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ENTERING

East African Union:

During the past three years a number of towns and districts in Kenya and Uganda, hitherto unentered, have been reached with the message. Pastor D. K. Bazarra led out in an evangelistic effort in the township of Hoima. The results were gratifying and we now have not only a good group of believers there, but largely through the initiative of the mission station director, Pastor R. Pifer, we also have a beautiful permanent church building.

In Masaka town, a stronghold of the Catholic Church, Pastor E. Semakula led out with a vigorous campaign during 1964. The result: another fine group of 40 believers.

In Nyeri, a small township close to mighty Mt. Kenya, our young evangelist began his little effort with vigour and zeal. However, during one of his earlier meetings, a group of young people entered the little hall. They were led by the political leader of the area. They had come to "break up" these "silly religious meetings." But something went wrong with their plans. There was an earnestness in the speaker's voice that they had not reckoned with. It was not long before they quietened down. Instead of "breaking up" the meetings, the heart of one young politician was "broken down." When he returned for the next meeting he was accompanied by his young wife. They were both deeply touched by the message which they heard. When the

THOSE UNENTERED AREAS

Reports by

UNION PRESIDENTS

Presented at the

MID-YEAR DIVISION

COMMITTEE

In this issue we give two Union reports. In subsequent issues other reports will be published.

effort ended, they were among a group of people preparing for baptism. I met this young couple a few weeks ago. They had then just been baptized.

Over at Homa Bay, Pastor R. E. Delafield, the East African Union evangelist, together with a good team of workers, conducted a very fruitful effort, making use of the portable tabernacle. Even though this collapsed during the later stages of the effort as a strong wind came up from the lake, Brother Delafield undauntedly carried on. He had the joy of seeing more than 200 souls won for the truth.

It is very difficult to reach the Masai people. Usually it spells trouble if a "foreigner" enters their territory. The South Kenya Field took an action recently, approving the subsidizing of a literature-evangelist for six months to go into that area. In addition, plans were also laid for a dispensary to be opened, "just across the border" of the Masai country.

The large unentered territory of the Tana River basin has confronted the East African Union with a difficult task. Not only does the territory provide us with a health problem, but it is also so close to the frontier facing Somalia that the constant raids and counter-raids present a formidable problem. Pastor P. Danie Bakker, the former mission station director of the Coast Mission, foresaw this. He therefore sent a colporteur up into the country to "spy it out." The colporteur had specific instructions. He was to

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Medical Missionary Day, August 28



HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with Your Division President

Dear Fellow Believers in the Advent Hope:

I wish that I could sit down in your homes and talk with each one of you about a matter that has rested heavily upon my heart for several years—in fact, since we first came to serve among you in 1958. It is a matter that the servant of the Lord describes as the church members' duty. It is also our privilege to follow the Lord's instruction in this matter.

Some years ago I was labouring in a conference where there were many very urgent needs. We needed a new camp-meeting tabernacle. We needed additional academy buildings. We needed new church buildings. We needed evangelistic equipment and funds to conduct evangelistic efforts. Yes, our needs were legion.

Some of you may be interested to know that many of the conferences in North America send more than half of their tithe income to projects outside their own borders. A certain percentage goes to support sustentation workers. Another percentage goes to the General Conference for work in the mission fields. (We benefit from these funds here in Trans-Africa.) Still other percentages are channelled to assist the union operated college, to the Voice of Prophecy, Faith For Today and other worthy projects. Because so much of their income goes outside their own conferences some fields have real problems financially.

That brings me back to my burden and to the needs of my conference in America. In the hour of need one of the members wrote to me saying that her father, who passed away a short time before, had left quite a large sum of money to the conference in his will. Her mother was well provided for financially. The children did not need their father's money and they were all anxious that the conference benefit from some of these funds even before their mother's death, at which time the money in the father's will would legally become ours.

How thankful we were, first that a loyal church member had remembered the church in his will, and secondly, that the family were so anxious for this

money to come to the conference at the earliest possible date; then thirdly that the Lord had provided this unexpected source of financial help in the hour of need. When we approached our lawyer we discovered that a certain portion of the estate could be handed over to us even before the mother passed away. What a blessing this was to the work of God in that needy field!

But what does all of this have to do with the work in Africa? What about that burden I want to share with you in your own homes? Well, my little story has a great deal to do with both. It has just taken me quite a while to come to the point!

There is much money and real estate in the possession of our people throughout Trans-Africa that should be put to work for God. Some of it can go into the Lord's treasury now, and some of it can be realized for the Lord's work upon the death of the holder. I am not talking about tithes and offerings this time. I have reference to wills, annuities and trust agreements.

"Your heavenly Friend has entrusted you with property and given you His will as to how it should be used," says the servant of the Lord. "If this will is studied with an unselfish heart, that which belongs to God will not be misapplied."—"Testimonies," vol. 4, page 483.

Here is some interesting and instructive counsel from the Spirit of prophecy regarding wills:

1. "In disposing of your property by will to your relatives, be sure you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property; and His claims should have your first consideration."—"The Adventist Home," page 397.

2. "Your wife and children, of course, should not be left destitute; provision should be made for them if they are needy, but do not, simply, because it is customary, bring into your will a long list of relatives who are not needy."—"Testimonies," vol. 4, page 482.

3. "Money left to children frequently becomes a root of bitterness. They often quarrel over the property left, and in case of a will, are seldom satisfied."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, page 121.

4. "Many are not exercised upon the subject of making their wills while they are in apparent health. But this precaution should be taken by our brethren."—"The Adventist Home," page 396.

5. "Death will not come one day sooner, brethren, because you have made your will."—"Testimonies," vol. 4, page 482.

6. "Christians who believe the present truth should manifest wisdom and foresight. They should not neglect the disposition of their means, expecting a favourable opportunity to adjust their business during a long illness. They should have their business in such a shape that were they called at any hour to leave it, . . . it might be settled as they would have had it were they alive."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, page 117.

7. "Those who make their wills should not spare pains or expense to obtain legal advice, and to have them drawn up in a manner to stand the test."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, page 117.

How about it, my friend and fellow-believer in the Lord's return, have you drawn up a will, and have you made God's cause first in your consideration?

There are other ways of making your funds and real estate available to the Lord's cause while you are still alive, and that culminate with your estate going to the church upon your death or upon the death of your spouse (trust agreements and annuities). Why not contact your pastor or one of your conference officers soon and ask him how you can have a part in helping with God's work in this manner?

May God bless you as you follow His inspired counsel in this important matter—now!

