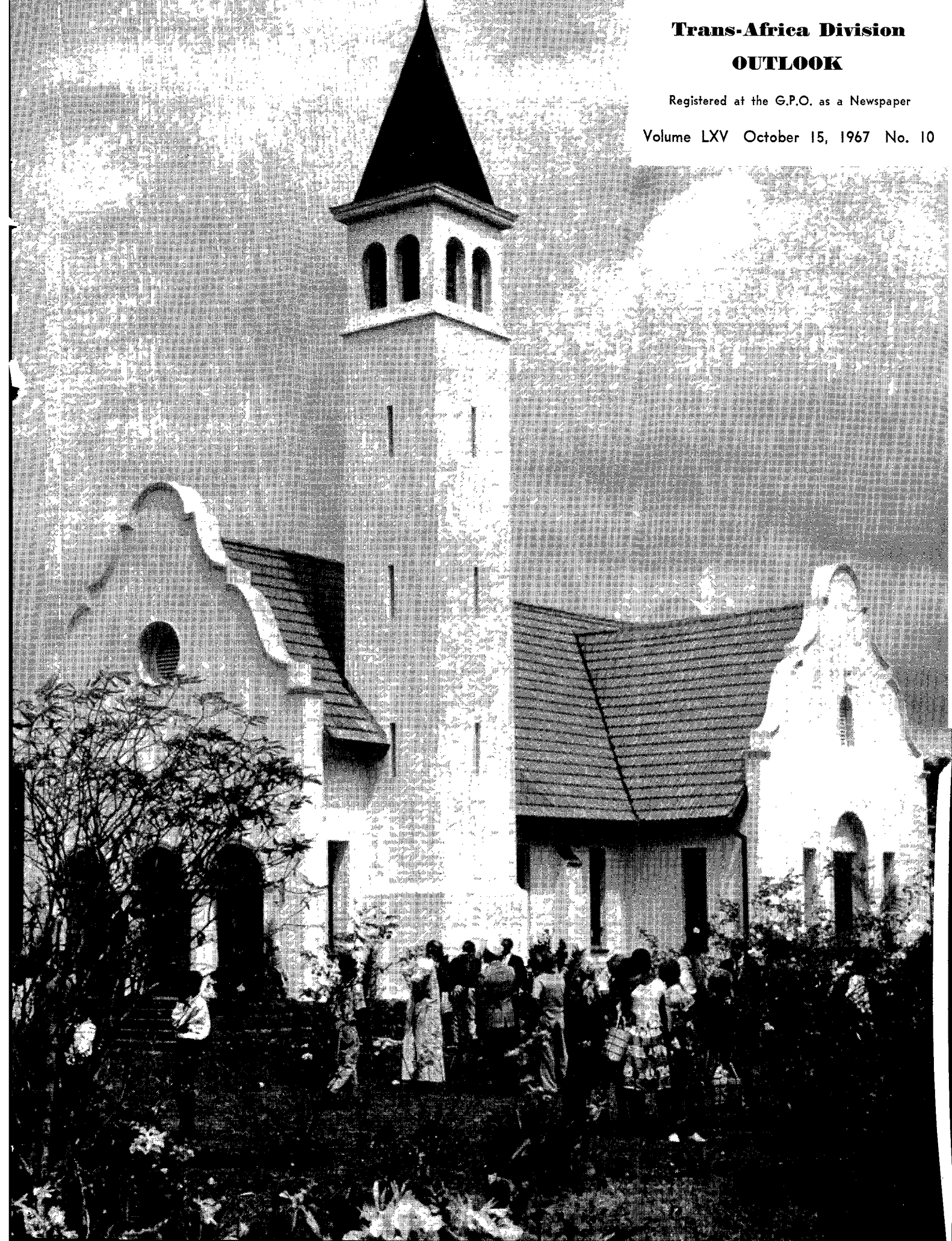


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FOCUS ON

The Home Study Institute

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A NEW COURSE IN ELEMENTARY TYPEWRITING

by D. W. HOLBROOK,
Home Study Institute, U.S.A.

