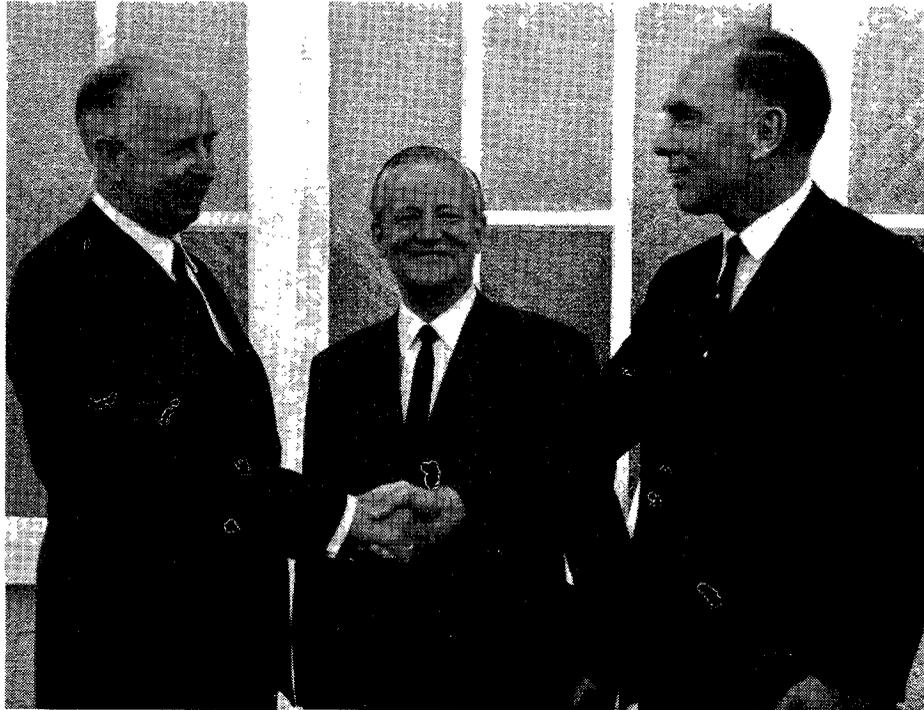




Report of the Thirteenth
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Part 2



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Devotionals

Wednesday, November 23

*by O. GMEHLING, President,
Central European Division*

Drawing from Luke 15, Pastor Gmeuling emphasized the power of God to save. We do not know God, except as we know Him through Jesus Christ. The parables found in Luke 15 show us God's determination to search for that which is lost. God searches for sinners in order to save them. Some do not realize that they are lost, but God does. Some find themselves in a "lost condition," and know of no way of escape. God does! Some deliberately choose to become lost, as did the prodigal son, and would despair of their lost condition, except for the constraining love of God the Father. When something is lost it causes sorrow to the one who has thus suffered. When man sinned, God sent His son to bring him back to his sinless estate. Let us bring this knowledge to the millions in Africa that they may know of God's saving grace and by that same grace find eternal life.

Thursday, November 24

*by C. O. FRANZ, Associate Secretary,
General Conference.*

Pastor Franz spoke of the urge of the pioneers to move forward. He used the Zulu word "Masihambe" which incorporates the thought of moving forward with speed, purpose and determination. The Bible has its special "Masihambe" found in Exodus 14:15: "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." This command was given when the Egyptian armies were pursuing them and when they were confronted with an insurmountable obstacle in the form of the Red Sea. Israel therefore was surrounded by every possible reason for discouragement and defeat. God, however, had a way out! He knew that if Israel would only trust in Him, they would go on to complete victory. God's command to us is the same as that given to Israel of old—Go Forward. He knows what is confronting us and He gives us the assurance that He is with us, even unto the end. Pastor Franz told a number

of thrilling experiences from the lives of the early pioneers and he closed with an earnest appeal that we take God at His word, trust Him, and move forward.

Friday, November 25

*by O. BREMER, Treasurer,
Central European Division*

Pastor O. Bremer spoke first of the keen interest which our German constituency has in the mission field. He then drew our attention to Joshua 24:31, "And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua." Why did Israel serve the Lord? Because Joshua served the Lord. This important fact is repeated in Judges 2:2, "And ye shall make no league

COVER: Doyen President A. W. Staples of the South African Union Conference whose service record is 47 years of fruitful and dedicated labour in the cause of God. His son, Pastor Russell L. Staples, is principal of Solusi College.

with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars; but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?" How could Joshua be such an example? Because of his dedication and because of his determination to serve the Lord as is stated in Joshua 24:15, "I and my house, we will serve the Lord." His influence for good was great. How is yours and mine? It is imperative that we, as leaders, should bear this in mind. Our people look to us as leaders to set the right example. They expect us to be true examples, worthy of emulation. This is our responsibility. This is our challenge. May God help us all to live up to this challenge.

Sunday, November 27

by H. E. RICE, *Associate Secretary, Medical Department, General Conference*

Pastor H. E. Rice spoke on leadership, and gave a number of commandments which, if adhered to, would enrich our leadership.

1. Exod. 23:2. You should not follow the majority in doing wrong.
2. Num. 22:7. You should not work for earthly reward.
3. 1 Chron. 29:19. You should give ungrudging service.
4. Eccl. 8:9. You should be careful with power.
5. Deut. 22:6. Be tender-hearted.
6. Micah 5:13. Do not worship things that you manufacture.
7. Heb. 3:19. You should be humble.
8. Phil. 2:3. You should render undivided service.
9. Phil. 1:10. Have a sense of what is right.
10. Matt. 20:21. Do not undervalue the dignity of labour.
11. Christ's commandment. Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep.

Monday, November 28

by DR. T. S. GERATY, *Associate Secretary, Department of Education, General Conference*

Dr. T. S. Geraty's subject was "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This was John the Baptist's message nearly 2,000 years ago. It stirred the people of Jerusalem and the sur-



John M. Stephenson, Assistant Treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division.

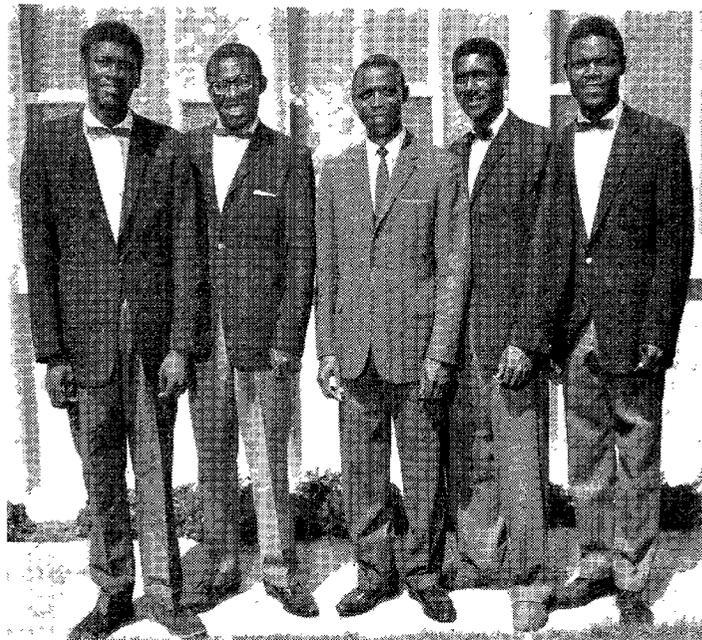
rounding country. Jesus, too, emphasized this message. The message of those far-off times is still the all-important one for our generation. As we endeavour to prepare a people here in the Trans-Africa Division to meet their God, we must emphasize repentance. All our activities, including those of the various departments and of our laity, must be simple, yet direct. Jesus acted with great tenderness towards the people of His time. But as He healed their diseases,

as He mingled with them in their homes, as He preached to the multitudes, He had a great burden that they might repent. This is the most essential part of our message. Time is running out. Let us go forth from this council doing our Father's business.

OPERATION GO

Quadrennial Goals for TAD

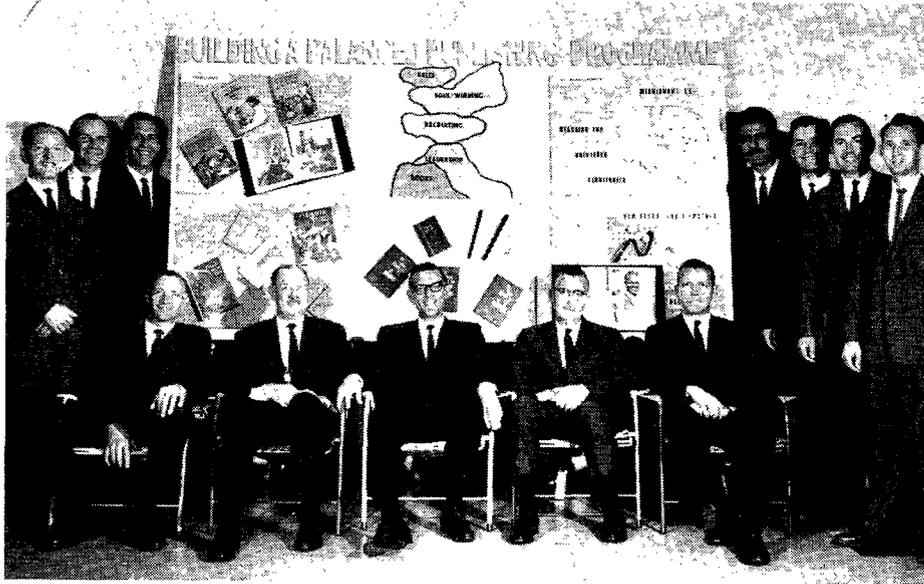
Membership	325,000
Baptisms	125,000
Organized Churches	2,100
Sabbath-school Membership	650,000
Branch Sabbath-schools	6,000
Decisions for Christ	250,000
Church Dedications	300
Ingathering	£492,000
Literature-Evangelists	1,000
Literature Sales	£1,000,000
Unentered Areas Opened Up	48
African Homes Built	250



Bethel College Male Quartet with Kenneth Ndebele, Solusi College soloist. Their many songs of Zion gave real pleasure to the delegates during the council. Left to right: Josephus Jakavula, Elliot Nkuncwana, Kenneth Ndebele, Samuel Jakavula and Kenneth Kekana.

