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Part I

Our Overseas Visitors



O. Gmehling, President of the Central European Division.

M. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the General Conference.



H. E. Rice, Associate Secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference.

O. Bremer, Treasurer of the Central European Division.



C. O. Franz, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

Dr. T. S. Geraty, Associate Secretary of the Department of Education, General Conference.



Council Theme:

Surely I Come Quickly

A Church in Action

*Reported by Conze Schröder, Pastor,
Bulawayo.*

The ideal cherished by most men today is that somehow, through united action, international peace might be preserved. For centuries, nay for millennia, men have sought this ideal and have endeavoured to secure it in many ways. But, alas, it has eluded them, and suffering and uncertainty have characterized the lot of humanity down through the ages. If only men would realize that the powers that control the activities of the human race are far greater than mankind is able to handle, a measure of success might come their way. Seventh-day Adventists recognize this as the "great controversy between Christ and Satan," and we see all the play and counter-play of human affairs as evidence of this struggle for the domination of the created universe. Yet, as a people of prophecy, we are not cast down by human failure; for in Christ we become reconciled to a God of love, and through this union with heaven we obtain assurance of a restored world of eternal rest. The conflict is sore, and the last battle is always the fiercest; but the end is in sight. Our Lord Jesus Christ is soon to appear in the glory of a million suns.

This was the spirit and atmosphere in which the delegates to the Thirteenth Quadrennial Session of the Trans-Africa Division assembled from all parts of our far-flung mission territory. The Spirit of God has done for the Seventh-day Adventist Church what centuries of human endeavour has failed to accomplish in the world. He has brought together into a united body men of diverse nationalities and tongues, backgrounds and customs, to make a final assault on the stronghold of sin, the real enemy of mankind. The motivating force which impels us to act with strength and sacrifice is one that does not originate with men, but is a gift from God. It is LOVE.

At the opening of the Council, Pastor M. E. Lind, secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, welcomed the delegates and

extended special greetings to newly arrived members of the Division family. The first to be welcomed were the new president and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Merle L. Mills, and also Mrs. Frances Penn, mother of Mrs. Mills. He reminded Pastor Mills that he has come to a tremendous field, filled with challenges and opportunities. In replying to the welcome extended to him, Pastor Mills said that despite the problems and perplexities he knew were awaiting the leaders in the days ahead, he was not fearful because he was confident of the over-ruling power of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our undertakings.

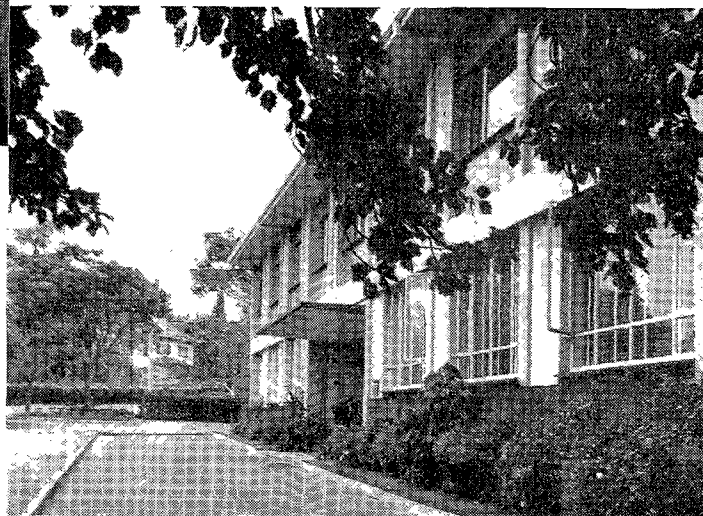
Next to be welcomed was Pastor Gerald F. Clifford, the new leader of the Education and Sabbath School departments. Mrs. Clifford is remaining in East Africa until the close of the school term. Pastor Clifford has served at Bugema Missionary College in Uganda for the past fourteen years. Pastor Alvin E. Cook was the next on the list. He is heading the Ministerial Association and the Public Relations Department. As an evangelist he is well known in South Africa, Australia and England,

and he comes back to us, not as a stranger, but as an old friend.

The overseas visitors to be welcomed were Pastor M. V. Campbell, senior vice-president, and Pastor C. O. Franz, an associate secretary of the General Conference. Their ministry, counsel and guidance were uplifting and inspiring, while their Bible studies and devotional services brought a blessing to all who heard them. Also from the General Conference were Pastor H. E. Rice of the Medical Department, and Dr. T. S. Geraty of the Department of Education. These brethren have visited various sections of the Division and have made valuable contributions in their special fields. Then, from Central Europe we had the pleasure of having Pastor O. Gmchling, president of that division, and Pastor O. Bremer, its treasurer. Their interest in the affairs of the Trans-Africa Division are evinced by the provision of funds and workers for mission service here. The German language was heard frequently during the council as German missionaries were able to converse with these visitors in their mother tongue.



C. Schröder



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Front Cover Picture:

The Lady Who Kept Her Word: Before Pastor Mills proposed to his wife he ascertained her interest in mission service. Now after many years of fruitful labour in their homeland, they have accepted mission service. Pastor and Mrs. Mills stand before the Council's motto.

There can be no doubt that with present-day developments on the international front, and particularly in Africa, serious times are already with us. The realities of this critical hour were kept before the delegates by the assuring words of our Lord: "SURELY I COME QUICKLY" which was the motto and theme of the Council.

It was on this theme that Pastor Mills gave the opening address to the 157 delegates after they had been seated, according to the constitution. Very wisely he reminded all present that although world events are of great import to us, Seventh-day Adventists are aware of what is coming, because the Lord, in the Revelation, has foretold the conditions that would prevail both in the world and in the church. The Laodicean message is addressed to us, and in consequence this is not a time for complacency, but a call to "repent and be zealous." Pastor Mills followed this part of his message by reminding the delegates of the spirit of zeal and sacrifice that characterized our pioneers, which spirit has, from small beginnings, developed into a world-wide work of significant magnitude. If a few ardent servants of Christ could do so much, then surely more than a million Seventh-day Adventists, with the same spirit, could warn the whole world that Jesus is coming soon.

Men and women holding heavy responsibilities and high office heard Pastor Mills urge that they be known not merely by the office they hold, but as Spirit-filled, dedicated servants of God. Whatever important matters were to be discussed concerning our administration of the work in this Division, it was our primary purpose to address ourselves to the spiritual needs of the human heart.

The delegates did not come together only to discuss plans, render reports, or to solve problems. And in case the details of administration should reduce the outlook of the Council to a mere parochial attitude, ample provision was made in the programme for devotional talks, Bible study, and prayer. Reports on the progress of the message in all the unions was another inspiring feature of the programme. By this balanced arrangement new heart, fresh ideas, and a clear vision of our commission were restored. The comradeship, and the tie which binds hearts together, are in themselves a means of stimulating unity of purpose and determination to see the task that the Lord has assigned to us completed.

Favourable publicity was given by the Rhodesia Television, Rhodesia Broadcasting Corporation, and the newspapers.

The *Rhodesia Herald* published four articles on our work, and the *Sunday Mail* gave a prominent human interest story on experiences of mission work in the Congo. In all, 78 column inches were allowed in these newspapers. The Rhodesia Television interviewed four of our brethren in the popular programme, entitled *Tonight*. Pastor A. E. Cook was able to tell briefly something of our beliefs; Pastor H. E. Rice told about our world-wide medical programme; Pastor Don Thomas of the Congo Union related his experiences as a flying missionary over



Our good friends at the Sentinel: Pastor D. K. Short, manager, and Pastor G. S. Stevenson, editor, who is also assistant editor of the *OUTLOOK*. These brethren give invaluable assistance in the printing of the *OUTLOOK* every month. We appreciate it!

the Ituri Forest; and Dr. Wilfred Müller explained something about our mission hospital work at Songa Mission in Katanga. The Bethel quartet was heard over the radio and received many favourable comments.

