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Colporteur of the Year

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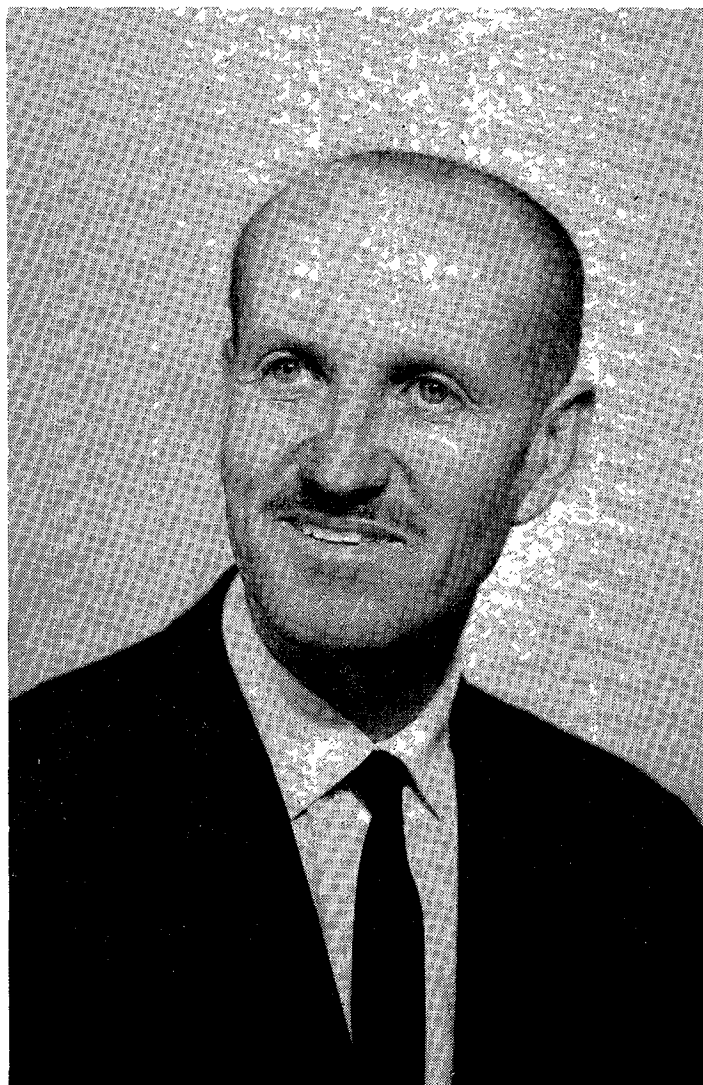
“NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME”

As I look back over 18 years of service in the literature ministry I am reminded of the experiences that came to Paul. After all the persecutions and trials that befell him, he could say, “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24.

How varied are the experiences that come to the literature-evangelist. Through the years, I too experienced some dark days and trials and even the temptation to change my work beset me, but by the grace of the Master I could say like Paul, “None of these things moved me.” My love for the cause of God has increased over the years of service.

When I consider the many miles I have travelled by car in the literature ministry, I believe it must be more than fifteen times around the earth at the equator. My deliveries over these years were more than £30,000, besides all the other blessings from the Lord. If the books delivered were turned into bricks I could build a beautiful mansion here on earth, but the Lord has promised to take care of that for me in the earth made new.

D. H. Scholtz
South
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HEART to HEART

A Friendly Chat with Your Division President

Dear Fellow Believers throughout
Southern Africa:

It was a crisis hour in David's reign. His son Absalom's smouldering revolt burst into flame at Hebron.

"And there came a messenger to David, saying, the hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword." 2 Sam. 15:13, 14.

With all his household and six hundred faithful men from Gath, David fled the city to a place "that was far off." Verse 17.

It was a dark hour for this "man after God's own heart". It was an hour when he sorely needed comfort, encouragement and help. But as he struggled along with his motley band of followers another bitter experience was just ahead.

As David neared the little village of Bahurim on the road from Jerusalem to the Jordan a Benjamite by the name of Shimei came running out to meet the king's fleeing company.

"And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of King David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: The Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man." 2 Sam. 16:6-8.

Up until this time Shimei had outwardly been a loyal subject of David's. But now that the king is smitten with adversity Shimei is the man who showed his true colours. Where before he had honoured the king, now he showed utter contempt for him.

As Shimei threw dust and stones Abishai, one of David's servants, was incensed.

"Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?" he bellowed, "let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head."

"Not so, Abishai," David answered gently but firmly, "let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him. If Absalom, my own son, has turned against me, should we be surprised that one of Saul's tribe should prove disloyal?"

"And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust." Verse 13.

"Threw stones and cast dust."—here is the heart of our message.

David was in the midst of adversity. He needed comfort and encouragement. Shimei gave him dust and stones!

There were Shimeis in Jesus' day. The Pharisees were constantly throwing verbal stones at the Master. They criticized Him for eating with publicans and sinners (Matt. 9:11). "They found fault" with Him and with His disciples for not washing their hands when they ate bread. (Mark 7:2). He was the target of their missiles when He was a guest of Zacchaeus whom they considered "a real sinner". (Luke 19:7, Phillips).

The Saviour lived and laboured in a hostile world. He should have had comfort and encouragement lavished upon Him, but like his forefather David, His enemies gave Him dust and stones and a cross.

There are still Shimeis in the world today. Unfortunately some of these modern stone-and-dust-throwers are inside the church. They hurl their verbal missiles at the pastor, at the church elder, at the Sabbath-school superintendent, and other local church leaders. And when these twentieth century Shimeis exhaust their stones of contempt and criticism on local targets they frequently open a barrage on one of the local conference or union officers and departmental secretaries. Even the lea-

dership of the denomination on higher levels comes in for a liberal and disdainful dusting.