"If ten, eleven, and twelve-year-olds can learn to play the piano why can't they learn to type?" "Since typing is practically a requisite for today's successful student as well as for adults, why shouldn't students begin in the elementary grades to master typing?" Such questions have inspired the Home Study Institute to develop a children's course in typing by correspondence. Miss Irene Walker, Elementary Supervisor at HSI, has based the course on a typing text for children produced by McGraw-Hill Book Company. Experimental work with the correspondence course has been carried on for a number of months in Takoma Park. The course is now ready.

Experience with the course thus far has demonstrated that both boys and girls learn equally well, that there is marked improvement in spelling, reading, and general school interest, that students in the upper elementary grades become very enthusiastic about the course, and that most of them learn to type at least two or three times faster than they can write by hand.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HOME STUDY INSTITUTE

"Kindergarten is a good ideal but I believe that the mother ought to be the teacher," says Mrs. Griffin of Reading, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Griffin and her son Mark are well along through the course, *The Pre-school Child* from Home Study Institute.

Eighty years ago Home Study Institute, recognizing the need for a course which would guide the mother in getting her pre-schoolers ready for the first grade,

Miss Irene Walker, elementary supervisor, and Mrs. Lillian Troutman, course instructor, discuss details of the new HSI Typing Course.



Mrs. Marvin Griffin and Mark spend a few pleasant hours each day in Home Study Institute's Kindergarten.

developed a two-part course which has proved popular and very effective. The course consists of two sections—one for the child, the other for the mother. The section "Pre-school Child Activities" provides a rich gold mine of ideas and material for the youngster. The section for the mother, "Pre-school Guidance" is a serious study of methods and problems, and can be taken for college (two hours).

Text-books include *Child Guidance* by E. G. White, *Baby and Child* by Dr. Spock, and *Child Behavior* by Ilg and Ames. The course is designed to aid Seventh-day Adventist children in getting off to a successful start in the SDA school system. Mrs. Griffin adds, "This course certainly is in harmony with the Spirit of prophecy instructions for mothers and their pre-schoolers."

COVER:

The New Arusha Church, Tanzania.
Photo: P. G. Werner.
(See article on page 4)

**GREETINGS FROM
E. WILLMORE TARR,**

*Secretary, Bureau of Public Relations,
General Conference*

It is with a sense of anticipation and pleasure that I look forward once again to meeting many of our church members and leaders in the Trans-Africa Division. Seven years have elapsed since my last official visit. Great and far-reaching changes have occurred in the world and in the Trans-Africa Division since that time, and God has blessed His people and His church in many different ways.

In comparing the Yearbook of 1960 with that of 1967, I note that during these seven years the baptized membership of the Division has increased from 171,367 to 245,101, and the number of churches from 1,134 to 1,563. Truly this is evidence of the power of God's Spirit working upon the hearts and lives of the people of Africa.



E. Willmore Tarr

It will be a joy to associate with leaders and participants in the forthcoming Division Administrators' Council, and to sit with the members of the Division committee at the year-end meetings. I am also looking forward to associating with Pastor A. E. Cook in a series of public relations meetings to be held in your Division during the last few weeks of this year.

We feel that much of the success of the work of the church has been due to the fact that members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have continued to demonstrate their interest and concern for other members of the human

family. They have become better known as a people of sound faith and good works, as well as a church with a message of vital importance to everyone in the world today.

In all of these meetings we want to discuss greater possibilities in communicating creatively through a planned programme of policies and conduct that will help create greater public confidence in what the church is doing, and bring about public understanding of what it is trying to do. As a church we have something relevant, something vital, and indeed something exciting, to say to the world. It is important that what we say is clearly understood. Intelligent communications and the developing of un-

derstanding have become, not optional, but imperative for the work of the church.

Let us pray earnestly that our understanding may be opened as we "think on these things."

IMPORTANT DATES

Temperance Day	October 21
Review and Herald	October 28-
Campaign	November 4

**SPECIAL APPEAL FROM
YOUR DIVISION PRESIDENT**

No amount of verbal protestation of one's love for God gives any genuine evidence of that fact. That which reveals the depth of one's love for God is the offerings which are given to Him. We have been told that: "The Lord does not need our offerings. We cannot enrich Him by our gifts. Says the psalmist: 'All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.' Yet God permits us to show our appreciation of His mercies by self-sacrificing efforts to extend the same to others. This is the only way in which it is possible for us to manifest our gratitude and love to God. He has provided no other."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 18, 19.