In the president's report, Pastor Mills made reference to the kaleidoscopic nature of African events which were undermining the moral fibre and spiritual structure of the society of this great continent. This served only to reinforce our belief in the certainty of the nearness of our Lord's return. However forbidding the situation might appear, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is still to carry on

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We are indebted to Pastor A. E. Cook, secretary of our Public Relations Department and official photographer for the Division Council, for his expert assistance.

an aggressive programme in harmony with the counsel given to Israel through the prophet Isaiah: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2. In other words, the Church is not simply to play the role of "custodian of the status quo," but must be the moving force behind a two-fold thrust: consolidation and expansion.

It was gratifying to learn that this is what has been achieved during the past quadrennium, for in all departments in which the Church has been operating, significant gains have been made.

Tribute was paid to the high quality of leadership given by Pastor Robert H. Pierson, now president of the General Conference, whose contribution has left an indelible mark upon the cause of truth in this Division. Our respects were paid to the memory of two outstanding men of the working force whom the Lord had seen fit to call to lay down their burdens and enter upon this rest until Christ should awaken them. Pastor C. T. J. Hyde was field secretary of the Division, and Pastor P. J. van Eck was principal of Helderberg College at the time of their death.

Reports were given by Pastor Lind and Pastor Reinhard on the secretarial and financial standing of the Division, by Pastor Austen on the self-support programme, and by the various department leaders on the progress made during the quadrennium in their respective fields of service. These reports will appear in this or the next issue of the *OUTLOOK*. Such topics as "Our Youth and Military Service," "The Dedication of Babies," "World Evangelism Offering," among many others, were discussed, and the reports of the nominating committee were received with much interest. Many forward-looking resolutions were passed; perhaps the most important of them all being the goals for baptisms, membership, Sabbath-school offerings and membership, *et cetera*, which were accepted as our guide for achievement during the coming quadrennium.

The evenings were devoted to the presentation of reports from the eight unions, given by the presidents and their associates. The value of these evening occasions was the sense of unity of purpose they brought, and the strong realization of the wonderful way in which Christ, the Head of the Church, keeps the Advent Movement advancing in every sector of His vineyard. The Holy Spirit is everywhere supervising the advance of Christ's Advent Message. How evident this became during these evening meetings!

A Call to Revival, Repentance and Reformation

by Merle L. Mills, *President, T.A.D.*
Address given at the opening of the
Thirteenth Quadrennial Council
November 22, 1966.



Merle L. Mills

Introduction:

For one hundred and twenty-two years we have been preaching the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Our pioneers with all their hearts believed that they would live to see this great event, but the years came and went, and one by one they were laid to their rest without seeing their hopes fulfilled.

When I was a boy attending church school, I looked forward to the time when I would have a part in the Lord's work. That was in the days when we had a visit from our district pastor but once in every two or three months. How my childish heart would stir and be thrilled by his messages, and especially when he would preach on the subject of the return of our Lord. So real and imminent did he picture the truth that I felt time would never last long enough for me to enter into the Lord's work. But the years have come and gone, and I was able to finish my college training and for better than a quarter of a century now I have been privileged to be a minister for God in this Church. I have preached many sermons on the literal and visible coming of our Lord. Yet Christ has not come.

Could it be that we have been mistaken in giving emphasis to this cardinal doctrine, espoused by our Church? Has there been a misinterpretation of the Holy

Scripture on this point? Or has our reasoning concerning this prophecy been based on a false premise? And is it possible that since Christ has not come that our faith has waned and our ardour cooled in the great hope that once stirred the hearts and imaginations of our early pioneers and believers of yesteryear? Will Christ come to this world again as we have been led to believe? Or have we followed cunningly devised fables? There is only one source to which we can go which will positively and categorically answer these questions. It is the Holy Scripture, the infallible Word of God.

I now direct you to a text which has been chosen as the theme of our Council, and one which we hope will inspire and motivate us in all that we say and do here as we associate together during the next few days. It is found in the last chapter of the last book of the Bible: "SURELY I COME QUICKLY. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

It is to be regretted that modern and liberal Bible scholars have either ignored the book of Revelation, or have relegated it to the limbo of mythology. The very prologue of the book states that its purpose is to reveal Jesus Christ and "to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." A blessing has been pronounced upon those who would read and hear the words of this prophecy and keep the things which are written therein, "for the time is at hand." *The time of what?* we might inquire. The time when Christ would come in the clouds and every eye would see Him. Rev. 1:7. In chapters one to twenty-two, the prophet John recorded the historical and apocalyptic events which would take place both in the church and the world that would give increasing evidence that the world as we know it today would no longer continue, but would be brought to a sudden and dramatic climax by the unexpected and glorious appearing of our Lord as Saviour and King. This is a book of symbols, not to be understood at the time when it was written, but when truth was to be discerned and accepted in the last generation of man. With its companion book, written by Daniel the

prophet, it predicted the rise and fall of nations and revealed the political and religious history of the world for no other purpose than to give hope to man of a new life and a new world where sin and sinners would be no more. There is a note of urgency to this book. A special blessing is promised to one who will read it. After depicting the savage conflict between Christ and Satan that involves both this planet and man, the prophet closes his book with the clarion tocsin that rings out across the centuries, "SURELY I COME QUICKLY."

To the diligent student of prophecy it becomes evident that we have now entered the last chapter and the last verses of the last book of the Bible. We have truly come to the most sublime and most dramatic hour in the history of our world. Never have there been such changes in the political, economic, social, and religious world as we are witnessing today. The increase of knowledge and the discoveries of scientific phenomena have been startling and incredible. Within the life-span of many of you before me tonight there have been more changes and innovations to our way of life than there were in the previous two thousand years. The tempo of speed on land, by sea, and in the air makes a snail's pace of the mode of travel that prevailed when I listened to my bacclaireate sermon as a student in college. From the "oat barrier" when for many centuries man was dependent upon the digestive organs of an animal whose strength was regulated by the amount of oats it was fed, we have been suddenly catapulted into the jet age and then to the rocket age which has shot man into outer space at the fantastic speed of 17,500 miles an hour.

If time would permit we could also discuss the discoveries that have been made recently in explosives, the A-bomb, the H-bomb, the megaton nuclear devices, and in medicine, technology, electronics, metallurgy, and other related fields.

This brief description of how we have passed from the "oat barrier" through the "sound barrier," and how science has radically changed our way of life in the

past decade is sufficient to point out the fact that we now stand in the accumulated light of the centuries. What we have witnessed these past few years would defy the imagination of our forefathers. With the monumental sweep of an unseen hand, the darkness of the centuries has been rolled back as the floodlight of knowledge has been focused on the stage of history where we now stand. If time would permit we could also tell you of other waymarks that clearly reveal to us where we are in our journey towards the kingdom: The impact of the Ecumenical Movement and the Vatican Council, the startling rise of crime throughout the world, the awakening of the erstwhile slumbering eastern giant of China, the armament race, and so on. All of these constitute weighty evidence to the student of Bible prophecy that the time is at hand when the Lord will lay bare the arm of His power by suddenly and unexpectedly appearing before the astonished multitudes of the earth to destroy sin once and for all, and to redeem His Church. No, we have not followed cunningly devised fables, for we have the more sure word of prophecy. It is only in His love and mercy that the door of probation is kept ajar. This is no time to question the outcome of the controversy which we are now in. This is no time to doubt the great truth of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Our pioneers were not misled when they accepted this great truth in our early days. It has been the preaching of this doctrine that has brought unity and thrust to the Church. It has given us a purpose and an aim that have defied persecution, poverty, obstacles and scepticism.

But as the distance widens between us and that of our spiritual forefathers there increases in proportion the great danger that the Church will lose the sense of urgency of its mission and the spirit of dedication and self-sacrifice. The spirit of apathy, self-complacency and smugness, commonly known to us as the Laodicean condition, is all related in Revelation 3:14-17. We would much prefer to read or hear something which is more optimistic about the Church. We would like to hear smooth things and have painted for us bright and beautiful pictures, but the Lord is the true witness. Why should He then withhold from us the condition which would prevail in the Church during the last generation any more than He would the conditions that will be existing in the world? Laodicea was a prosperous and proud city in Asia Minor. It was symbolic of the last of the seven prophetic churches. The Lord has no commendation for this church. He

says: "I know thy works." Evidently it was quite active. It had many organizations and many institutions. It was quite evident that it was free of any false doctrine for there is no reproof of theology which was contrary to the Bible, but the Lord condemns it for indifference. He says it is neither hot nor cold. Its material prosperity was mistaken for spiritual wealth. It boasted that it was rich. It was proud of its magnificent churches, its intelligent congregations, its fine music and institutions, its army of missionaries and the liberality of its members. But its works were substituted for faith, love, piety, and power.

