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Promises of Power for Witnessing

by ERNEST D. HANSON, *Field Secretary,*
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Some years ago a man attending one of our local conference camp-meetings, endeavoured to organize a special committee, with himself as chairman, to pray for the healing of the sick. He claimed that God had given him the special power to heal any sick person regardless of that person's attitude toward God. He did not consider his own unfaithfulness as being any barrier to receiving and exercising the power.

That a certain power attended his ministrations cannot be denied. That the exercise of this power did not tend toward growth in sanctification in his life or that of his patients was tragically clear. This experience emphasizes the need for us to understand the nature of God's promises of power in the last days. Power is too often equated with the ability to heal diseases and to perform other miracles. Simon Magus is a symbol of that vast group of people who want the power without understanding or accepting the conditions.

The key text is found in Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." The emphasis in this text is power for witnessing—not just power for healing. It is important to remember that this was not the first time Christ had promised power to His disciples. In Luke 9:1, 2, 6 (New English Bible) we read:

"He now called the twelve together and gave them power and authority to overcome all the devils and to cure diseases, and sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. . . . So

they set out and travelled from village to village, and everywhere they told the good news and healed the sick." Likewise, He sent out seventy evangelists, who returned with the report that "even the devils are subject unto us through thy name" Luke 10:17.

It was a thrilling report that they brought to Jesus; but note that the emphasis was placed on power over the devils. How human they were! "See what power we wielded in the presence of the multitude! Now the priests and the rulers will have to listen to you and to us."

Yes, the miracles were wonderful, but where did the exercise of that power leave the disciples when they saw their Master die on the cruel cross? Did it mean that the display of power had been in vain? It was true that their spirits were lifted when Christ came out of the tomb. They then even began to perceive dimly the true nature of Christ's kingdom.

Now he began to prepare them for His return to heaven. They must understand the extent and nature of their task, and above all, they must be completely convinced that they were capable of doing what Christ expected of them. As a preparation for their task Christ declared, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do". John 14:12. But how could they do these *greater works*? They lacked organization, skill, and leadership. They didn't even trust one another. They were inclined to agree with the priests that their movement was doomed. Then in forty days they received

a complete change of outlook. What happened?

Note how skilfully Christ outlined the order of events. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15 "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" Luke 24:49 "The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; Not until this was received could the disciples fulfil the commission

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Meet our Visitor



PASTOR W. R. BEACH is secretary of the General Conference. This present quadrennium is his second term of office, since he was elected to this position in 1958. Previous to this date Elder Beach was president of the Southern European Division and has many years of mission service to his credit.

When he arrives in Trans-Africa on November 15, he will commence his second visit to our Division. His former visit was in November and December of 1958.

Another visitor this year-end will be PASTOR W. L. PASCOE who is an assistant-treasurer of the General Conference. His photo will appear in a later issue of the OUTLOOK.



HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with your Division President

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

The Challenge of the Empty Chair

In North-east Tanganyika a small group of Sabbath-keepers have been calling for many months for a worker to teach them and prepare them for church membership. They became acquainted with some of the principal truths of the Advent message and ever since have been vainly calling for help from the mission. One of the women, a leader in the group, vividly dramatizes their need. In the front of the humble little home-made meeting-place stands an empty chair. No one ever sits in it. The chair is for a worker, a preacher or teacher. Not until a worker comes to help them into the church will the chair be used.

So today, week in and week out, that empty chair stands as a challenge to the Advent people in Trans-Africa. It symbolizes all too vividly the challenge of an unfinished task. "There remains yet much land to be possessed." (Joshua 13:1.)

An experience far beyond anything that has yet come to us must happen to the Advent people before the work God has entrusted to us is finished. Great unentered lands and areas, the challenge of an advancing Islam and a resurgent heathenism, tremendous needs in personnel and capital grants now stand between God's people and the promised kingdom.

The Need of Power

It is a trite but true saying among us that not time but a task separates us from our Saviour's return. What can bridge the gap? What can finish the work and enable us to form the triumphant entourage through the gates that, for decades, have stood ajar for the saints of God?

"We cannot depend upon form or external machinery," the messenger of the Lord wrote many years ago, "What we need is the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit of God." *Gospel Workers*, p. 512.

There is no question about it, we have

the machinery—the organization. It is a wonderful, efficient God-given organization. "I am sure the Lord has wrought in the organization that has been perfected." *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 254. But we need something more than even an efficient, God-given organization.

"We are called to proclaim the special truths for this time. For all this the outpouring of the Spirit is essential." *Gospel Workers*, p. 511-512.