Sincerely yours for faithful stewardship,

YOU

and the Spirit of Prophecy

by G. S. STEVENSON, Editor *Signs of the Times*.



Seventh-day Adventists could never have developed without the Spirit of prophecy. This gift was the cement which bound the believers in the Advent and Sabbath into one body in the early, pioneer days of our movement. It was the inspiration, guide and counsellor during the years of consolidation and organization. It provided the impetus which made this a world-encircling church. It was by this means that God directed in the establishment of our various lines of work and the institutions which give character and standing to this people. Moreover, it was by this medium that the standards and pattern of Seventh-day Adventist life was formed. Thank God for the Spirit of prophecy which has made us a people.

However, it is not only on the level of the Church as a whole that there has been this benefit. It has been true for the individual believer. The precious counsel, instruction, reproof and guidance for individual Christian living can never be fully evaluated. No Seventh-day Adventist should be without at least some

of this inspired instruction. That is why Spirit of prophecy emphasis is being promoted, and why the Spirit of prophecy book of the year is made available at a special price. It is so that YOU can benefit *personally* from what God has caused to be written for the Church. You need

these books. Do not fail to benefit by them. Send your order *now* for the book of the year.

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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOKS



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Helpful Hints for Reading the E. G. White Books.

Begin reading *Steps to Christ*, a small devotional work. Next read *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*, then the nine volumes of the *Testimonies*. These nine volumes need not be read in chronological order. Better still, read the three volumes of *Testimony Treasures*, a delightful selection of choice *Testimonies* from the full nine-volume set, about one third the size of the full collection.

Read the books that appeal to you most. Read prayerfully and thoughtfully. The Spirit of prophecy books invite reflection and thought. You will find it natural to begin building a library. And as you do this, secure the *Index* and compare Mrs. White's teaching on different subjects by turning from one reference to another, much as you would study a doctrine in the Word of God.

Success to you in your quest for light and truth and spiritual power.

—D. A. DELAFIELD.

Spirit of Prophecy Book of the Year

THE ADVENTIST HOME, by Mrs. E. G. White

This book contains a wealth of counsel and information on the Home. The servant of the Lord guides the reader step by step in the formation of a home where angels delight to dwell and where love reigns supreme. Each sentence is alive with practical instruction on every phase of home life.

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LIFE AT ITS BEST, by Mrs. E. G. White

This book is a slightly abridged edition of *Ministry of Healing*. *Life at its Best* has an extremely wide range of subject material. It contains valuable counsel on both mental and physical health. *Life at its Best* answers many perennial questions about divine healing. The chapter on Mental Outlook is alone worth many times the price of the book.

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A home without books is like a room without windows.

A man is himself, plus the books he reads.

Every cheap book we read is an opportunity lost to read a good book.

Self-Support or Christian Maturity

C. T. J. HYDE, *Field Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division*



It is a good thing that we do not often see them, for it is such a sad sight. I am referring to human offspring that are born but which never grow up and are forever helpless and in need of care. How sad are the hearts of the parents of such children. It is God's plan for every child to experience normal growth until it can take care of itself and later serve others also. This is the sign of maturity, to be self-reliant and ready to assist others. The boy grows to youth and manhood, then matures until he can take on the responsibility of supporting a wife and family.

This same principle of maturity applies to each member of the Church and to church groups. They must become mature in their Christian experience to not only follow on to know Christ, but to grow in strength and be able to help others along the pathway to heaven.

Spiritual Growth

The Bible talks much about spiritual growth, and Peter in his first epistle (1 Peter 2:2) talked about the "sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." So new Christians need as it were, the milk of the Word, the easier food, but as "we grow in grace" (2 Peter 2:18) so we should be able to take on harder and deeper doctrines from the Word of God and we must "follow on to know the Lord" (Hosea 6:3). This is done by diligent Bible study, following the advice given to us in Isaiah 28:10 which says: "Line upon line, precept upon precept." So as we study the Word of God and learn more of God's purpose for us, we become stable, grown-up Christians.

Normal Church Growth

When Christ left this earth and went back to heaven, He left His disciples here to do the work of evangelism. He told them to go to all the world and preach the gospel to all peoples, to heal their diseases, baptize them and make them disciples. The apostles and early believers did their work well. The twelve apostles, Paul and others, went from country to country fulfilling the commission which Christ had given to His people. If we follow their journeys and observe the work which they accomplished, we can obtain a very clear picture of what normal church growth includes. First they went far and near preaching the gospel; they preached repentance and forgiveness of sins: (Acts 13:38). We read in verse 44 of the same chapter of Acts, "and the next Sabbath came almost the whole city together to hear the Word of God." Verse 42 adds: "and when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath." In verse 43 we note that "many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them persuaded them to continue in the grace of God." Paul and Barnabas continued their journey, and we read in chapter 14:6, 7: "And they went unto the region that lieth round about these cities and there they preached the gospel." When they had preached the gospel in Derbe and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples (verses 21 and 22), and exhorting them to continue in the faith, telling them that "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Verse 23: "And then when they had ordained them elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." Then they left them. This then was the pattern which was laid down. The gospel was brought to the people, the doctrines of repentance and forgiveness of sins, justification, sanctification, the coming of Jesus, tithing *etcetera* were taught. All these were carefully explained to them. The apostles baptized the believers, elders were chosen, churches were or-

ganized, and then the workers moved on and left the laymen to grow, not to die; to grow in grace, to "follow on to know the Lord."

Sometimes these messengers stayed with the new Christians for some months only. In other places where the converts had come from heathen backgrounds the apostles stayed a year and a half or even two years. (Acts 18, 28). Then the apostles would return to visit, exhort, correct wrong tendencies, and encourage to even fuller Christian activities.

Laymen Lead the Churches

Elders were appointed in every place, who continued the work after the apostles and preachers moved on. (Acts 14:23). It is wrong for church members to feel like orphans or unwanted children when the evangelist or pastor moves on to preach elsewhere. Let Christians keep in daily conversation with Heaven and make room for the Holy Spirit in their hearts to confirm the Word (explain it, to reveal its deeper meaning) to their hearts. This is the road to Christian maturity.

Maturity Is Shown in Assistance Given to Others

Christian maturity is clearly seen in the experience of the early Christian churches. In Acts 9:36-39 we read of Tabitha and how she devoted her time and energy to relieve the distress of others. She was full of "good works and almsdeeds" and God showed His approval of such a mature Christian by allowing her to be raised from the dead.