We need not be surprised that Shimeis abound in our day, or in any other day. Stone-throwing—criticizing and judging—does not require any particular talent or any special education. Anyone without culture, without education, yes, without scruples, can tear down and devour the reputation and character of others.

If we expect stone-throwers we must be prepared to deal with them. We can meet them in the Abishai manner or as David dealt with Shimei.

Abishai reacted naturally.

"Let me go over and take his head off!" storms the modern Abishai, "I'll blast him good!" "I'll put the meddler in his place!"

"Let him alone!" the wiser David counsels, "and let him curse."

David left Shimei where all stone-throwers should be left—in the hands of God. We may retaliate. We may speak harsh sharp words but then we would bring ourselves down to the same level as the Shimeis. If we also throw stones we are no better than they. Let us leave those who assail and criticize us in God's hands. He will care for the dust-throwers. The one who closed the mouths of the lions in Daniel's day can care for mouths that slash and slander in ours.

And now, friend o' mine, if by any sad chance you happen to be a "pebble-pelter" I have a parting word for you—**by God's grace, stop it.** There will be no stone-throwers in God's new earth!

Yours to be an overcomer,

13th Sabbath Appeal: Southern Asia Division

The Youth of Andhra and Their Earnest Appeal

V. P. Muthiah

S.S. Dept. Secretary, Southern Asia Div.

There are seven unions in the Southern Asia Division. These unions consist of 15 local sections (conferences) representing various languages. Andhra Section in South India Union represents the Telugu-speaking population. This section is the largest of the local sections in the Southern Asia Division field.

Over 40 years ago Dr. T. R. Flaiz, now the Medical Department secretary of the General Conference, was among the early missionaries to the Telugu-speaking people of Andhra state in South India. In 1921 he began a school with about 40 students at a place called Narsapur. As the constituency grew the demand for Christian education became great. In 1924 Pastor C. A. Schutt became the first full-time principal of this school. The attendance at this school has steadily increased until today it has had to turn down dozens of applications from Seventh-day Adventist students for lack of accommodation. Our workers and believers dare not promote Christian education in our churches or in public as they are not able to provide accommodation to the promising youth of Andhra who would like to gain entrance in our Narsapur school to gain Christian edu-

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cation. The school administration has had to shut the door and say NO! to many ambitious youth who are anxiously seeking an education and training that will help them become strong soul-winning workers in the cause of God. This has been the sad and most agonizing picture for the last few years. Since our constituency is growing in number day by day, providing Christian education for

our own Adventist children is becoming an acute problem. As a result these young people are compelled to approach public schools for admission where Sabbath-keeping becomes very difficult. In spite of these existing conditions, our school at Narsapur, as all our other schools in the field, is evangelistic in nature. Those who had gone through training in Narsapur school are today stalwart workers and believers in the field. Many of these are shouldering heavy responsibilities in the churches as well as in the organization in the mission field. This school is doing its best to change the outlook of our youth from raw heathenism to a higher plane of Christian living.

Take the case of Kesiamma who hails from a gipsy community. Notice the great change that the power of the gospel has made on the life of this youth. In the first of the accompanying photos, Kesiamma is shown during her former life among her own people. She is in the company of gipsy women carrying drinking water from a nearby lake in brass pots. This girl was fascinated by the singing and the interesting Bible stories she heard in the branch Sabbath-school. Gradually the way was made possible for her to go to Narsapur school. Today she is in Spicer Memorial College, a student, preparing herself to become a worker for her own community in the mission field. Hundreds of children and youth like Kesiamma are very anxious to find entrance to our school at Narsapur. If the same privilege is offered to these youth of Andhra who are longing for Christian education what a great blessing it will bring not only to these young people but also to the church and to God's work as a whole in Southern Asia!

Dear fellow workers, believers, and friends, will you not give to this needy project more liberally than in the past? Will you not respond to the earnest appeal of the youth of Andhra?

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When the Holy Spirit Takes Charge of Our Literature Work

I was busy preparing for our special literature sales week when Pastor Pierson asked me to prepare this article. It challenged me to discover personally what would happen when the Holy Spirit really takes charge of our literature programme. I read the Lord's counsel, "Let canvassing evangelists give themselves up to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Let them by persevering prayer take hold of the power which comes from God . . ."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 106. I longed to realize this experience and began to earnestly pray for it. During the long drive, 500 miles north from Salisbury, I enjoyed hours of sweet communion with the Master. There was a complete "giving up of self" to be worked by His Spirit. Then between every farm home, I prayed submissively, "Not by might, nor by power, but by Thy Spirit." It was truly the happiest, most blessed week I have enjoyed since entering the literature ministry twenty years ago! It gave me a little glimpse of what will happen when God's Spirit takes control of our literature work. I was impressed that it will affect our literature-evangelists in three important ways.

Firstly, they will develop a stronger, higher, soul-winning ministry. Greed for financial gain or selfish eagerness for courtesies will not be seen in Spirit-filled literature ministers. Their one earnest, burning desire will be to deliver God's last message and make one more

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 6.

soul ready for His kingdom. They will not be content to sell health or children's books only in order to earn a good livelihood. They would rather sell a *Great Controversy* or *Vita Kuu* which will give the three angels' messages, than to sell fifty other books worth £100! They will enrol more in the Bible Correspondence Courses, pray with more people,

and return to visit and arrange TABSA studies in the homes of more of their customers. There will be thousands baptized through their contacts where now there are only hundreds!

Secondly, a holy boldness and fearlessness will take possession of their lives. They will not be afraid to speak to anyone, anywhere about God's message and God's books. The courageous spirit of Elijah and John the Baptist will be theirs. They will be "unawed by the human" because they have "looked upon the Divine". They will be like John the Baptist, who "could stand erect and fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs, because he had bowed low before the King of kings."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 103.