To face the world-evangelizing task of their day the apostles needed "the promise of the Father" Luke 24:49. It was only after the energizing experience of Pentecost that the early church "so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also the Greeks believed". Acts 14:1. Pentecost so equipped the apostles that it could be said of them "with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: And great grace was upon them all" Acts 4:33. It was after "cloven tongues like as of fire . . . sat upon them" and "a rushing of a mighty wind" filled not only the house where the apostles waited but the apostles themselves, that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved". Acts 2:3, 2, 47.

"If they (the apostles) needed it (the Holy Spirit) at that time, we need it more today. . . . Without the Spirit and power of God it will be in vain that we labour." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 158. There is no greater need in the Advent Movement today than the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The greater power God desires to give to His people is not something we may take or leave as we choose. It is an absolute necessity. Pentecost power is not some spiritual adornment it would be helpful for the church to possess. It is an absolute **must** if we are to finish the work and enter God's kingdom.

The Power at Pentecost

In the book, *Acts of the Apostles*, page 48, we are given a little glimpse into

the great power that possessed the early church at Pentecost. It is well for us as a needy church to read this page frequently. Here is an earnest of what God desires to do for His people today, even **now!**

"The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions" the messenger of the Lord records. Not a few here and a few there, hardly and expensively won, but without budgets, without equipment, without large outlays for hall seats, without committees, without radio programs or telecasts, the power of Pentecost compelled converts to flock in from all directions. What a day! What a picture! What a power!

What would happen to us if Pentecost were repeated today? Some of us find it beyond our feeble power to cope with the hundreds, the thousands. How would we pastor, how would we house the Pentecostal numbers God has promised? Some of us arch our eyebrows and draw a suspicious breath when more than a trickle of converts stream into the church. Are we not rushing some into baptism? What will we think, how will we react when the Pentecostal torrent pours into our churches "from all directions"?

It is true that some of our fields have heavy losses through their large numbers of apostasies. At Pentecost those who were converted "continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship". Acts 2:42. When the Holy Spirit brings men and women to the cross they stay! An outpouring of the Holy Spirit would solve our problems of apostasy.

Continue pleading, brother, sister, for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Him,

Radiance of Thanksgiving

by W. E. MURRAY, Vice-President,
General Conference.

The advent of the atomic bomb in our mid-twentieth century brought to the attention of mankind the influence of radiation. The after-effects of the bomb were expressed in terms of harmful radiation. Radiation, or radiance, is an important principle of human life. The radiation of the sun's rays has, since time immemorial, been recognized as of essential importance to human life. Man cooks his meals and warms his dwelling with the radiation of fire. He dispels darkness from his dwelling by the radiance of light. The sun is a great centre of radiation, sending forth light and energy to our earth without which life on our planet would be impossible. Those who know tell us that the energy of solar radiation is 100,000 horsepower per square metre at the sun's surface.

Jesus gave us an image of the Christian believer as a shining light. As the light of the sun was purposed to shine in benevolence on the earth, so the life of the Christian was to shine out in beneficent projection on a sinful world. The Bible clearly delineates a variety of ways in which the believer can have a radiant life.

From my own observation and experience as a believer I have often thought that one of the most effective ways for the Christian to have an unmistakable radiance was to be a thanks-giving Christian. Most Christians are thankful for God's blessings in their lives and this is good, but not enough. Thanks must find expression. It must be thanks-giving. Radiance begins not especially with thanks, but with the expression of thanks or thanks-giving. The apostle exhorted the Ephesians to be "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." To the Phillippians he wrote "with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." He admonished the Colossians to be "abounding . . . with thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving indicates a robust Christian experience. It shows confidence in God and His purpose for our lives. When the Christian gives to God's cause in thankfulness for the multiplied blessings he has received, it is a symbol of his faith. I do not remember any thanks-giving believer as a discouraged Christian.



W. E. Murray

Thanksgiving is radiance. It is a sealing of our devotion and consecration. The Christian who humbly remembers to express his thanks for heavenly blessings to his fellow-believers, to his neighbours and friends, to God in prayer and by gifts for the advancement of the Kingdom, has erected a bulwark against evil tendencies which will be exceedingly hard for the enemy to scale.

The maturing and progressive believer will improve to the limit of his capabilities every opportunity to give thank-offerings. It was to great purpose that God included in the services of the ancient sanctuary a place for thank-offerings. We who live in this 20th century have much more to give back to God than the Jew of those ancient days ever

had. We have received more and therefore of us more is expected. More thanks-giving means more radiant Christian influence.

