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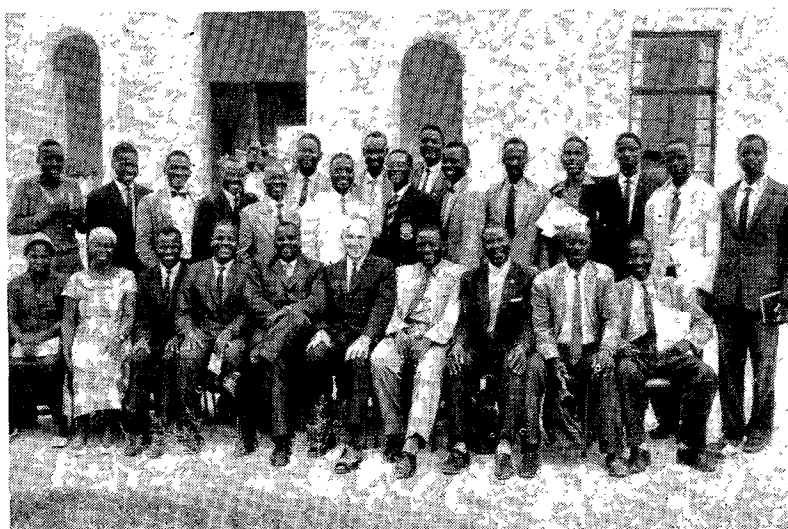


We are proud of our Young People

Our three youngest winners of Student Colporteur Scholarships for 1966. *Left to right:* Volker Henning, 11 years; Carol Clifford, 12 years; Frederick Thomas, 15 years; with G. S. Glass (right) who sponsored and encouraged them in their fine achievement. They are all students of Maxwell Preparatory School in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

We are proud of our Literature-Evangelists

A happy group of Literature-Evangelists during a recent institute at Lower Gwelo, Rhodesia. Warren C. Hewes (*centre*) is the Zambesi Union's Publishing Department Secretary.





Heart to Heart

A Friendly Chat With Your Division President

Dear Saints of God:

In my Bible the experience of Elijah on Mount Carmel and during a period of deep depression under the juniper tree are close together, on the same page in fact. Let's read them again:

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." 1 Kings 18:37, 39.

Then the sad picture of contrast:

"And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." 1 Kings 19:3-4.

These two snapshots of Elijah caught him on the mountain top of spiritual power and under the juniper tree of abject defeat only a very short time later. It is difficult to believe that these two scenes picture the same man! On Carmel he is the dauntless prophet who prevails with God. Down in the wilderness he is the dejected soul wishing he were dead.

Here is the whole gamut of spiritual experience! Here are pictures of you—of me! We all have our mountain-top and valley experiences. In the life of every child of God is re-enacted the drama of Mount Carmel and the juniper tree!

Since this is our time the servant of the Lord says: "From Elijah's experience during those days of discouragement and apparent defeat, there are many lessons to be drawn,—lessons invaluable to the servants of God in this age, marked as it

is by general departure from right." "Prophets and Kings," page 170.

And lest you and I think the lessons are not for us the Lord's messenger adds: "Not alone for men in positions of large responsibility is the lesson of Elijah's experience in learning anew how to trust God in the hour of trial. He who was Elijah's strength is strong to uphold every struggling child of His, no matter how weak." "Prophets and Kings," page 175.

We all have our juniper tree dramas. To every one of us come times of discouragement: "Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter discouragement—days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earth-born children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life." "Prophets and Kings," page 162.

The hour of despondency is an hour of peril for the child of God for it thrusts him upon Satan's ground and his relationship with the Lord is threatened. "It is then that many lose their hold on God, and are brought into the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief." "Prophets and Kings," page 162. How much each one of us needs help from above on such occasions!

In the experience of Jesus in the wilderness of temptation Satan came at the moment of greatest physical weakness. After the Saviour had been without food for forty days the tempter attacked. Just so the evil one slips stealthily up on us. "It is at the time of greatest weakness that Satan assails the soul with the fiercest temptations." "Prophets and Kings," page 173. When our faith fails, when our will-power has been weakened, though we have stood long and valiantly for God, Satan unleashes his most determined attacks.

