to do all the tasks, such as farming, laundering and cooking and care of their own rooms."

"Many visitors from Cape Town and surrounding areas visited the college yesterday. Last night the men entertained the women students of Meade House at a banquet in the dining-room.

"Mr. P. J. van Eck, the principal, said that the idea of modernizing the 35-year-old residence came from the men themselves. Many are studying for degrees in arts, commerce or science of the University of South Africa. They come from all parts of South Africa and neighbouring territories."

COLLEGE PLACE (formerly the basement) of Salisbury House now has door-high grained plywood panelling. There is new fluorescent lighting and many other improvements. The rooms which the college men occupy are of the highest standard, and plans are now afoot to lay new floors where necessary and supply modern chairs, study tables, and furniture. Certainly this is a *new COLLEGE PLACE* for distinctive, progressive men at Helderberg College.

With the exception of two rooms, all the lime wash has been banished from the walls to the rubbish dump, and new synthetic paint has replaced the old. Many bedrooms have been wall papered and now have a **NEW LOOK**.



HELDERBERG

Students Go



HELDERBERG COLLEGE

Residence “New Look”

Helderberg College forges into the future with confidence and determination to face a NEW AFRICA—to train NEW PROGRESSIVE WORKERS to face the NEW CHALLENGES OF AFRICA.

to learn the way of the Lord. My mind reflects on the statement of the servant of the Lord when she says, “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world.”—*Education*, page 271. This obviously is the plan of education at Helderberg College.

4. A good repaint job deserves a sparkling floor. Keith Howsen (foreground) and Edwin Hein clean up after spending over 48 hours redecorating their own room.

5. Cliff Glass (foreground) and Orckert Ralph put the finishing touches to the top floor foyer. The passages and old landings (now foyers) have been completely remodelled with bright distinctive wall papers, wall murals, built-in seats, new lampshades, *et cetera*.

IMPRESSIONS OF A RECENT VISITOR

by Helton Fisher
Newly appointed missionary to Malawi

It was with a great deal of interest that my wife and I visited Helderberg College on our way recently from Cape Town to Malamulo Hospital. How happy we were to find it in such a lovely environment. With pleasure we noted the spiritual tone and dedication of the students. To our interest we found, in reviewing one of the year-books, that most of the church leaders throughout Trans-Africa received their preparation at Helderberg College. Well might it be that such a record will be maintained at Helderberg for we found the plan of education there of the highest order. I have not before seen such a following after the Master with such determination

The End of a Busy Day



After a hard day's (or night's) work Michael Hay hits the pillow. He has been redecorating his room and so is sleeping in the passage, but, like the other men of Salisbury House, he can now boast of a NEW LOOK room.

Evangelism

Soul-Winning In Unentered Territories

by Daniel Harawa

Translator, South-East Africa Union

When I visited Chingale Camp-meeting this year I met a sister who had won a fine group to the message. Pastor Albert Kambuwa, the instructor who helped her win these souls was also present.

Pastor Kambuwa pioneered the work in Zomba, Malawi in 1926 before he went to the Congo. In Zomba, he met many hardships in evangelizing the Moslems, but this one woman attended all his meetings and profited by them so much that she was baptized and became a member of the Lord's remnant church. Later she moved to Chingale, an isolated area on the flat plains behind Zomba Mountain. Although she was not educated, this sister did not hide her light. Slowly and tactfully she followed the methods taught her by Pastor Kambuwa, and she went from house to house, until a company was established. Despite prejudice from the leading denominations in the area, she went on in faith, claiming the Lord's promises. Today we have a fine group of believers and a good church building as a result.

When I asked her how she managed to win so many people, she replied: "Every person you see here today has been visited many times and had Bible studies prior to his or her conversion." I was interested in her reply and also approached the church elder. "How did all this good work begin?"

"All of this fine group, including my-



Believers who attended the Chingale Camp, won to the message by the Sister in the centre. On her left is Pastor Albert Kambuwa.

self, came to the truth through her Bible teaching. There is not a single person standing here at the camp-meeting who came to the message in any other way," he added.

There are countless places in the Trans-Africa Division where our paid ministers are unable to enter. Why not persuade your laymen this year to enter such places? The very blessings which cheered the heart of this sister can be yours. Perhaps you too can follow her example.

