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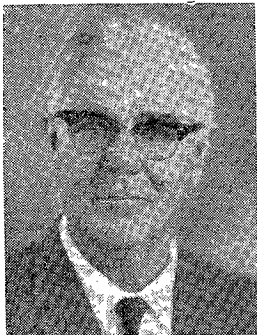
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Our Only Hope in Finishing the Work



The need of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the Individual Life

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A finished article, a finished work, a finished life are alike the only sources of true satisfaction and reward in life.

Jesus had this sense of satisfaction when He prayed "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (John 17:4) The last agonized cry from the heart of the dying Saviour, "It is finished", reveals to us his satisfaction in a "finished work". His reward was guaranteed. "He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied" Isa. 53:11.

History says much about the seemingly undying enmity between the Welsh and the English in feud and war. But a way was found to understanding, confidence, unity and love when the king made his home in Wales for the birth of his son. This prince, born in Wales, was accepted by the Welsh as their own. He received the title "Prince of Wales" qualifying him to ascend the throne as the king of a "United Kingdom."

Similarly Jesus was born of a woman to live among us. He spoke of Himself as the "Son of Man," fully identifying Himself with us. He became tired, He hungered, He suffered, He was tempted just like any of us. This qualified Him to be an understanding and compassionate

Advocate and Mediator on man's behalf at the throne of God. Thus you and I have in Jesus a living High Priest, one who is able to "save to the uttermost."

Having encumbered Himself with a human form in order to come close to us Jesus could not, at the same time, be everywhere present on earth. This is a background to Christ's most arresting words—"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you" John 16:7.

It is also true that while Jesus was with the disciples in person they could not and did not sense their need of the Holy Spirit. Only after the ascension did this "sense of need" drive them to ask and pray for this promised Holy Gift. As they prayed, the Father having accepted Christ's sacrifice for fallen man, the Holy Spirit was poured out in fullness of power upon them. This was the evidence that Christ had entered upon his work as our Mediator, Advocate and High Priest above.

"Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

Pentecost, the promised blessing, endured them with power from on high.

The Holy Spirit, unencumbered with human form, is present at the same time in different places, bringing the fulness of God and the efficacy of Christ's death resurrection and mediatorial work to each seeking, believing heart.

These great facts can be described as a setting up of "diplomatic relations" between heaven and earth.

There is the heavenly court above, at the throne of God, where Christ mediates as the Christian's Ambassador. He is our personal representative. Are our cases in His hands?

There is also the court of the human heart here below where the Holy Spirit, the Ambassador of heaven, pleads the love of God and the grace of Christ. To receive the Holy Spirit as the Ambassador of salvation is to receive God and our Lord Jesus into our lives.

We are now able to realize why the sin against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable and fatal. Because all that God is, and all that Jesus has done and is doing for us is mediated to us through the Holy Spirit, should we not, then, reverently consider a question the apostle Paul once asked certain believers? "Have

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HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with your Division President

Dear Ones Who Have Been Called of God:

Last month I wrote to you about great grace that God sends in response to our prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is a tremendously important subject. I want to talk more about it with you this month as well. There are some beautiful and practical lessons for us in Acts 4:33.

Let us read Luke's words again. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

Remember I pointed out that great grace, as well as great power, is one of the enabling blessings of Pentecost. We should rejoice rather than become disheartened when God sends the former rather than the latter rain to us in response to our prayers.

Now let us pursue the practical study of the promise further.

Speaking of the work of the Holy Spirit Jesus once said, "He shall glorify me," John 16:14. "In these words Christ declares the crowning work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit glorifies Christ by making Him the object of supreme regard, and the Saviour becomes the delight, the rejoicing, of the human agent, in whose heart is wrought this transformation." *My Life Today*, p. 49.

"We need constantly a fresh revelation of Christ," the messenger of the Lord reminds us (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 503). Then she describes the Agency which brings this revelation to us. "He who feels most deeply his need of divine aid will plead for it; and the Holy Spirit will give unto him glimpses of Jesus that will strengthen and uplift the soul." *The Desire of Ages*, p. 436.

Christlikeness—becoming more and more like our Master—is an experience which will become a reality in our lives only through the work of the Holy

Spirit. It will be ours only as we have been to Pentecost as well as to Calvary.

"O that the baptism of the Holy Spirit might come upon you, that you might be imbued with the Spirit of God! Then day by day you will become more and more conformed to the image of Christ, and in every action of your life the question would be, 'Will it glorify my Master?'" *My Life Today*, p. 49.

How can we glorify our Saviour more than by revealing His character in a revolted world? To reveal the character of Christ requires great grace. This great grace comes with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This may come in response to our earnest prayer for the Spirit's power in our behalf. Great grace alone can help us win our battles with the evil one.

When you bite your tongue and by God's grace keep back a flood of stinging words that would hurt a brother it is a tiny earnest of Pentecost. God has heard your prayers for the Holy Spirit's presence in your life.

When we are opposed, baffled, frustrated, and we are enabled to keep calm and sweet and Christlike it is an evidence of that "full and generous grace which has overflowed into our lives" Eph. 1:8 (Phillips). This must be true, for "His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature." *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 428.

When Satan tempts you to go to some place you could not take your Saviour with you and you wavered a moment on the brink of spiritual failure, then the power outside yourself took over and you felt great grace flood your soul and turn your footsteps from the place of sin, that victory was a little taste of Pentecost. Your prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not in vain!

If some time the bright lights of the world fascinated and dazzled you and for a few moments the cross and the

crown grew dim, when in response to a faltering prayer for help great grace moved in and the dying Lamb of God on Calvary's hill came back into focus you triumphed in His power. That victory won by God's great grace was a little taste of your Pentecost. Your prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that morning did not go unanswered.

When the evil spectre of dishonest advantage beckons you to personal gain, or a shady business deal would enhance your bank account but wreck your soul, the grace of God interposes in your behalf and saves you from a seared conscience and spiritual shipwreck—that victory is a little taste of your Pentecost. Your prayer for the Holy Spirit's help reached the courts of God and He provided the great grace you so much needed!

