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FACE YOUR WORLD

Its people are hungry; who will feed them?

Its people are sick; who will heal them?

Its people are naked; who will clothe them?

Its people are illiterate; who will teach them?

Its people are confused; who will guide them?

Its people are sorrowful; who will comfort them?

Its people are pagan; who will redeem them?

Only the gospel of Christ is adequate.

The Ministry—December, 1960

—Author Unknown



Heart to Heart

A Friendly Chat With Your Division President

Dear Fellow Believers,

An American negro was once asked what kind of religion he liked best.

"I like barbed-wire religion," William replied emphatically.

"Barbed-wire religion," his friend replied in surprise, "What kind of religion is that?"

"Barbed wire religion," William explained, "is the kind of religion you can't sit on the fence with."

This is a humorous little story but nevertheless there is a lot to be said in favour of William's "barbed-wire" religion. We could do with a lot more of it inside our own Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Barbed-wire religion, as William explained, will get us off the fence. It will compel us to unfurl our colours before all around us. We will stand up and be counted, and men and women will know where we stand.

God's remnant church is no place for "fence-straddlers"—compromisers. The hour is too late. The stakes are too great. Our God demands a positive stand. "He that is not with me is against me," Jesus declares. We are either all for Him or all against Him. There must be no "no-man's-land" in this last-day battle for eternity.

"Come out of her, my people," is God's command to His last-day church. (Rev. 18:4.) And He means to come all of the way out—not just part of the way.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . ."

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" 2 Cor. 6:14-17.

Here is the measure of God's "barbed-wire-religion"—complete separation from the world. His people are not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers in any way. Our young people are not to find their life's companions from among those not of their own faith. To follow any

other course will but assure a home "where the shadows are never lifted." Our business alliances will prove costly and dangerous if we link up with unbelievers. Our social hours are best spent with those of like precious faith for "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"

Sometimes we feel that in order to cultivate worldly good-will we must let down the standards a bit—perhaps even for the sake of winning persons for the kingdom. We are basing our actions on fallacious reasoning if we feel that this is Christ's way. Listen to these inspired words—

"There is constant danger that professing Christians will come to think that in order to have influence with worldlings, they must to a certain extent conform to the world. But though such a course may appear to afford great advantages, it always ends in spiritual loss. Against every subtle influence that seeks entrance by means of flattering inducements from the enemies of truth, God's people must strictly guard."—**Prophets and Kings**, page 570.

Yet the Lord's messenger declares, "The line of demarcation between worldlings and professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest Adventists are conforming to the world,—to its practises, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God's law, the church is uniting more and more closely with the world in transgression. Daily the church is becoming converted to the world."—**Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 8, page 118.

Too many of us talk like the world, dress like the world, and eat like the world. We read what the world reads. We go to the places of amusement to which the world goes. We want the same pleasures as the worldling.

Yet we are still Seventh-day Adventists. We have the truth. We keep (?) the Sabbath. We may pay tithe and give our offerings. We build our churches. We erect our medical and educational institutions. We boast of our far-flung

mission programme and of our spiritual wealth. But actually we are delaying the return of our Lord by our compromise.

Some of us boast that we are "middle of the road" Adventists. I believe that it is good to beware of extremes. We must be careful to eschew both fanaticism and compromise. But we must also analyze well our position as "middle of the roaders."

One writer in the "Review and Herald" says, "The man in the middle of the road is half wrong. Thousands of dollars are spent each year by our highway department in painting a dividing line to show motorists the middle of the road—not so they can straddle it, but so they can stay away from it. The conscientious Christian knows that to travel a middle-of-the-road course is to invite disaster. It is on the right side of the road that we travel toward the kingdom. To travel in the centre or beyond often means compromise."

Whether or not we feel that the illustration is entirely applicable it is something for us to think about. It is quite possible that this may be somewhat related to William's "barbed-wire-religion."

At any rate may God help us to be "separatists." The world loves good mixers—gregarious hale-fellows-well-met. God loves "separatists"—men and women, boys and girls who dare to be different—Seventh-day Adventists who will not compromise but who will stand for right though the heavens fall. "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould." Romans 12:2 (Phillips). Be a "barbed-wire" Christian.

Yours for more "barbed-wire"
Adventists,



Norman L. Doss
President, South-East Africa Union

Power House

for GOD

by Norman L. Doss

"The Holy Spirit came at a prayer meeting. Heart beat with heart, and prayer mingled with prayer. And every recorded instance of receiving the Holy Spirit in the New Testament, is preceded by earnest prayer."—*Coming of the Comforter*, page 107.

Persistence in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is our greatest need. These prayers will accomplish in us the same results as did the prayers of the one hundred and twenty in the upper room. The eleven disciples, and the one hundred and nine who met with them, laid aside all immediate plans for their personal lives and sought the Lord with their whole hearts. They had received the Gospel commission, and as they looked out upon a world steeped in sin they felt their spiritual need. Following Christ's advice to "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49), they gathered for earnest soul-searching and prayer. The record of this most unusual prayer meeting reveals that they humbled their hearts in true repentance. Confessing their faults one to another they came close together in Christian love. The burden of a lost world was on their hearts and they prayed for a fitness to meet men. With the passing of each memorable day their dedication and surrender became more complete until the channel between heaven and the upper room was completely clear. Heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit flooded each heart in volume sufficient for the magnitude of the task.

Someone has said: "The secret of our failure is our failure in secret prayer." Jesus often sought the Father alone and derived His great spiritual strength from these seasons of close communion with the Father.