Don't think you are immune! Remember Elijah was a man of prayer. He could open and close the heavens with his petitions. (James 5:17-18). Elijah was also a man of great faith. He believed God would send rain despite the fact none

had fallen for years. 1 Kings 18:41, 44. Elijah was a man of indomitable courage. After being a fugitive for three and a half years he dared to meet Ahab the man who sought him, face to face. (1 Kings 18:1-18). It was such a great spiritual giant of courage faith and prayer that Satan overwhelmed. Do not underestimate your wily foe! He may have you under a juniper tree in a jiffy! We must ever be on the alert lest he take us unawares during a time when we feel great self-security.

What happened to the man of God under the juniper tree? "Did God forsake Elijah in his hour of trial? Oh, no! He loved his servant no less when Elijah felt himself forsaken of God and man, than when, in answer to his prayer, fire flashed from heaven and illuminated the mountain top." "Prophets and Kings," page 166.

God sent an angel with both spiritual and physical help. 1 Kings 19:5-8. Elijah arose from the depths of despondency into which he had fallen and found his way back into "the mount of God" verse 8.

The blessed lesson for us is that "Christ will never abandon those for whom He has died. We may leave Him, and be overwhelmed with temptation; but Christ can never turn from one for whom He has paid the ransom of His own life. Could our spiritual vision be quickened, we should see souls bowed under oppression and burdened with grief, pressed as a cart beneath sheaves, and ready to die in discouragement. We should see angels flying quickly to the aid of these tempted ones, forcing back the hosts of evil that encompass them, and placing their feet on the sure foundation." "Prophets and Kings," page 176.

Yours in full faith of His delivering,
keeping power,



SAUC Teachers' Institute at Helderberg

by M. D. HODGEN, D.ED.

Teachers today must be always learning. The recent institute at Helderberg College gave more than a hundred teachers in the South African, Southern and Zambesi unions an opportunity to learn, to associate together in good fellowship, and to receive inspiration for the year's tasks. Such benefits were the result of a carefully prepared programme involving a nice balance of instruction and recreation, provision for the needs of primary and secondary level teachers, emphasis on the elements of Christ-centred education, and the presence of able instructors and a receptive audience.

Pastor D. M. Baird, president of the Cape Conference, led in the morning devotions. His topic, "Spiritual Aims of Education" was especially well presented and emphasized the varied spiritual needs of the growing child in a Christian school. The theme of growth toward maturity was central to Pastor Baird's presentation and was echoed in many of the other talks and discussions. In both primary and secondary teachers' groups, for example, the development of mathematical concepts was explored and emphasized. Language and history discussions noted the necessity of growth in understanding and appreciation.

The group of instructors included sev-

eral Helderberg teachers: D. F. Houck, F. von Hörsten, L. C. Rothwell, L. F. Swanepoel, Mrs. V. Birkenstock, and the writer. R. R. Stewart of Cape Town University and Professor J. F. A. Swartz of Stellenbosch University were special guests providing a series on visual aids and the opening address respectively. Other special instructors were Miss F. Moline (Solusi), Mrs. D. Kitney (Durban), Miss W. Anderson (Hillcrest), I. du Preez (Good Hope College), and G. S. Stevenson, editor, *Signs of the Times*. The final meeting, a challenge to commitment, was taken by Pastor A. W. Staples.

For two days after the institute, science and mathematics teachers gave extended attention to their areas of speciality. To the non-scientist their agenda read like a new language. Perhaps this was not an accident because talks dealt with new developments and their relevance to classroom practice.

With all the learning, however, there was relaxation—games in the gymnasium, quiet walks on the Helderberg estate, swimming at the Strand and Gordon's Bay, and a picnic supper at the beach.

All who took part in this institute look forward to other such profitable occasions.

From Tripoli to Teheran

by D. L. CHAPPEL, Secretary,
Sabbath School Department,
Middle East Division.

Imagine that you are a reporter for your home-town newspaper. Your editor, who was befriended by an Adventist missionary while on a recent world tour, walks into your office. After telling you about his experience with the Adventist man on the other side of the world, your editor says, "Jim, I want to know more about these mission-minded people. Here's a plane ticket which will enable you to spot-check on their work from Tripoli in Libya to Teheran in Iran. I'll be waiting for your report and pictures."