For most of us this great grace may perhaps be the greatest, if not the only, evidence of the Spirit's power in our lives. It may be our only proof that we have been to Pentecost as well as to Calvary. Ours may be the powerful witness of a Christlike life rather than Spirit-filled preaching from a Pentecostal pulpit. But it is still the power of the Holy Spirit—the outworking of Pentecost in our lives. Let us thank God for it. We need never fear when great grace possesses us, for if God so wills the great power will be ours too at His appointed time and place.

So pray on, my brother, my sister. There is no greater need in your life and mine than the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We need great grace and great power to finish the work in Trans-Africa!

Sincerely yours in the Closing Work,

OUR ONLY HOPE

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ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Can we know? My answer is "yes." How then can we know?

In John 16:8 Jesus tells us that when the Holy Spirit comes His first work is to "reprove" or "convince" of sin. This conviction of sin is the "rebuke" and "chastening" which are the evidences that the Lord has set His love upon us. It is the "knocking" of the Saviour who comes to give "repentance" and "forgiveness" Acts 5:31. The eye of the Holy Spirit quickly detects all wrong motives and sin in the soul. A woman once dressed herself shabbily to consult a great specialist. She pleaded poverty. She swore that she had nothing with which to pay. The great man's heart was touched. Moved with compassion and pity he undertook her case as an act of charity. X-ray pictures were taken of her for the purpose of diagnosis. These revealed a false waist with a large number of golden coins stitched into the material. She stood unmasked, revealed for what she was. Even so, the Holy Spirit comes first as the great sin detector and then the giver of repentance in the soul.

The second work of the Holy Spirit is to convince of "righteousness." He who has truly received both "repentance" and "forgiveness" does not want to sin again. His "hunger" and "thirst" of soul are for righteousness. Daily dying to self and sin, he experiences the power of the Holy Spirit to daily live for Christ and righteousness.

The third work of the Holy Spirit is to convince of "judgment." We should be sobered by the fact that the hour of His investigative "judgment is come" and that the hour of His executive judgment is at the door. We are to live and witness as those who must give personal account to the Lord as well as for the souls of others. A great sense of urgency should be resting upon us now. It is almost sunset, and if we fail to gather in the sheaves now, they will be forever lost.

To ask for and to claim the promised gift of the Holy Spirit is to seek for the power of God. Such praying is the cry of the soul in its need for power to live and to witness for the Lord.

The Lord's work cannot be finished in the world until it is finished in the church. It cannot be finished in the church until it is finished in the hearts of the members. As the message goes forth advancing to every nation on earth, the church should be advancing in grace and power. This in turn should challenge each one of us to advance

spiritually with an advancing church. The church cannot be ready until its members are ready and that includes you and me.

In Isaiah 57:15 we read "Thus saith the High and Holy one . . . I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

"Christ promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church and the promise belongs as much to us as to the first disciples. . . .

"We cannot use the Holy Spirit; the Spirit is to use us. . . . But many will not submit to be led. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other

blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive.

The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. Those only who are thus taught of God, those only who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, can stand as true representatives of the Saviour. . . .

"When one is fully emptied of self, when every false God is cast out of the soul, the vacuum is filled by the inflowing of the Spirit of Christ."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 284, 285, 287.

This is the only basis for spiritual revival and reformation. In fact, this is our only hope of a finished work within the soul, the church, and the world. Thus and thus only shall "a people be made ready prepared for the Lord."

With the Sabbath School Department

A FREE OFFER

* * * A year's subscription to *The Sabbath School Worker*.

* * * A copy of the book *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, by Mrs. E. G. White.

* * * A year's subscription to the *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* in a language available in the Trans-Africa Division.

* * * A set of *Branch Sabbath School Lessons* for one quarter entitled *Adventures in the Bible* in English or Swahili.

* * * A copy of the *Branch Sabbath School Manual*.

OR

* * * *A Vacation Bible School Manual*.

IN EXCHANGE FOR

A good Sabbath-school story or recent experience (on Investment, branch Sabbath-school work, bringing visitors to Sabbath-school, a Sabbath-school device, etc.) which we can publish in one of our church papers. Accompanying photograph/s (glossy finish) are always an asset.

The Sabbath School department will decide which of the free gifts, listed

above, should be sent to you in return for your contribution.

The English or French may not be perfect, but if you send us the story we will edit it and print it over the contributor's name. Send to:

The Sabbath School Department
(Trans-Africa Division),
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In Partnership with God

J. B. COOKS, *Secretary,*
Sabbath School Department,
Trans-Africa Division.

A man from Pretoria sat in a Sabbath-school institute meeting in Johannesburg one day. Suddenly an experience which was being told made a deep impression on his mind. Then an idea struck him. During the succeeding hours of the day his thinking crystallized so that before retiring that night he had a plan worked out.

In his prayer that night he acknowledged his need and dependance upon God, and he entered into a more realistic partnership with God than he had ever known.

There was that job of cutting thousands of lengths of piping, for which he had tendered. If God would help him to get the job he would give £12,10.0. to the Investment Fund. Satisfied with the new partnership which he had just entered into he fell asleep.

The next morning he was still at breakfast when the phone rang. After establishing correct connections, the man on the other end of the line berated him for submitting such a ridiculously high quotation. Our brother reflected on the care with which he had worked out the price. The voice of the caller was heard again: "Reduce your price or we cannot consider your tender." Our brother desperately needed the job. Should he reduce the margin of profit he had allowed himself? Back to his mind flashed his partnership agreement with the Lord the previous night. God was his partner and he would leave results with Him. He told the caller, "I regret that it is impossible to lower the price quoted."

Prospects seemed very dim, but the matter was in God's hands, and our investor prepared to go about his day's duties. Then the telephone rang again.

The same man who had phoned twenty minutes earlier was speaking again. "When can you begin cutting those pipes?" Somewhat surprised at the sudden change in the situation, but recognizing the work of his "Partner", our investor replied: "I can begin today." "All right," said the voice on the telephone. "The job is yours at the quoted price. Get busy."

The Investment fund benefited by £12,10.0. and our brother's confidence in his "Partner" was greatly strengthened.