Beloved, here is where you and I stand today. We have come a long way since the days of the pioneers who laboured in times of poverty and under great distress. It is easy to forget those early days and to quickly report our assets which are now building up toward the one billion mark and to record the number of churches and members, and in such a state it is very easy for us to depend upon the arm of flesh rather than upon the arm of the spirit. Listen to this statement taken from *Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 535: "The steady progress of our work and our increased facilities are filling the hearts and minds of many of our people with satisfaction and pride which we fear will take the place of the love of God in the soul. . . . They are more ready for active labour than humble devotion, more ready to engage in outward religious service than in the inner work of the heart. Meditation and prayer are neglected for bustle and show."

Would you say this picture has changed since these words were written?

But Christ has not left the Church without hope. It is evident that the Laodicean Church in its spiritual depravity will not be abandoned. Rather the Lord calls for a revival, for repentance, and for reformation. There is only one way to a revival and that is through repentance. It has always been thus in the history of the Church. In 1889 the messenger of the Lord wrote in the *Review and Herald*: "I have been shown that there must be a great awakening among the people of God. Many are unconverted whose names are on our church books." It is evident that that time has come, and you and I as leaders of the Church in Trans-Africa, must participate in the preparation for that great awakening which must come to the Church.

Beloved, the prayer of our hearts as leaders of God's cause here in Trans-Africa must be the same as the great

American evangelist, Billy Graham, prayed: "O Lord, send a revival and let the revival begin with me." We are not to be primarily administrators, presidents, teachers, pastors, physicians, institutional managers or treasurers. We are to be primarily Spirit-filled men, showing our church members the way to a higher spiritual life. Our own lives must pulsate with the Spirit and there must emanate from us a power that shows the world that our religion is not a mere pretence but one that brings reform to the life.

We are met here tonight to commence our quadrennial Division Council. We are conscious of the problems we face throughout this vast Division. We are anxious to discuss these problems and to study ways and means of forwarding God's cause in this part of His vineyard. But, beloved, I believe with all my heart that the most important work we have to do is to address ourselves to the need of the human heart. What is our relationship to Christ? As leaders of Israel, how much do we know about prayer, about power, about love? There is no substitute for a life of prayer and for study of God's Word.

Make no mistake about it. The Laodicean church is going to be the church victorious. Not everyone within it will be saved, but the Church will be redeemed. Those who respond to this message of repentance will be redeemed and stand at last before the throne of God. None of us here tonight will be lost because we have sinned, but because we did not accept the pardon God offers through His Son. He alone is the hope of our salvation. *Now* is the time for revival, for repentance, and reformation. Now is the time for the leaders of God's people to experience that holy fire and that heavenly love that transforms lives. Now is the time for the Church to prepare for translation. The message of Christ comes to us who are living in this last hour: "Surely I Come Quickly." We stand on the borders of the kingdom of God. There is no time to lose. Let this dedication be wholehearted and complete, so that hereafter nothing will separate you from Christ until your life's work is done and you can see the Saviour face to face. The most urgent message that comes to this Council and to the Church in this hour is,

SURELY I COME QUICKLY.

If we believe that the time is at hand, let us then make ready and be ready for this most joyous and glorious event.

Seating of Representatives

After welcoming all the representatives assembled, they were seated as voted, with the exception of A. Ruhaya, W. Sojola, A. C. Le Butt, D. A. Webster and B. T. Scott.

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which are sweeping across the land, and the mounting elements of bitterness and chauvinism that are seen everywhere have created grave and perplexing problems for the Church. Portentous and challenging situations are developing on every horizon.

Indecision, insecurity, instability and indifference best describe the forces which are undermining the moral fibre and the spiritual structure of our society. But we should not be surprised or disillusioned. The kaleidoscopic and sombre events of recent months and weeks only reinforce our belief in the certainty of the nearness of the coming of the Lord. The more we study our Bibles and observe the changing trends of the times, the more we are convinced that the prophetic picture of the last days depicted in Holy Writ is coming rapidly into focus.

We believe that the prophet Isaiah was directing his message to the Church at "such a time as this" when he said: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

The programme of the Church then must not simply be one of consolidation, holding the ropes or playing the role of "custodian of the status quo." It must be one of strengthening the stakes, but also of enlarging the tent and lengthening the ropes. It must be a two-pronged thrust: consolidation and expansion.

I am pleased to report to you today that this has been the history of the Trans-Africa Division during the past quadrennium. And the Lord's hand has not been slack in withholding His promised blessings on such a programme. Here are the results:

Evangelism and Growth

Our Division has been dedicated to the proposition that the primal objective of the church must be the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gathering in of souls for His kingdom. It has been our conviction that unless the Church pursues an aggressive course of evangelism it will lose its vision and perish, for the failure to regenerate and produce in kind will lead to impotence, stagnation, and death. It is, therefore, necessary that all activities of the Church be kept in true perspective to this supreme mission of the Church. It is desirable and necessary that we have good buildings, and institutions must be given their rightful place, but unless the ministry and laity recognize the need of prosecuting a strong programme of soul-winning, tragic will be the consequences for the future of the Church.

Consequently, your Division officers and committee have endeavoured to give first place to evangelism in all of its phases.

A major evangelistic campaign was held in Dar-es-Salaam by Pastor E. E. Cleveland of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference. Evangelistic campaigns were held in other large cities such as Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Salisbury, Bujumbura, besides hundreds and thousands of campaigns in other cities and communities throughout the entire Division. The details and results of these campaigns I will leave to the Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor A. E. Cook, and the union presidents as they bring you their reports, although I do want to say that great strength has come to our Division as a result of such a programme.

In addition to the programme of public evangelism, a strong programme of lay evangelism has been promoted. The Voice of Prophecy Bible schools are having encouraging results. The TABSA programme which has involved a large number of our laity going from door to door, sharing their faith through the modern method of visual aids both in the Southern Union and the South African Union Conference has also contributed to our membership gains. You will be interested, I am sure, to hear of the details of these and other lay-evangelistic activities in the report that will be given by our acting Lay-activities secretary, Pastor B. E. Jacobs.

As a result of the united evangelistic programme throughout the Division, implemented by the public campaigns, our lay evangelistic activities, our medical institutions, our colleges, our secondary and primary schools, our publishing work, and other departments of the Church you will be thrilled to learn that accessions to the Church during the quadrennium was the largest of all the overseas divisions, amounting to 101,314. Our goal had been set at 80,000. For these results we praise God and give glory to His name. We know that this did not happen by accident, but that it was the result of the Lord's blessing and the tireless and earnest labours of all workers and members who were determined to do their part in bringing Christ to the unsaved millions of Africa. If you will observe the accompanying graph you will see how this record compares with previous quadrenniums. As a result of our evangelistic programme throughout the Division the membership rose from 191,073 to 254,101. With such an organized army, think what the possibilities are for great advance for

Introduction

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we gather here for the Trans-Africa Division Council. As we look in retrospect at the activities and accomplishments of the last four years, we are made conscious that the prospering and kindly hand of a heavenly Father has been over His Church, and we must confess: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." Ps. 118:23.

Many changes have taken place, both in Trans-Africa and throughout the world since we last met under like circumstances. The rising tide of prosperity, the continuing erosion of the pound and the dollar, man's probing of the stratosphere and ionosphere, the spiritual declension rife throughout Christendom, the cold fierce winds of strife and controversy

Christ in our Division during the coming quadrennium!

