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HELDERBERG'S SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

by HEATHER TREDoux

AS THE HELDERBERG College students entered the auditorium for the first meeting of the Spring Week of Prayer, their eyes focused on a large picture of Jesus forming the backdrop on the platform and the words of the theme, LET JESUS—LAAT JESUS. Pastor Geoffrey E. Garne, the guest speaker who is editor of the *Signs/Tekens*, chose these words as the theme for this special convocation. The topic of each day's talk was added to the lists flanking the theme before the meeting began and included:

Let Jesus	Laat Jesus
Cleanse you	Jou reinig
Set you free	Jou vrystel
Lead you	Jou lei
Share your burden	Jou las help dra
Use you	Jou gebruik
See you through	Jou deurhelp

On the Monday when the topic was "Cleanse you," there was an altar with real fire inside it brought onto the platform. Staff members and students were invited to write their sins on slips of paper provided and to cast them into the flames. Thus, symbolically and literally they were completely consumed by the fire.

It was gratifying to observe the rapt attention of the listeners, the taking of notes and the evidence of hearts being touched by the straightforward messages. Many precious victories were won.

The theme chorus, "If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, LET JESUS come into your heart," was sung heartily each evening in English, Afrikaans and Portuguese. We feel confident that Helderberg's 1968 students will continue to LET JESUS have His way in their lives and "see them through."

Graduation

November 9, 1968

1. Helderberg's principal, H. E. Marais (right), and registrar, W. A. Hurlow.
2. Elaine Blake of Pretoria graduated in Commercial Teacher-Training.
3. Teacher Training graduate Gwynneth Walton shares her joy with her mother.
4. Allen Stembridge graduated with Honours.
5. Arthur O. Coetzee, Educational Secretary, South African Union Conference, delivered the graduation address.

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FOCUS ON

Helderberg College

HOW TO ENRICH YOUR PRAYER LIFE

(Excerpts from a sermon by Pastor G. E. Garne presented to the students of Helderberg College during the Spring Week of Prayer.)

LET ME briefly share with you a few practical suggestions that will help you to enrich your prayer life.

1. First, there is the problem of time. We're too busy to pray. There's only one answer to this problem. We must make it so much a habit to begin the day with prayer that we would no more think of being too busy to pray than we think of being too busy to eat. It is imperative that we develop a pattern of consistent, systematic prayer. We dare not allow shabby, careless prayer habits to follow us through the years.

Let me ask you a question: How do you get out of bed in the morning? Do you jump out? Do you crawl out? I want to recommend that you form the habit of *rolling* out: roll out of bed onto your knees! It's really a good plan. Try it. Try it tomorrow morning. Instead of jumping out of bed or crawling out—roll out of bed onto your knees, and spend the first moments of the day talking to God.

2. Then there is a second problem. You say, "Pastor, I can't concentrate. When I start praying, then my mind wanders, and I think of all kinds of things. Really, Pastor, I must be terribly wicked." This is a very real problem, and you are not wicked, only human. What is the solution to this problem? Sister White gives us some practical advice that may really help. She says, "PRAY ALOUD!" (*Our High Calling*, page 130.) If your thoughts stray when you pray quietly, then *pray audibly!* Praying audibly will condition your mind to praying quietly.

3. This brings us, of course, to our third point. If you're going to have to pray aloud, that is inevitably going to require having a little private sanctuary where you will go aside alone at regular times, to pray. Find yourself some such little corner, down in the valley, or down in the grove, or in a particular room, or somewhere else, where you can be alone with God in prayer, even if it is only once a week that you visit this "special" little prayer-rendezvous.

4. Pray with someone else. Have a prayer-partner, a buddy with whom you can go aside from time to time to pray at an appointed place. Notice Christ's promise in Matthew 18:19: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." This is a tremendous promise. Praying with a prayer-partner at regular appointed times, really gets results.

5. Pray for others. Our prayers are altogether too narrow and too selfish. We pray for ourselves, and our parents, and granny and grandpa, just as we used to when we were five-year-olds. Our prayers need to be ever expanding, ever taking in a wider circle of people who need our prayers. The essence of meaningful prayer is prayer for OTHERS! Pray for your principal and teachers by name; pray for your ministers; pray for your church leaders; pray for the leaders of your country; pray for your fellow-students; pray for your room-mates; pray for the members of the church—particularly those in areas of distress—like Biafra, Czechoslovakia and Vietnam; pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; pray for the finishing of the work; pray the prayer of John, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

6. What about the times when I just can't pray? "My mind," you say, "is so muddled and I feel so upset, that prayer just isn't possible. I wouldn't know what to pray for. I wouldn't know what to say." We all feel that way at times. The answer is, DON'T PRAY FOR ANYTHING, BUT DON'T NEGLECT TO PRAY!

I have found it very helpful at such times, simply to go on my knees and do NOTHING except thank God for
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COVER:

BETHLEHEM'S BELLS . . . Ring out for
1969 their timeless message . . .
"PEACE AND GOODWILL" TO ALL
MANKIND.