There is place in the Adventist church for thank-offerings. In all parts of the world our faithful believers are showing their thanks to God for His blessings by making thank-offerings in the Sabbath-school. Some give a special offering in thanks for another birthday, another year of life and protection and divine care. Believers in every clime are more and more adopting as a regular part of their giving a generous thank-offering for special care and blessing in their lives. Businessmen give a thank-offering for an especially profitable business transaction. Farmers give in recognition of the blessing of God on their crops.

The plan of giving thank-offerings in our Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath-schools began in 1919 when from all the world but \$3,000 was contributed. The story is much different now for in 1963 the sum was \$313,269. I want to thank all for their co-operation in making the thank-offering such a sizable sum. I am sure the radiance of this example will be a wonderful testimony around the world. At the same time, let us remind ourselves that we are approaching the end faster than many think, and a great task still confronts us in enlarging our movement in many lands. I appeal to all the readers of these words to increase these offerings at least 20 per cent. This means we shall also give 20 per cent more for birthday offerings. I appeal to that great company of believers who will be baptized in the coming months to join the increasing group around the world who are remembering God's cause with frequent special thank-offerings. Let us all have the radiance of thanksgiving go out from our lives in a way never before experienced. Let us be radiant Christians in a fuller sense than ever before in our whole experience.

LEST WE FORGET

"It isn't the value of the gift that I am keen on, it is the reward that will come to you because of these gifts that you have made.

"Now I have everything I want—in fact I am rich. Yes, I am quite content, thanks to your gifts received through

Epaphroditus. Your generosity is like a lovely fragrance, a sacrifice that pleases the very heart of God. My God will supply all that you need from His glorious resources in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:17-20. *Letters to Young Churches*, by J. B. Phillips.

HI FEVER

by RON. THOMPSON, *Pastor, Bulawayo.*

Harvest Ingathering fever spread from Vryheid to Bulawayo as Sister M. Pratt told how Pastor A. Wessels and the Vryheid church raised £350 in one week. The temperature rose HI as plans were laid in the Bulawayo church to carry their total of £150 (collected from outlying towns such as Essexvale, Gwanda and Wankie in the pre-campaign) to £500 in the first week of the campaign proper.

In 1963 the church raised a total of £850 in two months and then decided in a business meeting to raise the goal to £1,000 for 1964. Little did the church realize at the time that in 1964 the Bulawayo City Council would give them only one month for solicitation.

Had the church of 140 members bitten off more than they could chew in planning to raise £1,000 in one month? A special incentive on Saturday nights was to provide soup and sandwiches, plus films for the four teams of Ingatherers.

"HI FEVER" passed from member to member and the results were as follows:

1st week in August, total raised, £550
2nd week in August, total raised, £740
3rd week in August, total raised, £860
4th week in August, total raised, £950

Early in September a bonus of £50 was obtained from the Town Management Board of Bellevue, and so we reached our target of £1,000.

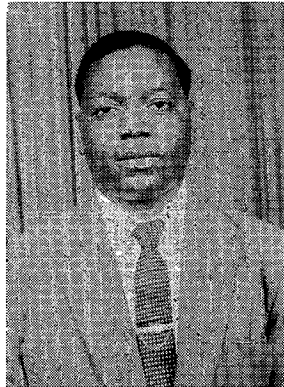
The consensus among church members was that they preferred to work hard for one month rather than drag the campaign out. Two members reached the Century Club, and four folks joined the Jasper Wayne Club, having collected £45 each. Brother W. Crumplin knocked up his century during his leave and Brother G. Wilson took a few days off in order to reach his £100.

We must not forget the spiritual aspect of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, because during the period two different handbills were distributed by members, and through other means, to 15,000 people. Thus in the middle of the Harvest Ingathering an evangelistic campaign was started.

Even our little sister church, the newly organized Barham Green church, caught the HI FEVER. During the last few years they had raised only £50 from the Coloured community in two months. This

year in one week they reached their goal and continued until their territory ran out. With 100 per cent participation the thirty members ended their campaign with £85.

Missionary Youth



by K. N. ELISA, *Secretary-treasurer, North-East Tanganyika Field.*

Sixty years ago German missionaries came to preach the gospel in Pare country. They left their good homes, comfort, and friends to live among the people who had not yet heard of Christ's saving power. By patient effort and faithful work the Wapare slowly accepted the gospel. Soon they were filled with zeal to work for others, and went to foreign places such as the Lake Province of Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda, but no one was willing to go to the fierce neighbouring tribe in the valley below the Pare mountains. Everyone was so afraid of their cruelty and filth that they did not realize that Christ died for them also.