Tithe and Offerings

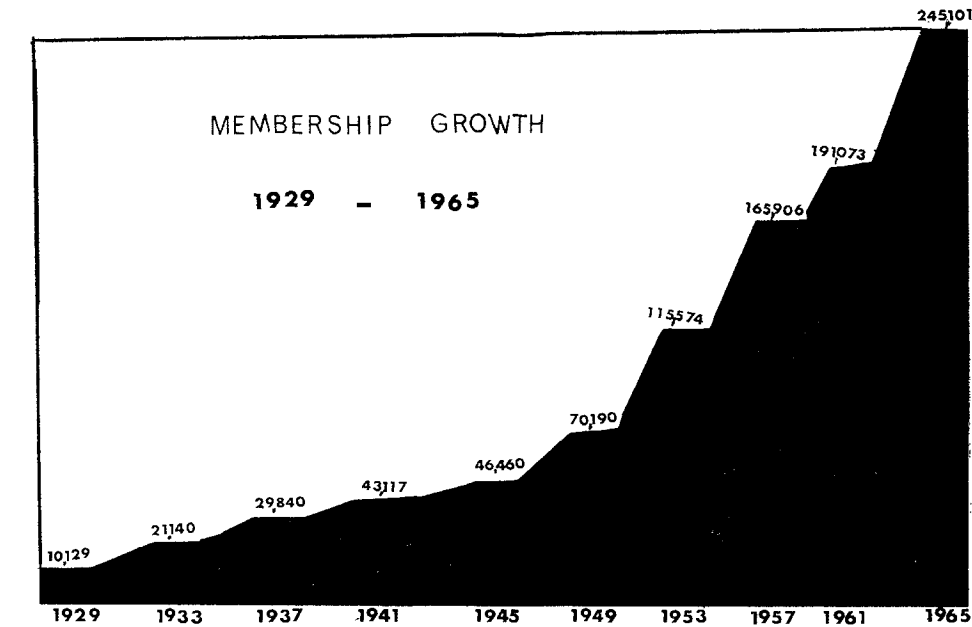
During this period our tithe receipts amounted to £1,670,748 (R3,341,496) which reflects a gain of approximately 36 per cent. Our mission offerings for this period aggregated £731,532, (R1,463,064) which was an increase of 18 per cent. While we do not believe that a person can buy his way into heaven or that one's contributions to his church are an infallible sign of his fidelity to Christ, it is evident, however, that the failure to be consistent and liberal in the payment of tithes and offerings to the Church is robbing God and will certainly keep one out of His kingdom. We are most grateful for the loyalty and faithfulness of our people in returning to the Lord the first fruits of their income and offerings to the Church, and we are confident that as a result they will receive many spiritual blessings.

Education

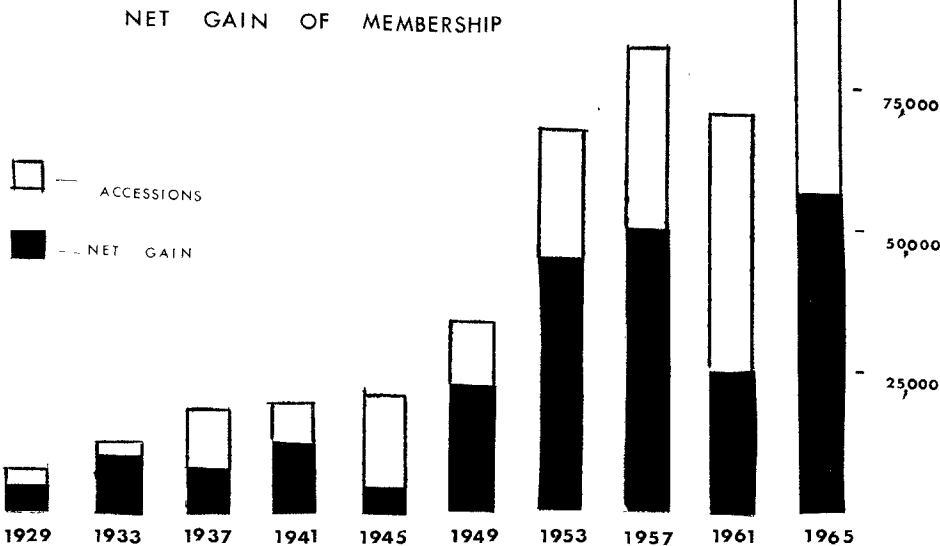
We have met with our share of frustrations and problems during the quadrennium in the educational programme of our Division as a result of the changing trends of policies and standards that have developed both politically and economically. But here are a few facts which give us encouragement: 13,600 students were baptized. There were 105 men from all parts of the Division who were graduated from the Solusi Leadership Course. In our 974 schools, including 12 training schools and 24 secondary schools, 2,448 teachers instructed 85,613 students during 1965, and the inspection reports reveal that considerable improvements have been made in the academic standards, the physical plants, and student activities.

Publishing Highlights

We have increased our number of literature-evangelists by 80 per cent. Our sales show a gain of better than 50 per cent. That which has encouraged us most concerning this phase of our work, under the direction of Pastor Joe Hunt, is the emphasis that has been placed on soul-winning. The report shows that our colporteurs played a large part in the increase of baptisms which have been reported. Last year, a six-point programme for our publishing workers was adopted throughout the Division. The sending of missionary colporteurs to unentered areas was at the top of our list. Several unions have adopted this plan and more than 20 new areas are now being worked by our missionary literature-evangelists. Pastor Hunt has a thrilling story to tell



CHURCH ACCESSIONS and



you concerning the developments of this department.

Sabbath School

The Sabbath-school lies very close to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist, and it has been most gratifying to study Sabbath-school statistics and to realize that the membership has increased from 358,269 to 462,097, an increase of a little over 100,000 members. Pastor J. B. Cooks has been leader of this department during the quadrennium, and it has been a very great ambition on his part to see an increase in our branch Sabbath-schools. The emphasis on this phase of our work has not been without success, for you will be happy to learn that our branch Sabbath-schools increased from 1,105 to 6,450, which represents nearly

a 500 per cent increase. Pastor G. F. Clifford, our newly-appointed Sabbath School Department secretary, will tell you of other encouraging trends concerning our Sabbath-schools which will greatly encourage your hearts.

Medical Work

This phase of our work has done much to break down prejudice and establish a good image of the Church. Dr. M. H. Schaffner, who is the secretary of this department will be bringing you a report which will reveal significant gains and progress. One of the most interesting developments in our medical programme during the past quadrennium has been the proposed affiliation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

by M. E. Lind



M. E. Lind

During the past quadrennium 10 new states have emerged within the boundaries of our fellow-believers, including workers, ges have caused more than a mere ripple on the sea of people who make up these new nations. The impact upon the social, religious and economic structures of the nations concerned has been appreciable. Reviewing the period of the past quadrennium we state unhesitatingly that

never before has this Division experienced more changes, faced more unrest and been posed with more problems due to international conditions than during this period. Our administrators at all levels have never before been confronted with so many frustrating situations as those of the past four years.

The political convulsions which have gripped many of the younger nations have caused untold suffering and death to a number of our members. It is with deep sorrow that we register the fact that many of our fellow-believers, including workers, have had to make the supreme sacrifice. We pay a solemn tribute to those of our brethren who fell at their posts during this tumultuous time. We also remember the many who were (and some still are) imprisoned because of the changing and violent conditions imposed upon them. We rejoice at the many examples of demonstrated loyalty and devotion to high principles shown by these our brethren.

MEMBERSHIP

"They reported all that God had helped them to do" Acts 15:4.

How marvellous it is in our eyes that despite hardship and turbulent conditions with which our Church has been confronted of recent times, the membership has shown a steady increase. At the beginning of the present-four-year period, we reported a total membership of 191,073. At the close of 1965 the membership had risen to 245,101. This is a net increase of 54,028—a gain of 28.3 per cent for the four-year period, averaging a 7 per cent increase per annum. For comparison's sake, during the 1958-1961 period, the membership rose from 165,906 to 191,073. This was a net gain of 25,167 or 15.1 per cent gain for the quadrennium, equalling 3.75 per cent per annum.

WORKERS IN THE TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

The working force of the Trans-Africa Division, including all categories of workers, stood, in 1965, at 4,718. At the end of 1961 the total number of workers employed was 3,837. 881 new workers have thus been added during the past four years. This means an increase in our working force of 22.9 per cent. Cognizance should be taken of the fact that included in this total "gain" is a large number of "elementary teachers" who, as Missionary Volunteers, previously taught in our schools on a volunteer basis. During the past few years a hundred of these volunteers have been absorbed in the regular working force. Thus part of

the 881 "new workers" were actually working on a volunteer basis prior to the commencement of the present four-year period.