In Acts 10:2 we are told of a Roman centurion who although not a Jew had become a Christian and was mature as seen by his reputation which reads: "He was a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Cornelius was so far advanced in the Christian way that God was able to give him a vision and orders to fetch Peter. Even before his baptism Cornelius was helping others. Do we wait to see such maturity in our converts before we baptize them?

The Early Church Gave Gifts

Although the Christians of the early centuries were not rich, yet we read of their generosity to other Christians in distress in Jerusalem. Paul urges them on in this good work by being willing to take the money collected to Jerusalem. 1 Corinthians 16:1 talks of "the collection for the saints" and in 2 Corinthians 8:5 we find the secret of the churches'

liberality: they "first gave their own selves." First giving God the heart is the only true basis of Christian giving. Then gifts are not made "grudgingly" (2 Cor. 9:7-9). When Christians are liberal in their gifts God's blessings flow in upon them as is stated in 2 Corinthians 9:8: ". . . that ye having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work." We miss so much of the Lord's blessings when we fail to be generous towards God.

Church Workers to Be Supported by the Churches

Although Paul himself did not accept the hospitality of the churches which he had raised up, yet he was very definite in instructing them to support and care for the workers who were sent to them.

First the principle is laid down in 1 Cor. 9:9: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," and verse 13: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things (feed) live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Verse 14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." The early Christian churches cared for their workers and also sent them on their way. Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 9:1 and 2: "For as touching the ministering to the saints it is superfluous for me to write to you: For I know the forwardness of your minds." "Wherefore shew to them, (that is the workers) and before the churches, the proof of your love—" 2 Cor. 8:24,23: "my partner and fellow-helper concerning you." "They are messengers of the church." Although our world-wide organization is necessarily more complex than the simple methods of assisting the early church workers, yet the principle and the source of the means are still the same. The churches must support the workers from their tithes and offerings given from liberal hearts, given to the Lord Jesus, and also by sending their offerings to assist the work of God in distant fields. Churches that are not doing this are still new and immature or grown old without growing up to Christian maturity.

In Romans 15:25 we read: "Now I go to Jerusalem—for it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make certain contributions for the poor saints. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, *their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things*" (verses 26 and 27). Christian benevolence is a duty, giving that the Gospel might be preached in all the world to every creature. "And their debtors they are" (verse 27).

We have a debt to pay for the Gospel of salvation which was brought to us by

the benevolence of other mature Christians.

Let a Man Examine Himself

In 2 Cor. 13:5 we read: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves . . . how that Christ is in you." So let each man and woman examine his own heart and his own life, his own income, his own giving, his own tithe-paying. Look back over the past year, and reckon up how much you have given to support the work of God. In 1 John 3:18 we read: "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, *but in deed and in truth.*" Verse 21 says: "if our hearts condemn us not then have we confidence toward God." Verse 22: "and whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." Are you a mature Christian? Turning to the Spirit of prophecy we find similar counsel: "Those who are truly converted will regard themselves as God's almoners, and will dispense . . . the means He has placed in their hands. If Christ's words were observed there would be sufficient means in His treasury for the needs of His cause. . . . *Perfection of character can not possibly be attained without self-sacrifice.*" The money that you use will be a curse to you if you withhold from the Lord that which is His."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 53.

Self-Support

We have heard people say that they wish their field to be a conference, and how glad will be the hearts of leaders of the work when our fields rise to conference status. For when they do this they will be supporting their work, they will have risen to maturity in the Lord and will be working also for the salvation of others.

This can only come as a work of grace on the hearts of our members. It will not come by committee or church board actions, it will not come by making special petitions and representations, but is something which will come from the member's own Christian experience. Therefore, unless the Christian experience of the members rises in Christ Jesus towards perfection there will be no self-support, neither will there be a rise in status to stand like churches in other countries who not only support their own work, but send their means and their sons and their daughters across the seas to finish the Lord's work in other lands. Let this be our aim, to stand side by side with the stronger Christians of the other lands, that our names may stand with theirs in the Lamb's book of life as God's workers and laymen completely given to the work of the Lord as ministers of His, in the company of the saints of the Lord.

IN APPRECIATION

I am happy to take this opportunity to express to our fellow-workers and friends throughout the Trans-Africa Division our deep and sincere gratitude for the manifold prayers that have ascended to the throne of grace on our behalf. So many have written and sent messages of sympathy and encouragement, and it is not possible to answer and express thanks to all individually.

The Lord has been so good to Mrs. Hyde and me during this illness and we have truly been sustained and blessed physically and spiritually. May I request a continued interest in your prayers for complete restoration, if such can be the Lord's will for me.

Once more, many thanks for your Christian love and sympathy, and wishing you all God's richest blessings.

N.B. As we go to press word has come of a serious deterioration in Pastor Hyde's condition. This causes grave concern and calls for our intercessory prayers. [Ed.]

CONRAD T. J. HYDE,
Field Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division

Church Development Department

Zambia Church Development

by WARREN R. ZORK,
Department Secretary, Zambesi Union.

The seven Copperbelt towns of Zambia constitute the most heavily populated mining and industrial area in Zambesi Union territory. Here work 350,000 people—Africans and Europeans—living under the crowded conditions and the rush of modern city life.

When the large-scale move to the mines began more than thirty years ago, many faithful Seventh-day Adventists were among those who abruptly changed their way of life. In the distant African villages from whence they came, they had been happy to worship in thatched-roofed prayer houses. Although they would like to have built better, all they could afford in the new Copperbelt towns were similar structures. As recently as 1960 most of these congregations were still housed in make-shift temporary buildings with dirt floors and badly-rusting corrugated iron roofs. Some groups prevailed upon the goodwill of local municipalities and used government classrooms or community halls.

Not only were most of these meeting places totally inadequate for the size of their growing congregations, but they were also a disgrace to the name "Seventh-day Adventist" and the forceful proclamation of God's last message for Zambia.

This situation has now been completely changed. Through the co-operative efforts of sacrificing members, far-seeing administrators and devoted local pastors, we have, since 1962, built and dedicated five new town churches in this area, and completely renovated another. The three churches most recently completed are shown in the accompanying pictures. They were dedicated during special services on March 13 and 14 of this year.

Much credit for this fine achievement must go to Pastor M. O. Klaussen, who has worked untiringly with fellow ministers and members. Brother Klaussen sends us the following report: "Chifubu Church (Ndola) building houses our newest and most energetic congregation. The members were organized as a church only in September, 1964. As we commenced the

erection of this building the next month (October), we had to rely greatly upon God as we had only £720 in hand with which to build a £2,000 building, according to municipal regulations. We found a Polish man who sold us bricks at £3.15.0 per 1,000 instead of the usual £7.10.0. The lime factory willingly donated all lime. Other business firms gave us roofing timber and iron at greatly reduced prices. By Christmas the roof was on! On March 13 we dedicated this building, completely finished and free of debt.