Overjoyed with the assignment, you manage to say, "Thank you, sir, for this opportunity to visit the Bible lands, but I can't help but ask why you want a report on Adventists in the Middle East countries since I understand that they have their smallest membership in this part of the world?" you inquire as you begin putting important papers into your brief case.

"That's just the reason I want you to visit the Middle East Division, Jim," explains your alert editor. "You see," he continues, "if you find that they are really trying to help the people in those difficult and needy fields, I can imagine how much more they are doing in other areas."

And before you realize it, the time has passed and your hop-and-skip trip has ended, and your summary report appears in your daily newspaper. This is what your readers read:

"Beginning my recent tour of the Near East in Tripoli, I learned that in all of the oil-booming desert kingdom of Libya, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has but one mission station in the form of a small hospital and a sixty-member church both of which operate in rented quarters. Within two years, however, their new million dollar hospital, now being constructed on a nicely situated lot in Benghazi, will be completed, thanks to ESSO and other oil companies for their generous contributions to the project.

"I further discovered that the loving ministry of the hospital staff is having its telling influence for Christianity, even though the workers are unable to do regular evangelistic work. For example, the son of a prominent Libyan patient told Doctor Clifford Ludington, 'I want to take the medical course and return to this hospital to help you minister to my people.'

"While more than a third of the membership of the Middle East Division is in Egypt, shortness of time permitted me

to visit only the Cairo Evangelistic Centre at Rameses Square. I learned that a year or so ago, the members had a day of prayer and fasting in behalf of the Centre building, which had been slated for demolition by the City Planning Board, so as to make room for a large park near the statue of Rameses II. For apparently unknown reasons, the committee changed its plans, and decided on a smaller park, leaving the Adventist Centre standing, after all the unsightly buildings formerly surrounding it had been torn down!

"I had the privilege of meeting six of the forty-seven fine-looking people who were baptized at the Centre in 1965.

"I didn't see them, but I was told that the Adventists have a modern training school and a new orphanage near Cairo.

"By the way, I took time to spend three hours in the huge Cairo Museum, and to see the pyramids on the plains of Giza. I regretted that limited time prevented my going to Luxor to see the Valley of the Kings and on to Aswan to see the great dam being built on the Nile River.

"It seems that the Adventists have found that the centre-type building is more practical in the Middle East territory than is a regular church edifice. I was pleased to see the newly acquired one in Jerusalem. Later I visited those in Beirut, Damascus, and Teheran. The one in Teheran offers various types of services for the Moslems, such as stop-smoking clinics, English-language classes, lectures, and films.

"As in Egypt, I took time to do some sightseeing in Jordan. Beginning in Bethlehem, I followed the trail of the Master to Jerusalem and through the streets of the Holy City, over the Mount of Olives to Bethany, down to Jericho, up to Jacob's well, and back to the Temple; yes, even into the garden of Gethsemane and on to Golgotha's hill and Joseph's new tomb. In all of this, it was interesting to me to know that the Adventists provide the lights for the big tree at Bethlehem every Christmas. They also play carols, sung by their famous King's Herald Quartet of the Voice of Prophecy radio program, near the Church of the Nativity.

"During my brief stop over in Beirut, Lebanon, I visited the Middle East College, the only Adventist college in that division. The instruction is given in English, which means that students from the various countries must spend a year or more studying the English language before they can begin regular classes. I was pleased to know that this institution, now under the leadership of Kenneth Vine, Ph.D., is affiliated with the Adventist Loma Linda University in California.

"Now that I have seen this college,

CALL TO PRAYER

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is confronted today with awesome but challenging responsibility. Restriction, stress and overt fighting beset our world mission in many areas. The "signs of the times" call for renewed and deeper consecration to God. The church is approaching what should be the most important convocation ever held by Seventh-day Adventists, the fiftieth world session, in Detroit, and stands in need of a fuller understanding of God's will and grace to follow the counsels of Holy Writ and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The General Conference Committee in Spring Meeting appeals to ministry and laity alike to seek God most earnestly and to enter into a deeper and more sacrificial dedication to present truth and the finishing of His work. The Committee calls earnestly upon Seventh-day Adventists everywhere to seek divine guidance especially in the selection of leaders and the elaboration of plans for the coming quadrennium; therefore,

1. That a call to prayer be issued to our world membership, and that a special period of intercession, in public and private worship, begin Sabbath, June 4 and continue until the close of the General Conference session, Sabbath, June 25.