GAINS AND LOSSES BAPTISMS

The Lord has added to His Church during the past quadrennium the greatest number of souls ever won in this Division. In spite of the adverse conditions, and a crescendo of problems which have confronted the Church, one can only marvel at the fact that 101,314 souls joined the remnant church either through baptism or by profession of faith during the quadrennium under review. This is a staggering result.

It means that on an average well over 25,000 new converts per year were added to our membership. We could state this differently by saying that a church of 70 members was raised up every day of the year; or that a district of 490 members could have been formed every week, a field of more than 2,000 created every month and a union of 12,500 members organized twice a year. The average quarterly gain of more than 6,000 converts would, if placed on top of each other, make a pillar which would exceed by 14,000 feet Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro, which stands at 20,000 feet. Were we to transport the gains of the past four years we would need 125 trains each consisting of 20 coaches. To further elucidate the point the 101,314 new members added during the past quadrennium would be sufficient to form three world divisions the size of the Central European Division, the Southern Asia Division and the Middle East Division, and there would still be a balance of members sufficient to form two unions the size of the Northern Union and the Canadian Union. Truly we stand amazed and humbled when we see what great things our God has wrought.

APOSTASIES

But there is another side to the picture, one which we often are reluctant to discuss. The losses which this Division has suffered in the form of apostasies is appalling. Every year during this quadrennium an average of 7,742 members were removed from the church records. During this period a total of 30,848 left the church.

It is with profound sadness that we record the total losses for the four years as 40,369 including 9,521 missing. The vacuum left by the disappearance of this huge number is equal to four unions the size of the Southern Union. Little com-

Church Membership

1961	191,073
1962	202,389
1963	214,948
1964	231,319
1965	245,101

fort can be drawn from the fact that during the previous quadrennium, 1958-1961, 33,049 apostatized as compared to the 30,848 of the present four-year period.

Although much thought has been given in the past as to *how* we could best combat this drainage on our membership, it is earnestly hoped that we at this Council will give prayerful, realistic study to means of stemming the tide of apostasy. In this connection we should like to pose a few questions: Have we taken full cognizance of the importance of the part which organized churches could play as a stabilizing factor for our members? Have our local church elders, deacons *et cetera*, a greater part to play in the holding and the shepherding of the flock? Are we fully aware of the need for a better trained African ministry? Is sufficient emphasis at field and district levels being placed on the need for a more diligent study of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy books? Are our pastors, teachers and other mission workers fully conscious of their opportunities as well as their responsibilities in respect of the tens of thousands of our youth who are attending our own schools? Are they equally mindful of the many thousands of our young people who are attending outside schools to which our mission workers have ready access for the purpose of spiritual instruction? This tidal wave of apostasy is beating at the very bulwark of our church

WORKERS

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Ordained Ministers	559	628	635	664	699
Credentialed Missionaries	234	262	240	247	254
Credentialed Bible Instr.	3	2	3	—	—
Licensed Ministers	293	439	305	324	310
Licensed Missionaries	683	690	646	695	743
Licensed Bible Instr.	7	3	2	13	13
Elementary Teachers	1,242	1,250	1,431	1,588	1,907
Lit. Evangelists	371	363	317	329	455
Others	305	253	184	319	337
TOTAL WORKERS	3,837	3,890	3,763	4,179	4,718

organization with frightening fury. We must plan for, pray with, and so prepare our members that they may be able to withstand the wicked, subtle onslaught which, if not resisted will lead to eternal death.

The number in the Hearers and Baptismal classes is 127,500 which added to the membership of 245,101, makes a grand total of 372,601 adherents. What a number!

One of the thousands who joined the baptismal classes was a young politician from Nyeru district in Central Kenya. Together with a small group of like-minded people he attended an evangelistic effort in order to "break up this religious nonsense." We are happy to report that he himself was broken on the eternal Rock and that he now prepares for baptism together with his wife. A church elder from another denomination led a group of hooligans in trying to break up an evangelistic effort in Thika, Kenya. Stones were thrown through the open window of the meeting place, narrowly missing the young preacher. This elder has now joined the remnant church. We think of

Princess Beatrice of Western Uganda, of Dr. Shah of Kampala; of Irundu, the converted thief, who lost an arm but found the truth; of Charles Ndirangu who, because of his splendid physique, won the coveted title "Mr. East Africa," but who coveted the truth even more and therefore joined the Church recently. We think of young Christopher of the Southern Union who was driven from his own home when his parents failed to dissuade him from studying the truth and who is now, together with tens of thousands of others, preparing for the kingdom of God. Let frustrations come! Let perplexities and difficulties surround us! We will go forward. Under God's blessing we shall see even greater things accomplished. **TO HIM BE THE GLORY.**

Apostasies and Missing Members

	1962	1963	1964	1965	Total 4 Years
Apostasies	7,532	7,138	8,418	7,760	30,848
Missing	777	1,800	2,667	4,277	9,521
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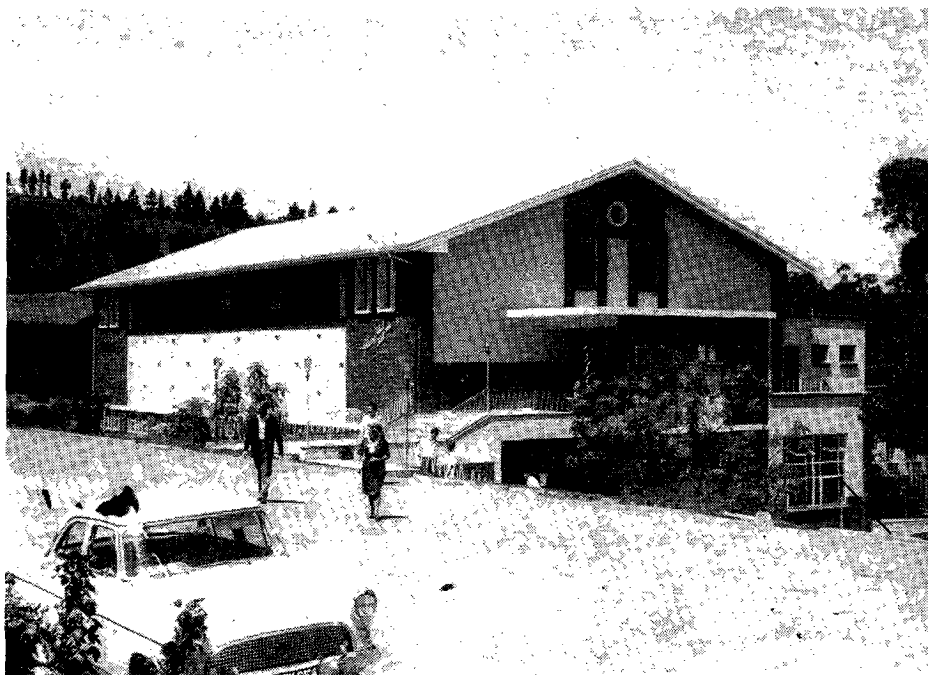
LATEST NEWS

Latest reports from the fields covering the first nine months of 1966 give the following information:

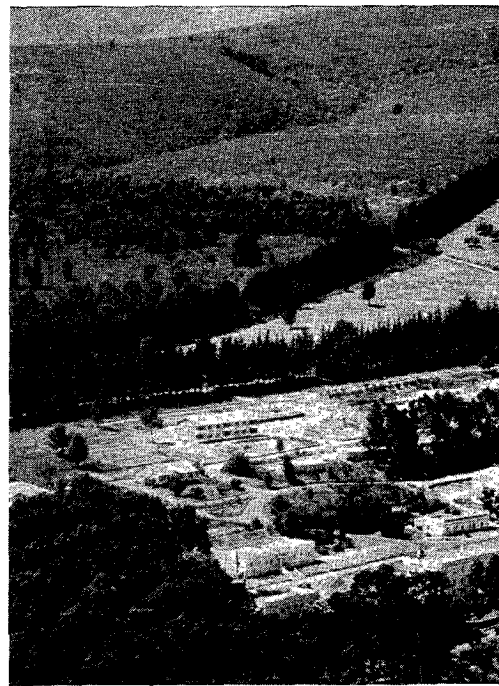
BAPTISMS—19,551. This is an increase of 3,225 over the same period of 1965.

