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## *An Earnest Appeal* *From* *Your Division Officers*

Word has just reached us that each delegate attending the General Conference Autumn Council held recently in Washington D.C., has pledged to give one week's salary to the Week of Sacrifice Offering. The many financial obligations that are devolving upon the Church and the increasing number of appointments that must be met, in addition to the multiplying opportunities that are beckoning to us, called for this urgent appeal and was met by a whole-hearted and unanimous response from the delegates assembled there at our world headquarters from all parts of the world.

Would the Trans-Africa Division be satisfied with less than a willing and complete acceptance of this appeal from our world leaders? We believe not! All our church members and workers are earnestly requested to join in a similar pledge, to be redeemed before the end of December, 1966. May the Lord richly bless you in this act of sacrificial giving for the finishing of His work in our large Division.

—MERLE L. MILLS, President.  
M. E. LIND, Secretary.  
R. M. REINHARD, Treasurer.

(We are sorry we did not receive this word from overseas in time to print it in an earlier edition of the *OUTLOOK*, but if there are church members and workers who have not already paid in their Week of Sacrifice Offering, we are sure these will respond heartily to this appeal, and all will make every endeavour to have this important financial item cleared before the end of the year.—Ed.)

## Congo Safari

by J. T. KNOPPER, *Secretary,*

*Publishing Department, Congo Union.*

A trip to the East and North Congo fields is always full of interest and evidence of the Lord's blessings. We want to let our believers know what is happening. This year, Brother G. M. Ellstrom and I spent two months in these two fields. We had to drive the new East Congo Field truck to Masisi and for this reason we went by road.

The first high-light of our trip was at Albertville, from where we had to take the lake steamer to Bujumbura. Here we contacted our missionary colporteur. Albertville does not yet have an Adventist community. Our brother had started his work a month or two before, and had already succeeded in organizing two small groups for Sabbath meetings at two different places in this town. During the week the field Publishing Department secretary visited him and they sold Fr. 50,000 worth of books (£100). This is a remarkable report from such a new place.

In North Congo we found an active spirit among our army of colporteurs with good results. Lack of literature is preventing them from doing more. We

canvassed together and found a ready interest in our literature and VOP Bible lessons. The harvest field in the North Congo is ripe for souls to be brought into the message.

The first part of the new school at Lukango is nearing completion, and when our prayers are answered for the personnel we need, this school can be opened to start its most needed educational service for our young people in East and North Congo. May the Lord soon give us the right man for this new centre.

During the following weeks we visited many camp-meetings. In some places our believers had not had a union visitor for six years. You can understand that they were most happy to see us.

At the East Congo Field we had our annual literature-evangelist institute. Here we found the same situation as in North Congo—a lack of literature, due to slow or bad postal communications. On the truck we brought with us 17 boxes filled with literature and Bibles. So for the next few months we expect much activity and higher reports from this area.

Before we went on to our last appointment we spent a few days on the island of Idgwi in Lake Kivu. On this island we have 1,600 believers among 45,000 inhabitants, most of whom are either Roman Catholic or heathen. Here as everywhere else the work is steadily

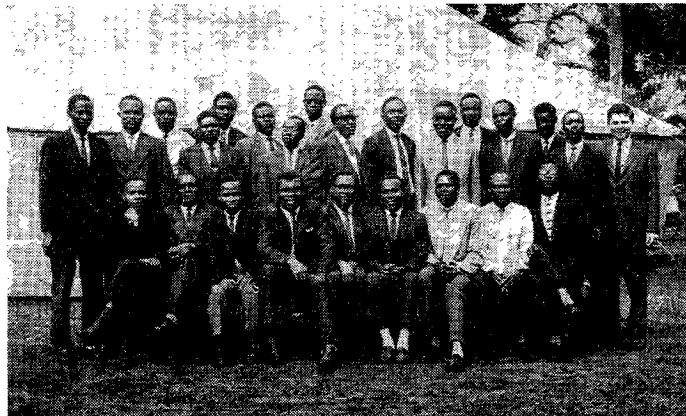
moving forward and more souls are being added to the remnant church.

Five days were spent in Bukavu. This is still an open city as far as our mission is concerned, but we have no established work in this large town! For this reason we did not know where to stay, and the hotels are very, very expensive. But the Lord had already provided a place for His workers. A businessman, a follower of the Aga Kahn, from Pakistan, had ordered Fr. 10,000 worth of French books from our headquarters in Lubumbashi. Now we delivered the books personally to him, and he was most happy to receive them. He invited us to stay with him for a few days. We had no reason to refuse his kind invitation, for we felt this had been provided for us by the Lord. Brother Ellstrom did some Harvest Ingathering and I spent three days selling books with our ECF Publishing Department secretary, during which time Fr. 50,000 was received.

The provincial governor had heard about us and called us to his office. He bought almost Fr. 8,000 worth of books, and asked about the possibility of our opening a mission station in his province.

Dear readers of the OUTLOOK, the Congo is ripe for receiving the advent message. The doors are wide open. Let us pray that we may move in to deliver the message and bring into the church the waiting harvest of souls.