A man and his wife sat in Sabbath-school and heard the above story. Their minds began to work. There was a relative who had borrowed some money from

them a long while before and had not repaid it all even though he had been reminded. Now prospects of ever receiving the residue seemed nil. The debtor must have decided to forget about his further indebtedness.

Said the husband to his wife, when they got home from church, "Let us give to the Investment Fund whatever is repaid of that which is still owing." The wife agreed and the plan was finalized. To their great joy and encouragement the relative, who had not been to their home for many months, came the very next morning and told them that he wished to clear his debt. He paid one fifth of what was still owing and promised to pay the rest in further weekly instalments.

Your Sabbath School Department invites you to "invest" with God and become a partner with Him. Confidence and courage will come to strengthen your faith when you see how God works with those who associate with Him and give Him an opportunity to reveal His power.

This is the way you can contribute more money to God's work on earth without taking more out of your own pocket.

Remember, there are one thousand and one ideas for making money for Investment. Your conference or field Sabbath School Department secretary will send you a list of suggestions if you cannot find an idea. Of course, an easier way is to enter into partnership with God and let Him suggest a venture for your energies. Or maybe you would like to accept a new one suggested recently—a percentage of all discounts on purchases made. You will be surprised at how many you get and be encouraged as both God's work and your pocket benefit. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."

If you have had a good Investment experience, why not share it with others by writing to the secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the Trans-Africa Division.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. That it took our Sabbath-schools around the world 25 years to raise the first one million dollars for missions?
2. That between the years 1886 and 1963 our Sabbath-school members of the world contributed \$166,000,000 to missions.
3. That it took our Sabbath-school members only 4 weeks and 3 days to give the 166th million dollars.
4. That during 1963 Sabbath-school offerings from the world field averaged \$25,470.00 a day.
5. That for the fourth quarter of 1963 the Sabbath-schools in the North Pacific Union gave an average of \$678 per week.
6. That during the fourth quarter of 1963 Sabbath-school members in the Trans-Africa Division contributed an average of 3d. per week per member.
7. That of our total missions offerings coming from the Sabbath-schools of the world \$1.00 out of every \$8.4 came from the investment fund.
8. That at the present rate of growth, the world Sabbath-school membership will reach 2,055,000 by 1965, having multiplied itself 5 times in 35 years.
9. That if time should last until A.D. 2,000 (we sincerely expect the work to be finished long before that), at the present rate of growth, Sabbath-school membership should have multiplied itself 29 times in 70 years and stand at 11,250,000. We expect growth to be far more rapid under the "latter rain" experience.
10. That the total membership of the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath-schools was 431,469 at the end of the second quarter of 1964.
11. That we had 4,058 branch Sabbath-schools in the Division on June 30, 1964, and we have many more today.
12. That the total of all Sabbath-school offerings in the Trans-Africa Division was £14,950 8s. for the second quarter of 1964, and that our *tithe* for the same period of time was £103,006 10s. 6d.
13. That a total of 26,204 Sabbath-school classes met in our unions during last quarter.
14. That 530 Sabbath-school Teacher's Training Course certificates were issued in the Trans-Africa Division during the second quarter of 1964.
15. That we wish all our Sabbath-school secretaries would send complete reports to their conference/field Sabbath-school secretaries every quarter for encouragement. J.B.C.

Certainty In Uncertainty

by J. B. Cooks, M.A.

Secretary, Department of Education, Trans-Africa Division

I WAS attending a university discussion class on education. The professor was a brilliant young man and apparently well trained in philosophy. The discussion consisted of a critical questioning of the thoughts which had been presented in a lecture on education which I had also attended. For a while I concluded that this was merely the professor's method for making the students think. However, as the class progressed I came to the conclusion that this was more than a method. It was a way of thinking.

A minister of another denomination and from another country was as perplexed as I was when he heard that what had been accepted as basic principles of education were discounted and questioned the same as other ideas were. He asked

some questions and gave examples which must have left all in the classroom with the impression that we can be certain of nothing in this world, and that there is no such thing as truth. I thought, as I listened, no wonder the world has many agnostics.

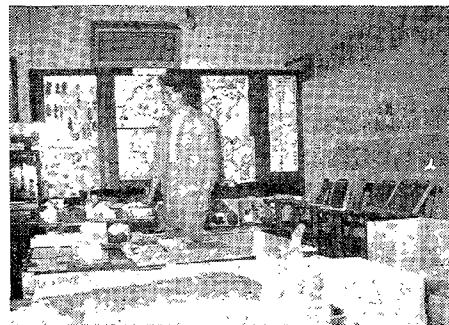
Christian education has been given to the remnant church as a bulwark against the uncertainty of this rapidly and constantly changing world. It is to give direction to the thinking of God's people when education is perverted by men who know not God and have no regard for the veracity of His Word.

The uncertainty which plagues men in so many spheres of life today has become a science in many educational circles. Moreover, it appears that many higher schools accept it as a doctrine to be perpetuated.

Thank God that in this perplexed world His people have a light and guiding principles which have endured and will continue until the end.

It is this education which is needed by our children and young people as never before, so that they may "be saved from being drowned in the polluting corrupting influence of the world."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 199.

That is why the messenger of God to this church wrote: "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep in-



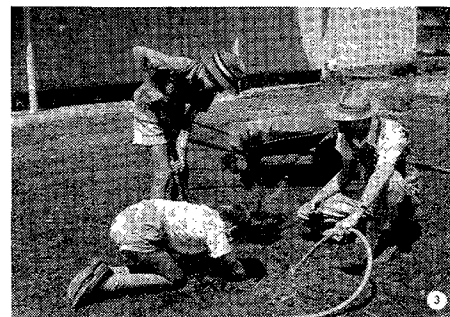
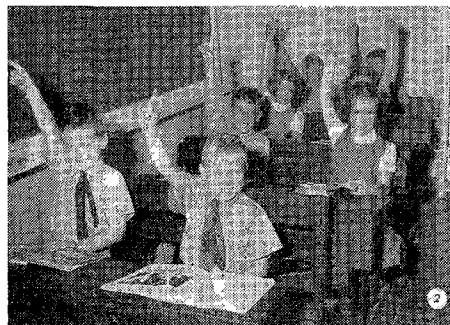
Miss M. A. Ficker, Teacher Training Instructor at Helderberg College, surrounded by Teaching Aids made by students in training.

terest in this work."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 205.