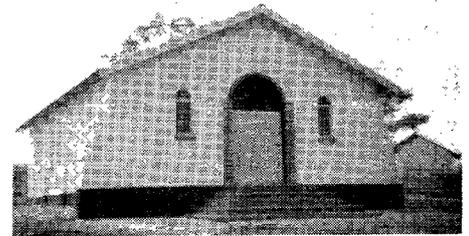
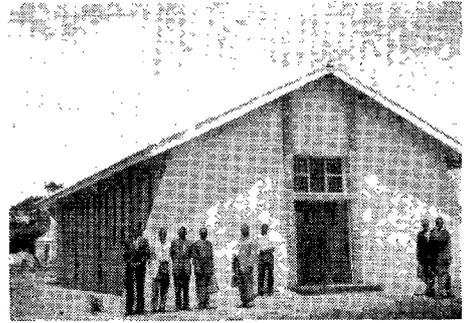
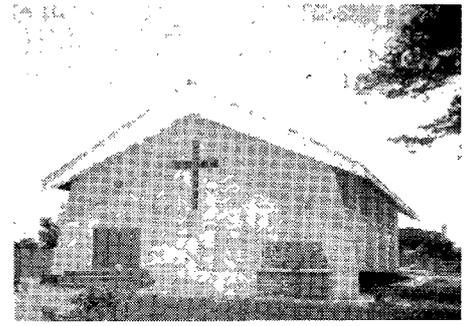
"The new Kitwe Church occupies a strategic location in the very heart of the Copperbelt. It is thrilling to recount how the Lord helped us to complete this representative building, right down to the pulpit furniture and pews. Timber, planed and cut to order, was donated by a large supply company. A former church member demonstrated his continued love for the church by donating £20 for paint and presenting the church with a beautiful pulpit and pulpit furniture. This church, officially organized in 1963, already has four companies under its leadership.

"The Chingola Church, located near the Congo border, was completed by a local contractor early in 1963, but the congregation was left with a considerable debt. Under the leadership of local church elder, L. C. Kalasa, it too was dedicated free of debt on March 14. The history of this church goes back to 1938, when it was established as a company. Church organization was in August, 1963.

"Pastor I. E. Schultz, Zambia Field president, presided at all three church dedications. He was appropriately assisted by Field vice-president, J. Muyeba and Pastors G. A. Otter and S. W. Mulombe."

Pastor Klaussen reports also that, by God's grace, two further church building projects are scheduled for completion on the Copperbelt by 1966—a large structure at Mufulira, and another at Bancroft.

The members and workers of Zambia join in sincere thanks for the generous financial assistance provided from Union and Division church development funds. From loving hearts they say "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."



The Chingola Church near the Congo border.
The Kitwe Church at the "Hub" of the Copperbelt.
The Chifubu Church, located in one of Ndola's thriving new townships.

Dedication of the Northernmost Church in Our Trans-Africa Division

A historical event took place last year on September 19, when the small but very neat church of Ikoba in northern Uganda was dedicated for the worship of God and the proclamation of the Advent message amongst the Bunyoro people.

As early as 1962 the small group of church members began raising funds and making preparations to build a permanent church at this isolated outpost. Later that year, J. A. Birkenstock and E. M. Nyameya, the Church Development secretaries of the Division and East African

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Union visited there to encourage our members in their good work. They found the local teacher and church elder were especially enthusiastic and had already made 10,000 bricks.

With the leadership and help of R. D. Pifer, then the director of the Ruwenzori mission, the work was finally completed this past year and this church valued at £1,400 and seating 180 people was dedicated by R. D. Pifer and Th. Pedersen. It is situated at 2° north of the equator and since it is not too far from the Sudan border, this little church of Ikoba lays claim to being the northernmost church to let its light shine in the Trans-Africa Division.

—J. A. BIRKENSTOCK,
*Church Development
Secretary, T.A.D.*

Bricks, Bricks Everywhere!

by P. J. SALHANY,
Department Secretary, S.E.A.U.

Six thousand bricks in one day! This is a good record for any group, but when the group consists of lepers with maimed hands and feet, such an accomplishment should be noted. The story is true. I saw it with my own eyes. Bricks, bricks everywhere! Over 60,000, prepared under the inspiration of a self-help scheme to improve the living quarters of the lepers at the Mwami Leprosarium.

Dr. Karl Seligmann told me of how everyone rose to the challenge, how some of the folks worked through the cool of the night under a full moon for illumination, how the little boys and girls carried the bricks so fast that those assigned to moulding were far behind in forming the mud into brick-shaped blocks.

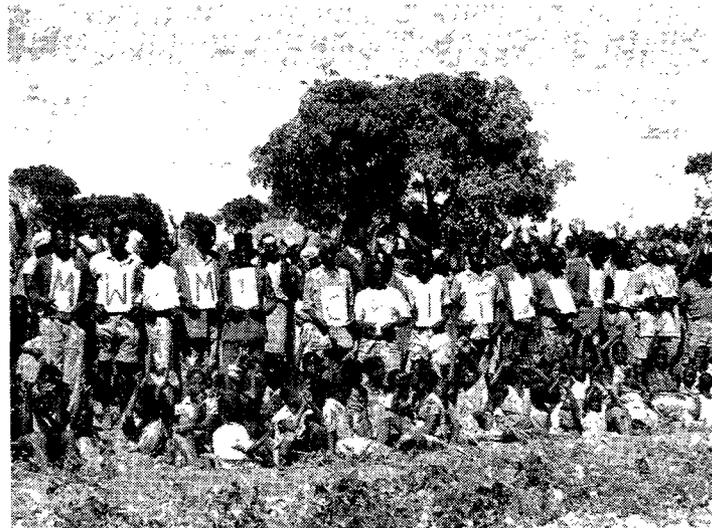
Mwami Leprosarium, located at Fort Jameson in Zambia, is near the Malawi border and serves a large area for these two nations in their battle against disease. Staffed by faithful European and African doctors, nurses and hospital assistants, they are making a contribution to the welfare of man and the advancement of God's kingdom.

Flood Tide at Natal's South Coast

JEAN CRIPPS

On a recent visit along the South Coast of Natal, I found Adventist enthusiasm at its peak. People were willing to talk as long as their busy hands were not interfered with while making visual aids.