During this recent special week I was repeatedly surprised by a lack of the usual fear and hesitation. Books were sold, and contacts made in places and circumstances where ordinarily I would have been afraid. The Spirit just seemed to urge me on as He did Philip when he ran beside the chariot of the Ethiopian treasurer and cried out, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" Acts 8:30. For instance, there were two large sales of message books in public bars, one at 11:00 p.m.! One sale was made at the breakfast table in a hotel dining-room—one copy each of *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages* for his son in America. Another sale was at night on a lonely farm road by the headlights of my car. A young couple were going out for the evening and it would have been impossible to call again. This spirit of fearless confidence will be manifest when His Spirit takes charge of our publishing work. Every humble literature-evangelist in Trans-Africa will be compelled to speak the message boldly and without fear to everyone, everywhere!

Thirdly, our literature-evangelists will refuse to look back. A new sense of urgency and sincerity will be seen in their daily program. They solemnly recognize that the judgment hour, already 120 years in progress, cannot linger much longer. With joy and a holy enthusiasm

by

J. N. HUNT,
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they will labour beyond their strength and normal hours without becoming tired or weary. Just as it is prophetically portrayed in *Great Controversy* page 612: "Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven." (Italics supplied). There is no selfish thought of a more remunerative job or position. Time and the things of this life will soon be no longer. They must stay on and finish His work. Soon they will see Him in the clouds and the everlasting inheritance will be theirs.

This will indeed happen in Trans-Africa when the Holy Spirit takes charge of our literature ministry. Books that give the trumpet a certain sound will be circulated with a new courage, boldness and a sense of urgency. There will be no faltering or turning to less important work. Our literature-evangelists will "give themselves up" to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Hundreds will leave their 'shambas', their vineyards, their workshops and their offices to help swell the loud cry of the third angel! Then, "More than one thousand will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 151. Literature-evangelists, Publishing Department Secretaries of Trans-Africa, are you willing "to give yourself up to be worked by the Holy Spirit"? This whole experience could begin today, with you!

South African Union Group II

CATCH THEM YOUNG

by Maud M. Mngqibisa

I have chosen this theme as I am convinced that the character of the future generation will be determined by what our youth are reading today. We are living in the world of comics. The results of what our young people have been reading are easily seen today. As a mother of some of the young people who will make up the African nation of tomorrow, it is my earnest desire to do all I can to help make this nation of tomorrow better than that of today. As a literature-evangelist I feel that I can help to accomplish this change for the better, not only in my own home, but in the homes of others. I have sold many different books during the past 20 years, but I think my favourite, and best seller, is *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*. My desire is to remove the comics from the hands of young people and replace them with these truth-filled stories. With the blessing of the Lord, I have sold thousands of these little books. During 1963 my sales amounted to £409 and during the first nine months of 1964 I have collected cash to the amount of £450. I am very thankful to God for this success. Eternity alone will reveal how many messages have reached young hearts through the printed pages which these

figures represent. As I said above, I am primarily interested in reaching our young people for, if we do not "catch them young" we may never catch them at all!

Note: Sister Mngqibisa first entered the canvassing work in 1953 on a full-time basis under the leadership of Pastor B. T. Scott. However, both Sister Mngqibisa and her husband had done part-time canvassing work since the time they were baptized in 1946 by the late Pastor N. C. Stuart. It was this experience in

part-time canvassing that led Sister Mngqibisa to become a full-time literature-evangelist. She can name at least seven literature-evangelists whom she has recruited through the years. In 1961 Sister Mngqibisa and her husband, who by this time had become *Pastor* Mngqibisa, moved to Cape Town where Pastor Mngqibisa is secretary-treasurer of the Cape Western Field. Pastor and Mrs. Mngqibisa were largely responsible for the revival of the literature work in that area until a full-time publishing secretary was appointed to that field in 1963.

Submitted by J. G. Kerbs,
Formerly, Publishing Secretary
S.A.U.C. Group II

SEA U's Colporteurs of the Year

by R. A. Forbes, P.D.S.

Brother F. S. Msowoya is one of our most faithful colporteurs here in Malawi. In six months, Brother Msowoya delivered over £127 worth of books and 13 souls have been baptized as a result of his work. He is located in Lilongwe in the Central Region of our union. He is not only a literature-evangelist but he cares for our new church in that area. He says that in another two months about 15 more people will be baptized as a result of his labours.

Surely the literature ministry is a fruitful way of winning souls. We appreciate the good work that Brother Msowoya and all the other colporteurs of the South-East African Union are doing for the Lord.

Meet Brother R. P. Goma, one of the outstanding literature-evangelists in the South-East Africa Union. Brother Goma

graduated from the teacher training course but soon after he completed the course God called him to the literature ministry. Brother Goma has dedicated his life to this ministry.

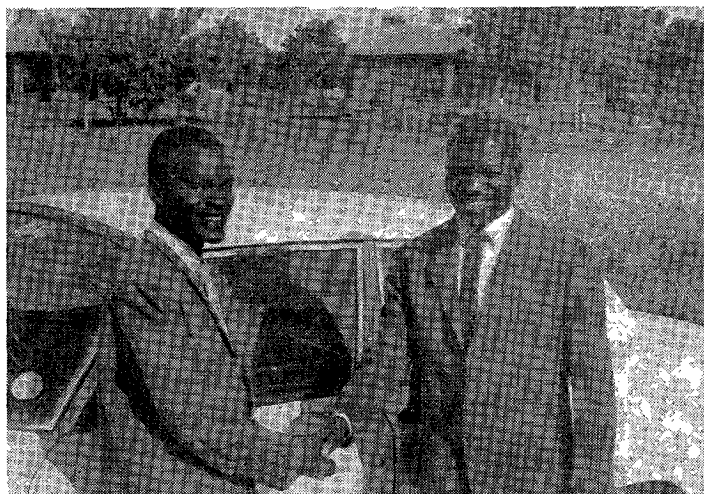
He began his ministry in Fort Jameson, Zambia. When he arrived and began his work at the beginning of this year he found about six persons attending Sabbath meetings. This number increased under his ministry until the number totalled from 35 to 40 meeting on Sabbath.