It is the church's duty to make it possible for those parents and young people who desire a Christian education, enough to make some sacrifices for it, to be able to obtain it.

Education cannot remain static. It must advance and expand, especially is this truism under the pressures of development taking place in Africa today.

As a church, we have tried very hard to fulfil our mission in this respect. New schools have been established and old ones have been upgraded. Facilities have been increased. This year with a total enrolment of 86,456 in the schools of this Division, we have more young people in attendance than ever.



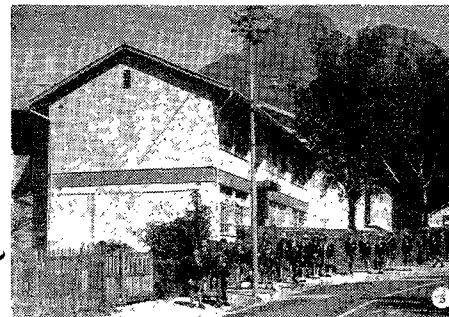
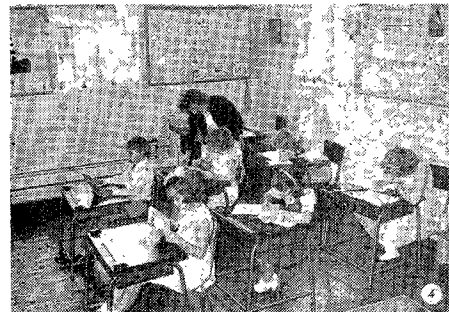
1 The Church School—Foundation of our work in Education. Mrs. M. van Wyk has more than her hands full with so many.

2 These children have the answer. It is definitely Church School for them.

3 Planting a tree at Anderson Memorial School, Southern Rhodesia, which will be a constant reminder that students must grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

4 "If there are no more than six to attend . . . schools should be established."—Mrs E. G. White. A fine example of a church school, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

5 Overshadowed by Devil's Peak, the children of Hillcrest Secondary School, Mowbray, Cape, are challenged to higher heights in attainment.





What a wonderful world God made for us! "We should know more about it," say these young men who are attending the Kamagambo Training School in Kenya, East Africa.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Trans-Africa Division

The Moulder's Hand

*I took a piece of plastic clay and idly
fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it, still it
moved and yielded to my will.*

*I came again when days were past: the
bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it still it bore, and I
could fashion it no more!*

*I took a piece of living clay, and gently
formed it day by day;
And moulded with my power and art
a young child's soft and yielding
heart.*

*I came again when years were gone:
it was a man I looked upon.
He still that early impress bore, and I
could fashion it no more.*

—Author Unknown.

Young women also are eager to learn, as you can see by this keen group just emerging from a classroom block at Mombasa Secondary School in Malawi.

Where there are Schools there must be Teachers' Homes. These will soon be occupied when staff members arrive to commence work at the New Training School near Bujumbura, Burundi.

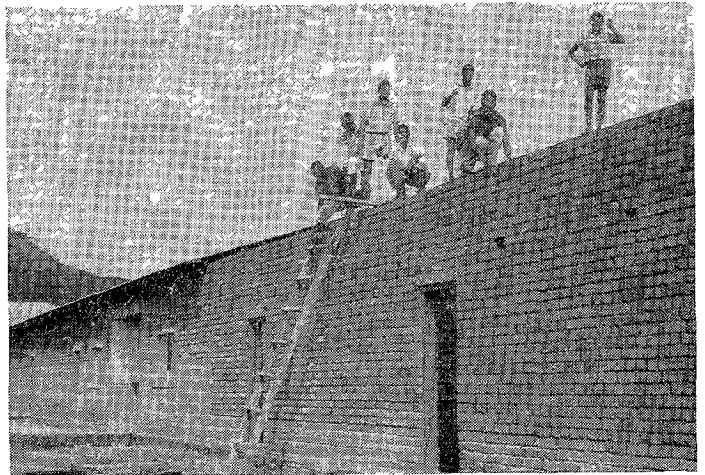




The future is in the hands of the Homemakers, and these girls at Malamulo Training Institute are learning to be good ones.



Upper right: Books are very important in learning, and the Library is the hub of any school. In Christian education, the Bible is given first place as the Book of books—the source of God's revealed will.

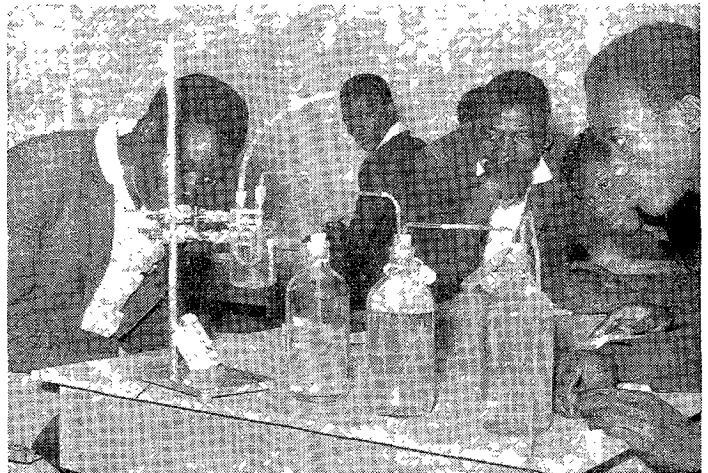


Boys must learn to build. These students have been working on another wing of their Secondary School block at Mombera, in Malawi. They were about to put the roof on when this picture was taken.

Where there are children there will be games, which teach organization and co-operation as these girls are learning at Soche School in Blantyre, Malawi.



A study of Science will help students understand some things about the world. This group are keenly interested in their experiments.



AROUND OUR UNIONS

A Church for Every City

F. G. THOMAS,
President, Tanganyika Union

ONE of the greatest challenges in our work today is the cities of our great Division. Into these urban areas the progressive and money-earning population are flocking by their countless thousands. There, cut off from the natural restrictions of home life, many lose their sense of values and become completely absorbed in a life of pleasure and sin. Yet Jesus died to save these city-dwellers as verily as He did for the farmers in the country.