## Student Evangelists in Uganda



BROTHER WESLEY FLORY, head of the Bible Department of Bugema Missionary College (seen extreme right above) and his entire evangelistic class opened a

series of meetings at Jinja in Uganda recently. They used the Uganda Field tent and from the start the attendances were very good. These averaged from 300 during the week nights to 600 and

800 on Sunday evenings. There is no church at Jinja but the prospects are very good for an abundant harvest, and plans are going forward for the building of a church in this strategic centre.

## MEDITATION

Written on August 14, 1966  
by Mrs. Sylvia Hyde.

A year has passed. Once again it is August 14 and I opened the little volume, *That I May Know Him*, by Ellen G. White. On page 232, I read again the title, "Faith Sees Beyond the Darkness."

Just one year ago it was a beautiful Sabbath morning about 10 o'clock in Salisbury, Rhodesia, as I sat beside the sick-bed of my dearest companion, reading to him for the last time from this very book. Although I did not know it, it was only a few hours before he would fall into his last long sleep. I well remember how, through tears, I read this very page and prayed that God in His mercy would work a miracle and restore the life of my dear husband. Then we both committed our wills to His will who knows best.

Today, August 14, I sit alone. Once again it is a beautiful morning. Now I sit beside "still waters," on the shores of a lovely calm lake in the quiet, peace-

ful woods in Ontario, Canada. It is about 10 o'clock and I am reading again the beautiful lines from *That I May Know Him*. Thankfulness fills my heart. God has been true to His promises. He has been my helper, my trust, my friend, and I know that He will continue to be so. Perhaps some lines from page 232 of this book will be a help to those who read this article.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Ps. 37:3. "Trust in the Lord.' Each day has its burdens, its cares and perplexities. . . . Trusting in the Lord fully, fear is needless. Every day He surrounds those who trust in Him with tokens of His great love and every day bounties of His providence and blessings are ample and to be enjoyed.

"Why should we be ungrateful. . . ? Jesus is our friend. All heaven is interested in our welfare, and our anxiety and fear grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Cast your care upon God and remain calm and cheerful. Begin each day with earnest prayer, not omitting to offer praise and thankfulness."

From page 231 of this same book, under the heading "Much Faith, Much Peace," come the following encouraging thoughts: "The more our faith fastens to Christ in perfect trust, the more peace we shall have. Faith will grow by exercise. God's rule is One day at a time. Day by day do the work for each day as if you are conscious that you are working in the sight of the angels, cherubim, and seraphim, and God and Christ. . . . Living thus, the Holy Spirit helps our memory, sanctifies every faculty, and keeps us reminded of our daily and hourly dependence upon our heavenly Father's care . . . and unceasing love."

As I sit here in these beautiful peaceful woods beside still waters, I feel so near to God. Sweet peace fills my heart and thankfulness rises towards the great God and Creator of all beautiful things.

Now, a delightful little incident absorbs my attention. Two chipmunks, while playfully chasing each other, come skipping towards me and almost run across my writing pad. God made these lovely little creatures for our delight. I thank Him for them. I thank Him for beautiful flowers and lofty trees, and especially for my loved ones and many friends who have given me joy and happiness during this past year. I thank Him for their many prayers for me. And most of all I thank Him for His great goodness to me and for the "earth made new" to which He has promised to bring me, when I shall meet my dear husband again.

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## President of the Trans-Africa Division Arrives

Pastor Merle L. Mills, the new president of the Trans-Africa Division, arrived in Salisbury on October 3 with Mrs. Mills and her mother, Mrs. Francis Penn. They flew from Boston in the United States on September 19, arriving in Nairobi on September 21. Ten days were spent itinerating through Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania before flying to Rhodesia.

We extend a very warm welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Mills and to Mrs. Penn. As the Lord's appointed, may they be richly blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit as they seek to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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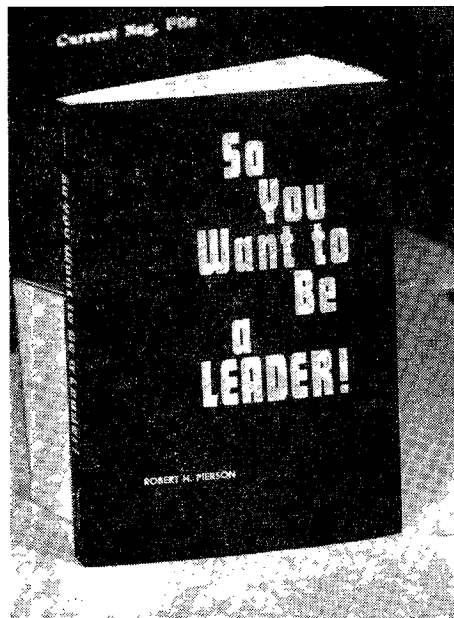
## Give Generously —

Yes, Sacrificially to the  
South American Division on  
13th Sabbath, December 24, 1966

PROJECTS: Penfigo Hospital, Brazil.  
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**A New Book by the General Conference President**



"Out of all the people able men . . . to be rulers of thousands, . . . of hundreds, . . . of fifties, . . . of tens." Exodus 18:20.