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The Brick-Makers

Helderberg College

Music—An Essential for Youth

R. L. McMANAMAN,
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Parents are pleased when they see how accomplished their children are. They feel that years of sacrifice and planning have been worthwhile as they enjoy the achievements of their young people. Not least amongst the valuable accomplishments of life is that of music, for music is a true recreative force which freshens and stimulates the mind, enabling it to withstand the confusing problems of this age.

There is probably no better training for the adolescent boy or girl than participation in group endeavour. To play in a band or sing in a choir gives a sense of social belonging which is very important to growing up. Furthermore this self-expression encourages leadership; for the child builds up a confidence in his own abilities, and tastes the thrill of achievement. The timid or bashful child forgets his social inhibitions as he becomes involved in creative group activity. Self-confidence is stimulated as he realizes he has the capacity to succeed, and so he blossoms.

The ability to co-operate with others is one of the basic laws of group participation. The "spoiled" boy or girl, or the wilful and highly strung child soon learns that his actions and desires must be subordinated to those of the group.

Their part must be played as written. In such there is no place for the person who wants to be the whole show. They find their reward in the total achievement of the group. This is a fundamental concept of good citizenship in a democracy and basic to harmonious living in a community.

The disciplines of music encourage worthy habits and high standards of mental concentration, alertness, honesty, and integrity. To play in correct rhythm and accurate pitch with a group, requires split second precision and co-ordination of all the high faculties. Mistakes become glaringly evident. There can be no cheating or shirking. The player or singer must be honest.

Many eminent physicians give music a high place as a builder of mental and physical health. To play or sing a musical composition, thousands of mental calculations are necessary. Music—good music—through its rhythm and the excitement of pleasurable emotions increases the heart action and improves breathing, making us physically more vital and alive.

"A complete educational programme at all levels today must include a place for the personality developing subjects. Of these, none is so nearly universal, so effective, or so acceptable as music."* With its many contributions, music is coming to be recognized as a fundamental tool of education, just as the three R's and other basic subjects taught in the school curriculum.

Because of the additional advantages of a musical training in the fields of piano, voice, organ, woodwind and brass instrumentation, and because of an organized plan for group participation in the band and choir, students at Helderberg College are well prepared to meet the challenges of life.

* SOMMERS, HOBALT H., "For developing personality, WHAT'S BETTER THAN MUSIC."

Lower Gwelo Teacher-Pastor Retreat

by M. D. HODGEN, D.Ed.
Solusi College.

Teachers in the Midlands, Shangwaai and Ruia Districts had no sooner closed school for the holidays than they began travelling towards Lower Gwelo. The pastors and evangelists were doing likewise. The occasion was the Teacher-Pastor Retreat held at Lower Gwelo Training School, April 30 to May 4. When all had registered there were 135 teachers and 30 pastors. As visitors and guest speakers there were F. G. Reid, S. B. Dube, O. D. Muza, W. R. Zork, S. W. Beardsell, R. L. Staples, S. T. Palvie, A. W. Bell, Mrs. F. G. Reid, Miss D. Greve, I. Cheeseman, and the writer.

The programme was planned to provide devotional exercises, professional knowledge, and recreation. The mornings began with a devotional period, conducted by R. L. Staples, principal of Solusi College, who spoke of the challenges facing the church of God in Africa today and the need of all for grace and energy in meeting these challenges. The Sabbath sermon, preached by S. W. Beardsell, principal of the host institution, was based on Christ's "new commandment," love to one another. A discussion period on Sabbath-keeping gave an opportunity for practical and immediate solutions to the problem of working on Sabbath. In all these spiritual concerns the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. Pastor Beardsell had a series of talks on "Love, Courtship and Marriage." Interest was keen, discussion was vigorous as was to be expected on such a topic. Comments and questions exceeded the available time.

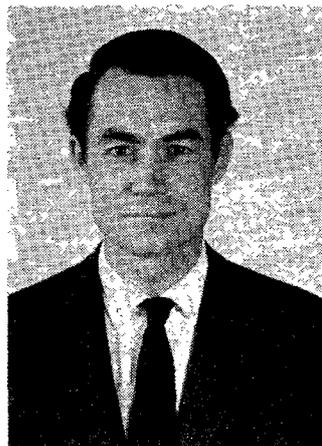
Each day teachers and pastors separated to listen to talks suited to their particular professional interests. Matters of pastor-teacher relations, the Spirit of prophecy, the baptismal class, church discipline and sermon preparation were discussed with the ministers. The teachers gave their attention to methods of teaching Physical Education, barriers to learning, the Cuisinaire method in Arithmetic, and Programmed learning.

In combined groups, which seemed always to provoke vigorous questions, the participants examined church policy in general, church finance, education in Rhodesia, witchcraft and the church.

There was recreation daily. It took the form of films in the evening and outdoor games in the afternoon. Quite as much a part of the recreation programme were the excellent meals served in the dining-rooms, and providing an opportunity for continuing friendships and meeting colleagues from elsewhere.

The days went by quickly. By dark on Tuesday the campus of Lower Gwelo was quiet and empty as it had been on the previous Thursday. But for those who had attended the retreat, life was not the same. We had seen the larger vision, caught the inspiration of the times, felt the dignity and challenge of our work in the church and we were able to go again to our tasks, not as we had left them, but stronger and encouraged.

Meet Our Workers



Dr. MAURICE D. HODGEN, B.Sc., M.A., D.Ed., is head of the Department of Education at Solusi College. He came to Trans-Africa in 1963 from La Sierra College, California, where he was on the college teaching staff. This year he has also been associated with Elder J. B. Cooks, secretary of the Division Department of Education, on special assignments in connection with our training schools and colleges.

Mrs. Rhona Hodgen, who holds B.Sc. and M.A. degrees, is very active in the musical activities of the college. The Hodgen's have two children.

Entering Those Unentered Areas

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report back to headquarters the names of interested persons whom he met and also keep a strict record of everything of interest. After some months, the colporteur returned with a young man from that area. This proved to be a "good catch." This young man was intelligent; he spoke the language of that area and he could read well. So Pastor Bakker took him "under his wing," and taught him our message, instructing him on how to give Bible studies. Then he sent him back on a "trial run" basis, together with the colporteur. They met opposition—plenty of it. Doors were closed on orders from the "local headquarters" of another religious body which has been in that area for a long time. Our two young men found the situation most trying. The people showed a decidedly unfriendly spirit towards the young missionaries. However, imagine the surprise of the people in a certain village one bright Sunday morning when they saw our two young men emerging from, of all places, the home of the elder of the very church which had told the population to close their doors to the missionaries! Yes, our two workers had slept in his home during the night. As a matter of fact they spent the whole week-end with the local church elder, giving him Bible studies and showing a friendly spirit. It is too early yet to say anything more on the subject. We are conscious of the many difficulties still confronting our workers there. But with God's help and blessing we believe this area also will be opened to the truth.