For many years we have accustomed ourselves to working in rural areas where an effort meant little more than inviting people to attend meetings under some prominent tree. Techniques were simple and the expenses small. At the conclusion of the effort a small temporary church building was erected and the people were left with a place, albeit humble, where they could worship. These methods have been followed with wonderful success for over half a century and undoubtedly the Lord has blessed in a remarkable way.

There were good reasons for concentrating our work in rural areas. The population tended to be stable, land was easy to obtain, and expenses were low. However, with the growth of cities and the concentration of people in those cities our minds and energies must be directed more fully to them. Here, our methods, the techniques we use, and our plans must be geared to the tempo of city life. Here it is no longer possible or expedient to meet under a tree, and people must be persuaded to attend evangelistic meetings in competition with the attractions of the cinema, dance hall, and in many places, television. Thank God that the Gospel, preached in sincerity and humility, still has power to attract. Many of our faithful evangelists have succeeded in filling large halls for several weeks, and in winning many souls.

A serious problem confronts the evangelist at the conclusion of the meetings. People have been converted and wish to join the church. Maybe the meetings have been held in a cinema or

hall, and the question is asked, "Where shall we worship when the meetings are over?" Too often there is no place! Bear in mind that many have worshipped in beautiful cathedrals where everything is constructed to please the eye. They have been taught that God meets with them in such places. Now they have seen new truth in the Bible which they have accepted, often against bitter opposition, only to be told that we have no proper meeting place. The devil is quick to use this as a means to discourage new believers in cities. Their old friends and ministers say, "How can Adventists have the truth when they worship in a dance hall, cinema or some layman's house?" The messenger of the Lord saw this as long ago as 1900 for she wrote in that year, "As persons become interested in the truth, they are told by the ministers of other churches—and these words are echoed by the church members—'These people have no church, and you have no place to worship. You are a small company, poor and unlearned. In a short time the ministers will go away, and then the interest will die down. Then you will give up all these new ideas which you have received.' Can we suppose that this will not bring strong temptations to those who see the reasons for our faith and are convicted by the Spirit of God in regard to present truth?"—*Evangelism*, page 376.

The answer is a simple one to state but a difficult one to implement—every time we hold a city effort we should include in our planning the erection of a church. Sister White's counsel is clear, "Wherever a company of believers is raised up, a house of worship should be built. *Let not the workers leave the place without accomplishing this.*" — *Evangelism*, page 376 (italics ours.) She goes on to state that it is right and proper to organize the new converts so that they can help in the building work. The point is, however, that our city evangelism must include a plan for a church.

This will require some changes in our approach to our work. We will have to recognize that city work costs money. Further, it will be necessary for our people in the areas where the work has been established for decades to accept more and more of the financial obligations. How can we, who have had the gospel so long, sit by complacently and accept

large sums of money from our friends overseas, for the conducting of our work in well-established areas, while our brothers and sisters in the cities are left ignorant of the truth of a soon-coming Saviour? The time has come when the work in our firmly established fields should become self-supporting, thus releasing funds for new work. May God give us all a vision of the dying multitudes in the cities of the Trans-Africa Division! Our motto should be—"A Church for Every City of the Trans-Africa Division."

Colporteur Institutes in the East and North Congo

By J. T. KNOPPER,

Secretary, Publishing Department, Congo Union

PLANS were laid some time ago for us to visit the East and North Congo fields, but due to unsettled conditions we were not able to undertake this trip when we wished. Finally the way opened and preparations were made.

Pastor G. M. Ellstrom, the Congo Union's Home Missionary secretary, and the writer, left by car for these fields. It was not possible for us to travel through the Congo, so we had to take a circuitous route through Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Uganda and re-enter the Congo at Kisoro. The 2,500 miles took us four days under trying and dusty conditions.

Once back in the Congo we made our way to Masisi, the headquarters of the East Congo Field (this is the new name for the Central Kivu Field). At this place an institute was conducted for 30 of our regular and student colporteurs. For four days, seven hours a day, we studied ways and means of taking the message through the printed page into the homes of the people. A new goal of Fr. 20,633 sales per month was set by the regular colporteurs. This was a good step forward, for during the first six months of this year this standard had not quite been achieved.

Our next visit was to Rweze, headquarters of the North Congo Field. Here we found 20 colporteurs and students waiting to be instructed in the art of selling gospel literature. We spent three days of intensive study with them, and at the end of the institute I made a call for their new monthly goal. The 14 regular colporteurs assembled set as their goal

the reaching of Fr.15,250 in sales. This is more than they are doing at present so again another step forward was achieved.

From Rwese we went to Talla Station farther north. Here we found four men waiting to be instructed, and for three days we too studied together. They set themselves a goal of Frs.5,000 sales a month.

This brought us to the end of our safari in the northern parts of the Congo Union. After a week of car travelling we arrived safely in Elisabethville.

Back in the office I had opportunity to study the figures of the Publishing Department report for the first six months of 1964. The total colporteur sales is nearly half a million francs. The combined sales of colporteurs, pastors and bookrooms amounted to more than one million francs. The West Congo Field has a goal of Frs.150,000 for 1964, but in May of this year they had already sold books to the value of Frs. 165,000. One woman colporteur in Leopoldville in 32 hours received Frs. 88,500 for books sold. The South Katanga Station workers went to Kolwezi for their first Big Week, and they reached a total of Frs.152,880.

Fellow-workers in the Trans-Africa Division, we are very glad to share with you these good reports from the Congo Union. May the Lord give peace and unity to this country in order that the Lord's work can be done and even greater results be reached. But more than this we desire a rich harvest of souls to be brought in, and for Jesus to come soon to claim His own from the Congo. Please remember the work in this great union in your prayers.

If Thy Hand Offend Thee CUT IT OFF

A. H. BRANDT,

President, Central Kenya Field

ADRONIKAS IRUNGU is a young Kenyan who went to seek work in Arusha in Tanganyika. He was a nominal Christian priding himself on a good life and thinking he was following the Lord in all things.