Some have asked: "What would one pray about if he resolved to spend a half hour or more each day in secret prayer?" The one hundred and twenty searched

their hearts, and once assured of forgiveness, they sought for a preparation to meet men. (And could it not be that many of the souls who were baptized on the day of Pentecost had been mentioned in secret prayer in the upper room?) Then, when we have presented our own spiritual needs and humbled our hearts in true repentance, let us also intercede for others, naming them one by one. On our prayer list could be named the members of our families, fellow-believers, neighbours, church leaders, government leaders, yes, and even those who by their actions are not our friends. As we plead with God on behalf of these souls the minutes will fly by and we may find ourselves needing more time for our personal daily prayer sessions!

A young man told his father not long ago: "Daddy, I prayed for ten minutes tonight and I enjoyed it so much that I didn't want to stop but I could think of nothing more to say." This young man had experienced the joy of talking to God as to a friend.

Late one night in India a preceptress found a little girl huddled in the corner of her room praying over the names of five hundred fellow-students in that large school, while she held a little candle in her hand to help her read the names. Is it any wonder that a revival came? Would not such faithfulness in our lives result in a revival?

The power of group prayer was also realized at Pentecost. Our weekly prayer meetings give the opportunity for some group praying, but in many places, little bands of workers and believers are gathering at other times each week in addition to Wednesday night when more time can be given to group prayer. These informal prayer seasons are held at convenient times and places so that many can attend. Some churches have organized two "tarrying time" bands and even more could be started for those living farther from the church. After an earnest discussion of a spiritual theme, the band members kneel for a season of unhurried, fervent prayer. They pray for one another. They pray for the names on their group prayer list. They plead with God for the outpouring of His Spirit.

Some years ago a group of Christian leaders began a prayer band at the noon

hour each day to pray for revival. When one month passed and no revival came, one member suggested they disband. Others in the group urged that the lack of a definite answer to their prayers was a strong reason for continuing their daily appointment. They continued their intercessions for four months until God sent the revival. Several thousand souls were added to their number! One of these men later wrote, "It paid well to have spent several months in prayer, for when God gave the Holy Spirit He accomplished more in half a day than all the [rest of us] could have accomplished in half a year."

Think what could happen with our nearly 250,000 church members in Trans-Africa kneeling daily in earnest secret communion with God! See them gathering in small "tarrying time" bands in homes, churches, or secluded groves for earnest prayer, seeking the outpouring of God's Spirit. Visualize the unifying force as tens of thousands are thus drawn into closer communion with one another and

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MEET OUR WORKERS



Pastor and Mrs. B. E. Jacobs come to us from the Florida Conference in the United States. Graduating from Union College in Nebraska they have been engaged in evangelism, and educational and MV departmental work. Pastor Jacobs is now secretary of the MV and Temperance departments of the Trans-Africa Division, and Mrs. Jacobs is serving in the Transportation Department in the Division office.

Let's Become Better Acquainted With

The Seychelles Islands Mission

Two men came to the meetings with the devilish purpose of killing the missionary, but they failed because he was under the protection of his Saviour.

This incident took place in the early days of the establishment of the work in the Seychelles Islands, Indian Ocean. In 1930 L. D. Ignace arrived from Mauritius on Mahe, the principal island of the archipelago, and in his small rented house he commenced a Sabbath-school. This was the beginning of the spread of light there. From this small beginning the work has grown through the years, not quickly or even steadily, for the Seychelles is Catholic country, but the Lord has blessed. There has been much persecution from time to time, but the believers have

stood firm for the message they have learned to love and the work has progressed.

One of the two would-be murderers studied a course of Bible lessons from Brother Ignace and was converted.

One day an ocean-going liner docked at Port Victoria. Not knowing that there were believers on the island, one of the passengers, Pastor O. O. Montgomery, a vice-president of the General Conference returning from the trip to South Africa, settled in his deck chair for a quiet hour's reading. He was not planning on going ashore until one of the passengers told him that there was a young man who had come aboard who had a "strange" religion, one that required its adherents to refrain from work on Saturday, from the eating of pork, and the drinking of alcohol, also from the wearing of jewellery. Pastor Montgomery recognized these characteristics as those belonging to Seventh-day Adventists and he hurried ashore to meet with the worker and believers. This was a great day for the infant church and many fine meetings were held when the new believers drank in the words of truth from the visitor.

As a result of this visit, Pastor Mont-

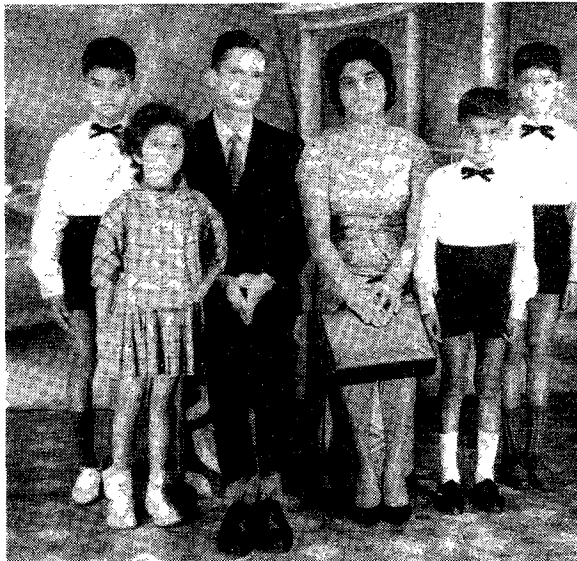
gomery was instrumental in persuading the brethren overseas to consider the restricted and poor conditions of the mission, and funds were sent for the erection of a chapel in Victoria. Land was purchased and all the members laboured diligently to build their church. Every day one old brother went in his boat to pick up corals from the sea bed for the extraction of lime. Many non-Adventists also supported the building project with their donations, and in June, 1933 the chapel was dedicated.