In February of this year the question of salvation for the Masai was discussed very seriously at the Suji constituency meeting. The delegates felt that a great mistake had been made by not taking the gospel to their neighbours. All agreed to present this matter to their home churches, looking forward to having some Masai as delegates to the next constituency meeting four years hence.

Missionary Volunteer leader, Mr. Asa Kisaka, took this matter very seriously. First he and a companion paid a visit to a nearby Masai Laiboni (chief). Unfortunately the chief was not home, but the wife was cordial and offered them a hut to sleep in. Toward midnight they were

awakened by two Morani (young soldiers) saying, "Hodi, Hodi, (may we come in). Put on your shoes and follow us."

Sending up a silent prayer for protection, for the Masai were still treacherous, they followed the Morani to the chief who had just arrived.

"Where do you come from and what do you want," he said.

"We come from the mountains of Pare to preach the good news of the kingdom," they answered.

"Where did you get this news from?" Laiboni questioned.

"From our brothers sixty years ago," was the reply.

"Where have you been all these sixty years? Many of our people have died, and even I am an old man."

There was no reply, for what could they say. The Laiboni gave permission for the preaching of the gospel.

Once back home Brethren Kisaka and Elienza held a MV Institute when an appeal was made for volunteers to preach in Masailand. Twenty young men attending the meetings responded to the call of "Whom shall I send".

Sabbath, May 30, was a special day when the Wapare gathered to pray for these young missionaries. Over £100 has been collected throughout the churches. Brethren not of the local field have also sent their cheques. We thank all who have sacrificed so generously for this missionary project.

Five different places have been selected to begin this missionary endeavour. The first group went out in June and will be relieved by the second group in November.

A report has just been received that three Masai are planning to attend Suji camp-meeting in the month of September. We are looking forward to the day when we will have them with us here, and longing for the day when we will sit together in the Kingdom made new. Pray for us and the Masai that many may be saved.

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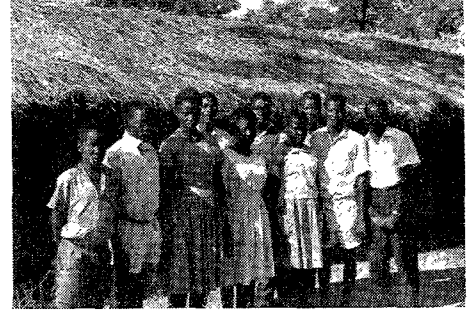
CAMPING IN THE S.E.A.U.



Teacher Nyirongo (left) and MV Secretary D. K. Kalonga.



Seedcraft at Camp Wakulumadzi.



Youth who walked 40 miles to attend Camp Wakulumadzi.

M.V. Week of Prayer

The MV Week of Prayer in our schools and churches brings great dividends in souls preparing for the coming of Jesus. From the reports received in the office of the South-East Africa Union, 934 young people joined the baptismal class.

MV Secretary D. K. Kalonga greets

Teacher Nyirongo upon arrival at Camp Wakulumadzi. Teacher Nyirongo safely guided nine young people 40 miles by foot, across leopard-infested country to attend a week of camping, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration.

Two hundred and twenty-seven campers attended the three MV camps conducted in the South-East Africa Union. Today, each of the three fields have their own permanent camp-site. Though the

buildings are of poles and grass, the plans are for permanent brick and iron structures as funds become available. Each camp is situated in the mountains and where water is readily available.

MV Honours, such as First Aid, Animal Study, Camp-craft, Star Study, Trees, were studied under competent teachers.

Creative crafts were pictures made from different kinds of seeds, and book-ends made from rocks and plaster.

A Pioneer Witness

by R. H. E. HENNING, P.D.S.

Tanganyika Union.

After a successful beginning in Tabora, selling many books and interesting a large number in the message, Kaleb Kalegano Mwitundi agreed to go to a very isolated, almost unknown area, down in the southern part of Tanganyika.

Arriving in a foreign place, without a friend or fellow-believer to assist him, he began selling books and enrolling people in the Bible Correspondence course. Interest in our message grew until he had about 90 people gathered together.

After several earnest appeals for help, we were able to send a young minister to help in the area. To-day John Moses gives Bible studies to sixteen families each week. Two families have definitely decided to become Adventists.

Kaleb found two families who had

back-slidden. Now the wives are attending the services at one of the branch Sabbath-schools. He has begun an interest in a neighbouring town as well.

We feel that this is a time of opportunity, for although most of the people are Moslems, they are willing to listen to our message without prejudice.