When Tanganyika received its independence in 1961 Adronikas had good work and prospects of a happy future. However, he felt he should return to his homeland, Kenya, and accordingly went to see his employer. Soon the

"I WAS visiting a member on his farm on one occasion when he told me that he wished to see me the following morning quite early. So it was that I was up at sunrise and went with this brother to a certain part of his farm. We sat down near his tomato plants and near the dividing line of his neighbour's farm, which was also planted in tomatoes. As we sat there looking down the even rows of tomatoes, our good brother told me how the Lord had blessed him and given him a real experience in 'proving God.' He said to me, 'My brother, God does make a difference with those who recognize His ownership and return to Him the tithe and offering.' He continued, 'Do you see this row of tomatoes? This is on my place, and that next row is on my neighbour's farm.'

matter was settled and Adronikas prepared himself for the journey.

During the last day of work, however, temptation came his way. "How nice," he thought, "it would be if I could borrow my master's car for some business I have to do." The thought became action and soon he found himself sitting in the car behind the wheel. With the left hand he turned on the ignition, the car started, and he found himself driving down the road. It wasn't long, though, before the car owner missed both Adronikas and the car, and soon Adronikas found himself behind bars where he was to stay for two years.

In connection with the independence celebrations in Tanganyika a large number of prisoners were given amnesty and among them was Adronikas. Soon he found himself on the way to his home in Kenya. But peace of heart had gone. Bitter regret and self-reproach haunted him in his sleep and often he would look at the offending left hand that had started the car. What could he do to make everything right with God?

One day he was reading the Gospel of Mark; there he found a text that he felt was written especially for him. "If thy hand offend thee cut it off."

He looked at the hand and felt that by starting the car it had betrayed him; he picked up a sharp panga from the floor, placed his arm on the window

"I said, 'Yes, but I don't see much difference between them.'

"Our brother talked on, until the sun came out strong. And as he was talking he again called my attention to the two rows of tomatoes. I looked with surprise, for before my eyes I could see that the neighbour's were beginning to wilt and fall over. Our brother said, 'Last night we had a killing frost, which indeed killed my neighbour's plants, but, as you see, His protection and blessing have been over mine.' Truly God makes a difference with those that love and serve Him. — Mexico." *Review and Herald*, March 4, 1948. Quoted from *Your Stewardship And Mine*, pages 137, 138.

ledge and with misdirected zeal cut off the hand with one stroke.

His relatives found him on the floor in a pool of blood. He was brought to the hospital where later examination proved him absolutely sane and after treatment he was sent home.

Some months later he was contacted by our church and through the companionship and interest of workers and laymen he found a new joy in the Lord. He is now baptized and, crippled as he is, he does what he can to tell neighbours of his new happiness in the Lord.

THE BOOK: YOU LEAD THE WAY

G. R. Nash, secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference passes on the following word concerning the book *You Lead The Way*. "We have received word from some of our Sabbath-school leaders that this book is being distributed amongst our Sabbath-school superintendents. The book is by Lynn E. Lee, M.A., and is not put out by the denomination. It is a private publication. We are informed that there are things in it that are questionable, and that it should not be circulated and used amongst our people.

"We will always send out promotion on anything that we can endorse and feel will be helpful to our members. Please notify your churches that this book is not recommended."

Spiritual Darkness Still Prevalent in Swaziland

J. D. HARCOTMBE,

*Vice-President, South African Union,
Group II*

In Swaziland, as in many other countries, the people are still in deep superstition and in great need of the gospel message to point them to Jesus. The following letter received from Sister Elizabeth S. Masinga, a member of our church in Swaziland, will give the readers of OUTLOOK some idea of what these people still believe.

"Dear Elder Harcombe,

"The work is great here, pastor, and we need more workers to labour in Swaziland. People still believe in spirits. When someone takes ill, members of his family go to a witchdoctor who usually tells them that someone in the vicinity is trying to kill him. The patient will then receive cuts all over the body and some raw medicine will be inserted in the cuts. After this so-called 'injection,' members of the family take a spear and push it into the ground so that according to their superstition, the person who is believed to have bewitched the 'patient' should die or take ill.

"There was a young girl of one of the members of the royal family where we stay, who went to a festival which occurs once a year at the Royal Kraal. In this ceremony all the young girls from all over Swaziland who are virgins have to collect reeds and go to the Royal Kraal at Lobamba. There they dance almost naked for about three days. (Usually it is at this time that the King chooses his wife or wives). The festival is called 'Umhlanga' (a reed). The girls have to travel for two weeks because they come from all parts of Swaziland.

"This young girl went there with insufficient clothing and came back suffering from a cold. A week passed and no attention or medicine was given to her. We then received news that the girl was very ill. When we got home we discovered that she had double pneumonia and was coughing blood and could not even eat. My husband and I requested her parents to let us take the child and treat her. This was on the preparation day. We applied fomentations and gave her pills. She was delirious and called to imaginary people whom we could not see. We prayed for her on the Sabbath. Because I had no hot-water bottle, I used to put some stones in the fire so that I could keep

her warm at all times. On the same Sabbath she perspired a lot and for the first time had a good sleep. By the grace of God the child was healed and was present at the camp-meeting.

"Time is short, and I cannot relate all the stories about the work in Swaziland but there are so few labourers. We need a hospital, a clinic or a dispensary. Please pray for us and send us more workers.

(Signed) *Elizabeth S. Masinga.*"

In Swaziland we have one secondary school at Mahamba and the Phongolwana primary school. Besides these two

schools, there are only two evangelists and one full-time literature-evangelist. Yes, there are many unentered areas in this country, and I am sure if we can establish some medical work, such as a clinic, this will help not only to bring relief to the many physically sick people, but also to bring healing to the soul. It will break down the barrier of prejudice and thus help us carry the third angel's message to them. We are praying, trusting and planning to bring in the much needed right arm of the message and we only hope that it will not be too long delayed.



Mrs. Beth Esterhuizen, Transvaal, South Africa, a highly successful Literature-Evangelist.



Mrs. Dolly Bolton, another successful Literature-Evangelist.