What a challenge! If an uneducated woman can claim an entire congregation (as seen in the accompanying picture), why can you and I not do the same?

May the Lord inspire us to a greater laymen's soul-winning campaign.

THE LIGHT AT NJOMBE

by R. A. Tenga

Pastor, Tanzania Union

The first rays of truth were brought to Njombe by Mr. Reuben Mwanjiko who was converted while working as a tailor in Iringa and who became a Literature-evangelist in the Njombe area. Upon visiting him I was happy to see that he had been faithful and had several people ready for baptism, including his wife. Later on in the year several others were baptized as well. Mrs. L. G. Howard, a faithful member, had prepared nine of her farm workers for baptism in this same area. So the work began to grow.

At the start of the effort we had 32 believers who formed a choir to provide music for the meetings.

On the opening night a certain man, a court clerk, did his best to prevent people from entering the meeting hall. A police constable, who was in the hall, finally told him to leave as he had no authority to prevent the meeting as all arrangements had been made with the authorities. The room was filled with over 200 people for the first meeting. The following night the audience dropped to 100. Eventually the attendance settled down to about 40 each evening.

The area secretary, who was friendly, called us into his office one day to tell us that three different denominations had

appealed to him to stop the holding of our meetings. We thank God that this did not happen. In spite of opposition and many troubles, 13 people were baptized.

Because of the opposition the whole area is aware of us. We need to have an active minister stationed in this area for there are many who are still seeking for light. Pray for the believers that they may be faithful in spreading the truth to their fellow men in this area.

Note: A young ministerial graduate from Bugema Missionary College has been sent to live in Njombe.

V.O.P. RALLY IN WELKOM

by J. J. Mthombeni

Transvaal Field

The Bible Correspondence School is taking great strides forward in the South African Union Group II. A V.O.P. rally was organized by G. Nkosi, Publishing Department secretary of the South Sotho Field, and the program was excellent. The main speakers were Pastors J. D. Harcombe and W. H. J. Badenhorst. The mayor and the deputy mayor were present and each spoke. In his speech, the mayor said that he had great respect for a church which does not dabble in politics. The deputy mayor said that the time had come when preachers again ought to preach sermons that were watered with tears of repentance.

The King's Messengers thrilled the audience with their fine music. The mayor was so impressed that he requested that they sing in the Methodist church.

A baptismal service was conducted by Pastor Harcombe and six souls were baptized. When a call for consecration was made during this service, sixteen more souls joined the remnant church. Most of these were V.O.P. students.

HOW LONG?

"Go break to the needy sweet charity's bread,

For giving is living," the angel said.

"And must I keep giving again and again?"

My peevish and selfish answer ran.

"Oh, no!" said the angel, piercing me through.

"Just give until the Master stops giving to you!"

—Unknown.

Publishing Department

Here and There Among the Literature-Evangelists

The Publishing Department secretary of the South Sotho Field, Gibson Nkosi, reports that an African pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Welkom in South Africa, joined the baptismal class. He was first contacted by Literature-Evangelist Frans Rakometsi who sold him many of our good books in Sesuto. Having taken a full stand for the message and having disconnected himself from his former church affiliation, this minister now wishes to become a literature-evangelist and win others to the message through the literature ministry. At present he is working with members of his former pastorate. Twelve have already taken their stand.

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Literature-evangelists around the Trans-Africa Division gave 9,908 Bible studies during the first four months of this year, and 134 people were baptized, whom they helped to win.

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Literature-Evangelist Enos Paul Waya who was recently transferred to Dodoma, Tanzania, reports that two people are ready to be baptized. This good work has been achieved in a short time and merits honourable mention.

Bible Story Display a Tremendous Success

by A. M. du Plessis

(At the Rand Easter Show in Johannesburg this year, the Transvaal Conference put on an exhibition of books. While there was no direct sale of the books, interested persons signed cards and these contacts were later followed up. Pastor A. M. du Plessis, Publishing Department secretary of the conference writes of the results.—Ed.)

We have come to the end of the Rand Easter Show. As we look back to the results that have been achieved, we can only lift up our hearts in gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father for what has been done.