Photo: A. E. Cook.

something. There's always SOMETHING for which one can say, "Thank you, dear God." Start with your most immediate blessing. Say, "Thank you, Lord, that today I've had a meal to eat, when thousands have not had a decent meal in weeks. Thank you that I have something to put onto my back when thousands don't have clothes to wear. Thank you that I've had a good night's rest when many cannot sleep, and many others had to spend the night out in trenches on battle-fields. Thank you that I can walk, and see, and hear, when others are lame or blind or deaf." Yes, when you cannot "pray" you can give praise! *Your act of praise will bring your troubled heart back into tune so that once again you will be able to pray.*

7. I also find it helpful to keep a record of answered prayers. I have a little book in which I jot down answers to prayer which I have personally experienced, or which have been experienced by people whom I personally know. There are some wonderful stories in this little book. You will be surprised how many interesting and inspiring experiences you will be able to record in your own personal little book of answered prayer. I want to recommend the plan to you!

8. Finally, cultivate the habit of lifting up your heart to God as you go about your work. We can't always

Right: Manie Brümmer and Chris Venter painting the administration building.

Below: Linda Marais and Palmaria Barrosa ironing sheets in the laundry.



be on our knees, but we can simply raise our hearts to Heaven for help. As I drive along in my car, as I walk along the road, as I weed my garden, as I work in my office, as I lie on my bed during the waking moments of the night, I find my mind spontaneously turning to God and I know that as my hand reaches up to find His, His hand stretches down to clasp mine.

"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend."—*Steps to Christ*, page 97. "Prayer is the breath of the soul."—*Gospel Workers*, page 254.

"Lord, teach us to pray!" Luke 11:1.

LEARNING SENSE WHILE EARNING CENTS

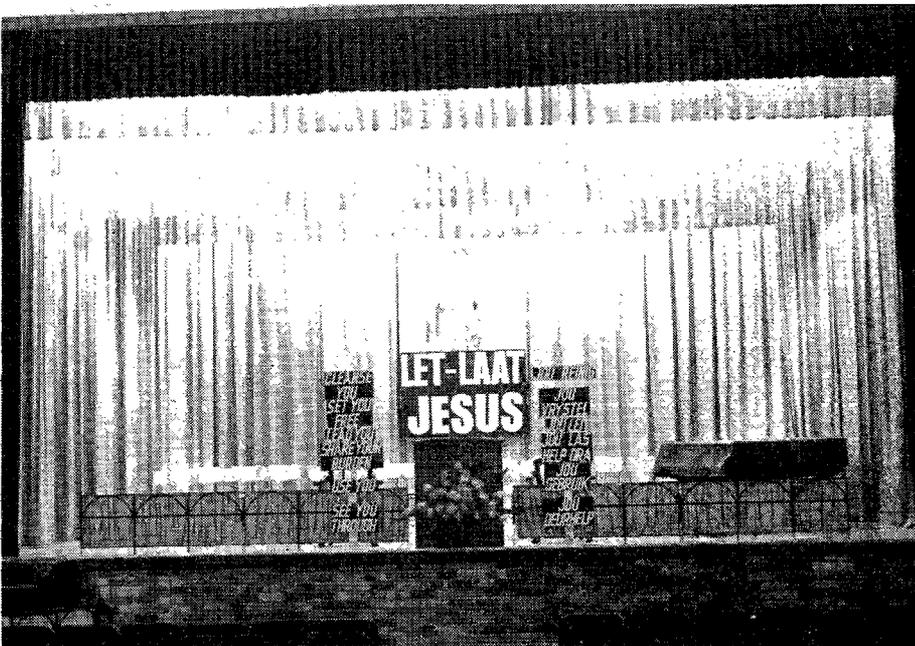
by L. V. WEBSTER

HELDERBERG COLLEGE is committed to the training of young people for service. Christian service is practical and therefore Christian training must also be practical. On page 309 of *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students* by Mrs E. G. White, we find the following statement: "The discipline for practical life that is gained by physical labour combined with mental taxation is sweetened by the reflection that it is qualifying mind and body better to perform the work that God designs men to do. The more perfectly the youth understand how to perform the duties of practical life, the greater will be their enjoyment day by day in being of use to others. The mind educated to enjoy useful labour becomes enlarged; through training and discipline it is fitted for usefulness, for it has acquired the knowledge essential to make its possessor a blessing to others."

One of the stated objectives of Helderberg College is to "emphasize the value and dignity of labour." In order to give this emphasis, Helderberg operates a manual training program as a vital part of its educational program. It is the policy of the college to use pupils and students to do as much of the work in the various departments as possible, and each young person is expected to take an active part in this program.

The college is not equipped to give highly specialized training in any of its industrial departments, but it does provide opportunities for young people to learn to work and get a good

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The platform at Helderberg during the spring Week of Prayer.