That's distribution of responsibility, based on capable leadership. It was needed in Moses' time; it is needed today—a matter of growing importance to the church.

At least 150,000 church offices need to be filled each year—leaders of tens and fifties and hundreds. Approximately 2,500 conference departments need to be manned—leaders of thousands.

How are men and women to qualify? One way is to learn from men of experience.

*So You Want to Be a Leader!* a new book by Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, will give new appointees needed insights into successful leadership. It will aid experienced workers in streamlining their methods. It will inspire all with a deeper sense of mission for God.

This excellent volume goes into detail on how to lead; how to get along with people; how to chairman a meeting; how to be understanding of other people's problems; how to take criticism; and much more—seventeen chapters of pinpointed counsel in a total of 152 pages.

"Solemn are the responsibilities resting upon . . . leaders in the church of God on earth."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, page 92. Prepare to meet the challenge as it comes to you. Read *So You Want to Be a Leader!* Available in economic paper binding for only R2.00 (£1.0.0). Also in cloth for R3.50 (£1.15.0).

**Trans-Africa's Mighty Army**

by J. N. HUNT, *Secretary, Publishing Department, Trans-Africa Division.*

Never before have so many literature-evangelists met together on African soil. They came from the three East African countries of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania, to Ikizu Training School in Tanzania. There were 147 full-time literature-evangelists and leaders present.

The placards displayed in the accompanying picture reveal the literature-evangelists' 28 former occupations. As the messenger of the Lord predicted, "They have been called from the field, from the vineyard and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give

His message." There were fishermen, shopkeepers, shepherds, farmers, even a former Mau Mau leader, and several who had been ordained ministers in other mission societies.

More than 40 had helped start new branch Sabbath-schools or companies in unentered areas. Union Publishing Department secretaries, D. R. L. Astleford and R. H. E. Henning, and their field publishing leaders, are determined to build up an even larger soul-winning literature program in their territories. This is indicated in their Swahili motto: "MBELE DAIMA NYUMA KAMWE" which means "FORWARD EVER, BACKWARD NEVER!" Africa's "book-man" army is on the march determined to push forward from strength to strength.



Literature-Evangelists at Ikizu Publishing Rally.

**Transvaal Conference**

The present telephone number of the conference is 32-6835, Johannesburg. Please ignore any other number previously given.

**Sunset Calendar for**

**DECEMBER**

**JANUARY**

	2	9	16	23	30		5	13	20	27
Cape Town	7.42	7.48	7.54	7.57	8.00	Cape Town	8.01	8.01	7.58	7.56
Johannesburg	6.47	6.52	6.56	7.00	7.03	Johannesburg	7.05	7.05	7.04	7.02
East London	7.02	7.08	7.13	7.16	7.19	East London	7.21	7.21	7.18	7.16
Port Elizabeth	7.14	7.20	7.26	7.29	7.32	Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.33	7.30	7.28
Bloemfontein	7.00	7.05	7.09	7.13	7.16	Bloemfontein	7.18	7.18	7.17	7.15
Pietermaritzburg	6.45	6.51	6.55	6.59	7.02	Pietermaritzburg	7.04	7.04	7.02	7.00
Durban	6.43	6.49	6.53	6.57	7.00	Durban	7.02	7.02	7.00	6.58
Windhoek	7.24	7.28	7.32	7.36	7.39	Windhoek	7.41	7.43	7.42	7.40
Bulawayo	6.32	6.36	6.40	6.44	6.47	Bulawayo	6.49	6.51	6.51	6.50
Salisbury	6.17	6.21	6.25	6.29	6.32	Salisbury	6.34	6.36	6.36	6.35
Gwelo	6.28	6.32	6.38	6.42	6.45	Gwelo	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.41
Lusaka	6.26	6.29	6.32	6.36	6.39	Lusaka	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.40
Blantyre	5.58	6.02	6.07	6.11	6.14	Blantyre	6.17	6.18	6.18	6.18
Lubumbashi	6.20	6.23	6.28	6.32	6.36	Lubumbashi	6.38	6.39	6.40	6.42
Nairobi	6.26	6.29	6.34	6.36	6.39	Nairobi	6.44	6.47	6.47	6.51
Mombasa	6.19	6.22	6.27	6.30	6.34	Mombasa	6.37	6.40	6.40	6.43
Kisumu	6.32	6.36	6.40	6.43	6.47	Kisumu	6.51	6.54	6.54	6.58
Kampala	6.41	6.44	6.49	6.52	6.56	Kampala	7.00	7.02	7.04	7.07
Dar-es-Salaam	6.26	6.30	6.35	6.38	6.41	Dar-es-Salaam	6.44	6.45	6.46	6.48
Tabora	6.48	6.52	6.57	6.59	6.03	Tabora	7.07	7.10	7.11	7.12