As we look forward to the possibilities, we again turn to Him who has never yet disappointed us, and we know that

with the blessing from above and the best efforts on our behalf, the results will be measureless.

We had hoped to have 3,000 cards signed at the end of the show. The Lord blessed and multiplied and there are at least 5,500 names which can be followed up. Of the names received, we expected that one in every ten might possibly give an order. Some literature-evangelists have already reported up to 50 per cent sales from the cards. *The Bible Story* has become a best seller overnight! To God be the glory!

Cards were completed by all types of persons—the high, the low, the rich, the poor. Several ministers visited the stall and expressed appreciation. Others asked to be visited in their homes, and then, of course, there was the general public as well. Cards came in from all over the Republic and even from visitors from such places as Portugal, England, and the United States of America.

East African Publishing House renamed AFRICA HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE

This is the new name now officially registered in Nairobi for our inter-union publishing house at Kendu Bay, Kenya.

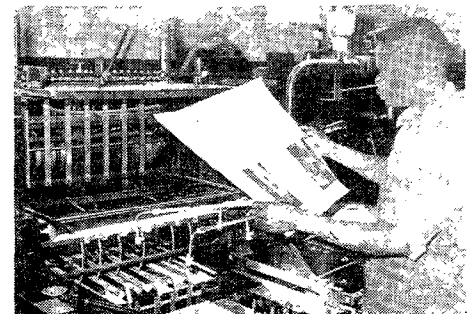
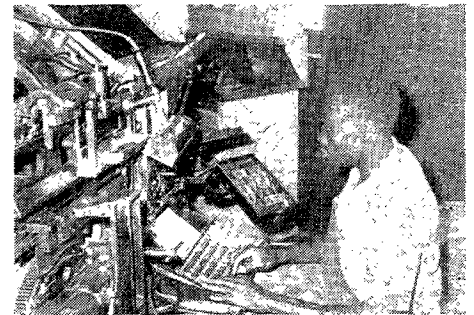
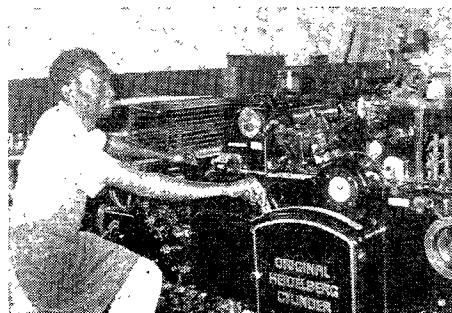
Many feel that God has over-ruled and given us a better and more meaningful name than the old one which was taken over by another printing firm.

The workers at our Africa Herald Publishing House have never been so busy. The accompanying pictures show three of their faithful African press and linotype workers in action. Soon they will have even faster equipment to help keep pace with the ever-expanding literature-sales program in our northern unions.

Manager R. E. Gardner and his wife have been working night and day. The literature—evangelists and the book-hungry millions of East Africa must not be kept waiting. This month some most welcome relief will be arriving from

Germany. It is in the person of Brother Dieter Gramkow, an experienced and qualified printer, who will be the new factory manager.

Let us pray for our "Africa Herald" house that it may be the mighty herald to Africa that God designs it to be!



Dedicated workers in the Africa Herald Publishing House: Top, a linotype operator; left and above, pressmen at their large machines.

Sabbath School Department

MORE BRANCH SABBATH-SCHOOLS

by S. K. Sendawula

*Sabbath School Department secretary
Uganda Field*

For almost a year Brother Sebuwufu was running a standard IV village school at Nakabugo. This place is 10 miles from Najjanankumbi church where he is a church member. At the beginning of 1964 a friend of his who is also a Seventh-day Adventist came to visit him. After a few days, the visitor noticed that there were very many people living in that place.

So he thought for a day or two, and then said to Bro. Sebuwufu: "I notice there are many people who live here. Couldn't we bring them the message and perchance win some to Christ?"

"Yes, we surely could, if we had a suitable plan."

"Why not try a branch Sabbath-school and invite people to attend?" the visitor suggested enthusiastically.

"You mean, invite people on the Sabbath day and have them keep the Sabbath immediately? Do you think they will come more than once?"

"Yes, if it is planned and executed in an interesting manner causing people to feel like coming again," the visitor responded optimistically.