Highest Ever Ingathering

by HENRY W. PETERSON,

Secretary, Lay Activities Department

IN THIS YEAR'S last issue of the OUTLOOK we present our final Ingathering report for 1968. All eight unions have exceeded their basic goals. Six of them exceeded the total raised in 1967. To the South African Union Conference goes the honour of gathering in 59 per cent of the total collected. We salute Pastor James Runkel, Lay Activities secretary for the S.A. Union Conference, and all others who have helped to make this splendid record possible. To all who had a part, we say "Well Done and Thank You!"

This report is unique in another aspect also. The Central African Union collected more than twice the amount received in 1967, and almost doubled their basic goal. When we realize that this union has no large cities, and its population consists mainly of farmers and villagers living in the hills and valleys, we again say, Well Done, and congratulate Pastor Derek Beardsell and all who worked with him to set a new record for the Central African Union.

Two of our unions, the Congo and South-East Africa, had their money devalued this year which reduced their totals when converted into sterling. Had the figures been reported in local currency, the record would show more raised than in 1967. Pastors Williams and Salhany have given enthusiastic leadership in their respective unions, and to each one we express our sincere appreciation.

Pastor E. T. Gackenheimer, Lay Activities secretary of the East African Union, has once more led his corps of workers to victory, exceeding last year's large figure and the basic goal by £5,494. Such a record can only be achieved through splendid team work, good organization, and strong leadership.

The Southern Union has also reached a new high for 1968, exceeding its basic goal by £3,195. To Pastor Steve Joannou and his faithful workers, we express words of deep gratitude for a job well done.

In the final report received from the Tanzania Union, Pastor G. Schmidl, Lay Activities secretary, writes: "We are happy to report 227 per cent of our basic goal, 126 per cent of our promotional goal, and 27 per cent over last year's achievement." This is an outstanding achievement for our second youngest union, and to all who have laboured and worked so hard in a difficult field, we say "We are not unmindful of your love, your service energized by faith, and your hard work."

And last but not least, comes the Zambesi Union with the second largest amount raised in the Division. This has been accomplished in spite of drought, adverse economic conditions, and other hindrances. To Pastor Ivan Piercey and his fellow-labourers we pay tribute for patient endurance and mighty achievements.

"Victory glow comes from the overflow." The all-out support given by Lay Activities secretaries, workers, pastors, and church members in behalf of our 1968 Ingathering crusade has been heart-warming and thrilling. What a privilege it is to be comrades in service in the greatest work ever given to man!

1968 INGATHERING

Central African Union	£11,630
Congo Union	3,179
East African Union	12,735
South African Union	84,300
South-East Africa Union	2,961
Southern Union	8,826
Tanzania Union	5,545
Zambesi Union	13,653

Trans-Africa Division, 1968 £142,829
Trans-Africa Division, 1967 £135,558

APPRECIATION FROM THE DIVISION TREASURER

MAY I TAKE this opportunity to extend to each one who has had a part in the current Ingathering program our sincere thanks and heartfelt congratulations.

We noticed that in some unions where it was felt it couldn't be done this year, they have gone over their goal in a splendid way. This, of course, has been achieved by the untiring efforts of our leaders as well as our faithful laity. Only the books of heaven will be able to reveal all that has been accomplished. Too often we look at the monetary gains and results and fail to appreciate the thousands of contacts made and the Christian witness involved in all of these contacts. I know that many of you gave up your own personal wishes and desires, and entered into this work when it was not always convenient and when you had to put some cherished activity aside in order to engage in the Ingathering work so that the total program might be a success.

While we here take pleasure in extending our heartfelt thanks and appreciation, these are indeed puny words compared to the recognition which is given in the books of heaven, and some day, if each of us remains faithful, we will hear those wonderful words from the Saviour Himself: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE DIVISION PRESIDENT

CONGRATULATIONS! Trans-Africa has done it again! It has reached its 1968 Ingathering goal! And has exceeded that goal by more than £7,000!

Congratulations to Pastor Henry Peterson, our Division Lay Activities secretary, and to every union Lay Activities secretary, all of whom have promoted another successful campaign for Christ. And we know that such a campaign could not have been prosecuted without the loyal and faithful support of our conference and field Lay Activities secretaries, our district leaders, our pastors, our church officers, and our fine laymembers. So, as your Division president, I am constrained to say a hearty Thank You to each one of you who participated in our 1968 Ingathering campaign. It has exceeded all previous records. We know that there was a lot of hard work and much planning that went into such an endeavour and let us thank God for enabling us to prosecute another successful Ingathering campaign. This will certainly hasten that great day of triumph for the cause of God. May the Master richly bless each one of you.

—MERLE L. MILLS.

—VINCENT A. FENN.