In 1940 a church school was started, and every year saw new phases of the work being introduced and new members baptized. A missionary's home was purchased, MV work was established and grew strong, a choir brought pleasure to many, as the message in song was spread, and a paper, *The Sentinel*, was printed.

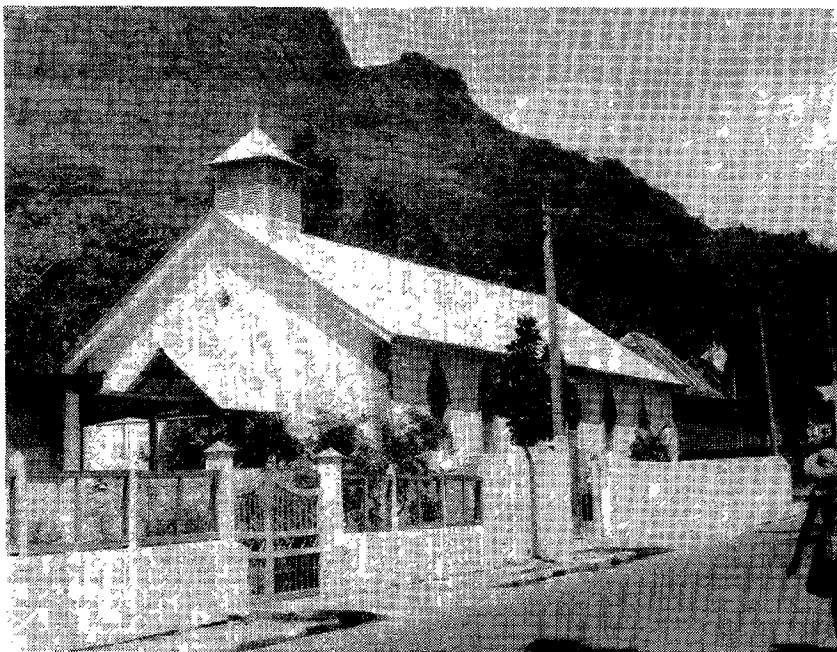
After 34 years of patient, dedicated labour by its leaders, the Seychelles Mission with a membership of sixty-five was attached to the Trans-Africa Division by vote of the General Conference in 1964. The present leader is Pastor Caleb Brû and there are 6 teachers in the school. It is envisaged that work will soon commence on the island of Praslin, where twenty interested persons are already receiving Bible studies.



Left: Scenic Seychelles.



In charge of the work of the Seychelles Mission is Pastor C. Brû seen here with his wife and children.



Church at Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles.

The SPIRIT of Giving

by Wesley Amundsen
Sabbath School Department, Inter-American Division

One of the Bible stories I have appreciated very much is that of the woman who bought a box of perfume with which to "prepare Christ for His burial," even before He died. And you will recall Jesus' significant words: "Wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

How wonderful! And how certain were His words, for today, go where you will and where the Word of God is to be found, and the story of this woman, a woman who gave all she had in providing a gift for her dearly beloved Christ, is told over and over again.

Perhaps it was this story that Lucianise Marmont, who lived in the poorest section on the outskirts of the city of Fort-de-France, Martinique, West Indies, heard. Lucianise could not read the story herself, for she could not read nor write. She worked in the sugar cane fields at the back-breaking task of cutting and loading the heavy, sap-filled canes from which sugar is produced. To be sure she did not work and live among the so-called

"best people" of the community. Her lot was among the outcasts, the world's scum—men and women whose lives were cast in the lower level of the world's poor. Lucianise, herself, had not learned as did Mary, what a loving Saviour the Lord Jesus was. But there was hope for her too.

Then one day there came some people who talked to her about the gospel of Jesus Christ, and they talked about it in such a way as she had never heard before. Her heart responded, for deep down on the inside she had always hoped that some day she would live a better life. Now the opportunity had come. Lucianise grasped the lifeline thrown out to her. She attended the Bible meetings and drank in the sweet old story of Jesus and His love for sinners. She became a member of the Sabbath-school, and, oh, how she enjoyed it.

Lucianise had earlier become afflicted with a malady which caused her to suffer greatly at times and she was not always able to work in the cane fields. And, of course, she was dreadfully poor. There were times when the church members

ministered to her needs. She never complained because of her lot. And there was one thing that she never did forget, and that was to return unto the Lord the tenth, and to give an offering when she came into His courts.

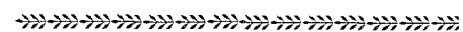
Pastor Guiscard Sablier tells about the evening following the Sabbath when he called upon her. We'll let him tell the story.

"I shall never forget the testimony she rendered." He said, "She was lying on her pallet and told me she had eaten nothing all that day, as she had no money with which to buy food. I did what I could to help her and had prayer with her. She was so happy for that. When I arose to leave she passed her hand beneath the pillow and took out an envelope, which contained tithes and offerings for the Sabbath-school. She said, 'This is the Lord's part, to advance His work and to hasten His coming. Even if I have nothing to eat, I will not touch it!'

"She gradually grew worse and was obliged to live with her unconverted sister, who suggested that she should call in the sorcerer to help her get well. She refused all such remedies. She showed me bottles of concoctions which the voodoo doctor left for her use. She said, 'Pastor, I prefer to die rather than use any of such things.' A few days later she breathed her last, and fell asleep in the arms of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

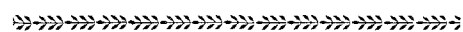
What will God write in His book about you and me? Have we done all that we could? Will we purpose to do more than we have done, because it is possible for us to do so?