So they decided to get it started.

Dr. Kiseka, one of the members of Najjanankumbi church, was approached and requested to prepare some health and ideal home lessons based on Bible teaching. The brethren asked him also to present these during the lesson study period each Sabbath. People were invited to come and hear the doctor give lectures about better living every week. For four consecutive Sabbaths the meeting place could not accommodate the large crowd that gathered. Obviously the people liked to receive free counsel pertaining to their health and happiness from a qualified doctor. How thrilling the lessons were to the people!

Brethren from the parent Sabbath-school took turns at teaching during the Sabbath-school meeting and many others participated in the program. God truly

blessed them each Sabbath. The Sabbath-school program remained the same except for a few modifications. The meetings progressed successfully for some while until, after several months, the doctor no longer gave health lessons but doctrinal ones.

During camp-meeting time this year, 11 people of this fine group who met regularly every Sabbath were buried with Christ in baptism. At present nearly 30 people meet every Sabbath at this very place.

Surely, a branch Sabbath-school can be a suitable plan for winning men and women to Christ.

Different Kinds of Givers

During the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of Inyazura Mission the African Sabbath-school superintendent, teacher Meshack Nhiwatiwa, gave a very graphic illustration of three different kinds of Sabbath-school "givers." Taking a piece of "cotton wool" he dipped it into water and then wrung it out. "Some Sabbath-school members," he said "have to be squeezed to get anything out of them."

Then he took a large rock and a hammer. "Some Sabbath-school members have to be beaten to get anything out of them. Then usually there are plenty of sparks (fire) during this procedure."

Then he described the cheerful giver and urged all to be cheerful givers.

Let Nothing Tempt Us to Rob God



Members of the Taung church, South Africa, bringing in their tithe of crops, peanuts and mealies.

"We must deliberately resolve that we will honour God with our substance; and then we must let nothing tempt us to rob Him of the tithes and offerings that are His due. We must be intelligent, systematic, and continuous in our acts of charity to men and our expressions of gratitude to God for His bounties to us. This is too sacred a duty to be left to chance, or to be controlled by impulse or feeling. We should regularly reserve something for God's cause, that He may not be robbed of the portion

which He claims. When we rob God we rob ourselves also. We give up the heavenly treasure for the sake of having more of this earth. This is a loss that we cannot afford to sustain. If we live so that we can have the blessing of God, we shall have His prospering hand with us in our temporal affairs; but if His hand is against us, He can defeat all our plans, and scatter faster than we can gather."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pages 271, 272.

ORDINATION



ZAMBIA FIELD SESSION

by J. N. Hunt

The Zambia Field Session and Workers' meeting convened May 5 to 10 at Rusangu Mission. President I. E. Schultz reported the organization of 34 new churches and a 40 per cent increase in membership (now 12,204) during the past five years. Encouraging gains were realized in tithe, church buildings, and nearly all departmental activities. The report of Pastor J. M. Koko, Publishing Department secretary, was especially encouraging. Literature deliveries for 1964 were more than double the deliveries of 1963.

On the final day of the workers' meeting it was the writer's privilege to assist

with a special ordination service. Seven of our dedicated Zambian workers were set apart for the sacred work of the ministry. They are (see photo above, 2nd row, left to right) P. Simakando, Libonda district leader, Liumba Hill; J. M. Koko, Publishing Department secretary, Zambia Field; R. Mulemwa, Mongu district leader, Sitoti; G. Otter, Musofu station director; J. Kalaluka, Silolo district leader, Sitoti; A. Kaite, Luapula district leader; and D. Brenneman, Liumba Hill station director. Assisting in the service were (seated, left to right) F. G. Reid, president, Zambesi Union; I. E. Schultz, president, Zambia Field; J. Muyebe, vice-president, Zambia Field; J. N. Hunt, Publishing Department secretary, Trans-Africa Division; and A. S. Muonyu (not shown), departmental secretary, Zambia Field.

What the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Would Mean to the Trans-Africa Division

(Continued from page 3)

be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.—*The Great Controversy*, page 612.