God's love to man was demonstrated when He gave, according to Holy Writ, "His only begotten Son." Our response to that love can only be measured by the amount we give to God of what we have and the spirit in which it is given.

On November 11, which is the second Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, the traditional offering, called the Week of Sacrifice Offering will be received in all our churches. This offering is dedicated to the extension of our work. A special appeal is being made for all our workers and laity in Trans-Africa to join your leaders in giving a sacrificial offering on that day. It is suggested that, if possible, you give an amount equal to one week's salary. The conditions in the world and the increasing demands to advance the Lord's work make it urgent that we renew this practice of making the Week of Prayer also a Week of Sacrifice. The time will come when God's cause will no longer need your offerings, for probation will have closed and the last convert registered in the books of heaven, but with prosperity as it is and the many opportunities to bring Christ to the millions still unwarned, let us determine that we will deny ourselves of some cherished and perhaps unnecessary purchase, or even deny ourselves something we deem necessary, and give that amount to the Week of Sacrifice Offering on November 11. Your conference and mission workers are being asked to give a week's salary. On this special day, will you not join them and thus reveal the depth of your love to God?

Around the Division

THE SINGING CHURCH

by CYRIL M. BENDER,
Evangelist.

It was indeed a happy day when 1,000 people packed two sessions in our opening evangelistic meetings in Arusha, one of Tanzania's large cities. Outside the tent, the overflow crowd listened to the message over loudspeakers and we were happy the Regional Commissioner attended and expressed appreciation for the programme. We were encouraged to have with us our union brethren, Pastors E. G. Olsen and G. Schmidl with their families.

Prior to our opening meeting we conducted 14 illustrated open-air meetings at 7 different places on the outskirts of the town. The interested people were given entrance tickets, and we found this method most effective in securing an encouraging attendance at the tent. Our visiting choir from the Pare Mountains delighted the listeners and in two meetings sang 6 songs. Forty of them travelled 200 miles by bus at their own expense to give of their talents in the service of the Lord. Thereafter, our uniformed campaign choir rendered faithful service daily for the next four months and then four times weekly for the next three months during the follow-up meetings.

This was the first evangelistic campaign in Arusha, Tanzania's industrial boom town, situated 175 miles south of

Nairobi. The Arusha region is the home of the Warusha, cousins of the well-known Masai herdsmen, and from these once primitive people the Lord has added our most faithful converts among the 52 people baptized. Of this number 8 backsliders from other parts of Tanzania and Kenya were reclaimed.

How inspiring it was to see a Warusha youth, Matthew Njake, in traditional dress, reading his Bible in the tent before each meeting began. After his baptism he discarded his tribal dress and is now happy in his work as caretaker of our new church. Mrs. Meishaa was a prominent member in her community and former church. Despite great opposition, even to being stoned, she was baptized with her daughter, Priscilla, who is now a nurse in training at our Kendu Hospital. Mrs. Meishaa's son is a doctor in government service and her other daughter, Ruth, who has been living in Dar-es-Salaam, is now happily united with her mother in the message.

Mrs. Nairobi is another Warusha convert with her son who is now studying at the University in Nairobi. They walked 5 miles daily to the tent meetings and what a day of rejoicing it was in their humble home when she decided to stand on the Lord's side. Brother Oroko, once an Adventist in Kenya, now rejoices in the message again with his wife. He holds a responsible position as foreman in a large factory and has Sabbath privileges.

The Lord of the harvest certainly guided in the lives of a fine young couple

from Zambia, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chilanga and their 4 children. Mr. Chilanga attended a few of Pastor E. E. Cleveland's meetings in Dar-es-Salaam in 1963 but was then transferred. Three years later a second transfer providentially brought the family to Arusha just as the meetings were opening.