They need schools in Inter-America, and especially do they need them in the French West Indies. They have waited so long, so very, very long. Let's not keep them waiting longer. You will help them this Thirteenth Sabbath, March 26, won't you?



Important Dates

- Christian Home and Family Altar Week February 5-12
- Dorcas Day February 19
- Sabbath School Rally Day March 5



Support the Inter-American Division This Quarter With Your Offerings



I SAID

*I said: "Let me walk in the field."
He said: "No, walk in the town."
I said: "There are no flowers there."
He said: "No flowers, but a crown."*

*I said: "But the skies are black;
There is nothing but noise and din."
And He wept as He sent me back—
"There is more," He said; "there is sin."*

*I said: "But the air is thick,
And fogs are veiling the sun."
He answered: "Yet souls are sick,
And souls in the dark undone!"*

*I said: "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say."
He answered: "Choose tonight,
If I am to miss you or they."*

*I pleaded for time to be given.
He said: "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem so hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your Guide."*

*I cast one look at the fields,
Then set my face to the town;
He said: "My child, do you yield:
Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"*

*Then into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He;
And I walk in a light divine,
The path I had feared to see.*

—George MacDonald.



MONEY WILL BUY

A bed but not sleep.
Books but not brains.
Food but not appetite.
Finery but not beauty.
A house but not a home.
Medicine but not health.
Luxuries but not culture.
Amusements but not happiness.
A crucifix but not a Saviour.
A church but not a heaven.



The Beatitudes of the Evangelist

Blessed is the man who hath a burden for souls, for he shall be fruitful.

Blessed is the man who knoweth his limitations and dependeth upon the Lord, for he shall be strengthened.

Blessed is the man who doth faithfully prepare his sermons, for he shall speak with authority.

Blessed is the man who hath prayed earnestly before preaching, for he shall have power.

Blessed is the man who maketh the Saviour the centre of his sermons, for he shall win souls.

Blessed is the man who sticketh to his subject, for the people shall rejoice in knowing of what he speaketh.

Blessed is the man who meeteth opposition in the spirit of the Master, for he shall come off victor.

Blessed is the man who can preach without flaying other denominations, for he shall have the respect of the public.

Blessed is the man who knoweth when to sit down, and doeth it, for great shall be his reward in appreciation.

—The Ministry.



GOD'S GIFTS

*God gives such gifts to His children
That money could never buy:
The song of a bird at daybreak
As he soars through the boundless sky,
A jewel from the starry heavens,
A sunset at close of day,
The silvery shimmer of moonbeams
As on the waters they play.
Hearts full of joy and gladness,
Souls full of faith and cheer,
Love to brighten life's pathway,
And trust that destroys all fear.
And I pray that the Lord forgive me
When the beauty I fail to see,
When my heart grows cold and forgetful
Of the joys He has sent to me;
When faith has been turned to doubting,
And love and trust grown cold,
May I see and perceive the wonders
Of His gifts more precious than gold.*

—Author Unknown.



The Garden

*The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the garden of God.
Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power,
To the sky from the clay and the clod.
To beauty and sweetness it grows under care;
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.
'Tis a plant that is tender, but wondrously rare,
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.*

*Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share
Of food and of warmth and of light,
And let it not lack for the painstaking care
To protect it from frost and from blight.
A glad day will come when its bloom shall unfold;
It will seem that an angel has smiled,
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold
In the sensitive soul of a child.*

—Author Unknown.

Poems

The Par

O Master, make me a better parent

Teach me to understand my children, say, and to answer all their questions, talking back to them, and contradicting me would have them be to me. Give me my children and to ask their forgiveness,

"May I not vainly hurt the feelings at their mistakes or resort to shame and child to lie and to steal. So guide me say and do that honesty produces happiness

"Reduce, I pray, the meanness in my sorts, help me to hold my tongue.

"Blind me to the little errors of my children that they do. Give me a ready word for

"Help me to grow up with my children of my own age; but let me not exact of them, but me not to rob them of the opportunity to make decisions.

"Forbid that I should ever punish my children all their wishes that are reasonable, privilege which I know will do them harm

"Make me so fair and just, so careful that they will have a genuine esteem for me

"With all thy gifts, O great Master



"Promise Yourself"

- To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 - To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
 - To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 - To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 - To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.
 - To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 - To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 - To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 - To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 - To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble to disturb your faith.
- Christian D. Larson.

quotations

Prayer

to listen patiently to what they have to say. Keep me from interrupting them, O Lord. Make me as courteous to them as I am to You. Give me courage to confess my sins against my conscience, and know that I have done them a wrong. Forgive my children. Forbid that I should laugh at my children as punishment. Let me not tempt my children by any hour that I may demonstrate by all I do that I have ceased to nag; and when I am out of the presence of my children and help me see the good things they do and praise. Do not treat them as would those of their parents, with judgment and conventions of adults. Allow them to do as they wish upon themselves, to think, to choose, to act for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them the courage always to withhold a word of rebuke, and be patient and companionable to my children, O Lord. Fit me to be loved and imitated. Give me calm, poise, and self-control."



How Much Ought I to Give

*Give as you would if an angel
 Awaited your gift at the door.
 Give as you would if tomorrow
 Found you where giving was o'er.
 Give as you would to the Master,
 If you met His loving look.
 Give as you would of your substance,
 If His hand the offering took.*

—Author Unknown.

"There is an eloquence far more powerful than the eloquence of words in the quiet, consistent life of a pure, true Christian. What a man is has more influence than what he says."
 —*Ministry of Healing*, page 469.