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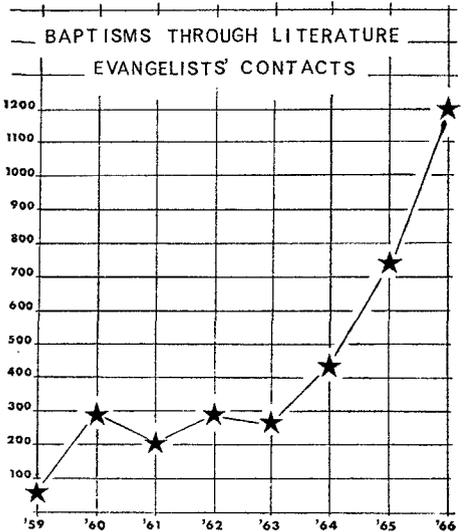
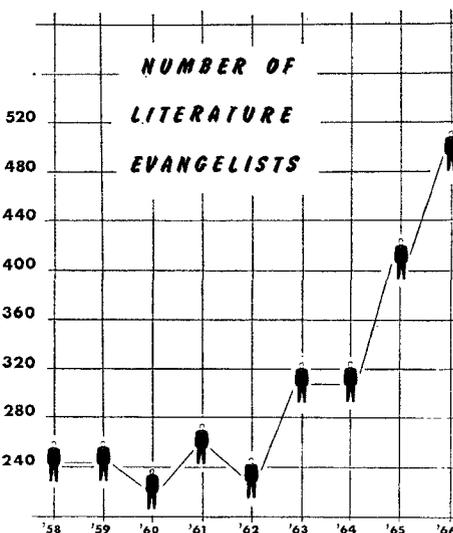
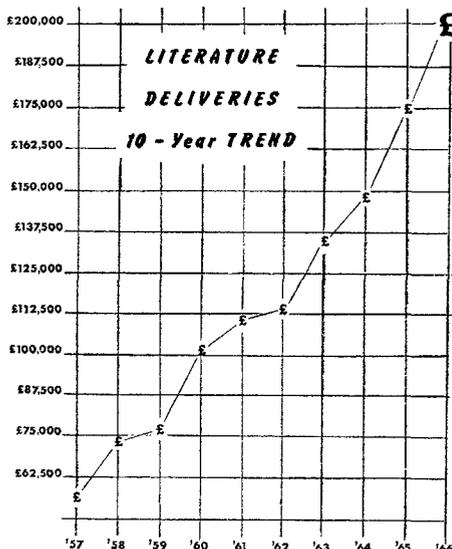
Report of the Publishing Department

by J. N. HUNT, Secretary

"700 Literature-Evangelists! . . . "Full-time publishing specialists for every union and every field!" . . . "Special institutes each year to train *new* literature-evangelists!" These were just a few of the objectives which we planned together four years ago. They formed a part of the larger accelerated programme for Trans-Africa. As we review this programme for the quadrennium, and see the blessings that have come in every

union and field, we feel constrained to cry out, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" Indeed it is His guiding hand that makes possible this encouraging report today. He is the One who ordained this work for this hour in Africa. It is time for His Spirit to work and for the "loud cry" of that angel of Rev. 18:1 to be heard. We are humbly grateful that *He* has carried the work forward even beyond our expectations.

Soul-winning Emphasis: Last year at our regional publishing council our leaders voted on a new larger soul-winning programme. Today our literature-evangelists are being trained to win souls as never before. Many are being sent out as missionaries to unentered areas, and others are assisting their publishing secretaries in special concentrated literature-evangelistic efforts. All are urged wherever they find an interest to start new branch Sabbath-schools, give Bible studies, enrol people in the Bible Correspondence Course, and invite interested families to come to our churches and enrol in the baptismal classes.



Graphs reveal progress in all phases of the literature ministry.

Report of the



P. H. COETZEE,
Re-elected
President,
Southern Union.

Southern Union

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near." Joel 3:14.

In Zululand is a place called Ekuphekemeni. Every year a unique seven-day festival is held there by the Shembe Nazarenes whose beliefs are primarily based on the old Testament with Moses as the central figure. The last day of the feast is dedicated to singing and dancing, as was the case with the children of Israel on the 15th day of the seventh month. The spectacle is a moving one. The young daughters of Zion, dressed in short skirts and adorned with many coloured bead strings, descend with the young men from the hills chanting their hymns, and dance in memory of their prophet Shembe—their Moses—the man chosen by God, they believe, to lead them to the promised land.

This independent African church was founded by Isahia Shembe. In 1906 he joined the Baptist Church but in 1921 he broke away following an argument about the celebration of the Bible Sabbath. Undoubtedly he was honest and God revealed the Sabbath truth to him. What a tragedy! When Isahia Shembe needed help most, the Church was not there to give him a full understanding of the truth. He founded his own group and today Ekuphekemeni is a reminder to the remnant church of lost opportunity. "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision!"

Just a word or two about our institutions. Because of government restrictions we will have only SDA children in our church schools as from 1967. This will make the burden so much

lighter for the teachers who are trying to cope with far too many children at the present time. Plans are being laid for students from Cancele to continue their education at Bethel College and in future Bethel will offer subjects which will open the way for students to attend university after matriculation. Under the able leadership of R. G. Pearson, Bethel has developed greatly.

At Maluti Hospital there is much growth and activity. New buildings are going up and the hospital has earned a very warm place in the hearts of the leaders of Lesotho. Plans are being laid to use Maluti as a base for future evangelistic activities in this great country where we have large unentered areas.

Our departmental men are busy. Chief Luthuli of Natal donated to the Union ten acres of land on the South Coast. This will be developed as a camp site for our African youth, and under the able direction of youth leader D. M. Malotle great things are in store for the youth of the SU. Under the leadership of R. E. Appenzeller our publishing work is going from strength to strength. A goal of R30,000 has been set for 1967. Besides selling books our publishing men are bringing many people into the truth.

In the Transvaal our church members are on the march! The huge evangelistic crusade launched here as the spearhead will spread to the whole Union. As many as 400 enthusiastic members go out on Sabbath afternoons visiting homes and distributing literature. Laymen and preachers are joining hands in the finishing of the work and forty-five persons were baptized as a result of the first reaping effort and a further eighty-five have requested baptism. The SU is on fire! The multitudes *must* hear the message for the day of the Lord is drawing nigh.

There is a great need for more workers, workers' homes and churches. An all-out effort will be put forth to meet this need during the next few years.



Union President and Youth Leaders draining the MV Camp site at Mfazazana, Natal.

Union Treasurer, M. B. Musgrave, and Master Guides.

Lesotho's Minister of Health, P. Mota with Maluti Hospital's Matron Mrs. M. Pote and Chaplain D. Chalale at opening of new utility block.

Maluti's new utility block.

Aerial view of Maluti Hospital.

Motto of the S.U.

MASIHAMBE — "Let's Go"



Soul-winners in service for God.



Report of the Lay Activities Department

by B. E. JACOBS, *Acting Secretary*

T. M. ASHLOCK,
Secretary,
Lay-Activities
Department



The work of our devoted laymen could never be measured by a statistical report, for it could never record the zeal with which they have worked to bring about the reports we enjoy listening to today.

It was in 1869 that the Adventist Missionary Society was formed and the charter members were known as the Vigilant Missionary Society. Visitation with their neighbours was their main concern, and to those who could not receive a personal visit, a letter was written. Each Wednesday evening the group met to report the experiences of the past week.

At the General Conference session in 1874, the General Conference Tract and Missionary Society of Seventh-day Adventists was organized, having local societies for fields and conferences. This society was enlarged to include the world field in 1882, and was known as the International Tract Society.

For twelve years the work of the Missionary Department came under the jurisdiction of the Publishing Department, and it was not until the General Conference session of 1913 that the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference was organized. During the past 53 years the Home Missionary Department has witnessed steady growth in all its soul-winning projects.

Today there are various activities where one may serve as a layman of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Perhaps this was

one reason for choosing the name "Lay Activities Department" at the last General Conference session in Detroit. The work must be finished by the devoted laymen taking part in as many evangelistic programmes as possible.

Here in Trans-Africa, the Lord has blessed our lay activities under the direction of T. M. Ashlock and his corps of devoted workers. During the past quadrennium 4,127,348 pieces of literature were distributed and 3,902,425 Bible studies given. Those receiving help numbered 3,000,077. The results of these projects will not be known until we listen to the reports rendered in the great session in heaven. When we consider the growth in membership in the Trans-Africa Division, we are certain that the laymen's activities were a strong contributory factor.

The TABSA (Trans-Africa Audiovisual Bible Study Association) programme has been the means of stimulating a greater number to give Bible studies. "Seeing is believing" and many folk have *seen* and *heard* the message through TABSA. Certain conferences have urged that every church should engage in this form of personal evangelism. Equipment has been secured at drastic reductions, making possible the purchase of personal equipment. We hope the future will bring continued growth in the TABSA programme.

One of the greatest soul-winning projects ever launched by the Seventh-day

Adventist Church is the Harvest Ingathering programme. When we stop to consider that our first Ingathering in the year 1917 totalled £9 - 1 - 0d and in 1965 we raised £126,669 - 0 - 1d, we know that a steady growth has been experienced. During the past four years we have raised a total of £440,692 - 10 - 4d compared with £378,935 over the previous four-year period, a gain of over £61,000. Certainly we can say: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." The spiritual emphasis placed on this programme no doubt is the reason for such an increase.

It is the aim of this department to continue a co-ordinated programme of evangelism. Without question there is a phase of the soul-winning programme which will suit every individual. Let us unite our efforts, working together for the speedy finish of the Lord's work.

"The work of God on this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 9, page 117.

Report of the East African Union

In common with most of Africa the territories which comprise the East African Union have undergone tremendous political and social change during the past four-year period. The prospering and protecting hand of the Almighty has signally been over His work and workers during this period. Steady advance has been achieved in all phases of the work. Political stability and wise statesmanship in the countries concerned have resulted in very favourable circumstances for carrying on our entire programme.

Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School: This agency continues to reach thousands with the message throughout East Africa. Lessons are sent out in Swahili, Kikuyu, Luganda, and English. While baptisms resulting directly from the Bible School are not known to be large, yet seed sowing among all races in East Africa is on a massive scale. The Nairobi Show alone, in September 1966, netted over 2,000 new enrolments. The Health Course in English is in-

creasingly popular with the Asian community.

Pastor G. S. Glass, director of this Bible School, has recently spent a month in India studying the V.O.P. programme at Poona and at the five local schools as well. This is all part of a plan for revamping the Bible School programme.

Faith For Today: 1966 has seen our first break-through in the field of television. In a manner that clearly indicates divine leading the way opened up last April for us to get a series of thirteen *Faith For Today* films on Voice of Kenya television. A second series of thirteen weekly films is now being shown. We solicit the prayers of our believers everywhere that this endeavour through the medium of television will, in time, bear much fruit.

Church Dedications: The quadrennium just ending has seen many churches built and dedicated in East Africa, including fine buildings in Mombasa, Kisumu and at Ankole Mission Hospital. 1962-65 saw twenty-seven churches dedicated and during 1966 alone it is anticipated that

F. G. REID,
Re-elected
President,
East African
Union.



thirty-two churches will have been dedicated by the end of the year.

The Seychelles Field: At the end of 1964 the Seychelles Islands Field was transferred to the East African Union, having formerly been under the Southern European Division. Our one hundred believers in the Seychelles, under the leadership of Pastor J. Caleb Bru, are carrying on a very active soul-winning programme. Pastor Bru is at present conducting a public effort. Tithes and offerings are on the increase, and a recent report states that they have reached their 1966 Ingathering goal.

1966 Evangelism Highlights: From the Sese Islands in Lake Victoria, which are part of the Uganda Field, comes a report of a number of prominent people, including the wife of the Saza chief, having recently been won to the message. A report from Central Kenya gives news of two local churches of other societies having been closed as a result of a very successful evangelistic effort conducted by one of our young African evangelists.

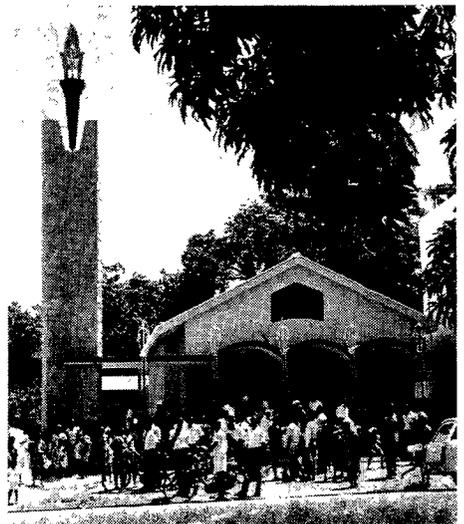
The courage of the members and workers in the East African Union is good, their morale is high, and their faith in God's leading on toward a finished work in the next quadrennium is very strong. We ask that you join us in praying that this may be so.