Many such personal victories were gained in Jesus' name through the faithful personal work of our team, comprising Brethren Elisa Nathanael, A. Andrew and G. Elianeza, with three pastors and two ministerial students from Bugema College in Uganda.

The Lord graciously opened doors as we negotiated with the authorities so that His truth could advance. Our meetings were opposed by one denomination in particular, but the Commissioner assured us of religious liberty as guaranteed by President Julius Nyerere. We pray that the Lord will grant us continued liberty until the banners of His truth are unfurled to the remotest bounds, and a people gathered out for His kingdom.

Since our tent has been railed to Morogoro for our next series of meetings, our believers here in Arusha have moved to our beautiful new church three miles from the town centre. They hire a bus to and from their new church home for the Sabbath services. Thus all our members arrive for Sabbath-school together and on time as the church bell rings its welcome. Each Sabbath the bus is crowded and we have an average attendance of 80 at services.

We pray the day will hasten when 2 buses will be needed. What a happy group that will be! While riding to church they sing the songs of Zion and thus continue to bear their testimony to the passers-by that the day of the Lord is near!

DEDICATION OF ARUSHA CHURCH

by P. G. WERNER,
President, T.U.

After almost a year of negotiations a beautiful church building became the home of the newly-founded Adventist community at Arusha, an important centre in northern Tanzania. Formerly the church was owned by a congregation of European residents, but had become available for purchase at a very reasonable price.

On July 16, this new Seventh-day Adventist church in the North-East



The prayer of dedication before baptism. Left to Right: The writer; G. Elianeza, the interpreter; and E. Semugeshi, president, North-East Tanzania Field.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SACRIFICE NOVEMBER 4-11

Tanzania Field was dedicated to the proclamation of the Advent Message. Pastor M. L. Mills, president of the Trans-Africa Division, preached the dedication sermon to a capacity congregation. Pastor E. Semugeshi, president of the North-East Tanzania Field, led out in the act of dedication, and Pastor C. M. Bender, union evangelist, presented the history of the church at Arusha.

Many of our believers from all parts of the field, including Pare, came to Arusha, travelling through the night by bus, to be able to participate in the festivities. Their choir presentations fitly enhanced the beauty of the sacred service.

Now the new congregation is happy to occupy this beautiful church home. It is believed to be one of the finest church buildings in the mission territories of the Trans-Africa Division. (See front cover).

WELCOME TO THE PETERSONS



SHARING THEIR FAITH

by W. TUCKER,
Mission Director.

Eight churches and companies assembled for a large Dorcas rally at Shagari school recently. The programme included practical instruction, actual house-to-house visitation, demonstrations on how Dorcas work is done, relating of experiences, and sermons on the relationship between Dorcas work and evangelism.

Representatives from the societies presented interesting topics, such as, *Is Faith Without Works?* and *As Long as My Name Is on the Church Books.*

A record average attendance of over 600 people was evidence of the interest awakened in Dorcas work. Pastor K. Manyara (Gwelo District Leader) led out, and Pastor S. B. Dube preached the Sabbath sermon during which 41 souls took their stand. Some of these first came to hear of the message through the Dorcas work.

Pastor and Mrs. Henry W. Peterson and Genene have recently joined the Trans-Africa Division Family. Brother Peterson is the new Lay Activities Dept. secretary, succeeding Pastor T. M. Ashlock. The Petersons have served in pastoral and departmental work in the United States, their homeland, and also in the Far Eastern Division. We are happy to have them serving with us in Africa and assure them of our prayers and Christian fellowship.

"A LITTLE BEGINNING HAS A GREAT END"

by H. P. LONGWE,
Evangelist.

Right in the heart of Karonga Boma God's crash programme was launched from April 17 to June 3 this year. This effort was held in the Community Centre building, hemmed in by beer parties and three prominent religious societies.

A Sabbath-school was organized during the fourth week with 57 in the baptismal class. Class members wearing crosses asked the writer what they should do with their crosses and for letters to take to

their church leader stating that they no longer desired to retain their former membership. The enemy of souls stirred up these other societies and they organized themselves into groups to follow our tracks into the various homes until a little more than half of those who had taken their stand for Christ, returned to their former churches, but 25 continued to attend the meetings right through to the seventh week.