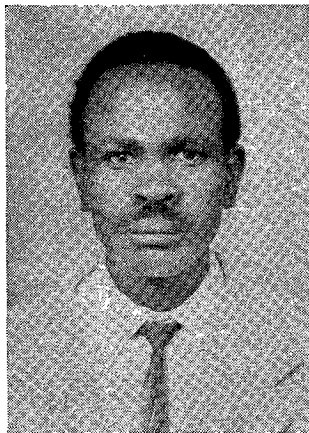
At the end of 1964 20 or more individuals will be baptized as a result of his labours in Fort Jameson. During the first ten months of 1964 Brother Goma has delivered over £157 worth of our books. I would urge others to join Brother Goma in helping to finish God's work through the printed page.



Left: Mrs. Maud Mngqibisa

Right: R. P. Goma and F. S. Msowoya





Njaga Karanja

The High and Honourable Degree

by Njaga Karanja

Before I became a literature-evangelist, I was a Mau Mau leader. Jesus called me to leave that work to be His messenger to bring precious literature to the people of Kenya. I now hold the high and honourable degree of being His ambassador here.

I joined this great army in 1960, and ever since I have been working courageously for Jesus, forgetting the past. My territory here is Kiambu district, and in this I have sold very many books indeed. My favourite books are UTHAMAKI (The Coming King) and MUTHENYA WA KIKENO KINENE THIINI WA AFRICA (Africa's Happiest Day).

In 1963, the Lord helped me to start and develop an interest in the message in two territories. The names of these are Wanjohi and Kibibili in Kikuyu country. I went into these places and sold books worth Sh.150 in a few days, and the results have been wonderful since. Now five people are in the baptismal class, and fifteen more are attending church.

My work includes helping in many ways. I am burdened for the backsliders. I have been visiting these through the years with good results. Also I visit our members who are not very strong in the faith and pray with them and encourage them to stand firm. In addition to this, I am enrolling many in the V.O.P. Correspondence Courses. I praise the Lord who enables me to do this work. He is using me as His instrument for carrying this precious message to my people.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 7.

Literature Evangelism in



P. D. Bakker and Z. Kinuthia.

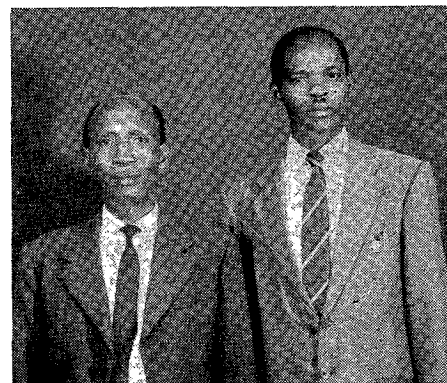
COLPORTEURING IN MOMBASA

by P. D. Bakker
Director Kenya Coast Mission

It is just two years ago that we arrived in Mombasa to take up the work appointed to us by our heavenly Father. It was at that time that I saw him—just a discouraged, disappointed, down-hearted colporteur. But Brother Z. Kinuthia was ready to work if only he could get books so that he might do the work he came to the coast to do. So we got him books and out he went, visiting, praying and leaving his books in homes, shops, and business places. However, the work was not going fast enough for him, so he enlisted others to help him sell the literature. He would go out with them one at a time, and get them started and encourage them in this greatest work that no preacher can do.

At the close of Pastor Delafield's evangelistic campaign, a young man, Robertson Ndegwa, gave up his work because he was not able to keep the Sabbath. Thinking he would go back and work

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Literature-evangelist P.K.S. Mwanje and S. Wanjala, P.D.S.

IN UGANDA

by D. R. L. Astleford, P.D.S.,
East African Union

Brother P. K. S. Mwanje became a member of God's remnant church in 1943, and in 1945 became a literature-evangelist. He has a wife and six children and works in the Masaka district where he has many non-Adventist friends. These are studying our books and making their decisions. Many have taken their stand to join the church.

This literature-evangelist works eight hours a day, visiting people in bars, hostels, hospitals, garages, offices, etc cetera.

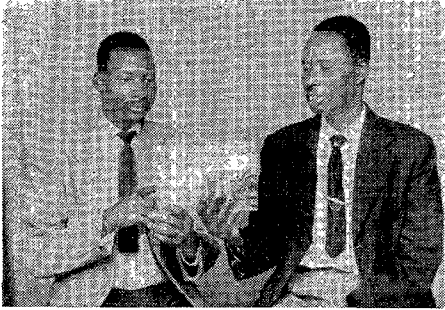
Brother S. Wanjala was called to be the Publishing Department secretary of the Uganda Field in 1963, and God has blessed abundantly in that field. Uganda now has 87 literature-evangelists, including part-time workers. Brother Wanjala believes there should be 100 full-time literature-evangelists. The average monthly sales in Uganda amount to over Sh. 6,000.

on the land as a farmer and thus be able to keep the Sabbath, Brother Robertson Ndegwa shared his thoughts with Brother Kinuthia.

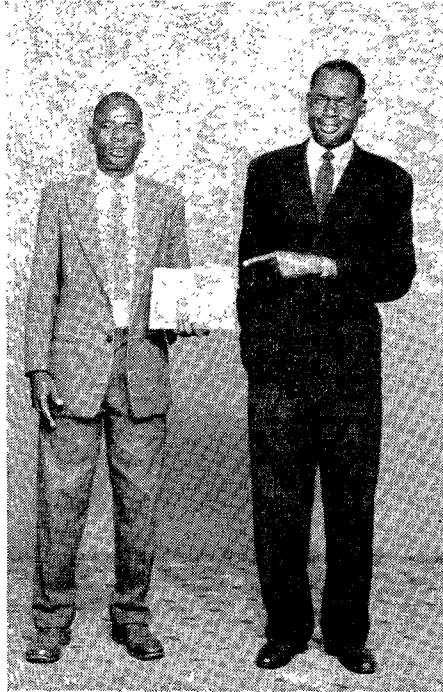
"No, you can't do that. There is work for you to do right here in Mombasa," said our brother. Immediately he got books and together they started selling the literature. Recent figures show that Robertson is doing very well as a salesman for God. He is one of many that

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the East African Union



E. Omoro, P.D.S., Ranen Field and Zedekia Okeyo.



Boaz Otuoma and Charles Ogola.