Left: East African Union headquarters office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Lower right: Mombasa Church.

Below: Leaders in East Africa: (left to right): P. D. Bakker, Central Kenya Field; Hezron Kenani, Ranen Field; C. Odero, South Kenya Field; F. G. Reid, East African Union; C. Bru, Seychelles Field; D. K. Bazarra, Uganda Field; and F. E. Wilson, Kenya Lake Field.



Report of the Department of Education



Waiting for the ringing of the school bell at Ikizu, Tanzania.

The past quadrennial period has been one of unprecedented change. The words of Jesus found in Luke 21:26, "Men's hearts failing them for fear . . ." have become more true than ever. We have seen world leaders—and educators—so perplexed by the sinister forces at work that they do not know what decisions to make.

Spiritual Training: The church has been told, "All schools among us will soon be closed up."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 156. In view of the forces opposing them, the church schools which are still operating are a miracle of God's

grace. They are existing on borrowed time; advantage must be taken of these opportunities for saving our children and youth for the kingdom.

Besides Bible classes, the chapel services and other spiritual exercises should radiate the spirit of the Master, with all His power to draw men to Himself and so to save them from sin and death. Daily Bible lessons must be taught in the light of the shortness of time and the need to prepare people for Christ's coming.

Baptisms: Approximately 4 per cent of the total student enrolment in the schools of the TAD is baptized each year. Just how accurate these statistics are would be difficult to determine. It is certain that there are very great possibilities along the line of soul-winning when all the teachers and church workers connected with our schools have the true spirit of the Great Shepherd, and use every opportunity of directing the feet of their boys and girls into the heavenly way.

Students: During 1965, the TAD had 247 teachers-in-training. Allowing for a very small amount of wastage, and recognizing that most teacher-training courses cover a period of two years, the maximum number of teachers available annually is approximately 120. The total teaching force in the Division numbered

2,294. These figures account for the extreme staff shortage that is experienced in the schools annually.

Terminal Courses of Study: During the past quadrennium, four of the high schools began offering the Senior Cambridge, or the National Senior, Certificate. These are public examinations. It is essential for the Department of Education to move in this direction, for we are merely touching the fringes of the large number of SDA youth desiring to enter a high school.

Some Interesting Facts: At the end of the last quadrennium we had 1,054 schools, 2,317 teachers, 86,512 students, and 3,269 students were baptized.

Next to the Roman Catholics, Seventh-day Adventists maintain the largest world-wide system of parochial education.

In the Trans-Africa Division there is one pupil in Seventh-day Adventist schools for every 2.5 church members. This compares favourably with other parts of the world field.

Conclusion: While perplexities have been great, the promises of God are greater:

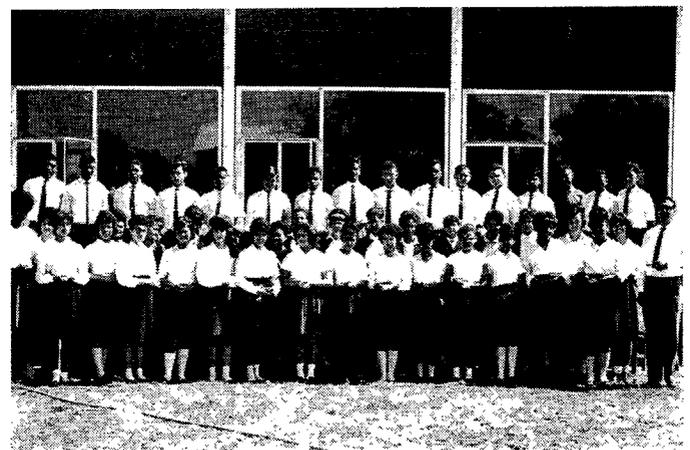
The days that are ahead, like those of the past, will not be easy ones but the success and triumph of God's work are assured. From this assurance we should take courage and press forward.

—J. B. COOKS, *Former Secretary.*



Working happily at Mombera School in Malawi.

Merry singers of Good Hope College, South Africa.



Report of the Sabbath School Department

G. F. CLIFFORD,
Secretary,
Department of
Education and
Sabbath School.



At the end of 1965, one out of every 4.87 Sabbath-school members in the world field was in the TAD. We then had 88,512 *more* Sabbath-school members than any other division, and five world divisions had a total Sabbath-school membership of less than this figure.

Also, this Division has the highest percentage of Sabbath-school members to church members, viz. 188.5 per cent. The next highest is the Middle East Division with 181.5 per cent.

At the end of June, 1966 the Sabbath-school membership of the TAD stood at 472,670. Of these, 42,411 are branch Sabbath-school members—and they are also potential church members.

Sabbath-school Officers' Training Course: In addition to the four different Sabbath-school teachers' training courses now available, in English, in the Trans-Africa Division, a Sabbath-school officers' training course has just been completed, with the aim of preparing Sabbath-school officers for their important tasks.

Bible Study: The best plan that this denomination has devised for becoming acquainted with God's Word is the Daily Lesson Study Plan. More than anything, this has made Seventh-day Adventists "the people of the Book." We dare not permit our members to relax at an hour as late as this, when the evil one will do his utmost to make them do so.

The Sabbath School Department will continue to instruct its teachers to call for a show of hands by all who follow the practice of studying the Sabbath-school lesson daily, and will record the number in the space provided on the new class record cards. By every means at their command, Sabbath-school leaders and teachers should encourage those who are not doing so to establish this simple habit.

Baptismal Class Instruction: One of the most significant recommendations of the TAD Sabbath School Department, which was put into operation during the period under review, is that the baptismal classes be taught as regular classes of the Sabbath-school.

A special *Baptismal Manual*—or set of 52 lessons—has been prepared for this group; the individuals teaching them are encouraged to complete at least one of the four Sabbath-school teachers' training courses, preferably course No. 1.

Offerings: The 1965 TAD missions offering goal was £79,560. According to policy, the Sabbath-school offering goal is 50 per cent of the missions offering goal. We are glad to inform you that £67,651 came into the treasury through the Sabbath-schools in 1965. This was 80 per cent of the missions offering goal. A similar pattern has been followed this year.

It may be suggested that the missions offering goal be increased substantially or that the Sabbath-school goal be changed from 50 per cent to about 80 per cent of it, in order to provide a greater challenge.

When compared with tithe income, the Sabbath-school offerings in this Division are third highest in the world; only the Southern Asia and the Far Eastern Divisions exceed our 13.8 per cent.

Branch Sabbath-schools: With gratitude to God we report that there are now approximately six times as many branch Sabbath-schools being conducted in the TAD as there were four years ago. The goal of 2,000 set for the quadrennium seems low as we look back. Even the supplementary goal of "One branch Sabbath-school for each Sabbath-school" has been far surpassed.

We thank God and our faithful leaders for what has been accomplished and for the 42,411 branch Sabbath-school members now attending 6,751 schools. The three unions that made the greatest growth along this line are, in order, the Congo Union, the Central African Union, and the South East African Union.

—J. B. COOKS, *Former Secretary.*

All eyes on the conductor: Vacation Bible School children ready to sing.

Christian is Knighted. A scene from *Pilgrim's Progress* at the Vacation Bible School in Durban.



SOME ACTIONS YOU MAY FIND INTERESTING

INCREASING OUR TITHE INCOME

VOTED: that all organizations, conferences and fields be urged to adopt the following eleven-point programme:

1. That proper emphasis be given to the teaching and acceptance of the principles of Christian stewardship in preparing candidates for baptism.

2. That instruction in the principles of tithing be included in the curricula of all ministerial training courses, and at all ministerial institutes, retreats, and workers' meetings.

3. That similar instruction be given to church elders through the agency of special stewardship workshops.



Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Le Butt (above) and Pastor B. T. Scott (column 3) were Delegates to the Council but were prevented from attending.

4. That at least one stewardship sermon per quarter be preached in every church and company.

5. That occasionally, when a sermon on stewardship is preached, members be given opportunity to share in public the blessings they receive from tithing, and that literature on this subject be made available to them.

6. That December and harvest time of each year be designated as "Square-Up-With-God-Month" during which time all church members, both laity and workers, be urged to reconcile their accounts with God, before entering another year.

7. That immediate plans be made for all church and company records to be audited annually, and that where practical, wisely chosen and respected sustentation workers be used to assist in this programme.

8. That a record of tithing be kept by each church and company, and that it be regarded as strictly confidential.

9. That each field provide a monthly tithing progress report to pastors and churches.

10. That wherever applicable, a committee be appointed to care for the sale of tithing produce at competitive prices, and to provide adequate storage facilities.

11. That in pursuance of the above plans, a comprehensive spiritual stewardship programme be conducted at Division, union and field levels, and that plans be laid for the appointment of full-time stewardship secretaries at these same levels by 1968, and that in the meantime this programme be sponsored by the existing Stewardship and Church Development Secretaries.



Brothers meet at the Council: Dr. H. E. Clifford, Medical Director of Maluti Hospital, Lesotho; R. E. Clifford, Secretary-Treasurer, South African Union Conference; and G. F. Clifford, Secretary for the Sabbath School and Education departments, TAD.

CALL TO EVANGELISM

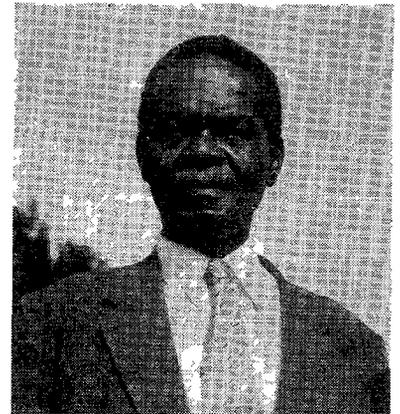
VOTED: 1. That we, as leaders in God's cause place first things first, giving ourselves without reserve unto God, to be men of prayer and of deeper personal piety, seeking God daily and always for victory and power for service, and

2. That every minister and teacher, each literature-evangelist and office worker, together with those serving in our various institutions, be encouraged to join with us in whole-hearted consecration of all to God and His cause, and

3. That the members of the churches be invited to join with those in full-time service in total commitment to Christ and to the truths of His last message to men, and

4. That evangelism—the actual winning of souls, be the central aim, the bond uniting every department, every office, every organization and every activity at every level, in one concerted advance movement for the finishing of the work in Trans-Africa, and

5. That plans be laid for evangelistic campaigns in every city, town and village throughout our territory. Our churches be used more and more as evangelistic centres from which the truth can be beamed out, and thus every worker reach out in a strong evangelistic ministry in his area, and



6. That since the Spirit of prophecy clearly states that the work will not be finished until the laymen join hands with the ministry in presenting the truth, we encourage and lead our members into a more definite programme of lay evangelism than ever before, channeling every available talent within the church into that kind of positive soul-winning and soul-conservation activity for which the individual member is most fitted, and

7. That the deepening of the spiritual life of the church and this outreaching programme of soul-winning effort be the subject of prayer and study on Division, union, conference and field committees, at workers' meetings, camp and conference/field gatherings, youth and lay rallies, and in all our denominational institutions, and

8. That our local church officers be trained, encouraged and entrusted to more fully perform the duties of their offices as clearly called for by the Spirit of prophecy, and as outlined in the *Church Manual*, thus freeing the pastors for direct soul-winning work, and

9. That inasmuch as such endeavours for souls find their climax in baptism into Christ and membership in His church, definite baptismal goals and dates be set in every church, field and conference, in each union and in the Division, and

10. That reports of evangelistic efforts in progress and the results of work done, be promptly reported to the Ministerial Association at the end of each quarter and that these be forwarded through the regular channels so as to reach the desk of the Division president at the earliest possible date.