Welcome to Our Overseas Visitors,



A. A. ESTEB,
Associate Secretary,
Lay Activities Department,
General Conference



J. R. SPANGLER,
Associate Secretary,
Ministerial Association,
General Conference



D. A. McADAMS,
Secretary,
Publishing Department,
General Conference

...and Some New Church Members

IT IS a far cry from Holland to Norway to Rhodesia but God's Holy Spirit watched over Brother Hans van Binsbergen as he journeyed from his homeland, Holland, to Norway in 1956. While there a colporteur sold him a book, and casually he read the first half, not knowing it was a Seventh-day Adventist publication, nor, for that matter, knowing anything about Adventists at all. He admits now that had he read the entire book he believes he would have entirely disregarded its messages at that time.

Returning to Holland he married and with his bride immigrated to Rhodesia. They were university graduates and looked forward to progress and prosperity in a new land. But misfortune visited them and the post they had been promised did not materialize. So they accepted work on a farm in the Mangula district of Rhodesia, since agriculture was Brother van Binsbergen's sphere of study.

It so transpired that a death in Mrs van Binsbergen's family in Holland

made it necessary for her to return to her homeland for a while, and to cope with this situation two of their children were placed in the Nazareth Home in Salisbury and the third in the custody of a friend.

In all of these happenings the Spirit of the Lord continued to work, although this was not evident until these events culminated in Brother van Binsbergen's baptism.

The next significant experience was that Brother van Binsbergen injured his foot and was laid up for some time. Had the Spirit of God not been working in his behalf he would probably have spent this enforced rest in bed reading books on boats, boat-making and sailing, but instead he gathered around him all the books on religion he could find. His reading revealed to him that one book stated one thing and the next emphatically denied it, resulting in confusion and

perplexity for the reader. When he was able to be up again he discussed his findings with a deacon of a nearby church but found that he was not able to clarify his thinking nor give him any spiritual help.

"But," said the deacon, "I have two books here you may care to read. I have only glanced through them and found them too complicated for me."

The two books—*The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*—had been sold to the deacon by the literature-evangelist, Brother Eric Perrett.

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Brother and Sister Hans van Binsbergen
with Minka, Michiel and Marianne.
(Baby Peter is not in the photo.)



Some New Missionaries

(Right centre)

Trans-Africa Division Medical Secretary Leaves on Permanent Return: Dr and Mrs Marlowe H. Schaffner who have given 14 years of dedicated service to Africa, are returning to their homeland. Seen with them are Robbie (left) who leaves with them, and Rita and Rickie (right) who are already in the States. Dr Schaffner has accepted an invitation to be president of Kettering Memorial Hospital in Ohio. It is with real regret that we bid them farewell. They carry with them our prayers, best wishes, and deep appreciation for their dedicated and devoted leadership in the Medical Department.



Brother and Sister O. Ronald Follett, teaching at Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia.

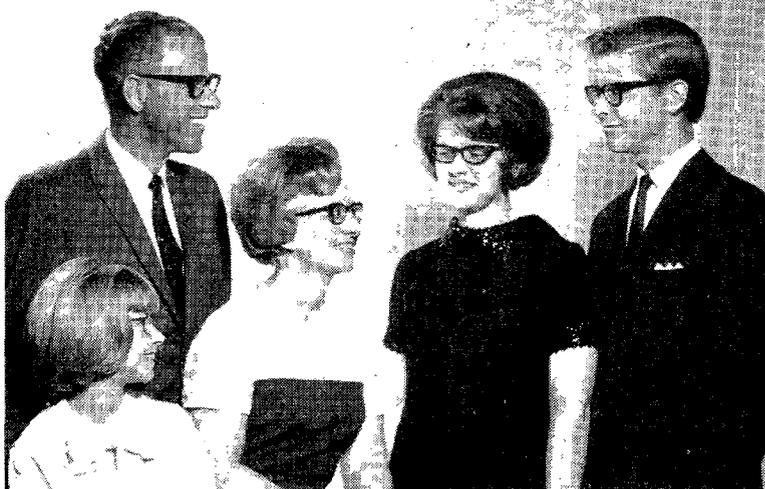


Pastor Walter Ruba, new Publishing Department secretary, S.A. Union Conference, with Mrs Ursula Ruba, Gary (in front), Norbert, and Karin (right).

Headquarters Farewells



Mr Donald E. Robinson (below) leaves the Division accounts department to be the secretary-treasurer of the Zambia Field. His brother, Mr Marvin Robinson (above) replaces him in the Division office.



John M. Stephenson, former assistant treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division, is taking studies at Andrews University. He left in November with Mrs Stephenson and their two children, Cheryl and Raymond.



Mrs Jean Donald, secretary to the treasurer, leaves to marry Mr John Swenson of Gwelo in late December.

East African Union Activities

Reported by E. T. GACKENHEIMER,
Public Relations Secretary, East African Union

Smoking Sam Featured at Kenya Agricultural Show:

Some 10,000 people visited the booth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the Kenya Agricultural Show during October 1 to 5. The display was unusual in that the entire emphasis was focused on the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and a model of Smoking Sam, smoking furiously, was prominently displayed. Smoking Sam was mounted on a revolving platform so that the attendant could turn him around, lift up his shirt, and show the audience his poison-saturated lungs. The effect was striking!