The figure for apostasies and missing members is unfortunately correspondingly high—8,592.

The total membership for the Division has increased considerably and stood, at the end of September 1966, at 254,065.



Glanz Hall



Aerial

Helderberg College accepts the challenge to train the army of youth who must finish the work in the Trans-Africa Division.

To God we express our deep thanks for His guidance and blessing that has led to the establishment of this Christian college. As a haven of refuge, it has sheltered our young people from much of the corroding influence of evil at a time when they are most susceptible.

In spiritual matters, and in the intellectual sphere, the staff of Helderberg earnestly and prayerfully endeavours to fulfil the trust God has placed in them.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to our heavenly Father, to a sympathetic and generous board of managers, to an able and consecrated staff, and to an enthusiastic and co-operative student body, that we bring this report of the progress made by the college during the thirteenth quadrennial period.

This report should have been presented by Pastor P. J. van Eck, whose principalship covered three quarters of the quadrennial period; but this devout son of God has been laid to rest. Those who knew him will always remember his selfless service and his sterling Christian character. Heaven will one day reveal the great contribution he and his wife have made to Christian education.

Spiritual Activities

The spiritual tone of Helderberg College is strong, as students take an active part in all church activities. Home Mis-

sionary, branch Sabbath-school, and Missionary Volunteer projects are active and flourishing. There are over 130 children in one branch Sabbath-school alone!

For the past four years the college has raised over £1,500 (R3,000.00) annually in the Ingathering campaign. Under the capable leadership of Mr. F. von Hörsten, £1,750 (R3,500) was raised by staff and students this year. This is an unparalleled success, in spite of our greatly reduced territory.

We wish to express our appreciation to the organizations and persons who made possible our splendid weeks of prayer during this period. These times of spiritual emphasis led to a rich harvest of souls. Staff and students alike were led to deeper consecration.

An annual feature is the Student Literature Evangelist Institute, which has trained an average of 30 to 40 young people each year. We express sincere thanks to our literature-evangelist leaders on all levels for their fine help. They have made Christian education possible to many of our young people who would otherwise never have had the opportunity.

The task of Helderberg has always been to aid in the salvation of our young people, and thereafter to train them for the Lord's service. We are happy to report that of the 85 that graduated in this quadrennial period, 98 per cent have entered the organized work. May the Lord ever help us to maintain this good record.

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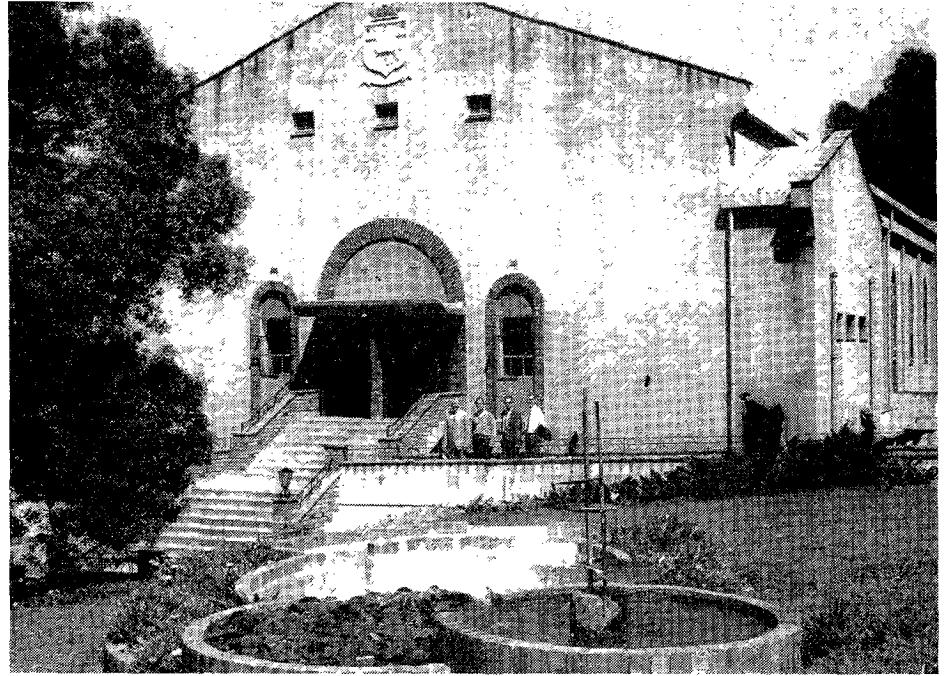
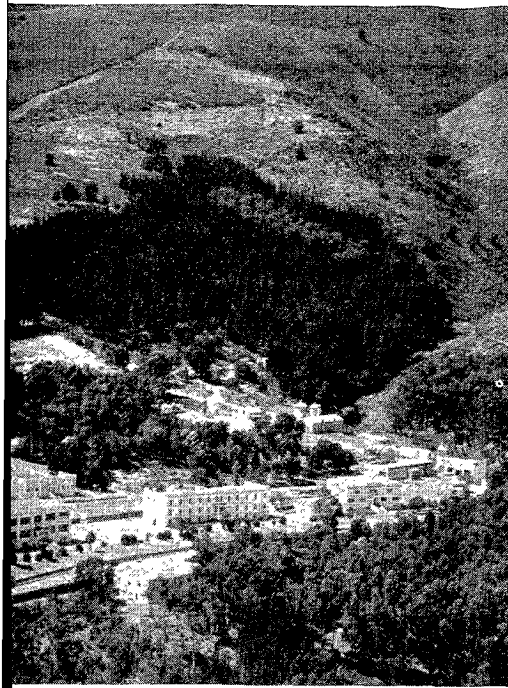
H. E. Marais,
M.A.,
Principal

Scholastic Progress

The standard of scholarship must continue to rise each year. No longer can Helderberg afford to offer only the matriculation external examination in High School. Writing external examinations is a skill which is acquired through practice. It is hoped that the college can soon introduce the Junior Certificate examinations at the end of Std. 8 starting in 1967. Besides preparing students for their more difficult Senior Certificate, it will also give parents and teachers a clearer indication of the potential of each scholar.

Experience has shown that adolescence is not the time to chop and change schools

Helderberg College —



Baptismal Font and Anderson Hall

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Helderberg College



if it is at all avoidable. Application forms for our four-and five-year high school programmes are available here today. Remember that only Helderberg offers both French and German as alternatives for either of the official languages in South Africa to foreign students. This should act as an inducement to all our missionaries to send their children to Helderberg.

Statistics of first-year B.A. and B.Sc. students in the leading South African universities show that up to 45 per cent fail. In contrast, Helderberg has a pass rate of 80 per cent or more for first-year students.

The B.A. and B.Sc. courses are making good headway. We look forward to offering chemistry as a major from 1967. Dr.

B. Brozio will head this department. This will enable our students to take majors in both the physical and biological sciences, thus making them better equipped to fill the teaching needs of this Division.

Helderberg College Fire

The most devastating bush fire of our history destroyed thousands of trees on our planned pine forests. While hopefully waiting for some assistance from the General Conference Disaster Relief Fund, we have set about reducing our loss in as many ways as possible.

The burned timber was sold, and with the aid of the timber companies involved in the transaction, five miles of scenic road has been carved out of the mountainside in order to facilitate the removal of the logs.

The staff, student body and farm workers, under the direction of Mr. L. V. Webster, have worked together to replant the mountainside, and fifteen thousand trees have had a good headstart with the excellent winter rains.

Enrolment

All other problems fade into insignificance when compared to the steady decline in enrolment at the college—from 320 students in 1962 to 230 students at the end of 1966.

Apart from the direct financial implications, which are grievous indeed, there are many side effects equally injurious, particularly the insecurity it engenders in both staff and students, and the general breakdown in the maintenance and advancement of the physical plant.