Pastor Y. Gwalamubizi recently conducted an evangelistic campaign in the Mubende township in Uganda in the centre of a strongly Catholic-dominated area. Under God's blessing we now have a faithful group of believers where a few months ago we did not have even one.

Between Mubende and Port Portal, the Uganda Government has erected one of several camps to care for the many thousands of refugees pouring into the country from adjacent territories. The Uganda Field Committee set aside a budget to provide for a local worker to attend to the spiritual needs of the refugees. You will be glad to know that in this particular camp, there are now 53 believers who are preparing for baptism.

Although we are happy to report a certain amount of success, we have still to admit the truth of the Luganda proverb: "Gakyali Mabaga—There is still much to be done."

—M. E. LIND,
Former President.

Central African Union:

The Central African Union is made up of the countries of Rwanda in the north, and Burundi in the south. These two countries are approximately equal in size and population, around 7 million. More emphasis has probably been placed on the work of the church in Rwanda with the result that 90 per cent of the union church membership is in Rwanda. However, large areas in the north-west must still be regarded as unentered territory. To meet this challenge the union committee has taken a large portion of the South Rwanda Field and re-organized it into the new East Rwanda Field with headquarters in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. The unentered areas mentioned above are included in this new field. With more personnel available, strong plans are being laid to enter into and develop these heretofore unentered areas. Funds are in hand to complete an office and house for the new field's staff. Funds are also in hand to build a large and representative church in this capital city.

In Burundi the 6,500 church members live in an area that represents only about 15 per cent of the total area of this country. This leaves practically 85 per cent of the country which can be considered as unentered territory. Kitega is a provincial capital and this city was selected as the most suitable place in which to locate the headquarters of the newly organized East Burundi Field. Opposition from other mission organizations was strong and this made it difficult to obtain a foothold to establish our work. This has now been partially removed through the large shipments of medicines and clothing which we received from overseas and distributed. In this venture we worked very closely with the government.

Then, too, a recent procuring of 5,000 series of polio injections brought a favourable response and a letter of praise from the Minister of Health. Radio news broadcasts regarding the giving of the polio medicine referred to us as "those lovely Seventh-day Adventists." This undertaking has given us favourable contacts which have enabled us to make requests for the establishment of our work in Burundi, and now many doors are opening. We have made applications for permits to establish workers in five or six areas, and prospects are good. We plan to send in a number of literature-

evangelists as well as a number of field workers. We are confident that under the blessing of God and through the dedicated lives of these workers a rich

harvest will be gathered out from these heretofore unentered areas.

—F. UNGER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

From an Australian Friend

One of the OUTLOOK's interested readers is Pastor A. J. Campbell, now of Cooranbong, Australia. Previous to 1954, Brother and Sister Campbell spent 28 years in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea in mission service for the Master. After retiring the Campbells now live in Mrs. Ellen G. White's old Australian home, "Sunnyside." The New Seventh-day Adventist South Seas Museum has recently been completed and stands next door to "Sunnyside" on the same campus. This fine building and Sister White's old home are a source of real interest to Adventists and non-Adventists alike and are good witnesses for the gospel to passers-by. As its name implies, the museum houses items of interest, documents and trophies of various kinds, collected from the many islands and countries of the South Seas.

Brother Campbell also writes an interesting paragraph or two in a recent letter about the little plastic gramophones being used so widely in the South Sea Island fields. "I will take this opportunity to send you a few lines in connection with the 'gramophone ministry' of the little plastic gramophones," he continues, "with their high quality records. We had great success with these in New Guinea and other South Sea Island fields, and continue to have indeed. There are fourteen of these wonderful gospel lessons now in 140 languages, and two health messages, warning against smoking, drinking and other health hazards, also in

many languages. The Indonesian language has a ninth record, showing where Mohammedanism and S.D.A. Christianity agree on some points, like temperance.

Recently 3,000 of these little wonder machines, with their 27,000-7 inch high quality records arrived in Djakarta, and have since been distributed far and wide. Fifteen hundred are about to go out to Bahia State in Brazil, in Portuguese, to the area where 1,000 were baptized recently and where a man purchased a copy of *Great Controversy* in Portuguese that was on a shelf of a hotel bar, as a result of which fifty-two were baptized. Another man had sold the same book to the bartender for money for drink.

"Pastor L. H. Barnard, the pilot of our mission Cessna, the *Andrew Stewart* has 1,000 of these machines in his area of Central New Guinea. A few days ago nearly 600 machines and 5,000 records arrived at Lae, New Guinea in 14 languages, including the Yala language for a brand new field opened by Brother Barnard and his grand little plane. 'Gramophones with wings,' he calls the little gospel carriers. It was he also who names them 'wonder workers.'

"Lots of these machines were distributed by a Philipino worker in the Ilocano language area. So many requests came in for Bible studies that soon evangelistic meetings were held and 113 were baptized. The records are in a number of African languages, according to the list I have on hand."

KWESEKIEN is a polio victim with both legs useless. She crawls to Sabbath School and church a mile each way each week in North New Guinea. After she was presented with a little gramophone and some records, this fine little missionary is witnessing for her Master.



MV Pathfinder Day, September 11

Flood Tide at Natal's South Coast

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Homes were just strewn with cut-outs in various stages of completion.

Miss Pauline Muller, a public school teacher from Port Shepstone, had enlisted all the members of the Windsor-on-Sea church to help prepare material for the Vacation Bible School. The hundred per cent co-operation she received and the enthusiasm she engendered were wonderful.

When the school got into its stride during the July vacation there was an average attendance of over 100 children. It was evident that they just loved this kind of school.

The climax of their five mornings' work, or should I say fun, was a concert on Saturday night for the parents built around the theme "God Made Me." There was a full house.

As an ex-teacher I could not but be amazed at what the children had learned in such a short time. The programme went off with clockwork precision. I came away completely converted to the Vacation Bible School plan. Try it in your town; it really works!

At Rest

BECKNER.—Harry Stewart was born on August 16, 1883 in Reno County, Kansas when this was part of the early American frontier homestead country. He was called to his rest early on Sabbath morning, May 22, 1965 in the Rest Haven Nursing Home, Los Angeles, California. He was a member of the Lynwood Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Some of our members may remember Brother and Sister Beckner and their family who spent 25 years in South Africa.