Report of the

Public Relations Department



A. E. COOK,
Secretary,
Public Relations
Department.

The importance of the Public Relations Department lies in the fact that it projects the image of the church on the public as far as doctrines and activities are concerned. This image must be positive, factual, and in no way controversial. This department controls the material geared for press, radio and TV.

We have had, over the past quadrennium, some outstanding press publicity. The Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan, conducted by Pastor P. H. Coetzee and Dr. M. H. Schaffner, had tremendous press and radio coverage. Dr. Schaffner appeared on TV in Salisbury and made a good impression. The department has also been very active in promoting the 13th Sabbath Offering Overflow for Africa. Brochures were written, posters prepared and many articles supplied for overseas papers, including the *Youth's Instructor* and *Review and Herald*. Besides processing the president's report for the General Conference Session in Detroit this past June, the films AFRICAN HORIZONS and BEHOLD THE DREAMER were made.

During the past four years, the Public Relations equipment in the photographic field has been brought up to professional standards to better serve the needs of



Sputnik competes with the PR department.

the church. These are just a few of the activities engaged in by this busy, thriving Public Relations Department.

FAVOURABLE PUBLICITY DURING COUNCIL



Don E. Thomas of the Congo with the Songa-based Cessna. This picture appeared in *The Rhodesia Herald*.

Without doubt we had the best coverage we have ever had for one of our meetings. This included newspaper, radio and TV publicity.

Every day during the council a reporter arrived to get a story or news item to appear in the next morning's edition. General publicity was given to the council as well as daily reports of our medical, educational, Sabbath-school and other church activities. A good spread appeared with a picture of the three Clifford brothers attending the council—R. E. Clifford as the treasurer, G. F. Clifford as the educator, and Dr. H. E. Clifford as the medical man. The Sunday paper gave prominence to the Don Thomas story and printed a good picture of Don entering the CESSNA plane. The Bethel Quartette made a most favourable impression on radio programme arrangers with their high quality singing, and we had time on more than one occasion to give prominence to our work.

A large and, from all reports, appreciative, audience tuned in when several

of our men appeared on TV. One programme was devoted entirely to our work—the first time this has happened. Pastor A. E. Cook set the ball rolling and adroitly dodged some tricky catch questions. Pastor H. E. Rice of the General Conference Medical Department made a good impression as he told of our medical work around the world. Don Thomas answered questions on the work in the Congo, and Dr. Wilfred Müller of Songa Hospital had a good tale to tell from his part of the field.

The PR Department was on the job throughout the council, looking for news coverage and feeding it to the available media for publication.

—J. D. CRIPPS.

The principles and practice of good public relations provide the work of evangelism with one of its most powerful tools.

—E. WILLMORE TARR

The work of the Church embraces all areas of life. When we pause to reflect upon the messages of Mrs. White, we realize that it is God's plan to build a society unique in its social, educational, and spiritual attainments. The goal for our educational systems is far higher than that envisaged by the most optimistic educators. Consider the following statements:

"God designs that the college at . . . shall reach a higher standard of intellectual and moral culture than any other institution of the kind in our land."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 425. "It is the purpose of God that through the excellence of the work done in our educational institutions the attention of the people shall be called to the last great effort to save the perishing."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 126.

Although we have achieved a measure of success, serious reflection would lead us to accept that we have not reached

the "higher standard of intellectual culture" envisaged. Neither has the "work done" been of such "excellence" that it has attracted the attention that God in His providence has indicated it should.

It is neither pessimism nor a lack of faith that prompts us to commence our report in this vein but rather a candid analysis of what has, and has not been accomplished in the development of a collegiate programme. We measure the distance that is to be covered by the urgent needs of the Church and the standards laid down in the Spirit of prophecy and realize that much remains to be done.

Affiliation and future development: This quadrennium commenced with bright hopes. Dr. Richard Hammil, then of the General Conference Department of Education, was with us and a spirit of confidence pervaded as plans were laid for the affiliation of Solusi with Andrews University. Slowly problems of considerable magnitude arose. The fearful Matabeleland drought dried up practically all the water at Solusi—and how could an institution be planned for on a site without water? Then as the full expectations

Report of SOLUSI

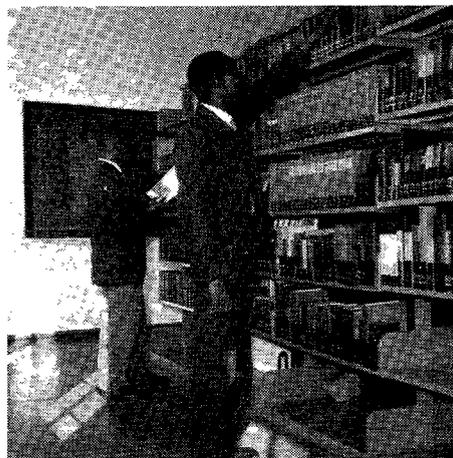
of the North Central Accrediting Association, as relating to faculty, library, classroom, and laboratory facilities became known and understood there was further dismay! "Can the Division finance an institution of these proportions?" was an oft repeated question, and equally often was the corollary voiced, "Can we afford to expand our work without an institution for the training of indigenous ministers, accountants and teachers?" Both questions are valid. In our thinking the latter is prior and must take precedence over the former. Then followed other problems, such as those having to do with passports, visas, and travel.

The earlier optimism has given way to a mood of grim determination and our sudden hopes have been driven back on resource and planning. A college we must have; water we now know there will be; but the problems of affiliation and travel are likely to be persistent and call for penetrating evaluation, systematic planning, and resolute action.

Evangelism and Work of the Church: Eight evangelistic efforts and two stewardship campaigns have been conducted by the college and ministerial instructors and students as a result of which 725 definite decisions for the faith were recorded. We understand that at least half of these have been baptized.

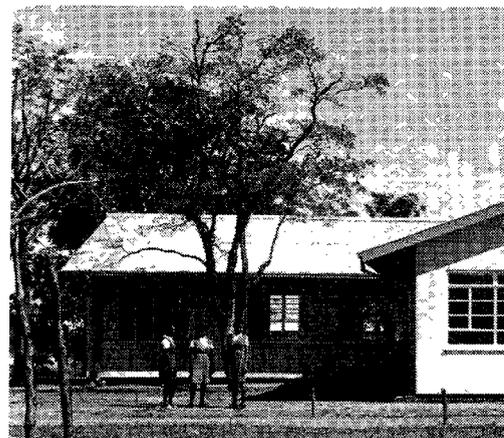
MV Investitures:

Total 1963 to 1965	1,111
Master Guides	109



Left:
WORDS, WORDS, BOOKS, BOOKS:
Solusi's library is growing as the shelves are filled with valuable books.

Below:
Official opening of the Domestic Science Building by Miss Cornwall-Jones, Inspectress in the Ministry of Education. Left to right: R. L. Staples, Mrs. Marie Owens, head of Solusi's Domestic Science Department, Miss Cornwall-Jones (now Mrs. Miller), Mr. Miller, and J. B. Cooks, Former Secretary, Department of Education, TAD.



COLLEGE

RUSSELL L. STAPLES, M.A., B.D.,
Principal of Solusi College.



Water: This quadrennium ushered in one of the serious extended droughts that not infrequently plague Matabeleland. During the preceding decade of above average rainfall we had all but forgotten the precariousness of our water-supply and the hardships which followed were salutary in that we were forced to study this basic problem. At the request of Solusi the Ministry of Water Development conducted extensive surveys with the result that a large dam (plus or minus 3,000,000,000 gallons capacity, depth 45ft.) is now under construction. This government storage works will provide an abundant supply of water for Solusi at an approximate cost of £4 per acre foot (3.5d per 1,000 gallons). It will be our responsibility to construct and maintain the 7-mile pipeline to link Solusi with this scheme.

Library: Central, and of prime importance to our proposed programme of

affiliation, is the library. Books have been accessioned at a steadily increasing rate and holdings have increased from 5,200 to 8,100 during the quadrennium. Encouraging as this is we must not lose sight of the fact that books should be added to the library at treble the foregoing rate if we seriously anticipate entering into an affiliation contract within the near future.

Retrospect and Prospect: The major concerns that have occupied our attention during the quadrennium are those having to do with affiliation, and staff and student recruitment. To a large extent we see the latter concern as a problem reciprocal to the former.

The dimensions of an affiliated (with Andrews University) collegiate programme are now more clearly understood than at the beginning of the quadrennium. Expectations of the host institution and its accrediting association when extended in terms of physical plant and facilities, library, staffing and exchange of staff, level of academic performance and recurring costs are formidable, but not impossible. Affiliation of a "Theology only" course as a preliminary exercise

leading on to a wider programme of affiliation is not considered to be possible.

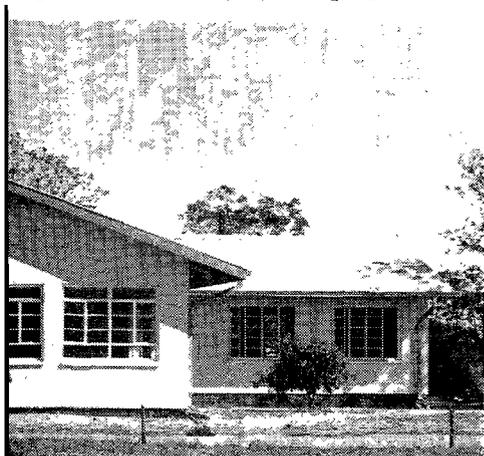
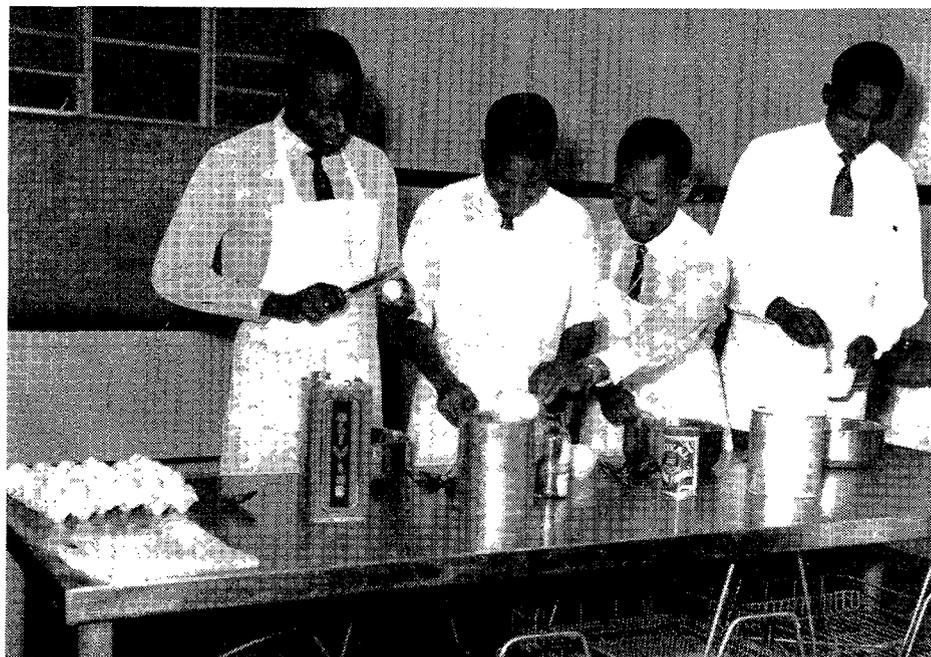
It is our conviction that the most urgent task of the Church in Africa in this generation is the training and equipping of an indigenous ministry, and hard upon its heels follows the responsibility of providing training in other disciplines. There are problems in the way but the promises are bright and the possibilities almost unlimited. Definition is given to the necessity of such a programme by both the Spirit of prophecy and the urgent needs of the Church. There is, we believe, no more urgent project in Africa now than the development of an affiliated degree-granting college.