We are not here to bemoan our lot. Without knowing exactly how great the Seventh-day Adventist student potential is in 1967, and realizing that it has to be shared amongst our numerous, well-needed secondary schools, Hillcrest, Paterson Park, Sedaven, Keitsleigh and Anderson, we intend to do all we can to build the student enrolment by strengthening our school from within. Ultimately, our best advertisement is to be found in a contented and satisfied staff and student body, working together to achieve the best in spiritual and scholastic results.

Eventually, Helderberg must gain from the increase in secondary schools in the Trans-Africa Division, as pupils are directed to it from the feeder schools. Nine matriculated Sedaven students are already enrolled for the 1967 school year.

Helderberg has passed through some difficult years, but the prospects for the future are bright. You can help to make them so. Give us your loyal support and by God's help we will not fail you.

Conclusion

The staff of Helderberg is full of courage, even though it is faced by some adverse circumstances, and a few seemingly insoluble problems. We know that God is in control, so in faith we go forward. To Him we give the glory for the success attained and the progress made during this quadrennial period.

To the board of management we express our sincere appreciation for the generous support they have always given the college.

The Gateway to Service

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part calls for careful planning and sacrificial giving. Offerings are never as valuable to the giver or receiver unless they call for self-denial. A classical Scriptural example of this is found in the story of the widow's two mites.

Here is the story of our tithe and offering for the past two quadrenniums:

	1958-1961
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Tithe	£1,235,734- 8-11
Mission Offerings	£18,096-14- 6
Home Missions	45,192- 0- 1
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Total Contributions	£1,899,023- 3- 6
	1962-1965
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Tithe	£1,670,748-11- 4
Mission Offerings	731,532-18- 6
Home Missions	208,296-19- 8
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Total Contributions	£2,610,578- 9- 6

In just four years time the tithes in the Trans-Africa Division rose from £1,235,734 to £1,670,748, or an increase of £435,014 over the previous quadrennium. This means that our Church was blessed with an increased income of 35.2 per cent during the four-year period. It did not cost our people loss or impoverishment to take the Lord at His word. Just look at the following figures for the year 1965.

During the twelve months of 1965 our Trans-Africa Division members have returned to the Lord's work £489,602 or £66,532 more than was turned in during 1964, indicating that the Lord gave back to these faithful ones £665,320 in added income. This is far more than the increased tithe turned in for the quadrennium, ending December 31, 1965. Actually the Lord "poured out" to His people in twelve months enough additional income to cover the increased tithe return for the entire four-year period, and even more. What more could we ask?

We are extremely grateful for the loyalty of our people in support of the expanding mission programme. However, there is one factor which causes us grave concern. Although there is an increase of the mission offerings for the four-year period of £113,436, yet the ratio of mission offerings to the tithe received has been slowly decreasing. Mission offerings should, however, be commensurate to the tithe income, but they have gone down, down, down.

We cannot believe that our believers are less loyal and that their love to God's cause is less fervent than eight years ago when they gave for every Shs. 100/- in tithe Shs. 22/1 in mission offerings. In 1965 they gave only Shs. 16/7 in mission

offerings for every Shs. 100/- tithe. Perhaps we as leaders have neglected to keep before our church members the tremendous needs and challenge of our worldwide mission programme, and the great opportunities to bring the Advent Message into new lands and many unentered areas. Let us remember the counsel of the servant of the Lord, "Our brethren have not discerned that in helping to advance the work in foreign fields, they would be helping the work at home."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 27.

APPRECIATION

We wish to express to the General Conference committee our sincere gratitude for their generous appropriations, both regular and special, received year by year, and their liberal response to our numerous appeals. We also want to say a special "thank you" to the Central European Division for their generosity in supplying us with men and means during the past three years. This has been most beneficial to our Division. We also pay tribute to our dear fellow believers at the home base for their consistent and loyal financial support and unceasing prayers on our behalf, as we carry the Advent Message to the people living in the territory of the Trans-Africa Division. This report is possible through their unwavering interest and support and it inspires us to greater accomplishments in the future, and also strengthens our determination to see the work in Africa come to a triumphant conclusion.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Every good business organization requires adequate operating capital and operating cash to carry on its work, and this likewise applies to our denomination. We, as a denomination, must have sufficient operating capital and operating cash to provide for the needs of our unions, conferences, fields and institutions.

The General Conference has urged all organizations around the world to build up and to maintain adequate operating capital and operating cash as required by the denominational policy.

We are happy to report that five out



R. M. Reinhard

God's Blessings Poured Out

Figures are informative but cold until they are clothed with the story behind them which glows with the warmth, generosity and love of our dedicated church members. Motivated by such an unwavering purpose for the completion of our God-given task, we need not fear for the continued support of our cause.

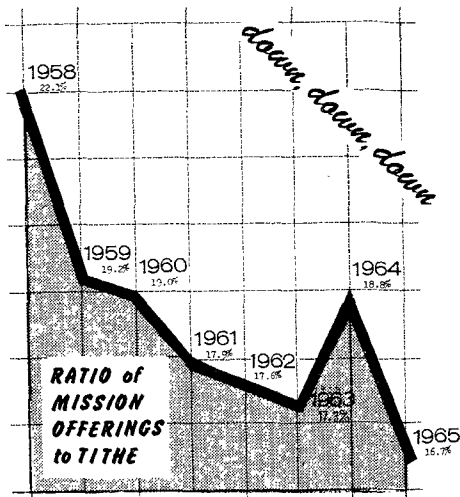
The Church can only advance when these qualities of liberality and love are evinced, whose fruits are self-sacrifice and self-denial. The plan of giving for the support of the gospel work on earth is God's own plan. He instituted it, and entrusted to us the assignment of following it. He has promised His blessing and we know His promises never fail. Our

GIVING ACCOUNT

Denominational policy requires that the treasurer give an account to the constituency of his stewardship by reporting receipts and disbursements of funds.

The General Conference Auditor's report signifies that this has been satisfactorily accomplished.

The **TREND** is -



of our eight unions, which includes also all their sub-organizations, have reached and even surpassed their required operating capital. Two unions are very close to their goals—96.1 per cent and 88.9 per cent respectively—and only one union is still struggling hard to reach the goal, having only 61.3 per cent of the requirement. Also the Trans-Africa Division and the three Division institutions together have 102.9 per cent of their requirements. This surely is a very encouraging progress report.

Also three unions, including their subsidiaries, have surpassed their operating cash goal. Two unions are rather close to the requirement—83.5 per cent and 69.9 per cent respectively—and two unions have reached only 21.7 per cent and 21.6 per cent, and one union still shows a deficit in the required operating cash. The Trans-Africa Division, together with her three institutions, is pleased to have 109.6 per cent of the required operating cash.

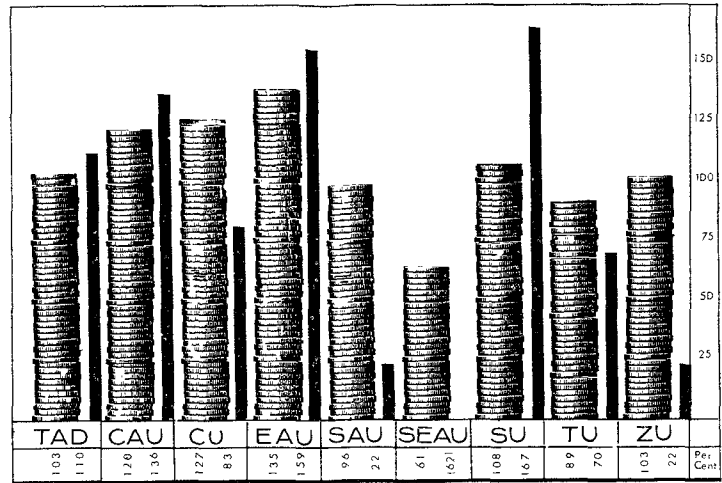
THE CHALLENGE

× We, as Seventh-day Adventists, believe and look forward to our Lord's soon return. We know we will look in vain until the great commission has been carried out of spreading the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Our tithes and offerings are used to reach earth's remotest bounds. We are active participants in this all-embracing project. First, we must give our hearts without reserve, and a natural consequence will be that our pocket books will be opened and the tithes and offerings will flow into the storehouse. Not until our great commission is completed can we sign off and hear the "Well done" spoken.