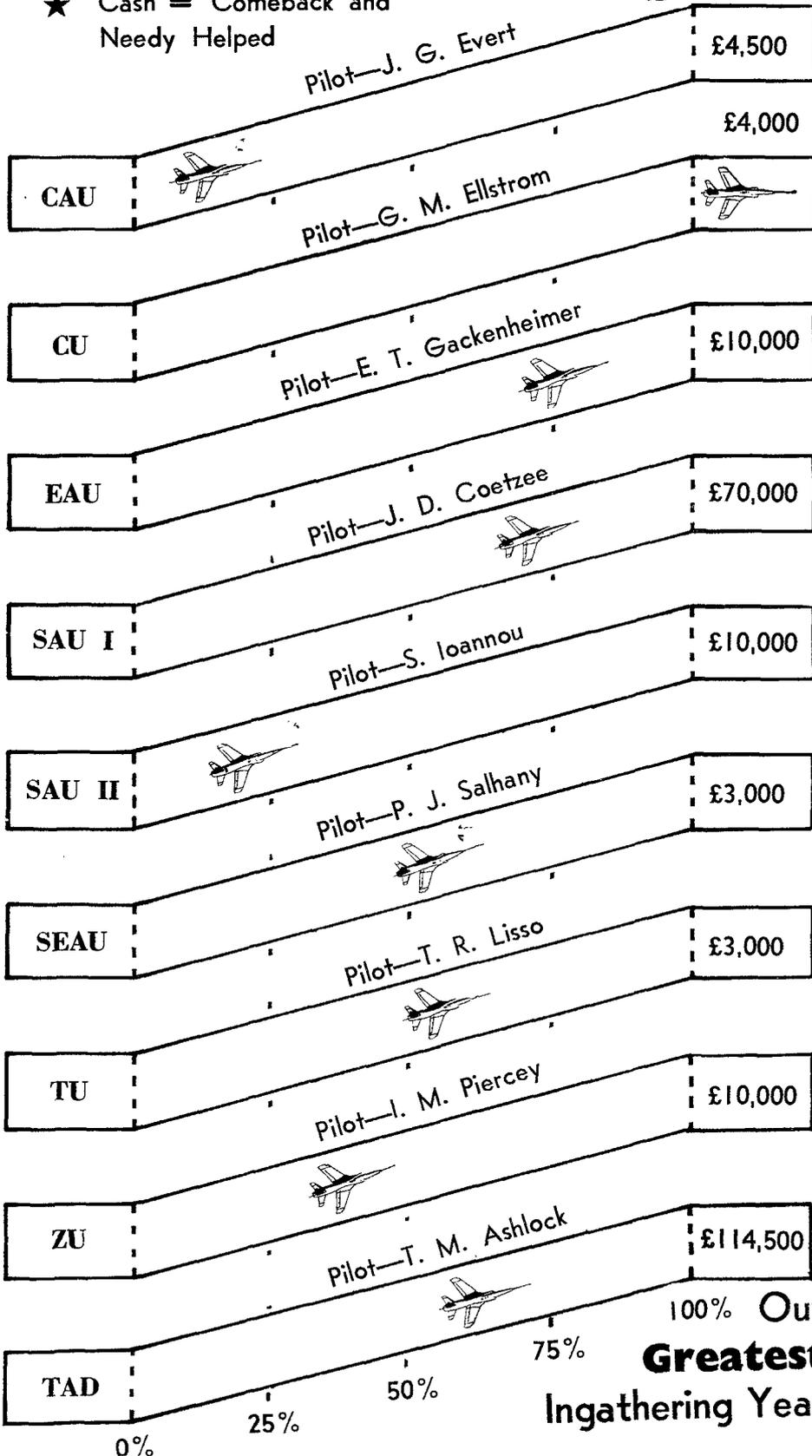
Brother Beckner's early youth until he was ten years of age was spent with his parents at Pleasant Hill, Missouri where his father was in the organized work, and as his father was called to various locations to labour, he moved from place to place until in 1903, at the age of 20, he sailed for South Africa and was associated with the Ingle family in the establishment of a broom factory. Like the apostle Paul who made tents for a living, Dad Beckner engaged in the manufacture of brooms and brushes to make a living, but his main business was the preaching of the gospel. He served the cause of God in South Africa for almost a quarter of a century, holding a number of positions in various churches there.

He was united in marriage to Kezia Eugene Lawrence and to this union was born four sons and one daughter; Dr. George L. Beckner of Los Angeles; Dr. Gordon B. of Inglewood; Elder Horace R. of the Southern California Conference; Donald O., an engineer; and Mrs. Roberta B. Strachan, a public school teacher.

The Beckners returned to the States in 1925 and located in South Lancaster but after the death of his wife in 1953, Brother Beckner stayed with one or other of his children. He had 13 grand-children and 11 great-grand-children.—Ed.

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From Hither and Yon

We are glad to report that Pastor G. S. Stevenson, editor of the SIGNS/TEKENS, who recently underwent open-heart surgery in Cape Town, has made a remarkable recovery and is now well on the way towards complete restoration and full-time service at his desk once more. Pastor C. T. J. Hyde, Field secretary of the Division, whom we reported ill in our last issue, is not making such rapid progress and has had some set-backs. His courage is strong, however, and his faith and trust in the Lord is unshaken. We ask our readers to continue praying for Pastor and Mrs. Hyde as they pass through this time of illness and anxiety.

A workers' RETREAT was held recently in the Central African Union at the Karora MV Camp. Situated 15 kilometres from our Ngoma Hospital on the hills overlooking Lake Kivu, this camp site is said to be about the most beautiful for scenery of any we have in the Division. Here the workers gathered for a few days of spiritual, social and physical refreshment.

Before leaving for overseas, Pastor John Staples conducted an evangelistic campaign with his Solusi theological students in the Soche Township in Blantyre, Malawi. During the first two weeks the meetings were well attended and even during the fourth week the attendance continued to grow, to the place where there was only standing room in the auditorium which seats 700. The interests have been almost more than the team could cope with at times.

News of another effort comes from Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania, where Pastor Cyril Bender is conducting a Voice of Youth campaign in the Dar church. He writes that the attendances are encouraging, even though they are now into their third week. The lay members have been fully behind this campaign.

Miss Sandra Kohen from South Africa has accepted our call to service in the Blantyre Surgery in Malawi and arrived there earlier this month.