Truly God is waiting for His people in Trans-Africa to respond to His invitation and challenge. Our greatest need

can and will be met and supplied when we are willing to "seek the Lord with all our hearts. The task He has given us can and will be finished under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit by a church that is ready and willing to be revived and reformed. All this can be here and now. How long must God wait for us to glimpse the possibilities before us and gladly accept the mighty, all-conquering power that awaits our demand and reception. The baptism of the Holy Spirit can come to us now if we will do what God commands in the words quoted from Joel at the beginning of this article. May God make us "willing in the day of His power."

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SUNSET CALENDAR

August 1965

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	6.10	6.15	6.19	6.24
Johannesburg	5.44	5.48	5.51	5.54
East London	5.33	5.38	5.42	5.47
Port Elizabeth	5.42	5.47	5.51	5.56
Bloemfontein	5.47	5.50	5.54	5.58
Pietermaritzburg	5.30	5.35	5.38	5.41
Durban	5.26	5.31	5.34	5.38
Bulawayo	5.50	5.52	5.54	5.56
Lusaka	5.49	5.50	5.51	5.52
Salisbury	5.41	5.43	5.44	5.45
Gwelo	5.43	5.44	5.46	5.47
Blantyre	5.30	5.31	5.32	5.33
Elisabethville	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.42	6.41	6.39	6.37
Mombasa	6.25	6.25	6.23	6.23
Kisumu	6.51	6.50	6.48	6.46
Kampala	7.00	7.00	6.57	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.22	6.22	6.22	6.22
Tabora	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.50

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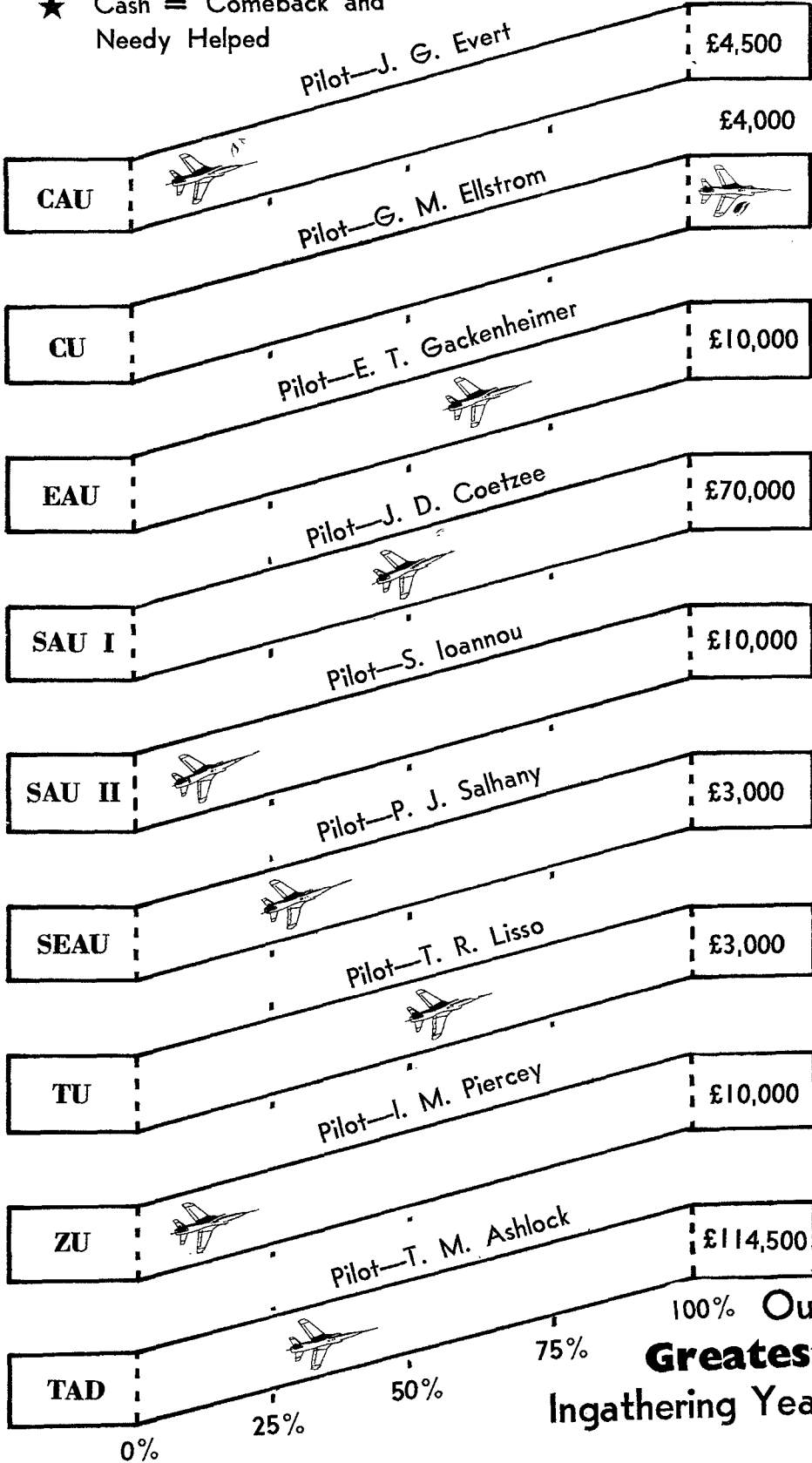
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East London	5.52	5.56	5.59	6.04
Port Elizabeth	6.02	6.05	6.09	6.14
Bloemfontein	6.03	6.04	6.07	6.11
Pietermaritzburg	5.46	5.49	5.51	5.54
Durban	5.43	5.45	5.48	5.51
Bulawayo	5.58	5.58	5.58	6.00
Lusaka	5.55	5.57	6.00	6.02
Salisbury	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.48
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SPIRITUAL INGATHERING, 1965