James Astleford and David Glass.

Polygamist Becomes Soul-Winner

by E. Omoro, P.D.S.,
Ranen Field

Zedekia Okeyo started working as a literature-evangelist in 1963. Before that time he was a polygamist. He now lives in Gwassi on the east side of Lake Victoria in the Ranen Field.

While sitting in his house one day he had a vision about what he was to do. In his own words he tells about this vision.

"When seated in my house I had a vision from God in which I was told I was to be His servant. I was to preach to the people and to show them that Jesus is coming soon. Being a polygamist I had some questions in my mind.

"About that time two pastors came to my district to do Sabbath-school work and I met them. They counselled me to put away the second wife and follow the Master, and work for Him. This I did.

"Now I am a literature-evangelist in my home district and the Lord is blessing my efforts. I have started a branch Sabbath-school at a place called Kigoto and there are 19 converts taking their stand for the message.

"Brethren, I appeal to you all, help save people from their sins through books. Many will die in darkness without knowing that Jesus died for them."

In Kenya Lake Field

by Boaz Otuoma

God called me to be a literature-evangelist in 1963. I am working in Kano, Central Nyanza which is an unentered area. Most of the people living here are Catholics. Here and also at Miwani I have been selling English, Luo and Swahili books. Six people have already come into the church and three of them have been baptized. One of these is Mr. Charles Ogola. He was working as a clerk in a large firm and as a result of reading the books I sold him, he accepted the message. He had to leave his work because of keeping the Sabbath. After his baptism he joined the staff of the Kenya Lake Field, where he is now employed as a typist and clerk.

Please pray for me that the Lord will help me to sell many books which will bring many people in these unentered areas to the truth for these last days.

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place. . . . From the light given me I know where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 25.

YOUTHFUL LITERATURE-EVANGELISTS

by D. R. L. Astleford

James Astleford and David Glass have just completed their scholarship requirements for our Maxwell Preparatory School. They both sold small books and magazines in Nairobi during 1964. James is 11 and David is 13. On the 1964 colporteur register for the East African Union there are 227 literature-evangelists listed. The above two, of course, are our youngest. The publishing work is growing and developing in East Africa.

In Mombasa

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Brother Kinuthia has started on the way in preparing men and women for the coming of the King of kings.

During the Mombasa evangelistic campaign this man took a whole area and visited those on his list. Today in the midst of our reaping effort there are precious souls in the church because of this man's efforts and labours.

"Big Month" is one time when the colporteurs give all they have. Our brother did just that and worked hard all month. At the end of October, we checked his sales and found that he had sold over Sh. 1,700 worth of books for the month. It was good to receive the report from the union office and find that he was the top colporteur for the East African union. To God be the praise. Our brother claims no credit. God has blessed his work and souls are rejoicing in the message as a result.

Congo's Colporteur of the Year

by J. T. Knopper,
P. D. S., Congo Union



Timothy Kalipentale.

Timothy Kalipentale started his literature ministry in the Mokambo district in South Katanga. In one year he delivered Fr. 133,182 (£317). In order to earn his credentials he had to deliver Fr. 6,000 a month worth of books but his average sales was Fr. 9,000. He never misses sending in his monthly sales reports and puts in a regular full day's work six days a week. For 1965 he has set his goal at Fr. 12,000 a month.

Some time back he sold his home and shop in Mokambo to go to Jadotville which is an unentered area. Before he left he encouraged another brother to take up the literature ministry in Mokambo. Now in Jadotville he meets every Sabbath with a group of twenty or more people. He has contacted the pastor of another Protestant mission who is most interested in the message and who is already convinced of the truth. On Sabbath afternoons he holds meetings in this pastor's home and is instructing a number of his members.

Please pray for this worthy literature-evangelist and the soul-saving work he is doing.

Literature Evangelism Is Missionary Work in Tanzania

by R. H. E. Henning,
P.D.S., Tanzania Union

Around Lake Victoria and in the north-east of Tanganyika a great work has been established. We are thankful for the thousands of members we have. The work is going forward. But these areas are only part of this large country. Many places have not been entered yet. Our literature-evangelists are a great help in bringing the message to such places. They go out, on a self-supporting basis, in order to bring the light of the message to the people. Some new places have been entered and some others will be entered in 1965.

Recently a letter came to my office. One of our colporteurs wanted to be transferred to a place where we have no work yet. It was John Lyambwa. He has

been a literature-evangelist for many years.

John Lyambwa started working at Mwapwa, sold many books and spread the gospel. Alone he carried on his work and taught the three angels' messages and the soon coming of Jesus. People listened to his teaching and became interested. Then he asked Pastor Wanjara to help him. Together they taught the whole message. People made their decisions to become members and Pastor Wanjara baptized 15 people. Later another 12 were baptized and more are preparing for baptism. What a thrilling sight it is to see the outstanding work of our colporteurs and the new churches which are being established as a result of their labours combined with that of the evangelists.

New Work in Mtwara

In January 1963 Kaleb Kalagano Mwi-tundi, the literature-evangelist who opened our work in Tabora, went to Mtwara in the south-east corner of Tanganyika. Nobody was there to meet him or to give him any assistance. Standing completely alone with his family he started selling our books with the message and enrolled people for the Voice of Prophecy.