In closing we would express to the many Sabbath-schools in the Division our appreciation for their 13th Sabbath offerings. Our own Sabbath-school, we are pleased to report, raised treble its usual offering.

Centre: Domestic Science Block

Right: Hallowed Ground. Missionary graves in Solusi's cemetery.

Below: Ministers and Administrators learn to cook. Members of the Leadership Course measuring ingredients.



Report of the

Church Development Department

by B. E. JACOBS, Acting Secretary

Minister:

To the glory of God, our Father by whose favour we have built this house;

To the honour of Jesus, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour;

To the work of the Holy Spirit, minister of life and light—

Congregation:

We dedicate this house, O God, to Thee.

Minister:

For worship in prayer and song,
For the preaching and teaching of the Word,
For the celebration of the holy ordinances.

Congregation:

We dedicate this house.

These beautiful words have been heard in many churches during the past quadrennium. Thousands of members in the Trans-Africa Division have heard the call of God to "arise and build." We have begun to see the results of our labours as new churches have been dedicated in every union of our Division.

In rendering this report, may I pause to express sincere appreciation for Pastor J. A. Birkenstock's contribution to this department. Many hours of planning and travel, conducting canvasses in many of our churches, have inspired our fields and conferences to keep pressing on to a completed church. I know that Pastor T. M. Ashlock will continue to give strong leadership to this department. I am sure that if he were here, he would seek an interest in your prayers and support for continued success.

Over 437 projects have started since this programme was inaugurated. At present 188 are in the process of building, while 106 are nearing completion. As we consider that over half of those

completed have been dedicated debt-free, we sing our praise to God for His immeasurable gifts to us.

The Central African Union has started the greatest number of projects, while the Congo Union has run a very close second, even under the troubled conditions of the past years. We commend the East African Union for having the greatest number of church dedications.

This programme has confirmed the fact that our people will sacrifice in their giving when they see a project that will benefit them. This giving has made them happier in their Christian experience and the financial needs of the church have been met more easily.

As we look to the future, we sincerely hope that more projects can be started. Not only will we see a greater number of churches and church members, but the treasure house of the Lord will be blessed by our benevolent giving.

Churches Dedicated 1962/1965 175

Right:

Windsor-on-Sea church, South Africa.

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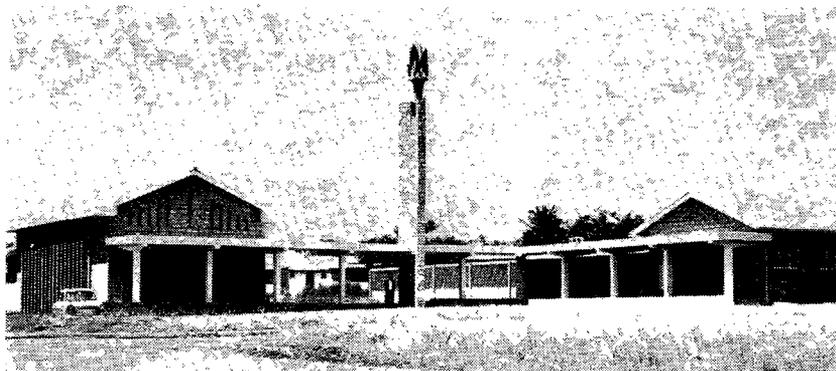
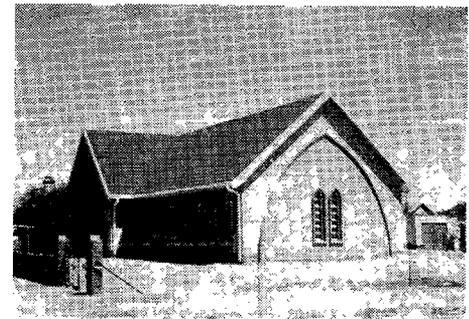
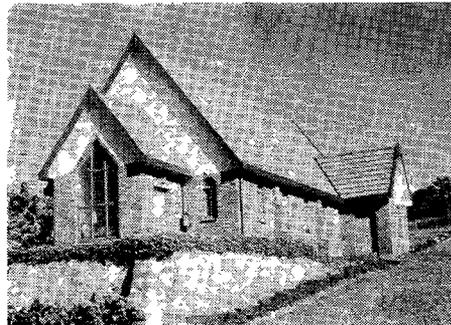
Vereeniging church, South Africa.

Below:

New Kisumu church and pastor's home.

Below Right:

Nairobi Central church, Kenya.



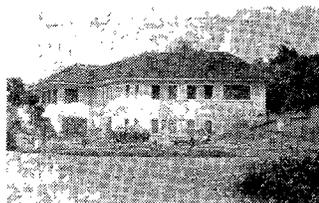
The territory of the Central African Union consists of the two countries Rwanda and Burundi which are squeezed in between the Congo, the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda, and Lake Tanganyika in Tanzania. Here on the beautiful

Report of the

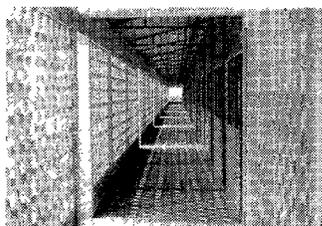
Central African Union



Soul-winning col-porteurs of the Central African Union.



CAU's headquarters office building, Bujumbura, Burundi.



Looking down the corridor at Kivogo School, Burundi.



Evangelistic Campaign at Nyanza when 341 were baptized.



Camp-meeting.

hills and in the fertile valleys live some five million people to whom we are privileged to carry the gospel message. One in every 33 persons in these countries is a Sabbath-keeper.

There was a time when we in this union liked to think that we belonged to a "prophetic union" inasmuch as the number of Sabbath-keepers totalled 144,000. Today we have far exceeded that number.

Evangelism: There is no substitute for every-member evangelism. Whether we work in the departments, the institutions, the administration, the schools or the offices, the appointed task is one: evangelize! Through co-ordinated endeavours 32,461 souls were baptized over the past four years. This means that an average of a new church of 22 members was born every day over the past four years. At the time of writing this report 672 efforts have been conducted in 1966.

Two large-scale efforts were held by the Gitwe evangelists-in-training under the guidance of A. L. Hands. In one effort 457 souls gave themselves to the Lord and in the other, held in the town of Nyanza, 14 pastors baptized 314 converts. Among these were 98 Catholics, 18 Protestants, and 55 Adventist backsliders. In addition two city efforts were held under the leadership of J. G. Evert. These resulted in churches being raised up in the two capital cities of the Union, Bujumbura and Kigali.

These new and old members are grouped into 387 organized churches, 164 of which were born during the past quadrennium.

The Church at Work: Without the departments there would be no church. Adventist literature has played, and will continue to play, a leading part in the progress and growth of the work. Whenever we distribute our books, souls will be baptized. With the arrival of H. J. Matussek a year ago, we began a new day as far as the publishing department is concerned. Under his enthusiastic leadership 60 colporteurs are being enrolled and trained for the task, and new books in Runyarwanda and the first books in Kirundi are now under preparation.

A. H. BRANDT,
Re-elected
President.



One zealous book evangelist has won over 400 souls to the Lord over the past few years.

The newest feature in the church at work is the Voice of Prophecy department, a baby of a couple of years. Already we have more than 3,000 students who receive lessons in five languages.

Financial Progress: In spite of a certain amount of political unrest and in some areas religious persecution God has richly blessed His work. Tithe and mission offerings have soared this quadrennium. The union's income through these sources in 1966 was 100 per cent higher than in 1963. Ingathering set in 1966 an all-time record, the income being almost three times more than in 1963. It is gratifying to observe that an increased sense of financial responsibility is being exhibited by members and workers alike, as each contributes towards the progress of the work.

Faithful Unto Death: In closing we pause to pay tribute to those who gave all for the Lord. In some parts of the Union persecution has taken the lives of some of our members. During the last year or so 32 members and one ordained pastor died tragically at the hands of persecutors. We believe these will join the throng of martyrs in the resurrection on the last day.

In the Central African Union we are of good courage. We know that the church and the future are in God's hands. We, the workers, together with the dear members, pledge ourselves to labour earnestly in a spirit of consecration and unity, to finish the work in order that our Master may come.

The traveller to South Africa by air receives a welcome in the attractive air terminal building in Johannesburg.

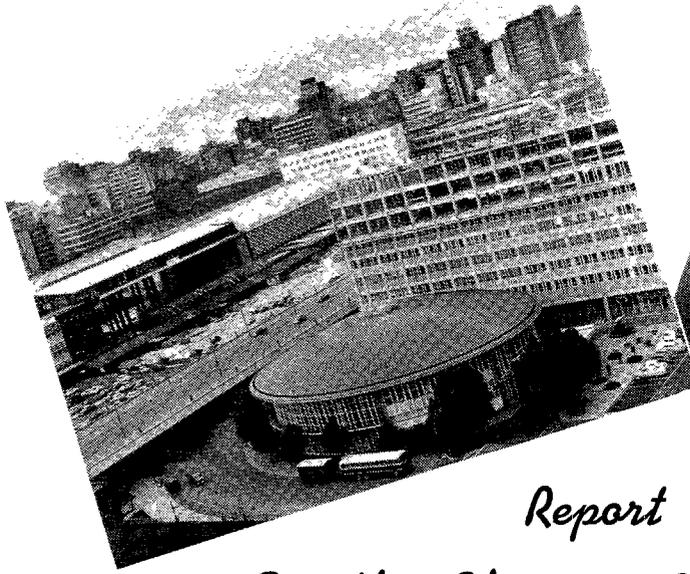
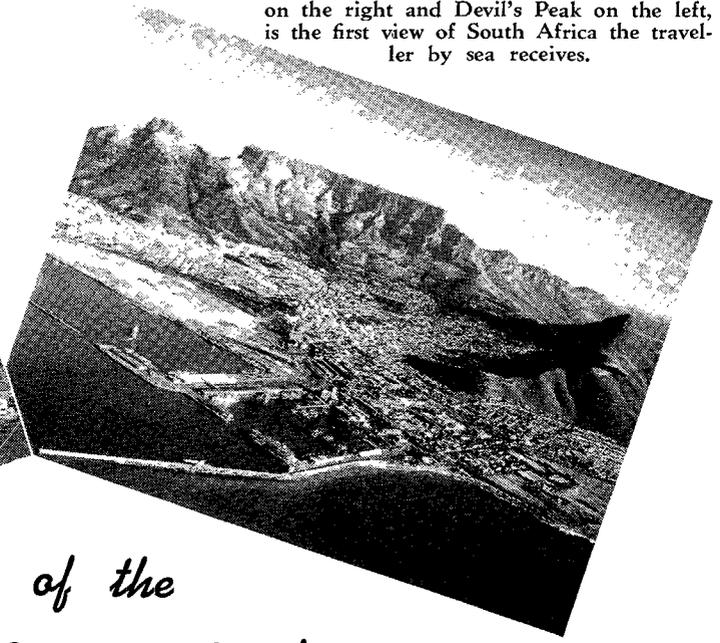


Table Mountain, flanked by Lion's Head on the right and Devil's Peak on the left, is the first view of South Africa the traveller by sea receives.