An Appeal for More Lady Colporteurs

By A. M. DU PLESSIS,
*Publishing Department
Secretary,
Transvaal Conference*

"THE PRESS is a powerful means to move the minds and hearts of the people. . . . The Press is a powerful instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of the living preacher to bring the truth before all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples. *Many minds can be reached in no other way.*"—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 148. (Emphasis ours.)

Very soon, it will all be over. The work will be finished and we will move from here to eternity. But before that day comes, there is a work to be done. There are battles to be won. There are victories to be gained. Jesus said in John 15:5, "For without me ye can do nothing." As we are fast moving towards the end of time, we will witness great things in the culmination of 6,000 years of strife.

Are YOU going to have a part in that great final work? Are YOU doing your share TODAY, right now, wherever you are? The Lord is calling men and women from every field of labour, to enter His vineyard, and to become co-workers with the Master. Angels are eagerly and anxiously waiting, to use your hands, your feet, your mouth, to bring the message of salvation to your neighbourhood.

Hundreds of busy housewives have found time, either in a part-time capacity, or as full-time workers, to take up the printed page and bring the message of love to their neighbours. Some are using our big books. Others are selling crisis books by the hundreds, while still more are selling thousands of copies of *Signs and Tekens* every year. They have their regular customers who take a copy each month, and in this way they dispose of hundreds of copies every month.

Many younger women have joined the happy band of literature men and women. They are earning a good livelihood, and, at the same time, finishing the task that God has committed to His church. Has the Spirit of God been speaking to YOUR heart in the past? Has the desire come to YOU, dear reader, to join the literature ministry? Why do you hesitate? Are you afraid? "Thou therefore, gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed (afraid) at their faces, lest I confound thee before them." Jer. 1:17.

"There I sat in the house of a customer, who had just taken an order for *The Golden Treasury of Bible Stories*," Sister G. Breed of Johannesburg said.

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From Hither and Yon

Pastors R. H. Pierson and W. D. Eva left Salisbury during September for the United States to attend the autumn council which will convene in Washington, D.C., from October 20 to 26. The pre-session meetings will commence on October 12. Pastor R. M. Reinhard, our third officer to represent the Trans-Africa Division, is already in the U.S. on furlough. While in North America these leaders will be visiting members from the T.A.D. who are studying there, and also prospective mission appointees.

On Sabbath, October 10, Elder Pierson will preach in the Sligo church in Washington, and on the 17th, in the Takoma Park church.

Dr. M. H. Schaffner was on the sick list some weeks back but we are glad to report that he has now fully recovered and is back in the office fulfilling his normal schedule. His first appointment was his teaching assignment at the Solusi College Leadership Course.

The Donald E. Robinsons of the Division office have a little daughter, Gayle Anneen, born on September 21 in Durban. This little

LADY COLPORTEURS

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A few minutes earlier the dominee had walked in. "He had been following me from house to house, and now he stood in front of me, scolding me and making the most nasty and impolite remarks about me and the work I am doing.

"But God gave me superhuman wisdom and courage," she continued. "I gave him a prompt and courteous reply to every accusation he made, backed by a text from the Word of God. The scripture references just seemed to flow into my mind and out of my mouth. I remained calm and cool, while he foamed and shouted."

There is no more direct road to the kingdom than the road of the literature-evangelist. He is *not* walking alone. He has a body-guard. He is constantly shadowed by angels. The angel who stood by Paul at the moment of his execution may be standing by you. Who knows but that the angel who stood by some great martyr in the Dark Ages has not had a commission to stand by YOU in this great work. Do not disappoint the angels. Move forward in faith. Put your trust in your heavenly Father. He cannot fail, nor forget you.

Become an ambassador for God TODAY. Join the happiest group of Adventist workers. Join the literature army now. Put your whole trust in Him and help finish the work. For further information, please phone or write to your local publishing department secretary TODAY.

newcomer is a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist on the side of Brother Robinson, who is a descendant of Mrs. E. G. White.

The Trans-Africa Division Publishing Department is showing a gain of £13,900 in deliveries for the first eight months of this year over 1963. Over 18,000 prayers have been offered in the homes of customers and nearly 16,000 Bible studies have been given during this period.

A large evangelistic campaign is being conducted in the Cape Peninsula by F. C. Pelsler, assisted by G. Beyers and others from the Good Hope Conference. Ten thousand requests for reserved tickets for the opening address were received, and six sessions had to be arranged to meet this demand. Early in the campaign 400 enrolments were received for the Bible Correspondence lessons. These came to hand before the course was offered. Meetings in Salt River, Elsie's River and Athlone are being held concurrently with the main evangelistic meetings.

Among other campaigns being conducted at present is one by Brother Ron Thompson in Bulawayo and one by D. Chalale from Maluti Hospital in Maseru, capital of Basutoland. Many other efforts are in progress throughout the Division and as reports come to hand we shall pass the good word on to our readers.

Workers returning from furlough include missionary nurses Miss R. D. Ashton of Kanye Hospital, Bechuanaland, Miss Paula Lamnek of the Congo Union, and Miss Edith Gilham who will be located at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi.

Mrs. Pauline Long who arrived from the United States recently is at Solusi College serving as Food Matron. We are glad to have Mrs. Long back in Africa as part of our working force here. Formerly she spent some years at Helderberg College.

The Dr. S. P. Marsa family have returned to Africa for another two-year term of service. This time they will be located at Heri Hospital in Tanganyika. Dr. Marsa, in conjunction with Dr. W. W. Oliphant and Dr. E. A. Calkins, is a member of the Orion Group located in Michigan, U.S.A. These three medical missionaries adhere to the plan of two partners working their medical practice and, at the same time, supporting the third partner in the mission field. All three men have spent terms of service in Africa.

Word from M. E. Lind, president of the East African Union, tells us that the Nairobi church has passed its Harvest Ingathering goal of Sh. 51,000. This is an excellent achievement.