At a neighbouring village, Kaleb met a European Anglican priest who bought *Daniel and Our Times, Answers to Your Questions, Steps to Christ, Great Controversy and Health and Happiness*. The priest stated that his church members would certainly enjoy these books and that he wished to have Kaleb's address so that he could order more books.

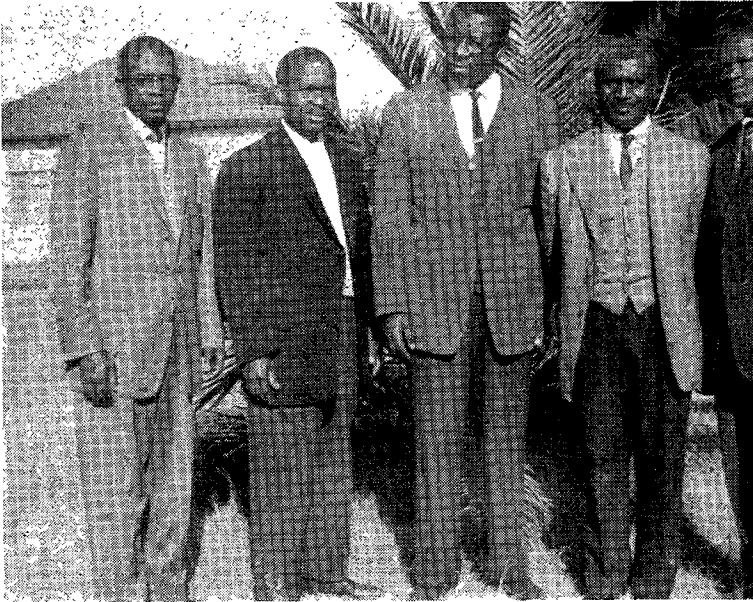
As no further order came from the priest, Kaleb went back to see him. The priest was happy to see him and explained that he had lost the address, so bought quite a goodly number of books again. Kaleb was asked to explain to his church members some of the difficult passages in the books he had sold. This he gladly did.

God is doing a great work in this place. I was happy to visit in this area and see the possibilities, but I left unsatisfied for several asked me how it was possible that we worshipped the true God and yet had no church in which to worship. Besides the urgency of a church building, we need homes for our two faithful workers in this area. May God open some way whereby we may soon have a representative church and homes for our workers in Mtwara.

Wanted Urgently

Qualified Lady teacher, middle-aged, required to teach two small girls in Adventist family in Bechuanaland. Services required as from January, 1965. Accommodation provided. Good salary.

Write to W. M. Cooks, P.O. Box 86, Francistown, Bechuanaland.



Above: Planning for youth soul-winning activities during the MV Council were, left to right: W. M. Tshetu, J. S. Khumalo, A. E. Maseko, W. Myendeki and S. Selaledi.



The Youth Tabernacle was one of the highlights of the Youth Soul-winning Program. This picture was taken on the closing date when over four hundred people were present.



This is the baptismal class organized as a result of the Youth Tabernacle Evangelistic Campaign.

The You

of The South African Union Group II

Ben Masheila who was brought up as an Adventist but who lost his way. During the Youth Tabernacle Campaign he returned to the Lord and joined the Baptismal class.



John Phalane says: "I was a Lutheran and went to an Anglican school in Swaziland, but did not find the light I was seeking. I attended the Youth Tabernacle meetings faithfully and the whole truth was revealed to me. How happy I am in this wonderful truth."

Sam Ngcobo, an usher during the Youth Tabernacle Campaign, remarked: "I was highly impressed as I saw young and old pressing into the tent to hear the Word of God. Many of the young people with whom I had laboured, accepted Christ as their personal Saviour."



Miss Patricia Phutu: "As a senior usherette for the Girls, I was impressed by the fact that the S.D.A. youth are so enthusiastic and take part in this great campaign for the saving of souls for Christ."

Mrs. Louisah Dube, formerly a S.D.A. and the daughter of a S.D.A. Minister, found the Christian life too difficult because of the world's problems, but during the Youth Tabernacle she regained her faith and took a firm stand for Christ.



Mrs. Charlotte Masuku, a social worker and a leader of the Dube Township Women's Club, shows an inviting smile of happiness because she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour during the Youth Tabernacle Campaign.

Miss Alpha Seleke: "The Youth Tabernacle Campaign was so fascinating that I missed only two of the forty-one subjects presented. I am happy in Christ and enjoy the baptismal class to prepare me for baptism during Elder Nelson's visit."