- MORE ★ Participation = Churches Revived
- ★ Contacts = Souls Won
- ★ Cash = Comeback and Needy Helped



From Hither and Yon



Dr. Karl Seligmann, medical director of Mwami Hospital in Zambia, received the following telegram from President Kaunda recently: WOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY SINCERE APPRECIATION OF YOUR WONDERFUL WELCOME FOR US TO MWAMI STOP REGRET I DID NOT KNOW OF PRESENCE AT RALLY OF MWAMI CHOIR OR ELSE I WOULD HAVE GIVEN TIME FOR THEM TO SING TO THE RALLY.

During the first quarter of this year, as compared with the same period for last year, there has been a substantial increase of £18,820 in tithe. The tithe per capita has increased from 8.9 per cent to 9.9 per cent. But it is with real concern that we note that there has been a decrease in mission offerings. This situation will undoubtedly improve during the remaining quarters of the year, but it underlines again the fact that our members' freewill offerings are not proportionate to their tithe income. May the Lord help us all to give sacrificially for the finishing of His work.

Soon to arrive to augment the Solusi College staff are Pastor J. J. Blanco and family. Brother Blanco as the instructor in theology, and Pastor and Mrs. L. Astleford from Canada who will also join the Theology Department of the college. Brother and Sister Astleford are the parents of Brother D. R. L. Astleford of the East African Union. Brother and Sister Warren C. Hewes arrive soon in Bulawayo to take up the leadership of the Publishing Department of the Zambesi Union, and Brother and Sister Emidio Sequeira will be going to Uganda for departmental work in the Uganda Field. We extend a warm welcome to all of these new missionaries.

Returning from furlough to East Africa are the R. J. Wieland family and the B. E. Wheelers; also Miss Ruth Carnahan to Rwanda. Proceeding on furlough are the T. M. Ashlock family and Brother and Sister J. M. Stephenson and their family from the Division office in Salisbury; also Brother and Sister K. B. Cronje from Matandani Industrial School in Malawi, Miss Jacqueline Gassert, office secretary in the Central African Union office, and Miss Amelia Ithier, office secretary in the Congo Union office in Elisabethville. The L. D. Pendleton family from the Tanzania Union office and Miss Mary V. Ford of Heri Hospital are leaving us on permanent return, and the John M. Staples family of Solusi College are going overseas on furlough and study leave.

The J. T. Knopper family of the Publishing Department of the Congo Union, welcomed a fine baby boy into their home on May 15. He is to be known as William Daniel.

Dr. E. G. Essery from England arrived in East Africa on July 12. He is making a private visit to Trans-Africa and while in South Africa will be assisting in Five-day Stop Smoking Plan campaigns.

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