On Sabbath morning June 3, 1967 Pastor Ziwa baptized 13 precious souls in the beautiful, sparkling waters of Lake Malawi. One of the candidates was the son of the senior hospital assistant of the Karonga government hospital who pledged that he and his family would all be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Another service is planned for September when others will be ready for baptism.

In spite of the bitter experience of losing many of those who had requested baptism, we know the seed of truth was sown in the hearts of the people. In due course and in God's own appointed time, the church of the saints of God will be established in the Karonga Boma.

The sources of mighty rivers start with small beginnings. The Karonga company has started with only 13 baptized members, yet, the fact remains, "*A little beginning has a great end.*"



Dorcas sisters of
the Midlands-
Matabeleland
Field.

At Rest

HARVEY.—Maureen Patricia was born on May 17, 1924, the eldest of Brother and Sister T. A. Kilroe-Smith's six children. The family accepted the message three years later and at an early age Maureen gave her heart to Christ and followed Him in baptism. In 1946 she was united in marriage with Russel Jack Harvey and their home was blessed with three children, Bruce, Jennifer and Cheryl.

The next date of destiny in her life was 1952 when the Harvey family dedicated themselves to full-time service in the cause of God. They served first at Nokuphila Hospital in Johannesburg, then at Kendu and Ankole hospitals in East Africa, and lastly at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi. In all these places Maureen stood faithfully and quietly by the side of her husband to render unostentatious yet deeply spiritual and effective service for her Lord. The gracious Christian character which beamed at all times from her person testified that she had found that inner joy which springs only from a life in which the indwelling Spirit of the lovely Jesus has taken full control. And all who knew her loved her because of this.

Two weeks before her untimely death she underwent serious surgery, but her faith remained strong and unshaken. During one of her last nights she reached up her hands to God in the darkness and prayed: "Lord, take my hand." And God gave her a two-fold answer: "Fear not, I will see you through," and from her Bible which fell open at Psalms 26:7. In perfect peace, in total absence of fear, fully conscious until three minutes before the end, she fell asleep in Jesus, on Sunday, August 13 at 6:06 a.m.

To her husband, Dr. Jack Harvey, her three children, Bruce, Jennifer and Cheryl, her parents, four sisters and one brother, many relatives and a host of friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy and point them to the Life-giver who is soon to return and re-unite loved ones.

—F. CAMPBELL.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MALAMULO

by MRS. FLORENCE DOSS.

In full uniform the staff and students of Malamulo Hospital formed a Guard of Honour during a memorial service given to the loving memory of one who was now numbered "deep among the never forgotten."

Only months before Mrs. Maureen Harvey had, with almost ominous reluctance, left Malamulo with her husband, Dr. Jack Harvey, and their children for a furlough in South Africa. In July medical investigations began which led to surgery and the grim realization that unless God intervened, Maureen had only months to live.

Pastor Albert Bristow in the obituary which he read during the memorial service which took place at the same time as the funeral service in Johannesburg, stated that "her friends here at Malamulo set aside Sabbath, August 12, as a day of fasting and prayer, asking God to sustain her and help her to go willingly where the Lord led. Her faith was strong and she believed all along that the Lord had some plan. Not once did she doubt His love for her."

Across Central and Southern Africa prayers ascended on her behalf. And God answered those prayers! He chose to give "His beloved sleep."

Those attending the service included Pastors Doss, Bristow, Kalonga, Samuel, T. Khonje, and S. Young, an official representative from the President of Malawi's office, a cabinet minister, attending unofficially, and friends from the neighbouring tea estates, government offices, places of business in Blantyre, fellow-workers, medical staff, and church members. The service closed with the singing of Sister Harvey's favourite hymn: "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Maureen was the essence of kindness. She had no room in her heart for criticism. She

always found something lovely to say about difficult situations. She gave of herself. If one of Dr. Jack's patients had to have surgery, she took in the sick mother's children or saw to it that the husband had at least one good meal each day. Often patients awoke from an anaesthetic to the beauty of one of her artistic flower arrangements. Meals would always include another. Her husband Jack could always depend upon her for a complete reversal of plans when he needed her to accompany him on some safari or other. She loved to fly with him and hoped someday that she too could be a pilot. As a mother, she was always there when needed. She took delight in teaching the children at home when no school was available. Neighbours loved to drop in for a chat and to hear her infectious laughter. Early morning prayer bands found her ready and on time, and she participated in the Sabbath-school lesson period with keenness and interest.