Report of the South African Union Conference

by A. W. STAPLES, *President*

Up to November 9, 1965, the work of the South African Union Conference functioned as group I; which embraced the four conferences, the South West Africa Field and the Indian Field, and Group II, which embraced the five African fields. After careful consideration and prayerful study along with brotherly love and goodwill, Group II was organized as a union mission of full status under the Trans-Africa Division. The quadrennial period just closing has, therefore, witnessed the birth of a new union known as the "Southern Union" operating within the Republic of South Africa and the adjacent territories. This is a cause for rejoicing among us and we believe that the new union will be used of God to the furtherance of the Cause of present truth and the salvation of souls. This report understandably, therefore, will be confined to the work formerly carried forward by Group I.

The quadrennium just closing has witnessed unprecedented financial prosperity in the Republic of South Africa. This has, naturally been reflected in the finances of the conferences, fields, and institutions of the South African Union. It has also been a period of rising costs. Under these circumstances we are happy to be able to state that the work in general is on a sound financial basis. This promises much for the future.

We proceed to show that there has been growth in every department of the work. While this growth has not been spectacular, it has been consistent. Our activities reveal purpose and direction. The departments are all functioning ac-

tively, leading both laity and workers to unite forces in a grand soul-winning programme. A team of union evangelists is being built up to lead out in a work of greater evangelism. Their work is being planned years in advance. In this way advance preparations can be made for the evangelization of our major cities. Successful efforts have been conducted by evangelists A. E. Cook, R. H. Kent, J. C. van der Merwe, and F. C. Pelsler under this plan. Still greater things are being planned for the future.

The needs of South Africa are tremendous and challenge us to plan greater things for the future. The South African Union is responsible for the evangelization of some six million people. There are 3½ million Europeans with 8,100 church members, or 1 in every 432. There are 1,800,000 Coloured people with only 2,700 members, or 1 in every 666. Of the little more than one-half million Indian people we only have 240 members, or a mere 1 to every 2,100 of the population.

During the past four years our baptisms totalled 2,565 and our net increase was 1,714. Our membership increased from 9,245 to 10,959. This is an increase of 19 per cent. (It now, doubtless, stands at over 11,000.) For these faithful souls we thank God.

Financial Increases:

(a) The tithe increased from £740,000 to £1,029,000 during the past quadrennium. This represents a 40 per cent increase.

(b) Our mission offerings increased

from £115,835 to £171,142 which is a gain of 50 per cent.

(c) The public donated to our Harvest Ingathering Appeal with increasing liberality. Their gifts rose from £251,400 to £300,000. The increase is 20 per cent.

(d) Deliveries of our truth-filled books also increased by 20 per cent from £278,000 to £336,000.

Departments: All the departments function smoothly with increasing efficiency. They give guidance to all the activities of the church. Our people are responding and all reports record growth and development.

Institutions: The Good Hope College is becoming a sizable institution. Its facilities are growing and so is the enrolment. "Trufoods" is strengthening and consolidating its position. Our Nurses' Home continues to render its service to our nurses in training. The Voice of Prophecy is more efficient and is winning more and more for Christ.

In conclusion let me share with you our supreme cause for rejoicing. At long last, after years of knocking, the door has opened for us to enter Ovamboland in the north of South West Africa. By faith we had called an Ovambo brother, a member of the church in Windhoek. He had started to work among his people in Windhoek when the door opened. He entered immediately and our mission to the Ovambo people is now under way. The message is now being proclaimed in a new language to yet another tribe. Pray with us that the Lord will work mightily to the salvation of many in Ovamboland.



Our Youth Leaders: (Left to right): P. J. Salhany, SEAU; G. M. Ellstrom, CU; I. M. Piercey, ZU; J. G. Evert, CAU; G. Schmidl, TU; B. E. Jacobs, TAD; J. D. Runkel, SAUC; D. M. Malotle, SU; and E. T. Gackenhaimer, Acting, EAU.

Report of the Y.P.M.U. Department

by B. E. JACOBS, Secretary

The army of youth in the Trans-Africa Division has rallied to the call of the Master to "finish the task." Within our boundaries we find over 100,000 Seventh-day Adventist youth who count it a joy to be members of the army of Jesus Christ.

In bringing this report to the delegates attending this Council, I pay tribute to my predecessor, P. H. Coetzee, whose enthusiastic leadership has made the rendering of this report possible. He, along with other members of the MV team, is to be commended for the vision of a strong youth programme.

During the past quadrennium, the youth of our church have proved their interest in soul-winning activities. There was a time when some thought the MV Department should be referred to as the PPF Department (Pins, Posters, Flags and Forms), but this is no longer the case. With strong emphasis being placed on youth evangelism the picture has changed. The cry of youth should no longer be "What can I do?", but "Where do I start?"

Since TARGET 18,000 was launched in 1964, some 21,000 projects were started and over 20,000 baptisms reported. Among these, the "Voice of Youth" teams are responsible for the greatest

number of baptisms, with well over 9,000 to their credit. The Friendship teams and branch Sabbath-schools were close seconds, while the Bible study teams ranked third. The day for preaching the word has not ceased, and the youth of Trans-Africa want to have a part.

The great army of Trans-African youth continues to grow. During the past four years 41,000 young souls were added to the church. The talents and strength of these dedicated young people can, and will, be a blessing to our church in these climactic hours of this earth's history.

MV camps have been conducted in all of our unions except two. During the next twelve months, these unions will be conducting youth camps also. The TAD can be proud of our youth camps. On the shores of the Indian Ocean and beautiful Lake Kivu in Central Africa, on the highlands of Rhodesia and the mountainlands of Malawi, we see the youth gathered for the great thrills that our camps have to offer.

Since TARGET MV came to the Central African Union, 32,514 people have been brought to a decision for Christ and 13,466 have been baptized. One group of youth in the Congo started a branch Sabbath-school in a village and now have 60 attending, while another group worked

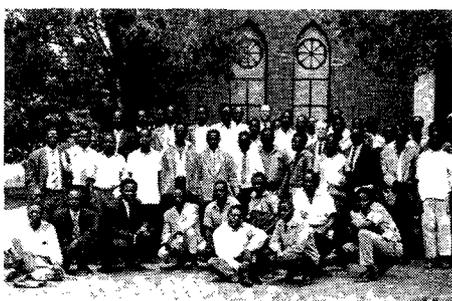
in another village where 30 were converted. In over 100 lay efforts in the East African Union the MVs have been in the forefront, leading the singing, ushering, and in many instances, doing the preaching. In the South African Union, nineteen Pathfinder Counsellors from the Good Hope Conference graduated from the training course and received diplomas. To achieve their MV objectives in the South-East Africa Union, the MV leaders travelled 68,000 miles by land, 120 hours by air, and 12 hours by canoe during the four years, conducting MV rallies, workshops, and investitures in every district and nearly every church. Youth rallies have inspired thousands in the Southern Union and 779 young people were baptized as a result of the TARGET 18,000 project. Large MV rallies in the Tanzania Union have created a new interest in the youth programme. Young and old alike are proud to be MVs and never want to grow old. And in the Zambesi Union, since the beginning of TARGET 18,000 in 1964, our young people have been instrumental in bringing 3,884 souls to Christ and seeing 1,115 baptized. To do this they participated in 1,266 projects. The youth of the TAD were responsible for distributing over 1,000,000 pieces of literature, making 2,500,000 missionary contacts, and giving 1,600,000 Bible studies. Certainly God has blessed their faithful endeavours during the past quadrennium.

During the next quadrennium the world field proposes to win 100,000 souls through the youth. The MV team of Trans-Africa proposes to take as its goal 50,000 souls. This represents half the goal of the world field. Under the blessing of God, and the effort of our dedicated youth, we know this can be accomplished. We press forward, not just for numbers, but for souls. Our aim this coming year will be:

*Preparing Souls for Heaven
During this Climactic Year
1967*

Report of the Congo Union

G. M.
ELLSTROM,
Newly Elected
President.



The beginning of this quadrennium found us still evacuees from the territory of our union. The loss of our union headquarters in the December, 1961 war in Katanga made an eighteen months' exile in Northern Rhodesia necessary.

Our return in May 1963 to our rebuilt, re-equipped, and refurbished headquarters was a major event, long-looked forward to. We had prayed for God to open the way and give us an opportunity to build up the shattered work again. Now we were back and anxious to move into every providential opening. God, in His goodness, does not reveal all the future or else the stoutest heart might quail at the prospect.

We have suffered under three governments, with three wars causing unbelievable human suffering. Three mission stations have been evacuated and re-occupied! Three other stations have been looted and damaged. Providentially most of our workers have been spared the ravages of the rebellions, but, at Kirundu, though workers endured intense privation and suffered cruel torture they remained steadfast to their trust.

In spite of these and numerous other handicaps God has blessed the labours of our corps of faithful African workers, our longsuffering church members, and the depleted little band of missionaries.

The currency of the Congo has been depreciated in three stages by 320 per cent. This has caused runaway inflation. It therefore is a signal blessing that our

members have brought in Frs. 13,585,094 in tithe which is an 18 per cent increase, and Frs. 5,746,768 in mission offerings.

While recruiting missionaries remains our greatest problem, especially for educational posts, God has sent us three departmental secretaries who were willing to start from scratch and build up the work in the Congo.

G. M. Ellstrom, H.M., M.V., and Ministerial Association secretary, has led the union to phenomenal success in our Harvest Ingathering campaigns. A total of Frs. 8,242,800 or £20,452 has been collected in our strife-ridden country.

D. H. Thomas, secretary of five departments has, through persistent effort and working with meagre facilities, kept regular weekly broadcasts going out on four strategically-placed stations carrying our message into the far reaches of this continent-sized country. 144,388 V.O.P. lessons have gone into the hands of eager seekers of truth of whom 49 have already been baptized.

J. T. Knopper, Publishing, Public Relations and Temperance secretary, starting from zero has trained our entire force of 66 literature-evangelists. With this small corps and the help of other evangelical workers, 74,385 books and 43,385 Bibles and portions, have been sold for Frs. 12,105,285 or £27,283.

Three of our field presidents, in face of warring groups, have been forced to evacuate their headquarters missions. One with his field staff was thrown into detention camp. This was also the lot of a number of other workers. Others had to live in the forest until danger had passed. Although some have suffered intensely, we thank God that none has lost his life. Even while this was happening, the work was continued by those still free.

Our three medical missionaries, Dr. Müller, Miss Hoel and Miss Lamneck and staff, minister to the physical needs of hundreds of thousands of the medically neglected population. Songa is the only hospital in a vast area which is staffed with doctor and nurses.