He called again and again for a minister because he was unable to do the work alone. Finally we were able to send Brother John Moses to help him. He found a prepared group of people and today he gives Bible studies every week to sixteen families in Mtwara. Two have already made their decision to become Seventh-day Adventists. Kaleb also found two families who were backsliders. The wife of one now attends our branch Sabbath-school every Sabbath.

Kaleb Kalagano then went to Lindi, a town near Mtwara, to sell his books. Here again he found people waiting for our message. Two are receiving Bible studies.

In this part of Tanganyika are many Muslims, but they are different from those in other parts of Tanganyika, for they like to hear our message.

About 60 miles from Mtwara is the village of Newala. There Kaleb met a European minister. He bought *Danieli na Siku Zetu*, *Majibu kwa Mashako Yako*, *Njia Salama*, *Vita Kuu*, and *Afya na Raha*. The minister asked for his address that he might order more books. He seemed to think his church members would like to buy some of them. But time went by and Kaleb did not receive any further orders. So he visited the minister again, and found him happy to see him. He explained that he had lost Kaleb's address and so had ordered the books from the Lindi bookshop. Now the minister's church members are reading the books and Kaleb was asked to explain many of the things hard to understand in the books.

"God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighbourhoods." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 30.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

PLANS AND PROGRESS

G. M. Ellstrom,

H.M. Dept. Secretary, Congo Union

The three-day Home Missionary Council held in Salisbury for union Home Missionary leaders was blessing-filled and challenging. Every day was packed full with good things from the devotional in the morning to the reports from the fields in the evening.

The morning Bible studies, given by Pastor W. R. Beach of the General Conference, were punctuated by pithy sayings and pertinent material, and often in subtle humour, were presented with punch and precision.

The keynote of our meetings, *To Know Him and to Make Him Known*, as presented by our Division Home Missionary secretary, Elder T. M. Ashlock, challenged us to live closer to *Him* and to present *Him* more faithfully to the world. As we saw the need for emulating *Him* how important to us were the twelve principles of leadership that were discussed in two afternoon meetings by Pastor R. H. Pierson, our Division president. This was material worth jotting down, but more than that, worth carrying out by administrators and departmental secretaries alike. He talked on such principles as: "The ability to work with others;" "Personal interest in your workers;" "Counsel with those about you;" and "Don't ask others to do what you are able, but unwilling to do yourself." What a wonderful working relationship we would have if all of his suggested principles were carried out.

The sessions in the morning and afternoon were devoted to the presentation of papers on special topics by every union Home Missionary secretary and two administrators present, with some time for making recommendations on agenda items that were of interest to

Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 326, 327.

everyone. The papers that were presented proved that hours of study had gone into their preparation. Such subjects were presented as: "The work of the Home Missionary secretary;" "How to train Home Missionary leaders;" "Working relationships between secretaries and administrators from both viewpoints;" "Reporting;" "Camp-meeting—time for training;" "Practical welfare;" and other topics. The papers had down-to-earth material that it would do well to follow to become successful Home Missionary leaders.

In the evening reports were given by the different unions, reports of progress everywhere in spite of real obstacles. Africa today is filled with problems, with strife, with frustrations, and yet God watches over His own. Stories of deliverance and stories of faith and courage were recounted and through them all, success in soul-winning predominated.

God is going ahead of His people and leading us to victory, and we shall soon see the work finished as our lay members get under the burden and are fully harnessed to this soul-saving program of the church.



Sister Merena is employed in the home of a professor at the Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. Being a true-hearted child of the Lord, she felt a burden to share her faith with her employer. But she was untutored and her command of the English language was limited. How could she study the message with a learned professor?

The Holy Spirit helped her solve her problem. She invited Brother Gersom Mugerwa (pictured above with Merena) to interpret for her. He is a student at Makerere University and for several weeks she had the opportunity of studying the Bible with her employer, aided by Gersom.

Meet our Workers



Pastor and Mrs. C. Bru and their family who have charge of the work in the Seychelles Islands. This territory was assigned to the Trans-Africa Division in October, 1964 as a part of the East Africa Union.

Church Development Department

MONUMENTS IN RUWENZORI

by R. D. Pifer,
Former Director, Ruwenzori Station,
Uganda Field.

September, 1964 was a month of climaxes for our work in the kingdom of Bunyoro in western Uganda. The fruit borne of faithful prayers and diligent labour reached fulfilment.

For many years, the members of the Ikoba church had been working and praying for a new church building. So was also an elderly sister in Norway, who has her heart set on the advance of the gospel in Bunyoro. Sister Pedersen has been on pension for many years, but her blessings are so great even though her income is small that she has contributed almost a tithe of the total cost of the church building.

It seems, however, that our progress was too slow for the Master we serve, for a severe storm struck the temporary mud-and-pole structure that served as a church, and razed it to the ground, leaving all the other compound buildings standing undamaged. Fortunately, the members had already completed the making and burning of over 10,000 bricks, but their pledges had not been paid. However, this catastrophe served to put wings to their promises.

Work began in earnest on the church building and progressed steadily until

finally on the day of dedication, some 100 members and friends assembled for the service. Taking part in the program were the Bunyoro District Leader, Brother Sulemani Tinkasimiire who led in the act of dedication, and the newly appointed director of Ruwenzori Station, Pastor T. H. Pedersen who offered the dedicatory prayer.

Just one week later twenty five miles away, many gossiping mouths were stopped by another dedication. In 1963 Pastor D. K. Bazarra, president of Uganda Field, conducted our first effort in Hoime, the headquarters of Bunyoro kingdom. The people who attended our meetings were ridiculed for listening to us, because, they were told that after our meetings, we would leave Hoime and the new believers would be without a shepherd or a fold. But God knew the needs that would arise, and in miraculous ways He provided both a strategic plot of land on the main road to Kampala which has been leased to us rent free, and the means with which to build a representative church.

As early as December, 1963 we began work on the foundation of a building that would seat 175 people comfortably, plus space for an office and committee or Sabbath-school room. Difficulties arose when the labour officers tried to force us to pay the workers a higher rate according to government scale. These workers being newly baptized members refused the higher rate, working at below minimum rates so that the funds available would be sufficient to complete the work. They also made their pledges.