Literature geared to the Five-Day Plan, a four-page brochure in English and Swahili, a card of inquiry, and the tract, "A Quick Look at Seventh-day Adventists," was handed out by the thousands. To date 1,100 cards have been returned asking for a Five-Day campaign to be conducted. One Asian gentleman has offered the largest Asian community hall, seating 10,000, for us to conduct such meetings for his community.

The interest created by this exhibit has been tremendous, not only in the city of Nairobi, but in many towns of Kenya. This is a day of opportunity, and we plan to step into the providences the Lord has opened up for us.

A Church in Nine Months:

"It is hard to believe that a Sabbath-school can be started, and within nine months a church organized." Thus wrote Pastor Harrison Kungu, director of the Mount Kenya District. But this is just what happened at Kipipili.

On October 1, 1967 Brother Kungu went to Kipipili to begin meetings and on June 29, 1968 this company was organized into a church with 38 members. F. L. Bell, president of the Central Kenya Field, and the writer, with our wives, were present for this happy occasion.

When Pastor Kungu began his meetings in this village he had misgivings about the outcome, for he had found that there were six different churches there already. But with much prayer and help of the brethren he went forward in faith. At first he

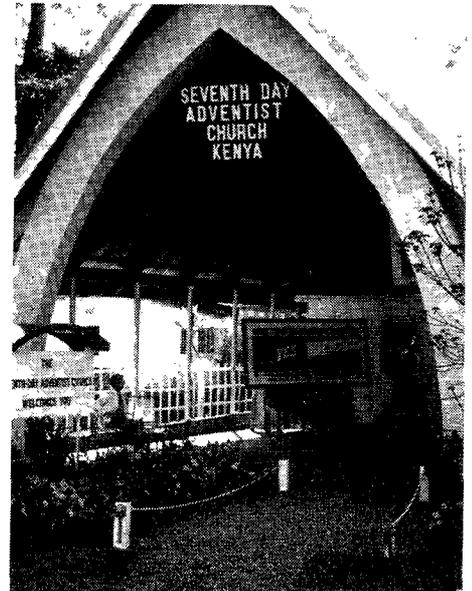
advertised his meetings as health lectures and continued in this way for the first week. The chief of the village provided the hall and leaders of two of the churches brought their benches for the people to sit on. Six hundred people attended the first meeting, and many more had to remain outside. On the first Sunday the churches prayed for his meetings and for him, that he might be blessed of God and protected from harm.

However, when Pastor Kungu began to preach messages from the Bible during the second week, the attitude of the people changed. The benches were taken away and from church pulpits it was announced that congregations should not attend the meetings. By this time, however, the people knew that Pastor Kungu and his team were friends and they con-

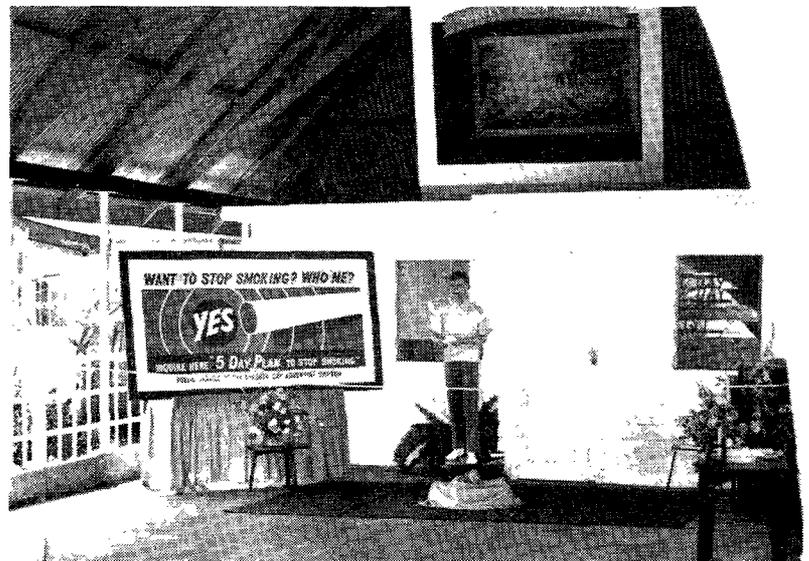
tinued to attend. He promised that benches would be provided by the next day and himself set about making the benches. Some came forward and offered their services free of charge. True to his promise the benches were ready for the meeting the next day.

There are at present 153 people being prepared in the baptismal class. May God continue to bless Pastor Kungu and the new church at Kipipili

View of the exhibition booth at the Nairobi Agricultural Show.



Interior of exhibition booth.



SPOT NEWS FROM THE TANZANIA UNION

THRILLING INGATHERING REPORT UNION TOTAL SH. 110,896
NEARLY 30 PER CENT ABOVE LAST YEAR STOP JUST COMPLETED
VERY SUCCESSFUL SENIOR MV CAMP FIRST IN TEN YEARS TWENTY
BAPTIZED ON LAST SABBATH.