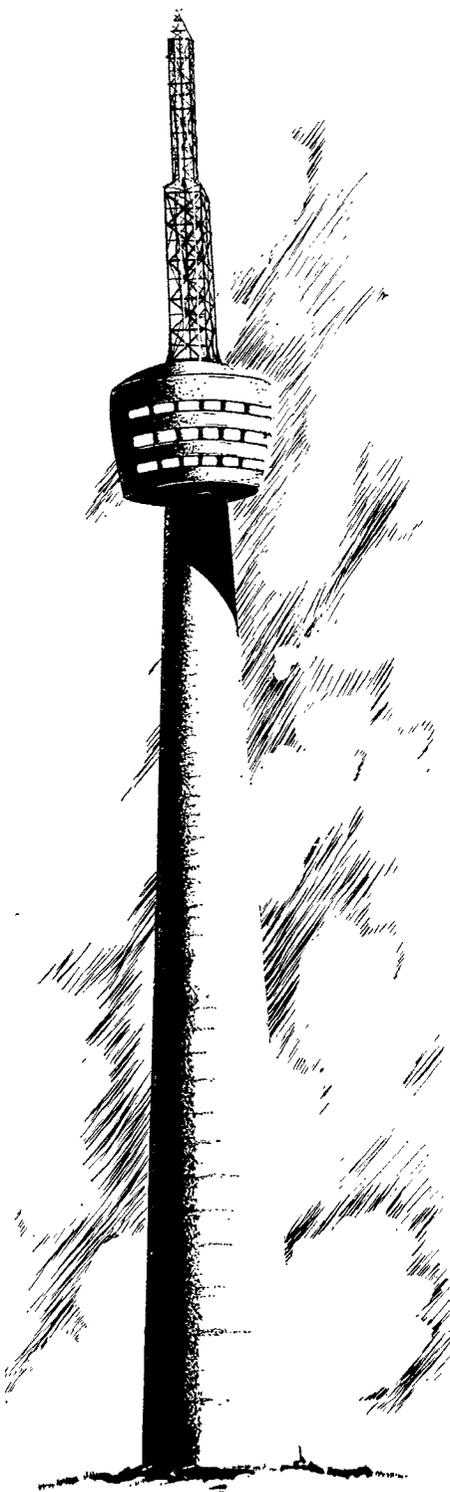
We pay tribute to the faithfulness of our entire working force who, against great odds, have laboured on and with God's blessing can rejoice in 4,800 baptisms, 15,432 decisions for the Message and a Sabbath-school membership of 44,714.

—H. W. STEVENSON.

Upper: Ordination of Obedi Rwibasira and Asiel Ruhaya (centre) by Pastors Jonas Mbyirukira and N. Gihaman-gabo of the East Congo Field.

Centre: South Congo Field Workers in Session.

Lower: Pastor Samuel Karekezi and his family who for two years have been cut off from contact with our work behind opposing forces' lines. They appear in their "Sabbath Best" clothes. Blood stains are on Pastor Karekezi's shirt and Sister Karekezi's eye has been injured. Their clothes are torn, their possessions are few, but they have faithfully carried on with their work despite persecution and privation.



P. Nipkov's proposals, but it was not until 1939 that this baby found its legs. The Church was not slow to grasp these modern media for spreading the gospel and blanketing the world with our message.

This flight of the gospel through the air and also the Bible Correspondence schools have brought great speed to the preaching of Jesus Christ in Trans-Africa. We rejoice that ways and means have opened up this avenue of evangelism. In exploring every method of soul-saving we find that the radio and correspondence schools have contributed largely in spreading the great news of salvation. The postman still finds it hard to get to many of the places in Trans-Africa, even though marvellous improvement has taken place in recent years. However, the

We praise God for what has been accomplished through the Radio-TV and VOP Bible schools, but we have only begun to reap the reward of these great tools of evangelism. Less than 30 per cent of those interested in Christianity and Sabbath-keeping have had any follow-up work done for them. This is a tragic picture. What a shame to lead a soul only part of the way!



Report of the Radio, TV and Bible Correspondence Schools

B. E. JACOBS,
Secretary.



gospel has travelled by air to the far corners of our field. The transistor radio set, a cherished partner of millions in Africa, both African and European, has opened up a new field of radio evangelism. When radio evangelism and Bible Correspondence schools join together, there are tremendous possibilities made available for soul-winning.

At the present time we have 6 stations carrying Seventh-day Adventist programmes. The last station to be secured was Bukavu Radio in the Congo. We express our thanks to D. H. Thomas, our Radio and TV secretary, and Brother Knopper who made the contact for this achievement. Among the stations presenting Adventist programmes, 6 are airing the VOP broadcasts weekly. To date we are operating 6 Bible Correspondence schools. God has blessed with 69,035 enrolments, 6,613 graduates, and 330 baptisms for the past four-year period.

We propose to explore every means available in order to contact all interests from our VOP Bible schools. Our greatest desire is to lead every sincere seeker of righteousness through to the kingdom. To accomplish this, we must make sure that every interest is followed up in a systematic way. Conference and field committees should give study to setting up budgets to be used for VOP visitation. Greater baptisms will be the result and a sense of satisfaction enjoyed at seeing a good work completed.

Again I must express my appreciation for the work done by Pastor J. A. Birkenstock who, with our leaders in the unions, has given excellent leadership in guiding and directing in this most important work. Now, as a member of this team, I solicit an interest in your prayers and continued support for the advancement of this message in all its phases.

Through the Radio, TV and VOP we can take this news to the mountains, valleys, and plains, and to the cities, towns and villages of our land. Christ's coming will thus be hastened, and our work completed.

Just over 2,500 years ago Daniel, looking far down the centuries to our own day, prophesied: "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." Both predictions have been amply fulfilled. We think today of two fast and modern means of communication. Radio was a baby in 1865 with a very uncertain future, but, since 1927, people started to take it as a *fait accompli*. Television possibilities were envisioned in 1884 with

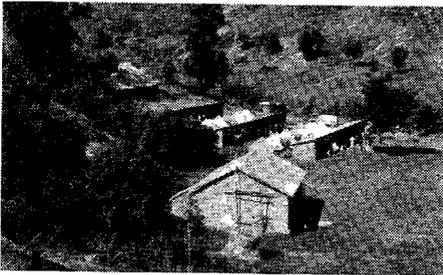


Suji church, Pare.



New church at Karatu, near Ngorongoro Crater.

Karara Camp: Permanent site for training workers.



Sixty-three years ago our stalwart German pioneers brought the Advent message to Tanzania. Restrictive influences at that time and the setbacks of two ruinous world wars allowed only a slow growth until well after World War II. Up to that time our work was chiefly limited to the border regions of the vast territory of Tanzania.

In the early fifties a new era began for the Tanzania Mission. The church had slowly gathered strength and was now ready to move out into the vast unoccupied areas. Now, instead of establishing new mission stations under overseas workers, our national pastors, district leaders, evangelists, and literature-evangelists started raising new churches and companies in many localities. With the exception of south-eastern Tanzania we now see the advent message proclaimed, in one form or another, in most parts of the country.

This advance was aided in great measure by full-scale evangelistic efforts in some of the major centres. Pastor E. E. Cleveland's effort in Dar-es-Salaam led to the establishment of a lively church

there during this quadrennium. Pastor C. M. Bender carried on this evangelistic activity and brought a large increase to our membership in the towns of Moshi and Mwanza. At the present time another such effort is being held in the important northern centre of Arusha. Forty-five years, from 1903 to 1938, were needed to raise a membership of 4,200 in Tanzania. The same net increase was recently obtained in the four-year period of 1962-1965. The total membership of the union stands now at about 19,000. Much selfless labour on the part of many of our leaders and workers, the loyal support of our believers and their prayers, and the providential leading of God have made possible this wonderful progress of the advent message.

A large share in this new development is due to the enthusiastic labours of the Publishing Department and its subsidized, missionary literature-evangelists in the unentered areas. Besides placing our books into the homes these missionary literature-evangelists raise believers and new groups where we cannot send evangelistic workers at the present time. In the last two years one of these faithful literature-evangelists raised a new church of 30 members in the railroad town of Dodoma. By buying our books the public is thus indirectly supporting our evangelistic programme.

The total tithe from the fields shows a 42 per cent increase from 1963 to 1965. The tithe per capita came up from Shs. 13.71 to 17.06 in the same period. The Tanzania General Field with its newly entered territories carries the highest per capita tithe for the whole union.

Mission offerings increased 60 per cent from 1963 to 1965, excluding Ingathering. The per capita is still low, but has risen from Shs. 4.73 to 6.63 for this same period. In the same years, Ingathering also showed an increase of 48 per cent. Indications are that for 1966 both tithes and offerings will be further increased.

The accelerated evangelistic programme has brought us to the urgent problem of providing meeting places for our town congregations. We are grateful for the beautiful church in Dar-es-Salaam.

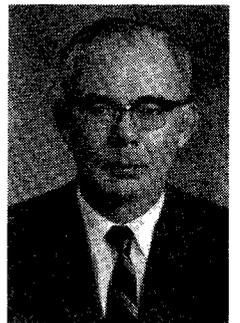
At Moshi, at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, a new church was dedicated this year; another is being built at Morogoro on the central railroad. We are negotiating for the purchase of a beautiful church at Arusha. But if the present rate of building continues, some of our town congregations will have to wait many years for a church building. Speedier relief must be found for this urgent problem.

Financial help is being given to 22 young people preparing themselves for God's service. Training specially selected workers is one of our most urgent needs.

We are grateful for the Lord's providential leading in the past, and pray that we may be ready to follow His guidance wheresoever He leads us in the future.



Two surviving members of the first baptism in Pare in 1908.



P. G. WERNER,
Re-elected
President

Report of the

— *Tanzania Union* —

SYMPOSIUMS:

Medical and Departmental Evangelism

CONZE
SCHRÖDER,
Pastor, Bulawayo



At a medical symposium conducted on Sabbath afternoon, November 19, the delegates were enabled to get an insight into the soul-winning successes of our widely-distributed medical institutions. Dr. M. H. Schaffner led out and arranged for medical personnel to relate their experiences.

From Kanye Hospital in Botswana, Sister-Tutor Rilla Ashton told how 70 new members had been added to the church through the influence of the medical work during the previous year. Kanye's medical superintendent, Dr. Karl Seligmann, told of his experience in being called to the scene of an accident when several African women working in a road-party were crushed under falling debris and some lost their lives. One survivor was seriously hurt and in addition to her treatment, she was prayed for by the hospital staff. She recovered and ten years later, returned to the hospital where she is now working.

Sister Julia Hoel from Songa Hospital in the Congo, spoke of a man who had suffered much at the hands of witch doctors, but when finally he brought his little girl to the hospital for treatment he learned to have confidence in Adventist missionaries. He is now a powerful witness to the power of Jesus Christ to save. Songa's director, Dr. Wilfred Müller, related the story of the miraculous way God has healed patients at the hospital.

Dr. Charles Wical of Yuka Hospital in Barotseland made every one realize in a delightful and amusing way some of the difficulties facing those coming to the mission. Because the road to Yuka is full of pot-holes the traveller bounces in mid-air most of the time. Sister Mavis Orr who comes from Australia told how the hospital has to combat the work of the witch-doctor and the resistance of the local inhabitants to the gospel.

Mwami Hospital was established 39 years ago and its influence on the south-east part of Zambia has been profound. Proof of this was given by Dr. Ralph Harris when he told the delegates that when an evangelistic campaign was to be held in Fort Jameson, opposition from the local authorities arose from the start.

However, when it was learned that the sponsors of the campaign were the same as those who administered Mwami Hospital, the way was opened for the meetings to proceed. The handbills then bore the words: "Your Friends at Mwami Hospital Invite You . . ." and a picture of the hospital accompanied this invitation. Since 1961 some 246 converts have been won to the message, although the influence of the message has touched many more lives. For those who have been cured of leprosy and who dread returning to their original homes, a new village has been built.