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"Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves."
 —John Ruskin (1819-1900)

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"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."
 —Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)

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"The home in which the members are polite, courteous Christians exerts a far-reaching influence for good. Other families will mark the results attained by such a home, and will follow the example set, in their turn guarding the home against Satanic influences."
 —*The Adventist Home*, page 31.

"It will be seen that He who is infinite in wisdom could devise no plan for our salvation except the sacrifice of His Son. The compensation for this sacrifice is the joy of peopling the earth with ransomed beings, holy, happy, and immortal."
 —*The Great Controversy*, page 652.

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"God hath given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends."
 —Jeremy Taylor. (1613-1667)

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"The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness."
 —*Steps to Christ*, page 47.

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"You cannot keep a determined man from success. Place stumbling blocks in his way, and he takes them for stepping stones."
 —O. S. Marden.



SOME DAY

*Beyond the call of loving friends;
 Beyond the touch or smile;
 We bid farewell with hearts bowed low,
 But only for a while.
 Someday when death is overcome,
 And Christ shall claim His own;
 May we meet those we've known and loved,
 Around His glorious throne.*

—Dorothy Minner.



LET ME BUT LIVE

*Let me but live my life from year to year,
 With forward face and unreluctant soul,
 Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal;
 Not mourning for the things that disappear
 In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
 From what the future veils, but with a whole
 And happy heart that pays its toll
 To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.
 So let the way wind up the hill or down,
 Through rough or smooth, the journey will
 be joy;
 Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,—
 New friendship, high adventure, and a crown.
 I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
 Because the road's last turn will be the best.*

—Henry van Dyke, D.D.



The Juniors Sabbath School Teacher's

TEN COMMANDMENTS

by Michael Hatton, Durban

1. Be genuinely interested in the pupils you teach.
2. Remember that what you are now teaching them will stay in their minds as long as they live.
3. Your attitude, your words and actions outside the class count as much, if not more than the lesson itself.
4. Acquaint yourself personally with the One whom you teach about and always know your subject well.
5. Never show yourself smarter than the pupils, it will make them feel small.
6. Make every pupil feel important by giving each a chance to say or do something. Remember they are craving to say and do something.
7. If a young pupil is undisciplined challenge him: "I bet you can't stay quiet until the end of the class, can you?"
Reaction: "Of course I can," and he does.
8. Always be prepared to learn something from your pupils, you will be surprised what they can teach you.
9. Show appreciation for every thing well done and be ready to praise and reward achievement.
10. Pray for your pupils, and with them, and remember LOVE is your password for success.

In Search of Truth

by H. B. C. Tsakala
Pastor, Soche Church, Blantyre

The time is still here when the Lord works miracles in Africa. A man had a dream, and two years later and 202 miles away, the dream came to pass.

"I had a dream" the man remarked, as he told the listeners, "it was in 1959, when in a dream I was told that the church in which I am now, is not the church I should belong to. "Go and find the Seventh-day Adventist church." This was the message.

The man had never seen or heard about the Seventh-day Adventist church before and he did not know where to go to find the church. Some one told him to write to Mwami Mission and the reply from Mwami was that he should write to Malamulo, Blantyre. "Malamulo" means "commandment keepers" so he wrote to "Malamulo," Blantyre but did not have the correct address. Unfortunately, there came no reply. Indeed, this was a disappointment.

Meanwhile, there was some trouble with his family as his wife did not want him to join another church since they were already the church members of a certain denomination. For some time, the woman threatened divorce. The man did

not wish this to happen, but hoped that his wife would understand.

Time and again the dream kept on ringing in his ears and heart, and he was often worried at home or at work. Time went by but the wife would not allow him to go and find his new church, yet his conscience worried him all the more.

Now the man determined to do what was his duty, so he bade farewell to his family and left for Blantyre, a town he had never visited before. He left on Friday, after he had taught in the morning. He came to the bus stage, only to find his bus gone. What a disappointment it was! Just then a lorry came and he asked for a lift, and spent all night travelling to Blantyre, arriving early in the morning.

Now that he was in Blantyre he wondered where "Malamulo" was? If he asked someone who does not know Soche Seventh-day Adventist church (for the "Malamulo" church) he may have been directed to proceed to Malamulo College, 38 miles further south from Blantyre. But God did not allow this man to encounter such difficulties. He asked a man in Blantyre about Malamulo, and he was told to catch the Limbe bus, via Soche and drop off at Malamulo stage and then he would be at Malamulo church.

He found the church just in time to

attend Sabbath-school. The man watched very carefully every thing which took place on this day.

After the service, he said that this was the church he was told of in his dream.

Pastors Zintambila, Samuel, and Kalonga with Evangelist Tsakala prayed most earnestly for this man and for his family before he left. Then he returned to Lilongwe and attended the church there.

Yes, God is soon going to perform miracles in this very age and we will witness them with our own eyes. This will lead to cutting short His work in righteousness. What a challenge to you and me as ministers of God to go forward in faith and work for Him while time remains.

HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCE

by Dr. K. Seligmann

Eight years ago a very friendly Asian donor gave £2. 0. 0. for Harvest Ingathering. Little did we know as we signed the receipt and thanked him cordially that Mr. Adam Umerji would one day become such a great help to Mwami Mission. Year by year the visits were repeated and the regular donation was increased by a pound or so until it was finally doubled to £10. 0. 0.

At about this time Mr. Umerji's eldest son became seriously ill. He was rushed to Mwami Hospital. An emergency operation was performed for a burst appendix and with God's blessing, the young Baboo recovered.