—LEONARD C. ROBINSON.

that many more souls may be added to the membership there.

Baptism:

On a beautiful Sabbath, September 21, 1968, the Menyata and Ranen districts of the Ranen Field, joined together for a baptismal service. Pastor H. Kenani, president of the Ranen Field, was in charge of the proceedings. Pastor E. T. Gackenheimer, Lay Activities Department secretary of the East African Union, presented the challenge of complete dedication to the baptismal candidates and the two thousand members and friends who attended the service.

Three pastors were privileged to baptize 203 candidates in an impressive ceremony.

Pictures at right:
Ranen Secondary School students who participated in a class of practical first-aid, being examined by Mrs Helen Krall, R.N.



Below:
Baptismal scene in Ranen Field when 203 candidates received this holy rite.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Lay Activities Day January 4
- Temperance
Commitment Day January 11
- Consecration of
Church Officers January 18
- Christian Home and Family
Altar Week February 15-22
- Welfare Day February 22

Some new church members

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Brother van Binsbergen was soon deeply engrossed in the reading of these two Spirit of prophecy books, and one by one his questions were conclusively answered and his confusion dissipated. He knew he had found what he had been searching for!

Soon afterwards he came to Salisbury to visit his children and while on his way to Nazareth House he passed our headquarters office in Highlands. There he read the sign "Seventh-day Adventists." The word "Adventist" struck a responsive chord in his heart, for he recalled the book he had half read in Norway which told of the advent of Christ. The next day he phoned the office and through

this contact, visits and studies were arranged and more books were sent to him.

When his wife returned from Holland it was to discover that her husband had made a decision not to grow tobacco any more and to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. He was baptized on September 16, 1967.

Step by step Mrs van Binsbergen investigated, studied, and making her own decision, fully accepted the message. One year later, on September 21, 1968, she joined her husband in our most holy faith. Brother van Binsbergen is now a literature-evangelist, helping to spread the light of truth to others, and when I saw them in Gwelo recently, Sister van Binsbergen was assisting in the kindergarten department of the Sabbath-school.

Six other believers were baptized on September 21, three of them as new converts.



New and reclaimed members recently baptized at Gwelo.

FOR THE information of our readers, we quote from the *Gwelo Times*, dated October 25, giving an account of the whirlwind damage at Lower Gwelo College in Rhodesia.

"A whirlwind roared through the Lower Gwelo Mission College last Saturday night causing damage estimated at £4,000.

"Roofs were ripped off pupils' dormitories and classrooms, power lines tangled, and a large corrugated-iron water-tank was swept half a mile and left in a twisted heap.

"The miracle is that no one was hurt,' the principal, Mr Raymond Burns, said.

"The whirlwind struck the college, which has about 600 African co-educational pupils—over 350 boarders—at about 10 p.m.

"It sounded like a steam train going through the college,' said Mr Burns. 'My wife and I have lived in the "tornado belt" in Michigan in the United States, and had experience of whirlwinds there. It was just like that.

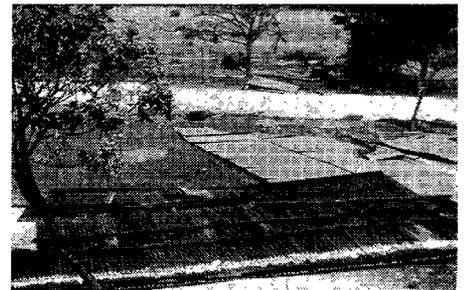
Whirlwind Damage at Lower Gwelo

"For about eight minutes there was a great roaring noise. Our house was shaking, and slates were rattling. Then everything went dead calm—no noise; nothing.

"Outside, everything was chaos. A dormitory mistress came running over to tell us that the roof of the dormitory had been taken off.

"Other roofs had been ripped off, or bent over on one side, sheets of corrugated iron were lying all over the place, and power lines were down.'"

This calamity has come as a severe financial set-back to the college, especially in view of the large amount of damage done by the whirlwind. It is to be hoped that funds will be forthcoming to meet this emergency.



Damage to the secondary school block. Iron from girls' dormitory roof lifted by whirlwind. One sheet of iron was rammmed into a tree and had to be cut away.

Roof of teacher training classroom being put back.



Photos by Raymond Burns

Earning Cents

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basic training in one or more of the departments.

The young ladies, while working in the cafeteria, laundry, or womens' residence can learn much that will help them become better homemakers, as well as better workers in whatever other sphere they may be training to serve. The young men working in the building, carpentry, engineering, farm, dairy, grounds or custodian departments can learn much that will make them better missionaries, better ministers, teachers, or office workers, as well as more prac-

tical husbands and fathers of the future.

The place where the young person works is not nearly as important as how he works, because having learned to WORK, he can, in most instances, adapt himself to almost any type of work.

There are a number of benefits which young people can derive from the manual training program. For example:

1. Useful work is one of the best forms of recreation—something all pupils and students need.
2. It provides opportunity for the development of habits of accuracy, thoroughness, faithfulness, efficiency, and economy.