Andrew Teme: "There is nothing to compare with the joy I have found since I gave my heart to my Lord Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to baptism during Elder Nelson's visit. The Youth Tabernacle Campaign was an asset to my Christian experience."



SHARE YOUR FAITH is the theme of the Cape Western Field Youth in the Langa Township where a strong Youth Campaign is under way.

Youth Soul-Winning Campaign

by DAVID M. MALOTLE, *MV Secretary*

SAU Group II.

Bethel College was chosen to be the place of meeting during our Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council earlier this year. Our five field MV secretaries, met with Pastors P. H. Coetzee and D. M. Malotle for strong planning for our Youth Soul-winning program.

The Lord was with us during this council. Every resolution that was made has proved to be inspired by God. One thousand souls to be baptized and two thousand converts, a total of three thousand is the goal given to our Union for 1964. With such a large goal confronting our youth, it was necessary for us to put our resolution into action.

Before the end of April, seventy-five per cent of our MV societies were organized into a strong Youth Soul-Winning program. Branch Sabbath-schools, Friendship teams, and *Operation Fireside*, were organized. The high-light of our Youth Soul-Winning program was the youth effort which was held during April and at Dube Village in Johannesburg. Elder A. W. Staples, president of the South African Union Conference helped us by bringing our tent banners in his car from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg. Elder J.

Newman and the committee of the Transvaal Conference helped us with tent curtains to make our tent attractive. Noordgesig Choir of the Good Hope Conference visited our tent every Sunday evening to sing for us.

Our Local singing groups also kept the program going with their inspiring music. We had five meetings every week.

This will give you some idea of what has been going on at Dube Township. This effort was sponsored by the writer, assisted by Brother A. E. Maseko, the Transvaal Field youth leader. The program was conducted by young people taking part in all activities. The active participation of our youth and the Good Hope Conference young people, and the unity that prevailed during this effort has preached a mighty sermon to the citizens of Dube Township. Many highly educated people and many of different churches came to us to inquire how we managed to inspire the modern youth and harness them into such a strong and well organized youth soul-winning program. The answer was that "The Youth of the Advent movement have a living message for this dying continent of ours". The

result was that many people, and some elderly people, made their decision to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and to join the remnant church of God. Some of them were new converts to the church and approximately fifty per cent were back-slidden youth who had drifted away from the church. Today they are back and happy in the salvation of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Seventy-five souls were won during this effort.

The few pictures in this article will enable you to understand that there is a God in heaven who can change a stony heart into a heart of flesh and save a sinner for His kingdom of peace, joy and life everlasting. According to our program, we are now looking forward to the months of October and November during which hundreds of young people will be baptized. Remember us in your prayers.



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to preach the gospel to the world." *Desire of Ages*, p. 805. When Christ returned to heaven, the disciples understood the significance of Christ's command and promise, and they tarried and made the necessary preparation.

On the day of Pentecost the promise of power was gloriously fulfilled. This was not merely a miracle-working power that would exalt human pride. It was power for witnessing. They "began to speak with other tongues," (Acts 2:4) not for one day, but for life. They called men to conversion, and more than 3,000 responded in a day. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 4:33. Yes, miracles were performed, but by fully converted men who gave Christ all of the credit. This was the "former rain".

But what of our day? "He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month" Joel 2:23. In corroboration of Joel's prophecy, the servant of the Lord revealed God's promise to us in the end of time.

"All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervour, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance." *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, p. 33.

"This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest 'in the time of the latter rain.'"

Christ in All the Bible

(Fill in the blank spaces)

In Amos, He ——— and ———
In Obadiah, He is ——— of His Kingdom.

In Jonah, the risen ———.
In Micah, the ——— born in Bethlehem.

How much is included in this promise of power, and how is the promise to be fulfilled? "The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train." *Desire of Ages*, p. 672.

We must ask for the power; then we must be willing to receive it. A condition of mind and heart is here envisaged that few are able or willing to accept. Most of us have the valve only slightly opened, with the result that only a trickle of potential power reaches the turbine of our hearts. But when the valve of our heart's surrender is fully opened, the power rushes in and "brings all other blessings in its train". "If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 50.

The manifestations of this promised power can and will be recognized. Light and power will be imparted to the consecrated believer. (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 510). "The Holy Spirit's power upon the human heart can make and keep it pure." (*Ibid.* 377). "Christ is again to be revealed in His fulness by the Holy Spirit's power." (*Christ's Object Lessons*,

p. 121). It is an "all conquering power". (*Gospel Workers*, p. 308). The Holy Spirit sends "the arguments home to hearts with divine power". *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 45.