Thus she will be remembered as we wait patiently for the unrolling of God's pattern when He will explain the reason "why." Until then Maureen will "rest deep among the never forgotten."

ROBERTS.—Gordon Wallace was born at Prince Albert, Cape, in 1892. With dramatic suddenness, cerebral haemorrhage struck the blow which terminated his life's journey on May 30, 1967. Falling into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered he passed peacefully to a well-earned rest.

In 1912 he crossed the Limpopo River into Rhodesia. In 1920 he married Gertrude Johanna Retief and established the family home in Salisbury. The Roberts family came to a knowledge of the truth during an evangelistic campaign held by Pastor Arthur Ingle in 1935.

Not without hope we mourn his passing and express deep sympathy to his faithful wife, their two sons, Wally and Vivian, their daughter, Mrs. Ray Sparrow, their life partners and twelve grandchildren. We commend them to the comfort of the Scriptures.

He was laid to rest in the Warren Hills cemetery, Salisbury, in the blessed hope of the Advent Message which our beloved brother loved so well.

The service was held in the Salisbury church and was conducted by Pastors J. B. Cooks and A. W. Austen, assisted by the writer.

—IVAN H. PIERCEY.

TRUST IN HIM

Sad heart, rejoice, lift up thine head,
For Christ the Lord has power to save;
He holds the key to yonder grave!
So do not weep
For those who sleep,
But just have faith—He'll raise the dead.

Sad heart, some day the dome above
Will open wide, and Christ will call
And wake His sleeping children all,
With angels white,
Oh blessed sight!
So just have hope for He is love.

Sad heart, beyond these shadows dim,
The Lord will banish death's cold hand,
There'll be no tears in that bright land;
So just be still,
And let His will
Be done, and wait, and trust in Him.

—Netha Marie Stinson.

REPORTING ON People and Events

Our Division president is at present attending the Autumn Council of the General Conference in Washington, D.C. Prior to leaving for overseas he was accompanied on camp-meeting safaris to Botswana and Zambia by his son Myron and his friend, Dave Foster. Myron and Dave also accompanied Dr. M. H. Schaffner in the new CESSNA on a medical trip to Malawi.

An interesting document, the TAD PROGRESS REPORT, received recently from our Statistical Department, reveals that as of June 30, 1967, we have 4,664 workers in active service and 175 honorary workers. Thirty were ordained during this half-year period, and our total adherents number 381,673. On the evangelistic front there had been 12 camp-meetings held and 7,970 decisions for Christ were made during those camp-meetings. These numbers are small since most of our camp-meetings are held during the latter part of the year. Evangelistic campaigns conducted by workers and laity numbered 360 with 283 workers and 2,103 laymembers participating.

Most congregations with newly-erected church buildings know the thrill of having spent months collecting funds and building materials for their new church home. The believers of the new church at Que Que in the Midlands of Rhodesia were no exception. It was indeed with joy, satisfaction and gratitude that this church was dedicated free of debt on June 4. The officiating ministers were Pastors S. B. Dube, A. W. Bell, R. R. Ndhlovu, W. Tucker and J. Vundhla.

Pastor G. A. Otter, formerly a missionary in the Zambia Field, wrote recently giving information concerning the weddings of Michael Otter and Carol Otter whom many of our readers may know. We quote from Brother Otter's letter: "On the afternoon of July 30, 1967 in Baker, Oregon, USA, Beverly Laven Higgins became the bride of Michael Reed Otter of College Place, Washington. The writer, father of the groom, officiated at a beautiful, candlelight service.

"In a lovely wedding ceremony on August 20, 1967 in Wenatchee, Washington, Carol Marie Otter of College Place, Washington, USA, and Marlow W. Dawes of Wenatchee, Washington, were united in marriage by the writer, father of the bride. Marlow and Carol will take up their work in the Baker, Oregon, church-school."