The Central African Union will soon be welcoming its new Publishing Department secretary, H. J. P. Matussek. Brother and sister Matussek and their children come from the Central European Division in Germany. Another new missionary family is the L. B. Dennys who upon their arrival in Beira from New York will proceed to the Matandani Industrial School in Malawi for service in that institution. Then, Brother and Sister Dieter Gramkow from Germany are now settling in at the Africa Herald Publishing House in Kenya. This institution was formerly known as the East African Publishing House.

Returning from furlough are Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Brandt who have spent most of their time in Switzerland studying French. Elder Brandt is the president of the Central African Union. Formerly he was the president of the Central Kenya Field. There is also the Timothy V. Gorle family returning to Kama-gambo Training School in Kenya; the Nico F. Kozachenkos returning to the South African Union; and Miss Alma Riter to the East African Union.

Proceeding on furlough after a strenuous term of service in the Zambesi Union are Pastor and Mrs. Warren R. Zork and their family.

As this issue of the OUTLOOK goes to press word has been received of the death of P. J. van Eck, principal of Helderberg College. A fuller announcement will be made in our next issue.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

September 1965

	3	10	17	24
Cape Town	6.30	6.33	6.37	6.42
Johannesburg	5.57	5.58	6.00	6.03
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
Gwelo	5.49	5.52	5.54	5.55
Blantyre	5.35	5.34	5.34	5.34
Elisabethville	6.06	6.06	6.05	6.04
Nairobi	6.36	6.32	6.29	6.26
Mombasa	6.22	6.19	6.16	6.13
Kisumu	6.45	6.41	6.39	6.36
Kampala	6.53	6.49	6.46	6.44
Dar-es-Salaam	6.23	6.20	6.18	6.17
Tabora	6.49	6.46	6.44	6.43

October 1965

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Cape Town	6.49	6.53	6.58	7.04	7.10
Johannesburg	6.07	6.11	6.14	6.17	6.21
East London	6.11	6.15	6.19	6.25	6.31
Port Elizabeth	6.21	6.25	6.30	6.36	6.42
Bloemfontein	6.17	6.20	6.25	6.27	6.32
Pietermaritzburg	6.00	6.04	6.07	6.12	6.16
Durban	5.57	6.01	6.04	6.09	6.14
Bulawayo	6.00	6.05	6.06	6.08	6.11
Lusaka	6.04	6.05	6.06	6.07	6.09
Salisbury	5.52	5.53	5.54	5.55	5.58
Gwelo	5.56	5.58	5.59	6.01	6.04
Blantyre	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.39	5.42
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Nairobi	6.27	6.23	6.21	6.19	6.19
Mombasa	6.13	6.13	6.11	6.10	6.09
Kisumu	6.34	6.32	6.29	6.27	6.27
Kampala	6.43	6.41	6.38	6.36	6.36
Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.16	6.15	6.14	6.15
Tabora	6.42	6.41	6.40	6.38	6.39

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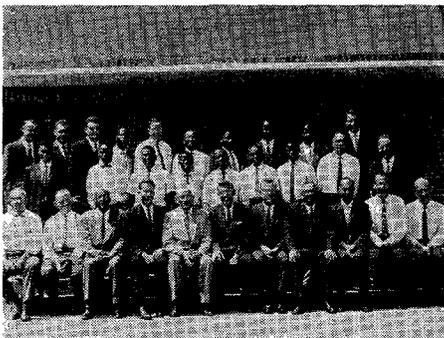
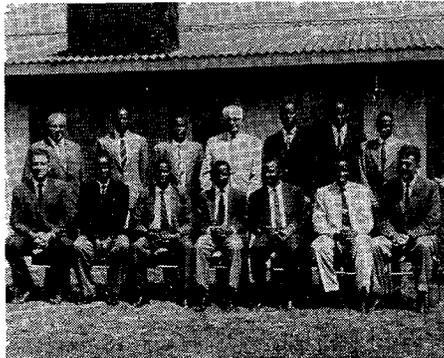
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Publishing Department

Division Publishing Councils and Leadership Training Courses

by J. N. HUNT,
P.D.S., *Trans-Africa Division*

All union, conference and field publishing department leaders in Trans-Africa, except those of the Central African Union, met early this year with union and Division officers, and publishing house managers for two large regional councils and publishing leadership training courses. The leaders from the East Africa and Tanzania unions (Photo No. 1) enjoyed the comfortable facilities of the Limuru Conference centre. The delegates from our southern unions (Photo No. 2) appreciated the warm hospitality of Solusi College.



Elder R. H. Pierson, president of the Trans-Africa Division, attended both councils, to bring the keynote messages on successful leadership, greater soul-winning, and the need for the Spirit's power. Elder George A. Huse, publishing secretary of the General Conference

(centre 2nd row, Photo No. 1; 5th from left, Photo No. 2) gave the main instruction during our Publishing Leadership courses, emphasizing the development of our world publishing program. Elder F. G. Thomas at Limuru and Elder R. L. Staples at Solusi presented excellent and challenging material on the subjects of persuasive preaching and African religious trends.

Thirty-six publishing department secretaries greatly benefited from these councils and courses and returned to their fields determined to develop the greatest sales and soul-winning program ever realized in Trans-Africa. Their latest monthly reports show a 50 per cent increase over the corresponding month of 1964. We are praying for 700 literature-evangelists by 1966!

Literature-Evangelist Action Saka delivered over 14,000/- worth of our literature in Uganda during 1964. God is wonderfully blessing our African literature-evangelists. Many are earning more than they could as teachers, office workers, or in other lines of business.

The people of all countries in Trans-Africa to-day are eager to buy and read our attractive publications. We urgently need 300 *additional* literature-evangelists this year in order to reach the waiting millions on this continent. Will you help us to recruit more of these valiant soldiers of the cross?



Action Saka

The new *Bible Story* (*Bybel Verhaal*) wins souls. J. A. Virtanen (right) of Pretoria purchased the set on the one-book-per-month plan from Literature-Evangelist A. J. Oberholster (left) early last year. By the fifth month he was ready to join the Church, and two months later he was ready to start selling these beautiful Bible books himself.

Before the end of the year Brother Virtanen had won another family to the Truth. So far, five souls have been baptized as a result of this one sale!

As you see in the picture, Elder J. G. Kerbs, SAU Group I Publishing secretary, and these two fine literature workers are all very happy about this thrilling experience.

A. J. Oberholster
J. G. Kerbs
J. A. Virtanen



Literature Evangelists Rally Day, September 4