3. It develops the ability to plan and execute, and strengthens courage and perseverance.
4. It promotes industry and develops that practical knowledge called common sense.
5. It provides opportunity to learn something about a trade or skill which may be of great value in later life.
6. It teaches young people to cooperate and work together.
7. It makes it possible for young people to earn part or all of their tuition. The college pays out approximately R12,000 in student labour each year.

The extent of the benefits derived by any young person will depend on the number of hours he puts in per week, his desire to learn to work, his aptitude for the particular type of work, and his interest in the work.

Success in life depends very largely on one's ability to work faithfully, thoroughly and efficiently and to work with others. These essential qualities young people have the opportunity of acquiring while taking part in the manual training program.

In brief—The young people at Helderberg College can LEARN SENSE WHILE THEY EARN CENTS.

Reporting on . . .

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

The headquarters office family spent three days in a Retreat among the sylvan beauty of the Vumba Mountains immediately following the year-end Division committee meetings. Pastors Carcich and Franz from the General Conference were guest speakers at this spiritual convocation, and meetings were arranged for the children as well as play and rest periods.

Mrs Corina Piercey, formerly of the Sentinel Publishing Association, has returned to headquarters as secretary to the treasurer, replacing Mrs Jean Donald.

Dr Edwin Kraft, flying his own plane to Africa, has arrived at Ishaka Hospital in Uganda to commence his first term of service in Trans-Africa. Mrs Kraft and their daughter, Carol, came out by commercial plane.

Can this Investment record be surpassed? One church in the Botswana Field brought in just on £120 for one quarter's Sabbath-school Investment. Coming close to this, the Salisbury Central church reached the £102 mark on November 2, giving them a total for the year of £243 or £93 over their goal.

Pastor Walter M. Cooks, president of the Botswana Field, also writes: "Our tithe passed the goal for the year during August. We thank God for this. Three new churches seating 250 each have been completed recently."

At the conclusion of Solusi College's Week of Prayer 40 young people gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time, and fifteen others were baptized who had been studying in the baptismal class.

The Tanzania Union is the first union to exceed its quadrennium Sabbath-school membership goal of 42,000. At the end of the third quarter a total of 42,818 was registered. Pastor G. Schmid, Tanzania Union's Sabbath School Department secretary, writes: "The emphasis on Sabbath-school institutes during the last one-and-a-half years in which the delegates received a Swahili copy of the "Sabbath School Manual" surely contributed to our achievement. During the past four quarters we have gained 11,159 new Sabbath-school members. This is an increase of 35 per cent within one year."

Brother Stanley Peacock, a deacon in the Salisbury Central church, and Mrs Peacock have accepted a call to Helderberg College, where he will have charge of the engineering work of the college.

Pastor and Mrs B. E. Jacobs of the headquarters staff have returned from their overseas furlough. Another missionary family back from furlough is the Robert Pifer family. Brother Pifer is the secretary-treasurer of the Uganda Field. Miss Mima Burgher has returned to Trans-Africa for a further term of service, and is at Kanye Hospital in Bots-

wana. Mr and Mrs Donald L. Folkenberg flew from Washington to Nairobi to commence their term of service as an auditor of the East African Union, and Willard and Sarah Munger are new appointees at the Kivu Seminary in the Congo. Dr and Mrs H. D. Frank visited headquarters on their way to Mwami Hospital in Zambia to commence their first term of service in Trans-Africa.

AT REST

ROBINSON.—Maria Johanna, nee Slabbert, was born in Dordrecht, Cape Province, South Africa on September 10, 1881. In 1909 she went to Rhodesia as a member of a Pentecostal missionary company and began sharing the trials and difficulties of taming an undeveloped country. She did her best to ease the problems and burdens of the sick and needy about her, without regard to race or colour. When white children did not have a school in her area she opened one for them. It was interesting to meet two of these "children," now greying, at her funeral.

In 1911 she married William Edward James, who farmed, traded and did transport work in the Marandellas district of Rhodesia. Of the seven children born to this marriage, six attended the funeral. The seventh had died in infancy.

On being left a widow she later married a Mr Robinson who on his decease some years ago was buried in the Sabi valley.

It was in the Lumsden home at Bethel College that Sister Robinson accepted the Advent message. She was a faithful Christian, always ready to witness for her Lord.

—J. B. Cooks.