We would like to inform our readers that the front cover picture of our June 15 OUTLOOK, featuring a school bell, is not of any part of Solusi College about which an article referred on page 2 of that issue. The picture in question, in fact, is the school bell at Ikizu Training School in Tanzania and shows some members of the Ikizu choir in the background. We regret if a wrong impression has been created when using this picture in connection with "Focus On—Our Department of Education."

In a recent communication from Pastor B. Michael Blaine, we are told of a "Friend of Africa" gathering held in the Vallejo Drive

church in Glendale, California. This function was attended by many former missionaries to Africa and several of them sent messages of greetings to our believers in Trans-Africa. As space allows we shall pass these on to our readers:

"Greetings from the Hnatyshyns who are 'retired' in Loma Linda. Our daughter Ramona and her family—husband Norman Toews and three teen-agers, live near us. We often think of you all and send our greetings." —John and Eunice Hnatyshyn.

"Greetings to our dear friends in Trans-Africa. My heart is still in Africa, especially so since members of my family are there. May God bless you all."—Mrs Dorothy Blaine.

"On April 28 seven years ago I lost my dear husband at Utimbaru. I still remember how kind everyone was to me. Special greetings to those in Kenya and Uganda."—Mama F. H. Muderspach.

"It is a happy time to visit with folks who have also enjoyed work in Africa. We think of you out there often and remember you in our prayers. We look forward to returning in the future."—Rob and Isabel Newbold.

"It is seven years since we left our homeland. We often think of you and remember the work in our prayers. Perhaps some day our children will return to help finish the work there. And maybe then we can be back too."—Brian and Ferne Ellingworth.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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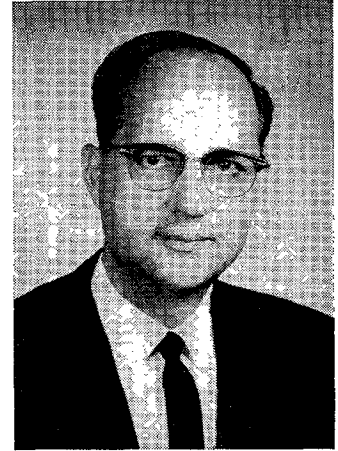
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East London	6.35	6.42	6.49	6.55
Port Elizabeth	6.47	6.54	7.01	7.07
Bloemfontein	6.36	6.42	6.48	6.54
Pietermaritzburg	6.21	6.27	6.33	6.39
Durban	6.19	6.25	6.31	6.37
Windhoek	7.04	7.09	7.13	7.18
Bulawayo	6.15	6.19	6.23	6.27
Salisbury	6.02	6.06	6.09	6.12
Gwelo	6.06	6.11	6.17	6.22
Lusaka	6.10	6.12	6.16	6.20
Blantyre	5.45	5.48	5.52	5.54
Lubumbashi	6.09	6.12	6.15	6.16
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Mombasa	6.11	6.13	6.14	6.15
Kisumu	6.28	6.28	6.29	6.30
Kampala	6.37	6.38	6.38	6.38
Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.19	6.21	6.22
Tabora	6.40	6.42	6.43	6.44

DECEMBER, 1967

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Cape Town	7.41	7.47	7.53	7.57	8.00
Johannesburg	6.46	6.51	6.56	7.00	7.03
East London	7.01	7.07	7.13	7.16	7.19
Port Elizabeth	7.13	7.19	7.25	7.29	7.32
Bloemfontein	6.59	7.04	7.09	7.13	7.16
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Durban	6.42	6.48	6.53	6.57	7.00
Windhoek	7.23	7.28	7.32	7.36	7.39
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Gwelo	6.27	6.31	6.37	6.42	6.44
Lusaka	6.25	6.29	6.32	6.35	6.38
Blantyre	5.57	6.02	6.06	6.11	6.14
Lubumbashi	6.19	6.23	6.27	6.32	6.35
Nairobi	6.25	6.29	6.33	6.36	6.39
Mombasa	6.18	6.22	6.26	6.30	6.33
Kisumu	6.31	6.35	6.39	6.43	6.46
Kampala	6.40	6.44	6.48	6.52	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.25	6.29	6.34	6.38	6.41
Tabora	6.47	6.52	6.56	6.59	6.03

You and Your Ego

by MERLE L. MILLS,
President, Trans-Africa Division.