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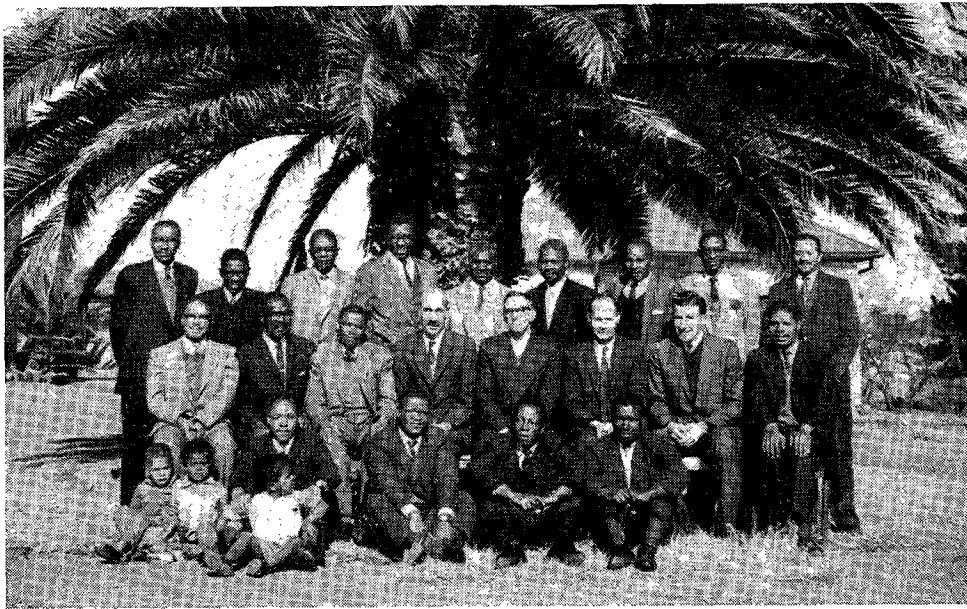
Sunset Calendar For November, 1964

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	7.19	7.25	7.32	7.37
Johannesburg	6.29	6.33	6.38	6.41
East London	6.40	6.45	6.52	6.56
Port Elizabeth	6.51	6.57	7.04	7.09
Bloemfontein	6.40	6.44	6.50	6.55
Pietermaritzburg	6.25	6.29	6.35	6.39
Durban	6.23	6.27	6.33	6.37
Lusaka	6.11	6.15	6.18	6.22
Bulawayo	6.14	6.19	6.24	6.28
Gwelo	6.09	6.14	6.19	6.24
Salisbury	6.05	6.08	6.12	6.15
Blantyre	5.47	5.50	5.53	5.55
Elisabethville	6.11	6.13	6.14	6.17
Nairobi	6.22	6.22	6.22	6.23
Mombasa	6.13	6.13	6.14	6.15
Kisumu	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.29
Kampala	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38
Dar-es-Salaam	6.18	6.20	6.21	6.22
Tabora	6.42	6.43	6.43	6.44

FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP-BOOK

I'm going your way, so let us go hand in hand. You help me and I'll help you. We shall not be here very long, for soon death, the kind old nurse, will come back and rock us all to sleep. Let us help one another while we may.

—William Morris.



Leaders and small friends attending the Leadership Course.

GROUP II MAKES HISTORY

by J. J. OOSTHUIZEN, H.M. Secretary, South African Union Group II

Just as evangelists, teachers and workers from other service categories require special training for their work, the departmental leaders also gain much benefit from training courses. Accordingly the SAU Group II committee took action to prepare a course of training for our departmental leaders to give them a better foundation for their important responsibilities. This course commenced on a Tuesday evening recently with registration and an opening address by J. D. Harcombe, vice-President, Group II. It was an intensive course with many valuable and good things packed into each day's program. Volley-ball and the evening sessions of films and other visual instruction provided pleasant periods for relaxation and friendly fellowship among those present.

Right from the first day we found that all class members showed keen interest in the instruction given, and the attendance and punctuality were excellent. As we mention some of the subjects presented, you will see why the course proved to be valuable and interesting.

Pastor C. T. J. Hyde, from the Trans-Africa Division, gave excellent instruction in "Mechanics of Leadership", "Campaigns and Projects", "Church Development" and "V.O.P." Pastor J. D. Coetzee, from the South African Union Conference, ably presented subjects such as

"Leadership Devices", "Chairmanship", "Harvest Ingathering", "Youth Evangelism" and other H.M. and M.V. items. Pastor N. du Plooy from the Transvaal Conference, captured the keenest interest in his classes on silkscreening, and Pastor W. H. Badenhorst from the Bible Correspondence School spent one day with us and taught a class on "Posters, Graphs and Goal Devices". The Roneo Company sent three of their men to give instruction and demonstrations in the use of duplicators and it was amazing to see the excellent duplicating work that can be done on these machines.

The daily workshop periods proved of great interest and permanent value and benefit to the class, and already we are finding a decided improvement in bulletins coming in from the fields.

A few excerpts from letters received will testify to the merit of the course:

"If this Leadership Course had been started three years ago, I am sure more souls would have been gathered in."—G. J. Nkosi, South Sotho Field.

"The spirit of fellowship and brotherhood that permeated this council is beyond description. This course brought a greater challenge of the unfinished task."—W. M. Tsefu, Cape Western Field.

"I may say it was really a time to be aside with our Master as the disciples

of old were."—M. M. Myendeki, Cape Eastern Field.

"I am convinced and satisfied that the Lord led throughout this course. I believe in future better results will be accomplished by those who attend."—A. Salaledi, South Sotho Field.

"I used to think that some of the departments were just a cold, dry mechanism to force the churches to accomplish certain projects. But now it is abundantly clear to me that the chief purpose of the departments is soul-winning. Through the instruction received at the council the Lord can now use us mightily to finish His work."—D. V. Nodada, Cape Eastern Field.

"I have gained much from the Leadership Course, and wish to put into practice what I have learned in order to be a burning light for Jesus."—F. Smith, Cape Western Field.

"After attending the Leadership Course I have learned to see where I am going, and that all the departments are of number one importance."—H. S. Malatjie, Transvaal Field.

The presidents of the various fields were thrilled with the excellent instruction given and they feel now that they can place greater trust and dependence upon their right hand men, the department leaders.