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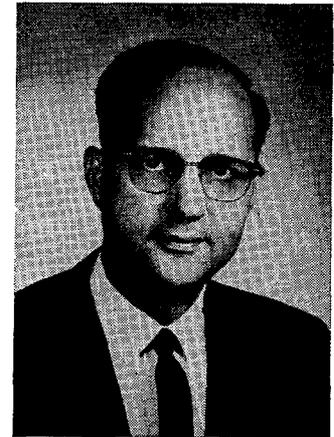
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Cape Town	8.01	8.01	7.59	7.57	7.53
Johannesburg	7.04	7.05	7.05	7.03	7.01
East London	7.20	7.21	7.19	7.17	7.13
Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.33	7.31	7.29	7.25
Bloemfontein	7.17	7.18	7.18	7.16	7.13
Pietermaritzburg	7.03	7.04	7.03	7.01	6.58
Durban	7.01	7.02	7.01	6.59	6.56
Windhoek	7.40	7.42	7.42	7.41	7.39
Bulawayo	6.48	6.50	6.51	6.50	6.49
Salisbury	6.33	6.35	6.36	6.35	6.34
Gwelo	6.45	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.40
Lusaka	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.40
Blantyre	6.16	6.18	6.18	6.18	6.18
Lubumbashi	6.36	6.39	6.39	6.41	6.42
Nairobi	6.42	6.46	6.47	6.50	6.51
Mombasa	6.36	6.39	6.40	6.42	6.44
Kisumu	6.50	6.53	6.54	6.57	7.00
Kampala	6.58	7.02	7.03	7.05	7.07
Dar-es-Salaam	6.43	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.49
Tabora	7.06	7.09	7.10	7.12	7.13

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Port Elizabeth	7.19	7.12	7.04	6.57
Bloemfontein	7.08	7.03	6.56	6.49
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Durban	6.51	6.45	6.38	6.31
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How Tall Are You?

by MERLE L. MILLS,
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AN INDIVIDUAL who is abnormally short of stature becomes an object of curiosity, pity and commiseration. We call such people midgets, dwarfs or pygmies. Did you know that many people grow to normal stature but are midgets and pygmies because their souls and spirits have not developed in proportion to their bodies?

Happiness, peace of mind and security require the orderly growth of the whole man—body, soul and spirit. Any part suffering malfunction or abnormal growth results in immaturity. This common problem is the cause of many of the frustrations, complexes, neuroses and crimes which are prevalent today.

Paul once wrote to the Corinthians, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Cor. 13:11. Reference is made here to the maturation of the soul. Man's spiritual nature must develop and mature concurrently with his physical nature, otherwise he becomes a problem both to society and to the church. He can be a physical giant but a spiritual pygmy, incapable of subjugating his emotions, thoughts and habits. Spiritual maturity is far more important than physical maturity for the body must be subject to and controlled by the Spirit. The chemistry of the body is such that its passions and emotions will run amuck if they are not made subservient to the spiritual man. Since his moral fall, man has become so languid and spiritually disorientated that his only hope is found in a divine solution which is made possible by a miracle of God's grace. This miracle we call conversion. But this act is not to be equated with spiritual maturity.

A person genuinely converted may be perfect at that particular point, but he must immediately begin to grow toward maturity otherwise he

will be in the same condition as the baby who is born perfect but becomes a dwarf or pygmy because he has prematurely stopped growing. The normal growth of a child is dependent upon the right environment. He must have care and be given good training. So it is with the new-born Christian. He must be careful of his environment. His soul must be nutritiously fed. He must take every precaution to be adequately instructed and trained. These factors, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, will enable him to reach Christian maturity.

Maturation is slow and imperceptible but it must be progressive if maturity is to be attained. The greater the distance from the time of conversion, the more mature and stronger a person should be. Is it not logical to believe that one who has been a Christian for many years should be more developed than one who has just recently been baptized?

Conversion changes the heart, making it possible to bring the body into subjection. It places one in a position which gives him access to a power that is beyond himself. This does not mean that he will be without frailties or that he will not fall at times. Pride, envy, egotism, criticism and foibles of the flesh may cause him to fail sometimes, but if he enjoys a personal, growing, daily relationship with Christ, his progress toward Christian maturity will be inevitable. He will be a better Christian, a year, five years, ten years after his conversion for, in the words of Paul, his progress toward spiritual maturity reflected in his words and deeds will be different from when he was a child. Because he subjects himself to the environmental factors of a holy life and develops an intimate friendship with Christ, he finds himself progressing in grace. Spiritual maturity does not come instantaneously. It is the natural sequence of pro-

gress and growing in grace. "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience. . . ." 2 Pet. 1:5, 6.

If the Christian is to experience normal growth it is necessary that he avoid all corroding influences, that he be selective of his activities and associations. He will not frequent the cinema or the dance hall for they do not recognize nor advocate the principles of Christian morality. The reading of fiction and romantic novels and listening to syncopated music will find no place in his life. But as he takes time to feed his soul, by communing with God in prayer, listening to inspirational music, reading wholesome literature and studying the Bible, he will make steady, imperceptible progress toward maturity. The undisciplined temper, the loose sharp tongue, the sensitive nature, the desire for recognition, honour and acceptance by the world are but a few of the immature traits that will fall away if one is growing and progressing daily in Christian grace. Maturity, then, in its fullest sense is a proportionate development of body, mind and spirit.

Friend of mine, are you progressing toward Christian maturity? How much have you grown in the past year? How tall do you stand in God's sight? Paul said, "But when I became a man I put away childish things." Will you determine that this will be the commentary of your life during 1969?