"The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honour or glory of the world could give." *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 51.

The Holy Spirit is "to demonstrate the power of divine might by endowing the human agent with supernatural strength". *Gospel Workers*, p. 286.

Finally, "He has not left us simply to carry that Word, but has also promised to give it efficiency by the power of the Holy Spirit. . . . Are you hungering and thirsting for instruction in righteousness? Then you have the sure promise that you shall be filled". *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 199.

It is under these evidences of power that we will co-operate with the angel of Revelation 18 whose glory will lighten the whole earth. It is through this power that the closing work on earth will be completed. May the Lord prepare us to receive this power so freely offered!

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From Hither and Yon

We trust our readers are continuing to enjoy and benefit from the special articles on the Holy Spirit which are appearing in each issue of the **OUTLOOK**.

In this issue, Elder E. D. Hanson, who has given forty years of service to Africa, writes of the promises of power available to us for witnessing for the Saviour in these last days. In our December 15 issue, Elder C. T. J. Hyde, acting president of the South-East Africa Union, will discuss **PREPARING FOR THE POWER**.

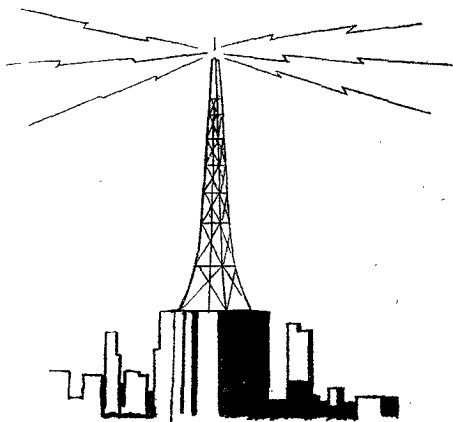
During recent Ordination services, Brethren Thomas Lisso and James T. Bradfield were set apart for the Gospel Ministry. Pastor Lisso is secretary of the Home Missionary and Education departments of the Tanganyika Union, and Pastor Bradfield is principal of Ikizu Training School in Tanganyika.

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Be sure to spread the word among your relatives, friends and neighbours so they also can hear these wonderful programs. This is another way of enrolling them in our Bible Correspondence schools.



In the Mashonaland Field, Brethren E. Manhuwa and E. J. Chinowaita were ordained recently during the camp-meetings.

We wish these brethren and their wives much of the Spirit of the Lord and His continued blessings in their service for Him.

The **BOOKMAN IMPROVER** is the name of the new bulletin of the Congo Union's Publishing Department; editor, J. T. Knopper. Its slogan is: **MORE BOOKS BROUGHT OUT—MORE SOULS BROUGHT IN**. In the September issue, Brother Knopper points out that the total colporteur sales for the eight months, January to August, are higher than for the entire year 1963. By the end of this year he predicts a grand total of Cfrs. 2,000,000. "That means," he writes to his fellow-workers, "that in spite of the fact that we are living and working in a country torn by war, the work is moving forward."

Another very fine bulletin to make its first appearance is the **FIELD MESSENGER**, organ of the newly-formed Mashonaland Field in Southern Rhodesia. The editor, O. D. Musa, who is the president of this field, concludes his editorial letter to his church members by urging them all "to hold fast to the teachings of the Bible alone which the Seventh-day Adventist Church provides through the medium of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy." This is good and wise counsel.

Wedding bells were ringing at Malamulo recently when Brother Neville Tosen and Miss Rhonda Perry were married. Brother Tosen is on the staff of the Malamulo Training Institute and Miss Perry, from Australia, is connected with Malamulo Hospital. We wish them every happiness.

The Oranje-Natal Conference are over the top of their Harvest Ingathering goal of £12,500. There were 452 members participating in the campaign this year, and the Pinetown church in Natal trebled its goal.

Two members who invested "debt money" to the Investment Fund have received further payments on these debts. The non-S.D.A. debtors are not aware of the partnership of the members with the Lord in these Investment projects, but after long delays have now commenced paying their debts regularly.

Tithe income in the Southern Province of the Northern Rhodesia Field is almost double what it was during 1963 for the same period, reports J. Mabuti, pastor of this district. Eleven lay efforts were conducted during May and June, resulting in 134 converts. During evangelistic campaigns conducted by workers, 102 took their stand for Christ. In six months, January to June, 178 were baptized in the Southern Province.