It is asserted that self-preservation is the first law of nature. Human nature is no exception to this law. That being the case, man's ego becomes one of the most common and baneful traits of humanity, for it has the tendency to self-preservation and self-assertion. Egoism is a species of idolatry for it involves the worship of self and, all too often, we see the asserting of itself in every strata of society. It is proper for one to take precautionary measures against the danger of disease, accident and death. It is necessary for one to have a certain degree of confidence in one's self. Neither is it wrong to take steps to safeguard the reputation. But should one become unduly concerned with his safety and welfare? Should he make self the centre of his thoughts and activities? Should he become pre-occupied with the projection and preservation of his image? Certainly the answer to these questions is No. Christ has said: "He that findeth his life shall lose it" Matt. 10:39. Selfishness, self-exaltation and pride is the sure road to misery, unhappiness and disappointment. Paul has warned the Christian: "Not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" Rom. 12:3. Lucifer was the supreme egoist. He overrated his capabilities and prided himself on his position and authority. His egoism thus impaired his judgment and vitiated his motives. So obsessed and intoxicated did he become with himself that he aspired to the position of Christ. He boasted of exalting his throne above the throne of God. As a result, he lost his high position in heaven, became the devil and was expelled from the courts of glory.

Because man yielded his allegiance to the devil in the beginning he now has become enmeshed in a web of selfishness. As a result he has become so inflated with himself that he is unaware of his own weaknesses and shortcomings. He often displays an air of superiority. A person does not, however, have to be blatantly egotistic to be guilty of this odious sin. He does not have to boast of his capabilities or laud his position and

authority over his fellow-men in order to be classed as an egotist. Egoism often manifests itself in more subtle ways. The desire of and craving for praise, the yearning to be accepted, to be popular, the sensitive disposition, overweening self-confidence, the failure to admit a mistake or confess a wrong, the nursing of a grievance or a wound, pride of opinion, palliating one's faults, the desire for supremacy, the indulgence of self-pity, resentfulness of criticism and a censorious spirit toward others are but a few of the characteristics of the egocentric personality. These traits all stem from selfishness, one of the most basic and reprehensible sins of human nature. But the sad part of it all is that this sin is looked upon with a certain degree of toleration. It is one of the more acceptable sins of which a Christian can be guilty and yet not suffer loss of face or be deprived of respectability. It is not punishable by the law of the land, nor can a member be disfellowshipped from the church if guilty of it. We hear few sermons preached against it and yet we are told that selfishness is one of the sins that God especially hates.

But what is the cure for such a malaise of the spirit? How can one who is born with this evil trait rise above such a nature?

There is only one answer—one sure way of becoming victorious. It involves the unreserved surrender of the heart to God. It calls for the execution of self. This will not be easy. It will require a struggle. The heart must be completely emptied of self and the vacuum thus created be occupied by Christ.

C. S. Lewis in his book, BEYOND PERSONALITY, puts it this way: "Christ says, 'Give Me *all*. I don't want so much of your money and so much of your work—I want *you*. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. I don't want to drill the tooth, or crown it, or stop it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the

desires that you think innocent, as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself, My own will shall become yours." Page 40.

Then there will be no struggle for self-expression, self-supremacy, or self-will. With Christ dwelling in the life, one will recognize his inadequacies, his dependence, and unworthiness, and will no longer boast nor think of himself more highly than he ought to think. Gone will be his self-will and egocentric nature. Having come to terms with himself, he will glory in the cross of Christ and subordinate all selfish interests and unholy ambitions to the will of God.

"No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will be, 'Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, un-Christlike self. Mould me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul.'" *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 159.

Dear reader, will you not determine by God's grace that the use of the personal pronoun will find a diminishing place in your vocabulary? May your self-confidence and personal ambitions be kept within normal bounds so that you will walk humbly before God and your fellow-men.