Since then our kind friend has never thought any request too great which was made by our mission. Many hundreds of pounds have been saved over the years because of his help in supplying transport from Fort Jameson to Mwami to carry our petrol, diesoline, oil, paraffin and other goods.

On one occasion, when we needed some cash for paying workers, Mr. Umerji kindly brought the sum of £200 0. 0. from his own bank twenty miles out to the mission, and collected a cheque for that amount from the office to deposit in his account.

Over the years the donations still increased. In 1963 he gave £25 0. 0. In 1964 he gave £30 0. 0. While going round during 1965 our hearts were filled with some trepidation. Business was below the usual volume. A smiling Mr. Umerji, however, had already started filling out the cheque, even before we could canvass him. He handed over the piece

of paper and said, "I hope this will make you happy." A quick glance was followed by a silent prayer of praise to our heavenly Father. A cheque for £50 0. 0! God's work will continue to go forward.

SABBATH SCHOOL NEWS

In the Buganza district of South Rwanda there lived a medicine woman who was very popular and much loved, especially by the women. She was very wealthy as she received cattle, sheep, goats, and money in return for medicines to prolong life and to overcome one's enemies.

One day the Sabbath-school members decided to visit her and try to talk religion with her. She only laughed at them, and said, "I will never join you, but why don't you join me in my work?" However, the Sabbath-school members were not discouraged.

Shortly after this they called the church together and said, "We must all pray for this medicine woman and see if we can get her to give up her evil ways and accept Jesus." This they did and for some time they did not visit her but prayed continually. Then came a day when the Sabbath-school leader and church elder called again on the medicine woman. This time they praised her for her knowledge and commented largely upon her great wealth. At the end of their short visit they invited her to attend the Sabbath services. She was really flattered, since she was a proud woman, and decided to attend the meeting for the extra prestige it would perhaps give her.

On her arrival at the church she was offered a chair and was very cordially welcomed as a person of no meagre prestige. At the close of a well presented programme, an appeal was made and the medicine woman responded. She then said, "You all know me, Kankera the medicine woman. You have asked me for medicine to give you life, but I have been telling you lies, all lies. Look, my husband and my children are all dead. I cannot give life. Now I repent and I shall wait until Jesus can give life."

Everyone was happy for her conversion. She is now an outstanding follower and is in the baptismal class.

WORKERS FOR CHRIST

by Gordon B. Yaze
Cancele Secondary School,
(Cape Eastern Field)

As this world is fast drawing to a close, many people are taking their stand for Christ. At a place called Ofisi in the

Cancele district, East Griqualand, South Africa a woman by the name of Frances Ndobongo accepted the truth in 1956. Immediately, problems arose with her husband and mother-in-law. She was persecuted by them but having faith in God, she stood firm, but was not permitted to attend church.

Later, she requested baptism but was refused because she was married by African rites only. Her husband was against her accepting this faith and he was also against her getting married according to Christian rites.

After much consideration by our leaders, she was granted baptism in 1961. She, and we, were greatly surprised when she was presented with a Bible by her husband. The Cancele church rejoiced with her for this was proof that the Holy Spirit was working on his heart.

However, Satan was not still. He did everything he could to make her lose her trust in God. At one stage, all four of her children became seriously ill but with God's help, her faith in Him stood firm.

Her husband came home on holiday and the Cancele teachers visited him frequently trying to help this sister win her husband for the truth. Later, he showed interest by attending church services with his wife and children, walking to church, a distance of approximately four miles.

Later he caught a cold and was confined to bed. He lay ill for a week during which time he told the people who visited him about the truth which he had now accepted and how happy he was in keeping the Sabbath which once he so hated. He also abstained from smoking.

A message came to the mission that this brother was seriously ill and his condition critical. Two of us went to his home and whilst conducting worship our dear brother passed away. He had hoped to be baptized. During his illness, he requested that his funeral be conducted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and also that should he die no blood be shed, for according to a common custom and belief amongst these African people an ox must be slaughtered. Over 600 people attended his funeral.

Through our brother's acceptance of the truth, many were drawn to the Advent message, and after a few meetings several showed great interest.

One old lady, Sr. E. Kobe, mother-in-law of another Sister, has accepted the truth. May the Lord be praised for this as most people at this place hate Sabbath-keepers!

Our plans are to hold Sabbath-school services at this place since these people live far from the mission. One day, with God's help, we hope to erect a church

building which will take in as many who confess His name.

Please remember in your prayers Sisters Frances Ndobongo and E. Kobe who are faithful to their Master under much criticism, and also the new converts.

"Power House for God"

(Continued from page 3)

with God and endued with power from on high! See these modern "upper room" disciples spreading throughout the land with their faces lighted up and their Bibles under their arms searching for lost souls! The vision can go on and on! The fires of Pentecost would be rekindled and the light of these fires would reach the remotest bounds of our Division! Such a movement might well result in further enlightening other lands and hastening Christ's longed-for reunion with His people!

Does not this hour of great world need impress us that to delay in seeking a revival of true godliness among us is to invite the reign of sin in this world to continue? Someone has said: "Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." Shall we not today covenant with God that we will persist in prayer until the promised blessing is ours?

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" Matt. 7:7.

"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

Shall we not today covenant with God that we will persist in prayer until the promised blessing is ours? "If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, page 50.

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In the Hand of Faith

"Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."—*Steps to Christ*, page 99.

Seventh-day Adventists are a praying people. We believe it is our blessed privilege to pray for one another, and to seek God earnestly and frequently for those not of our faith. Surely we are living in the days when our prayer seasons should increase in number, and our petitions be more fervent and urgent. We know we worship a prayer-hearing God, and here follows an account of how God signally answered the prayers of His trusting children. —Ed.