Sunset Calendar for December 1964

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	7.42	7.49	7.54	7.58
Johannesburg	6.44	6.51	6.56	7.00
East London	7.01	7.08	7.14	7.18
Port Elizabeth	7.14	7.21	7.26	7.30
Bloemfontein	6.59	7.05	7.11	7.15
Pietermaritzburg	6.44	6.50	6.56	7.00
Durban	6.42	6.48	6.52	6.58
Gwelo	6.29	6.33	6.38	6.43
Bulawayo	6.33	6.38	6.44	6.48
Lusaka	6.26	6.30	6.33	6.37
Salisbury	6.20	6.24	6.28	6.32
Blantyre	5.58	6.03	6.08	6.12
Elisabethville	6.19	6.23	6.29	6.33
Nairobi	6.25	6.29	6.33	6.36
Mombasa	6.17	6.22	6.27	6.31
Kisumu	6.31	6.36	6.40	6.44
Kampala	6.40	6.44	6.49	6.53
Dar-es-Salaam	6.25	6.30	6.35	6.38
Tabora	6.47	6.53	6.57	7.00

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From the Editor's Scrap-book

"A Japanese student, endeavouring to describe one of his friends to an American, said, pointing to a Bible lying nearby: 'He believes this Book very much!' Could our friends describe us in that way?"

—H. M. S. Richards

Week of Sacrifice

The General Conference Committee has set a goal of \$750,000 for the annual Week of Sacrifice offering. Let all of our members, their hearts stirred by a love for God and a desire to see the work finished, bring in a SACRIFICE offering.

True Motives for Acceptable Giving

by MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Love must be the principle of action. Love is the underlying principle of God's government in heaven and earth, and it must be the foundation of the Christian's character. This alone can make and keep him steadfast. This alone can enable him to withstand trial and temptation.

And love will be revealed in sacrifice. The plan of redemption was laid in sacrifice—a sacrifice so broad and deep and high that it is immeasurable. Christ gave all for us, and those who receive Christ will be ready to sacrifice all for the sake of their Redeemer. The thought of His honour and glory will come before anything else.

If we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank-offerings to Him, to labour for Him. The very labour will be light. For His sake we shall covet pain and toil and sacrifice. We shall sympathize with His longing for the salvation of men. We shall feel the same tender craving for souls that He has felt.

This is the religion of Christ. Anything short of it is a deception. No mere theory of truth or profession of discipleship will save any soul. We do not belong to Christ unless we are His wholly. It is by half-heartedness in the Christian life that men become feeble in purpose and changeable in desire. The effort to serve both self and Christ makes one a stony-ground hearer, and he will not endure when the test comes upon him. *Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 49, 50.

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

All that we do is to be done willingly. We are to bring our offerings with joy and gratitude, saying as we present them, Of Thine own we freely give Thee. The most costly service we can render is but meagre compared to the gift of God to our world. Christ is a gift every day. God gave Him to the world, and He graciously takes the gifts entrusted to His human agents for the advancement of His work in the world. Thus we show that we recognize and acknowledge that

everything belongs to God, absolutely and entirely. *MS 124*, 1898.

The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honour, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loves us, and gave Himself for us. *The Desire of Ages*, p. 65.

Come to the Lord with hearts overflowing with thankfulness for past and present mercies, and manifest your appreciation of God's bounties by bringing to Him your thank-offerings, your freewill

offerings, and your trespass offerings. *Review and Herald*, Jan. 4, 1881.

THE CHEERFUL GIVER ACCEPTED

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." If we act in the spirit of this counsel, we may invite the Divine One to audit the accounts of our temporal matters. We may feel that we are only giving offerings from that which is our Lord's entrusted gift.

All our offerings should be presented with cheerfulness; for they come from the funds which the Lord has seen fit to place in our hands for the purpose of carrying forward His work in the world, in order that the banner of truth may be unfurled in the highways and byways of the earth. If all who profess the truth would give to the Lord His own in tithes and gifts and offerings, there would be meat in the house of the Lord. The cause of benevolence would no longer be dependent on the uncertain gifts of impulse, and vary according to the changing feelings of men. God's claims would be welcomed, and His cause would be considered as justly entitled to a portion of the funds entrusted to our hands. . . .

Shall ingratitude be cultivated, and made manifest by our niggardly practices in giving to the cause of God? No, no! Let us surrender ourselves a living sacrifice, and give our all to Jesus. It is His; we are His purchased possession. Those who are recipients of His grace, who contemplate the cross of Calvary, will not question concerning the proportion to be given, but will feel that the richest offering is all too meagre, all disproportionate to the great gift of the only-begotten Son of the infinite God. Through self-denial the poorest will find ways of obtaining something to give back to God. *Review and Herald*, July 14, 1896.

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