Dr. Elton Stecker spoke of the stalwart work of the hospital chaplain at the Malamulo Leprosarium. Worship commences daily at 6.15 a.m., and every patient receives a daily spiritual visit. Literature is distributed freely and the students from Malamulo College form prayer bands and singing groups, to visit the wards.

High in the mountains of Lesotho, Maluti Hospital has found several avenues to acquaint the inhabitants with the nearness of our Lord's return. Because of the sterling work of the hospital staff, recognition has come to us from government authorities and we have been invited to broadcast religious services over the air. Dr. H. E. Clifford is the medical director of this institution. While two-thirds of the nurses in training are non-Adventists many are learning the truth through this contact. Sister Tsatse who was a delegate to the Medical Council was an example of one who accepted the message while in training.

Associated with the Maluti staff is Dr. Warren Staples, at present operating a practice in Ficksburg. When he first arrived there there were no Adventists in the area. Now 50 people worship together each Sabbath in his home.

Work among the Muslims is the task allotted by the Lord to Dr. Cyril Blaine of Heri Hospital in Tanzania along with many other assignments. And in conjunction with the hospital work a course in public health is conducted by Brother and Sister Charles Stafford. This combination is having a far-reaching influence among local government authorities. In its promotion of teaching the local inhabitants to read, the Tanzania Government has requested our health school at

Heri to provide a health book as a reading text book, in Kigomo and Ugigi.

Another symposium was held on Sabbath afternoon, November 26 and brought into focus the work of the departments of our Division under the title of "Departmental Evangelism."

Pastor B. E. Jacobs of the MV Department, told how 11 young men in Rwanda reported 1,875 converts and requested to have their goal set higher. Dr. M. H. Schaffner, representing the Temperance Department reported on the outcome of the Five-Day Stop Smoking campaigns which had had a good impact on audiences in South Africa and Rhodesia. In Cape Town a former Helderberg student was contacted in this way and brought back to the remnant church.

One of the most important branches of our work was represented by the new educational secretary, Pastor Gerald F. Clifford. He reminded us that education and redemption are inseparable. Our educational system really pays when we realize that some 3,000 students are baptized in Adventist educational institutions each year.

Always a refreshing personality and a zealous promoter of his field of endeavour, Pastor Joe Hunt gave a clear picture of how our literature is penetrating every stratum of society, warning men and women that Jesus is coming soon.

To hear Pastor Alvin E. Cook, the new Ministerial Association and Public Relations secretary, is an electrifying experience. His leadership and experience are going to be felt in a marked way in all parts of Trans-Africa. He related an experience he had while in New Zealand. Very early one morning he heard some children playing outside the chalet where he was spending a holiday. The oldest girl in the party was encouraging her companions to play "church." When she discovered they knew nothing about worship procedures she instructed them to kneel and repeat after her a prayer she addressed to the Virgin Mary. Pastor Cook used this experience to pose the question: if others, even children playing "church," are at work so early in the morning, seeking to promulgate their faith, what are we doing who have the truth for these last days? Do we have an appointment with God at early dawn to receive our commission for the day?



MVs at work and play during MV Camp: First Aid and Volley Ball.



The old paddle-wheeled steamer made its way slowly up the Zambesi. The year was 1891. On board was George James, a young Seventh-day Adventist of London, England, on his way to Malawi as a self-supporting missionary.

George, a concert violinist, became dissatisfied with his life in the entertainment world and left his homeland for America, where he heard and accepted the advent message and went to Battle Creek College to train as a missionary.

Completing his course he chose Africa as his place of labour but, to his disappointment, the mission board was unable at that time to send him to this far-off land. Undaunted, George determined to make the trip on his own and again crossed the Atlantic, this time to land in Beira where he arranged transportation to Malawi (then Nyasaland).

Arriving in the "land of the lake," George began to visit among the villages where he charmed the people by playing the sweet songs of the gospel on his violin. He told them of Jesus' love and proclaimed the truth of the Sabbath.

George realized he would need to have a mission station as a base from which to work. When he heard that

Solusi had been established, he determined to go there to contact the missionaries before returning to Malawi with definite plans to establish our work permanently. The journey was never completed for he contracted malaria aboard the river steamer and died. The paddles of the steamer stopped while the craft drew to shore for a brief ceremony and our first missionary to Malawi was buried in an unmarked grave along the great Zambesi.

Great would be the joy of George James and other intrepid pioneers of the message who through the last 75 years have helped to light gospel fires in Malawi were they here today and could know of God's blessings upon His church in beautiful Malawi!

They would hear that over 10,000 souls were baptized in the last four years and that 28,000 people (one in every 160 of the total population) are now keeping the Sabbath!

They would rejoice with R. A. Forbes over a fifteen-fold increase in literature sales in the last three years and a four-fold increase in literature-evangelists!

Pastor F. A. Botomani's report that 568 branch Sabbath-schools have been

A Paddle Steamer and a Man

started and that 15 churches were built and dedicated during the past four years with 43 projects planned or under way, would thrill their hearts!

Were they to see Pastor P. J. Salhani's enthusiasm in organizing four youth camps (with almost 500 in attendance) and one MV leaders' camp in just one year, 1966, and hear him say that our Ingathering for four years amounted to almost £12,000 and that 179 lay efforts had been held with 3,569 converts, these veterans of the message would weep for joy.

Surprise would show on their countenances if they saw Matandani Industrial School with its amazing hydro-electric generator which provides power for the machinery of our industrial school and Division-wide maintenance course conducted by O. I. Fields, K. B. Cronje and L. B. Denny.

Their hearts would thrill if they could see what Jesus, the Great Healer, had accomplished through Dr. K. Seligmann and Dr. R. Harris at Mwami Hospital and Leprosarium. With awe they would witness Dr. Jack Harvey roar down Malamulo's runway in the Cessna 180, headed for a far corner of Malawi to fly a seriously ill patient to the comfort of one of Malamulo's three efficiently operated hospitals where Dr. E. Stecker would be waiting to assist with their care.

With solemn satisfaction they would rejoice to see the youth of Malawi entering one of our 20 schools where 3,286 students are enrolled. If they could visit old Malamulo, the "Commandment Mission," which is under the direction of Stephen Young and his corps of dedicated teachers, or visit Mombera Secondary School under the principalship of A. K. Phillips where a post Form II

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Ministerial course is conducted by Pastor Perry Parks, their hearts would be filled with sacred joy.

Amazement would show on their countenances again were they to step inside the denomination's 43rd publishing house at Malamulo and see H. D. Ingersoll's efficiently operated plant and realize its potential for helping to complete the proclamation of the Gospel!

If they were to look in upon Pastor B. B. Nkosi's cypress-borded field office at Mzimba and travel to Dedza where Pastor E. J. Zintambila and his associates are well established in their recently acquired offices or go on to Blantyre where on a beautiful hill in a lovely residential area, Pastor A. Bristow and his staff are at last settled in a permanent office home, they would nod with satisfaction.

On Kubula Hill in Blantyre they would enjoy a rest under shady trees outside the neat union and Voice of Prophecy offices with a look toward the two-storey building which houses a flourishing medical and dental practice efficiently guided by Drs. A. A. Raubenheimer and B. E. Nelson.

Union evangelist H. P. Longwe would thrill the brethren with his report of seven major town efforts having been conducted. He would be able to tell them that in 1966 alone 271 efforts were being conducted throughout the union.

These veterans of the past would be thrilled to know that Malawi, the country in Central Africa to which the gospel first came 75 years ago, has through the years sent 20 of its own sons as missionaries to other countries of Africa to give an aggregate of almost 140 years of service helping establish the work in other lands.

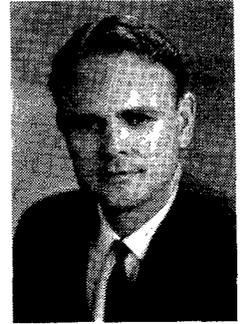
And yet with all these successes our beloved pioneer friends might well show concern on their faces as they looked at the union map with its 130 churches and 235 companies. With all these centres of light, might they not well ask, "Why has not the work grown more quickly?" This question forms the challenge for the coming four years for those of us who work and live in the South-East Africa Union, for the work MUST move ahead with greater speed than ever before!

We accept the challenge of surrendering completely to the Holy Spirit and thus allowing God to use us as His instruments in completing the work in Malawi!

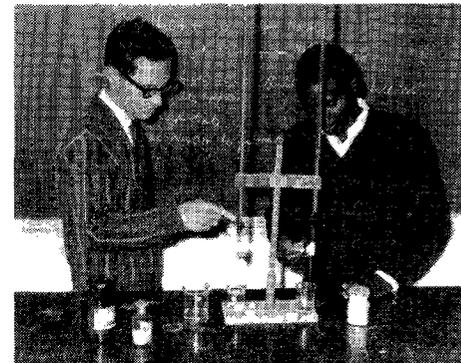
We take anew the torch handed to us by George James and the early pioneers, and dedicate ourselves to finishing the work in this generation!



N. L. DOSS,
Re-elected
President



Smiling nurses in training, Mwami Hospital.

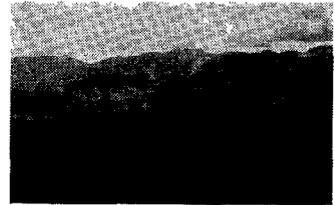
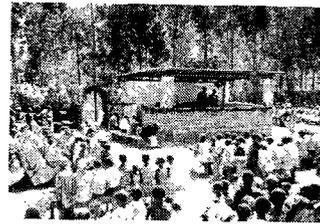
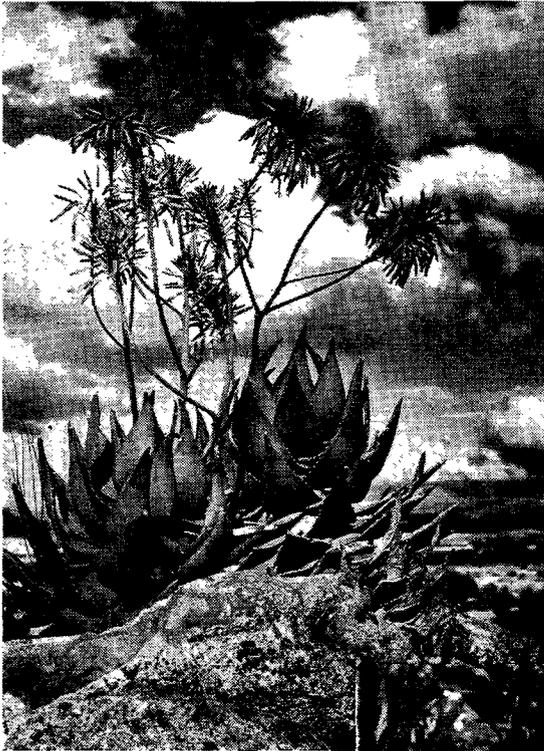


Experiments in operation: David J. Unger and a student at Malamulo College.



Tithe to the storehouse in Malawi. In the rear is the tithe basket.

Jubilee Report

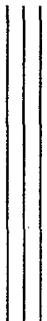


THIS IS TRANS-AFRICA:
Camp-meeting Season.
Mountains of Burundi.

Precious souls now baptized and rejoicing in the message through the work of the Voice of Prophecy in the Congo. The director, Miss Helene de Vos, is on the extreme left.



THIS IS TRANS-AFRICA:
Its rich heritage of beautiful wild flowers such as the aloe and giant protea, and magnificent animals as this sleepy king of beasts, give endless pleasure to inhabitant and tourist alike.



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