PRAYING FOR RAIN

by J. J. B. Combrinck
Pietersburg, South Africa

Parts of the Northern Transvaal have experienced severe drought during the past four or five years. Scientific facts and findings revealed a diminishing rainfall and we were told of deserts on the march. Ground was denuded of grass because of over-grazing. On cattle ranches where 3,000 head of cattle used to thrive, not a single one was left. They had died or were sold for next to nothing. In some areas some families were allowed only 40 gallons of water per week for all household purposes. In some areas there have been no crops for years. The Government decided that every African mouth must be fed in these affected areas. I interviewed certain Government officials informing them of the assistance our Adventist Welfare Services were willing to offer. I was told that this help was not needed; nevertheless we helped our people and through them other needy cases.

Then I wrote a circular letter to all the ministers in our immediate area, inviting them to a fraternal gathering when they should decide at which time we might meet fellow-ministers and among other topics discuss the drought and decide on a day of prayer for rain. I invited them to reply in English, Afrikaans, or German. The local newspaper scooped my letter and splashed the news for the public. But with the exception of the Baptist minister who came to our home and had prayer with us, and the Methodist minister who wrote that he would be away for some time, no one responded. We waited six weeks and then on short

notice decided that we Seventh-day Adventists would have a day of FASTING AND PRAYER for rain. The news was broadcast over the Radio on the Friday, mentioning my name, Seventh-day Adventists and our respective congregations participating. The day was hot and the climate and conditions were most unfavourable for rain. Members of the public scoffed at our venture of faith that Sabbath.

We closed Sabbath after a careful study on conditions for answered prayer, followed by an earnest season of prayer. Then I told our people to get things ready for I believed a great rain was coming. They were almost overwhelmed at my faith and my remarks. When our

people reached their homes the sky had suddenly become overcast, and within half an hour a soft and steady rain began to descend and continued for more than two days. Thereafter it rained regularly for several weeks. All testified that God had heard the prayers of the Seventh-day Adventists. Far and wide rain had continued to fall with only a few places still dry.

Two months later we had our regular quarterly combined Sabbath meeting. People living near Tzaneen seventy miles away heard about this gathering and, knowing about our previous experience, begged us to pray for rain for their area also. Our last prayer was at 8 p.m. and when we separated God enabled all our people to reach their homes before the soft rains started to fall. These continued right through the week-end. When I telephoned the exchange on Monday morning at 5 a.m. I learnt that rain had been falling at Tzaneen since Saturday night, and that they had already received about 5 inches.

We have had many other miraculous answers to our prayers for the sick, etc. To God be all the glory. We continue to say with the psalmist, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" Psalm 115:1, and with the apostle Paul: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" Galatians 6:14.

Is Your Prayer Unanswered?

"There is another matter too often neglected by those who seek the Lord in prayer. Have you been honest with God? By the prophet Malachi the Lord declares, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings."

"As the Giver of every blessing, God claims a certain portion of all we possess. This is His provision to sustain the preaching of the gospel. And by making this return to God, we are to show our appreciation of His gifts. But if we withhold from Him that which is His own, how can we claim His blessing? If we are unfaithful stewards of earthly things, how can we expect Him to entrust us with the things of heaven? It may be that here is the secret of unanswered prayer."

—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 143.

LET'S PRAY MORE IN 1966

From Hither and You

The Trans-Africa Division OUTLOOK

News from Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Hanson is always welcome and we know our readers and believers around the Division will be interested to know how they are getting along. Pastor Hanson writes: "We have purchased a little place five miles from the centre of Salem in Oregon. It is on the edge of a suburb but less than a mile from a little shopping centre.

"I am painting almost every day. Today I have almost finished painting the lounge. The kitchen, utility room, dinette and large bedroom are practically completed. . . . We were a bit late for some of the fruit but we have done pretty well. In our deep freeze we have the following; and more apples and grapes still to come: pears, 45 pints; peaches, 47 pints; prunes, 50 pints; blackberries, 22 pints; strawberries, 22 pints.

"Our house is 50 ft. by 25 ft. including the garage, and has a lounge a dinette-kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, and a single garage. . . . The plot is 100 ft. by 102 ft. There is room for a nice little garden, though the former owners have had only lawn and flowering trees and shrubs. I am already planning my garden for next spring. I will put in a few bulbs this fall, but next spring, I will put in raspberries, Booyesen berries and grapes."

Although retired after over 40 years of service in Africa, Pastor Hanson also serves the Oregon Conference in quite a full visitation and preaching programme.

Workers on furlough include the P. J. Salhany family from the South-East Africa Union; Miss Lucile Haskin from Solusi College; and the D. R. L. Astleford family from the East African Union. Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Beardsell are going on early furlough this month because of Sister Beardsell's health. The Ken E. Thomas family left Rusangu School in Zambia during December to spend their furlough in overseas study leave. The Arthur Coetzee family from Hillcrest Secondary School, Cape Town, are also on study leave and are going to Andrews University. Miss Esme Webster proceeds overseas soon for further study.

It is with regret that we have had to say farewell to worker families returning permanently to their homelands. The Robert L. McManaman family left Helderberg College, South Africa, in December, after serving in the music department for 9 years. Miss Thelma Ogren has served at Kanye Hospital in Bechuanaland for 10½ years, and now returns to her home in the United States. Miss Mima Burgher of Maluti in Basutoland and Miss Primrose Makila of Malamulo Hospital in Malawi have returned to their homes in Australia.

Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Appenzeller have arrived in Johannesburg where Brother Appenzeller is to be the secretary of the Publishing Department of the Southern Union. Brother and Sister W. W. Gill have returned to Malamulo College in Malawi after their furlough in the states, and Miss Dolly Alexander flew in to Lusaka in early December to take up her new work at Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia.

Miss Laurina Rossouw of the Good Hope Conference has accepted a call to serve as receptionist in the Blantyre Surgery in Malawi and passed through Salisbury in late November.

Brother and Sister James Unger have transferred from Malamulo College to the music department of Helderberg College; and Miss Marian Ainslie, Mr. Robin Watermeyer and Miss Fiona Thompson have joined the Division staff in Salisbury.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In the November issue of the OUTLOOK, on page 11, in the Directory of Division Departmental Secretaries, B. E. Jacobs was listed as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, and Public Relations departments.

As our readers know, Pastor P. H. Coetzee who formerly cared for these departments was appointed president of the East African Union, but because of passport difficulties he was unable to remain in Kenya, and it became necessary for him to return to Salisbury. He is now secretary of the Public Relations Department, and Brother Jacobs carries the Missionary Volunteer and Temperance departments.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

February 1966

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	7.49	7.43	7.36	7.28
Johannesburg	6.58	6.54	6.49	6.43
East London	7.09	7.03	6.57	6.49
Port Elizabeth	7.21	7.15	7.08	7.00
Bloemfontein	7.10	7.06	6.59	6.52
Pietermaritzburg	6.54	6.50	6.44	6.36
Durban	6.52	6.48	6.42	6.34
Windhoek	7.37	7.34	7.29	7.23
Bulawayo	6.47	6.44	6.40	6.35
Salisbury	6.33	6.30	6.27	6.23
Gwelo	6.40	6.38	6.36	6.33
Lusaka	6.40	6.39	6.38	6.36
Blantyre	6.17	6.14	6.10	6.06
Elisabethville	6.41	6.38	6.36	6.34
Nairobi	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.49
Mombasa	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.39
Kisumu	7.00	6.59	6.59	7.00
Kampala	7.07	7.07	7.06	7.06
Dar-es-Salaam	6.49	6.47	6.46	6.45
Tabora	6.12	6.11	6.09	6.09

March 1966

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	7.19	7.11	7.02	6.51
Johannesburg	6.36	6.29	6.22	6.15
East London	6.41	6.32	6.24	6.13
Port Elizabeth	6.51	6.43	6.34	6.23
Bloemfontein	6.45	6.38	6.30	6.21
Pietermaritzburg	6.29	6.21	6.13	6.04
Durban	6.27	6.19	6.11	6.02
Windhoek	7.18	7.11	7.05	6.58
Bulawayo	6.30	6.24	6.19	6.12
Salisbury	6.18	6.12	6.08	6.01
Gwelo	6.27	6.21	6.09	6.02
Lusaka	6.31	6.23	6.13	6.07
Blantyre	6.02	5.58	6.53	6.48
Elisabethville	6.29	6.27	6.23	6.19
Nairobi	6.48	6.47	6.46	6.44
Mombasa	6.38	6.36	6.34	6.28
Kisumu	6.58	6.56	6.55	6.53
Kampala	7.05	7.05	7.03	7.01
Dar-es-Salaam	6.34	6.40	6.26	6.31
Tabora	7.08	7.05	7.02	7.00

Resolutions of Gratitude to God and Appreciation to the General Conference

Voted by the Division Committee in Session, November 15, 1965

To the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace, we, the members of the Trans-Africa Division Committee gathered in this year-end meeting, bring our tribute of sincerest gratitude for the blessings of the year.

We remember with deep appreciation how Thy work and Thy people have been watched over and protected through the ravages of warfare and in tense and difficult experiences; how property has been preserved from destruction; how we have been spared through many uncertain conditions of travel; how Thou hast prospered Thy children in the material things of this world, thus making it possible for them to bring larger tithes and offerings to the treasury; how Thou has repeatedly given us a solution to many problems which sometimes appeared insoluble; and how we have daily been sustained with the assurance of Thy guidance and the final and complete triumph of this Thy cause in which we have graciously been permitted to participate.

We are grateful too for the marvellous revelation that the government of this magnificent work rests on the shoulders of One who never errs and never fails.

Help us, dear Lord, always to be submissive to Thy control and amenable to Thy counsel, that in these climactic hours of earth's history we may be faithful children and loyal servants, worthy of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

Through the experiences of another year, we in the Trans-Africa Division know more of the blessedness of the fellowship enjoyed by members of God's wonderful family on earth, and desire to express in this humble way our appreciation to the General Conference committee, fellow workers in all the world, and the host of lay members of every nation, for remembering the needs of the work in Africa and sharing their material resources and their prayers with us in this challenging Division.

Through policies and actions, answers to questions, counsel in our perplexities, and the visits of representatives from the General Conference, we have been able to share in the wisdom with which God has endowed His church.

Through the liberality of God's people, we have not only been privileged to participate in a continuing programme, but as a result of larger appropriations, to see development and expansion. This liberality is an inspiration to our members to do more for the cause we love. We, as the executive committee of this Division, pledge ourselves to a faithful and wise use, under God, of the large amounts of money entrusted to our care for the preaching of the Gospel in Africa, and to more earnest endeavour in leading the members of the churches here to understand and accept their privileges through greater liberality in offerings and faithfulness in tithing.

With keen anticipation we look forward to and prepare for the glorious experience when, unfettered by the limitations of this life, we shall enjoy closer association with our fellow believers from this earth, and know the fuller joy of living with God's family in heaven.