Invitations had been sent out to government officials and businessmen. Among those who confirmed their desire to attend was the Omukama (King) of Bunyoro, who arrived from his private home 50 miles away. Pastor J. W. Haarhoff, former secretary-treasurer of Uganda Field, presented the Omukama with an appropriate gift of one of our

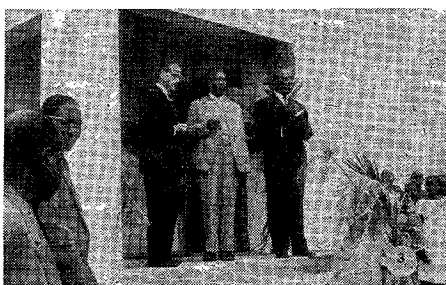
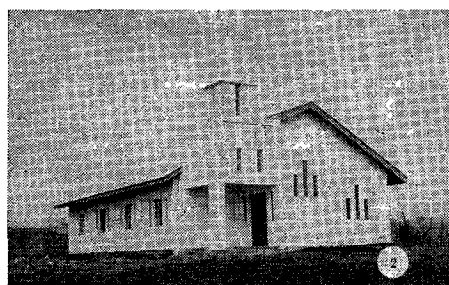
Spirit of prophecy books in appreciation of the Omukama's interest in our work in his kingdom. Books were also presented to the Prime Minister and several other members of his local cabinet.

A unique feature of this church building for this part of the world is a bapistry installed beneath the rostrum. During the two-day camp-meeting that immediately followed the dedication, we baptized seven new believers, who thus gave public testimony to their faith. Three of them had worked many weeks on the construction of the building itself. It was encouraging to note the solemnity of the service which is so often missing from a baptism conducted in open places where the curious observers often indulge in levity.

The 1956 Harvest Ingathering campaign started it all with a most unusual gift. Pastor D. K. Bazarra, presently president of Uganda Field, was asked to canvass the Fort Portal area which he faithfully did, even going to the Omukama (king) of Toro who gave a promise instead of a cash gift. Having learned that we had no work established among his people in the township area of Fort Portal, he offered to give us a tract of his private land in that area for the development of our work. Considering how difficult it is to get land there, his offer was most considerate. But as is so often the case, lack of funds prevented our immediate acting on his promise.

Years passed until 1962 when the Uganda Field voted to hold a full-scale effort in Fort Portal. The attendance was encouraging throughout the meeting and hundreds heard the message. While it is

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1. Brother and Sister S. B. Kyambadde, workers in the Fort Portal area with R. D. Pifer.

2. Fort Portal church.

3. At the dedication of the Hoime church. D. K. Bazarra, President of the Uganda Field is delivering the address.

4. At the dedication of the Ikoba church. Pastor Th. Pedersen stands on the left.

true that not a multitude was baptized, yet a sufficient number were converted to establish a good-sized company which was organized into a church of almost 50 members in 1963.

Encouraged by these results and remembering the promise of the Omukama to grant us a tract of land for a church building we began to make definite plans. A canvass was made of all the church members; the Church Development Department was asked to assist us; and contact with the Omukama was renewed with a view to the fulfilling of his promise. Phases one and two of this program were successful, but we met a snag on the third point. It seems that word of the Omukama's offer had leaked out to men of influence in the Toro Kingdom, who were not our closest friends. Loud objections were voiced, even in the local parliament, as to why the Adventists should be given the land. But the prayers and the faith of God's people were rewarded when the Omukama stood by his word and leased us, rent free for 99 years, four acres of land on the top of a prominent hill overlooking the town. Even before the ink was dry on the title deed, we began work.

On the day of dedication the compound was filled with some 250 members, friends and visitors from all walks of life awaiting the arrival of the Prime Minister of the kingdom of Toro, the Honourable Mr. S. R. Rusoke, who had consented to open the church doors.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Pastor M. E. Lind, president of the East African Union, followed by the act of dedication conducted by Pastor D. K. Bazarra and the dedicatory prayer offered by Pastor Th. Pedersen.

Later in the afternoon, the church which seats about 175 was filled to witness a baptismal service conducted by the writer in which 15 persons gave public testimony of their faith in Christ's saving power and their belief in His soon return.

"None of These Things Move Me"

(Continued from page 1)

For more than 15 years I have been visiting homes in the city of Bloemfontein where I have many friends and fellow-Christians. My service can be compared to a classroom where I receive my training. Here I find peace, love and determination.

Bloemfontein boasts over 60 ministers and 21 churches and at times their joint interest made me long for the other mansion above. In one year I lost £1,600 of orders cancelled because of the inquisitiveness and interference of these ministers. But I can claim many blessings of which they know nothing, and the Lord used this test to make me a better worker for Him.

I have discovered that great is the need of the people for the grace of God to give them a new lease on life. The harvest is great and time is running out. I sigh when I think what the pen of inspiration wrote: "From the light given me I know that where there is one literature-evangelist in the field there should be one hundred."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 25. People are waiting to be shown a way out of the turmoil and frustration of this age. There is a longing for peace and eternal security—truly a famine for the hearing of the Lord's Word.

How grateful I am that heaven has approved of my serving the Master in the literature ministry. Even if only as many souls as were in the ark are saved through my ministry, I still have the satisfaction of having warned thousands of the impending fiery deluge. May the Lord grant that nothing in the future will "move" me to disappoint Him through failure in the literature ministry.

HOW THE HINDU GIVES

Do we as Christians love our God—the living God of heaven less than the Hindu, who bows down to impotent idols of wood and stone, loves his?

One of our senior missionaries in India, who has spent more than a quarter of a century in the hearts and homes of the people of Southern Asia, declares that the average Hindu gives much more than one fourth of his income for his religion.