2. That the General Conference officers be asked to implement the above call to prayer through the leadership of the churches and denominational journals.

R. R. FIGUHR, President.
W. R. BEACH, Secretary.

which is beautifully situated on the mountainside above the port city of Beirut, I can better understand why the Adventist workers I met kept talking about their need of more elementary and secondary schools in the different countries. Truly they are needed to feed this growing college.

"With these appeals still ringing in my ears, I boarded the Pan-American plane for Iran, the land of Queen Esther. Adventist missionary Kenneth Hardinge met me at the airport and took me to see the Teheran Centre, the Adventist Medical Clinic, and the newly constructed Armenian church. The new church was dedicated by R. R. Figuhr, world leader of Adventists, during his visit in 1965.

"Next, we went to see the present elementary school being operated in a rented building, which is altogether inadequate for even the present enrolment. While there, I met Shahrzad Toghrai, the nine-year-old Moslem girl who mem-

orized the ten commandments and recited them at a special program in the Adventist church.

"I am a reporter, not an educator. But when I visited the Iran Adventist Academy at worship time and discovered that more than half of the students who were singing the songs of the gospel were Moslems, I understood better why Adventists operate schools in mission fields. I also realized more fully the desperate need of the proposed new, enlarged elementary school in Teheran as a feeder for the academy.

"The principal of the academy told me that an earnest appeal has been made to Adventists all over the world to give a special offering next June 25 to help build the new elementary school and to improve the facilities at the academy. I am confident that these mission-minded Adventists will respond wholeheartedly to the appeal of their brethren in old Persia, one of the many interesting Bible lands which I visited on this assignment."

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Sunset Calendar for

June, 1966

	3	10	17	24
Cape Town	5.44	5.44	5.44	5.45
Johannesburg	5.23	5.23	5.23	5.26
East London	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.10
Port Elizabeth	5.16	5.16	5.16	5.17
Bloemfontein	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.27
Pietermaritzburg	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.07
Durban	5.04	5.03	5.03	5.05
Windhoek	6.12	6.13	6.13	6.15
Bulawayo	5.32	5.33	5.33	5.35
Salisbury	5.25	5.26	5.26	5.28
Gwelo	5.27	5.26	5.27	5.29
Lusaka	5.37	5.38	5.39	5.40
Blantyre	5.15	5.16	5.17	5.18
Elisabethville	5.54	5.54	5.55	5.57
Nairobi	6.33	6.34	6.36	6.38
Mombasa	6.16	6.16	6.17	6.18
Kisumu	6.45	6.45	6.47	6.48
Kampala	6.52	6.52	6.54	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.10
Tabora	6.42	6.42	6.43	6.45

July, 1966

	1	8	15	22	29
Cape Town	5.47	5.50	5.54	5.59	6.04
Johannesburg	5.28	5.30	5.33	5.37	5.40
East London	5.12	5.15	5.19	5.23	5.28
Port Elizabeth	5.19	5.22	5.26	5.31	5.36
Bloemfontein	5.29	5.31	5.34	5.38	5.42
Pietermaritzburg	5.09	5.12	5.15	5.19	5.23
Durban	5.07	5.10	5.13	5.17	5.21
Windhoek	6.17	6.19	6.22	6.25	6.29
Bulawayo	5.37	5.39	5.42	5.44	5.47
Salisbury	5.30	5.32	5.35	5.37	5.39
Gwelo	5.31	5.34	5.36	5.38	5.41
Lusaka	5.41	5.43	5.46	5.47	5.49
Blantyre	5.20	5.21	5.23	5.26	5.27
Elisabethville	5.58	6.00	6.02	6.04	6.04
Nairobi	6.39	6.40	6.40	6.42	6.41
Mombasa	6.21	6.23	6.24	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.48	6.49	6.51	6.52	6.51
Kampala	6.56	6.58	7.00	7.01	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.18	6.19	6.21	6.24	6.22
Tabora	6.47	6.49	6.51	6.52	6.51