He points out first that there are the direct offerings that the Hindu worshipper gives to the temples. Then there are times and seasons when places of special veneration demand distant pilgrimages and votive offerings. There are festivals and occasions when the Brahmins are to be fed, and many other opportunities for the devout Hindu to give in support of his religion.

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**Sunset Calendar
for April 1965**

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Cape Town	6.40	6.31	6.24	6.14	6.07
Johannesburg	6.06	5.57	5.53	5.46	6.40
East London	6.02	5.54	5.47	5.38	5.31
Port Elizabeth	6.12	6.03	5.56	5.46	5.39
Bloemfontein	6.21	6.03	5.58	5.49	5.43
Pietermaritzburg	5.55	5.47	5.41	5.32	5.26
Durban	5.52	5.44	5.38	5.29	5.23
Bulawayo	6.04	5.58	5.55	5.48	5.44
Lusaka	6.00	5.55	5.51	5.47	5.43
Salisbury	5.54	5.48	5.45	5.40	5.35
Gwelo	5.55	5.50	5.44	5.39	5.35
Blantyre	5.41	5.36	5.33	5.27	5.24
Elisabethville	6.13	6.07	6.06	6.02	5.59
Nairobi	6.40	6.37	6.37	6.34	6.33
Mombasa	6.26	6.27	6.22	6.19	6.17
Kisumu	6.50	6.47	6.47	6.45	6.44
Kampala	6.57	6.54	6.51	6.51	6.51
Dar-es-Salaam	6.27	6.25	6.26	6.21	6.19
Tabora	6.54	6.50	6.50	6.47	6.44

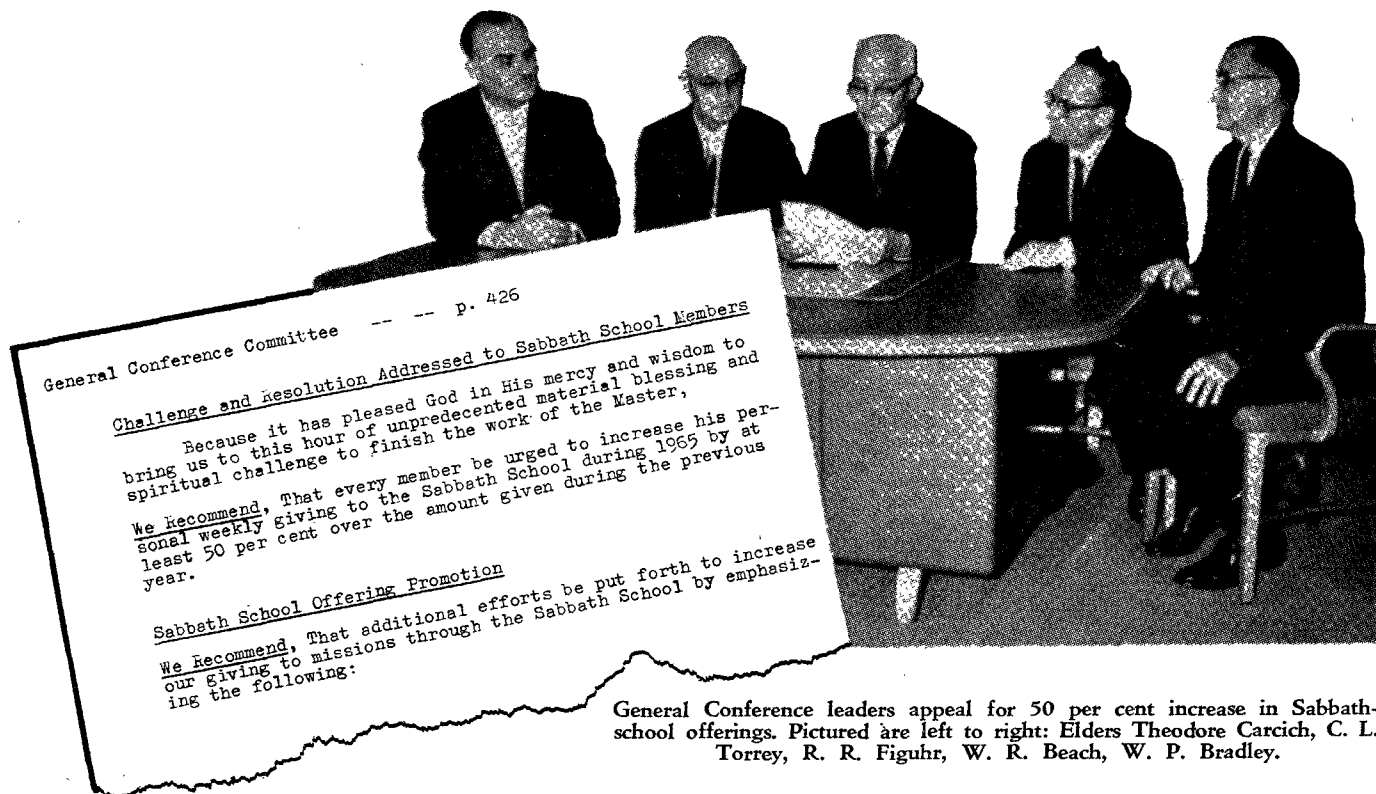
IMPORTANT DATES

**March 20 - April 3 — VOP
Enrolment Fortnight.**

April 3 — VOP Offering.

For This New Day

We Are Given An Unprecedented Challenge In This Urgent Appeal



The Pioneers of Old Met the Challenge of Their Day,

So We

**WITH GREATER MATERIAL BLESSINGS,
WITH OPENING DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY,
MUST ARISE WITH BROADER VISION AND
MAKE GREATER SACRIFICE FOR GOD'S WORK**

"Give what you can now, and as you co-operate with Christ, your hand will open to impart still more. And God will refill your hand. . . . He will give to you that you may give to others."—Ellen G. White in *Review and Herald*, December 10, 1901.