We want to take this opportunity to say a hearty "thank you" to all administrators, office workers, ministers, literature

OPERATING CAPITAL & CASH

DECEMBER 31, 1965



evangelists, doctors, nurses and teachers, not forgetting our church officers and every church member in the Trans-Africa Division. Your prayers, loyalty and un-failing financial support during the past quadrennium have made this report possible.

"The Church is the depository of the wealth of the riches of the grace of Christ, and through the Church will eventually be made manifest the final and full display of the love of God to the

world that is to be lightened with His glory."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 50.

Living in close communion with Christ daily is the secret of a victorious life here and an everlasting one hereafter. Only in our final day of triumph will we see the complete picture of what our self-sacrifice, our tears, our prayers, and our offerings have accomplished. May we all remain loyal and faithful, with our love of the message burning ever brighter, until the day of our Lord's return.



Representing our eight unions and the T. A. Division, these ladies took part in the presentation of the treasurer's report. They also displayed posters giving the tithe per capita and percentages of operating capital. They are from left to right: Mrs. Genevieve Unger, Mrs. Clara Staples, Miss Pat Swan, Mrs. Jean Donald, Mrs. Phyllis Austen, Mrs. Mary Reinhard, Mrs. Margaret Pearson, Miss Margaret Raitt, Miss Fiorna Thomson, and Miss Peggy Dawkins.

F I E L D S E C R E T A R Y ' S R E P O R T



A. W. Austen

The Self-Support Programme in the Trans-Africa Division

The principle of being financially self-supporting was adopted by the Church in Trans-Africa many years ago. It is indeed not a new idea at all. Long ago, our leaders recognized that no church can become strong while remaining financially dependent on outside assistance. Initiative

and self-reliance are somehow undermined by financial dependence, for vision is narrowed, and selfishness is promoted. As far back as 1929 the Division Committee set out definite steps toward self-support. Again in 1937 a detailed plan was outlined for promoting this ideal. In 1942, and again in 1959 the Committee recorded further actions on this plan. At the last Division Council held right here in Salisbury in 1962 we repeated the emphasis, and re-stated our conviction of the value and importance of the plan of financial self-support in the mission fields, in the completion of the Church's God-given task, and our deep interest and determination under God in attaining a far greater degree of self-support during the 1963-1966 quadrennium in all parts of the Division.

It is fitting that we examine our position again at this Quadrennial Council. We must look back, to check our attainments, and we must look forward as we plan again for the future.

We appreciate the fact that the events of the past four years within the territory of the Trans-Africa Division have been momentous, and must, inevitably, have their influence upon our work.

Of 93 organizations where comparisons with 1962 are possible, only 56 show an increase in self-support. Thus 60 per cent of our organizations have made some progress since 1962. The average standing in self-support in 1962 was 59.8 per cent, and in 1965 it was 66.6 per cent.

I am sure that a careful study of these pages will lead us all to new resolves for the period ahead of us.

We live in more unsettled times, more uncertain times, possibly than we have ever experienced in the past. Large increases in appropriations can no longer be expected from overseas countries. The economies of the countries which comprise the sources of our appropriations are shaky today. National debts are staggering. Inflation is general. Restrictions on the transfer of funds are becoming more and more numerous. Just how long we will continue to receive overseas funds, unimpeded, we cannot be sure at all.

The tragic example of the hardships our workers have had to endure in parts of the Congo Union when they were completely cut off from headquarters, and the obvious deterioration of our missions, should serve as a warning to the rest of us, and jolt us into the realization of what *could* happen in other places.

When we realize that the average per capita tithe in our mission unions is 12.1 shillings per annum, these impressions

are strengthened. When we realize also that the average number of tithe payers required to support a pastor is 525 for our mission unions, and that this number goes up as far as 900, we are staggered, and so we should be.

It is clear that the clouds are gathering about us, and very clear that soon we shall find ourselves forced to do under forbidding and difficult circumstances the things we have failed to accomplish under favourable conditions.

Brother Chairman, and brethren assembled here in Council, I feel that this matter of bringing the great Church of God in Trans-Africa to the place where it can support itself is possibly the most important single item to which we must address ourselves at this Council.

Patently this is no time for lip-service only. Our people must break the bonds that hold them back and worship their God with undivided hearts, faithfully rendering to Him ALL that He requires of them.

There is a direct relationship between faithful tithe paying, financial responsibility, aggressive soul-winning, and strong spiritual growth. A person who cheats God will not maintain a high sense of honesty in his other religious responsibilities. His thermal reading will always be lukewarm or cold, and his religious influence will be neutral or negative.

It is in the providence of God that when we share our financial blessings, we are happier, stronger, and more successful in our soul-winning endeavours. Without honesty in tithe paying and generosity in offerings, true godliness will shrivel up, the Church will lose its sense of mission, and compromise will creep into other areas of its religious experience. Increased membership, with dishonest per-capita giving, points the way to ultimate destruction.

If we want to avoid apostasies by the tens of thousands, our members will have to re-examine their hearts and be honest with God. A token tithe is worse than no tithe, since a man deceives himself into thinking he can drive a sharp bargain with the Lord and still pay his way into the kingdom of God.

Self-support of our existing work is not only desirable, but imperative. It will build self-respect and responsibility as nothing else can. It will neutralize the sour ground of selfishness and build up generosity and love. It will open the way to the finishing of our task in our vast unentered areas, and assure the stability of our work under God until the Lord Jesus comes.

Report of Medical Department

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in regard to the Sabbath. We are very happy for the progress these men are making and believe that they are only the first of many.

One of the very interesting developments in the past quadrennium has been the proposal by an inter-denominational protestant group to open a medical school called the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre at Moshi in Tanzania. Over the past three years we have been negotiating with them. The present plan specifies that we will provide at least two faculty members for their staff. The first of these is to be appointed in 1967. The medical school hospital at Moshi is now under construction. It is hoped that the first class in nursing will begin in 1967 and the first class in medicine in 1969 or 1970. This new medical school provides an excellent opportunity for us to send our young people for medical training to a Christian school where we can have an influence on them in their day-to-day training.

Statistics:

Although statistics do not tell the whole story of any programme, they are important. During the past quadrennium, 1962-1965, the following record has been compiled:

In-patient Admissions	99,213
Out-patient Visits	956,852
Major Surgery	9,706
Minor Surgery	22,372

Summary:

The Medical Department of the Trans-Africa Division is committed to a programme of excellence in medical care in order to make man whole spiritually and mentally as well as physically. The basic aim in each facet of the programme is the saving of souls and the promotion of the more abundant life.

GREETINGS RECEIVED

From Pastor R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference: From Pastor F. G. Clifford, a former secretary of this Division and later president of the Australasian Division.

*Resolutions of Gratitude
and Appreciation to God*

Committed to the task of spreading the Advent Message throughout Trans-Africa in this generation, we, the delegates of this 13th Quadrennial Council humbly rededicate ourselves to Almighty God with the prayer that He, in His omnipotent power, will go before and open the way that His will might be fulfilled in the life and witness of the Church.

We draw strength and courage when we consider how He has led during this quadrennium, and praise Him for what He in His strength has achieved despite the manifold insufficiencies of us, His servants. In humility would we record our gratitude for His most gracious favour, especially that:

- In times of danger and distress the loving hand of mercy has intervened and preserved the lives of members and workers.
- There has been a constant increase in membership despite apparently insurmountable obstacles.
- Where faithful workers and laymen with undaunted courage have pressed forward into new territories, their testimony has been given life and the church extended.
- In giving of tithes and offerings our people have increased in faithfulness despite inflation and financial insecurity.
- The unity of the Church has been preserved in understanding and love amidst provocation and overflowing hatred.
- By His mercy devoted workers have been constrained to come from all parts of the world and render devoted service in Trans-Africa.

For the lives of stalwart workers and laymen who, when pressed beyond measure, have been faithful, even unto death, we thank Him. Above all would we thank Him for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, which has attended upon the preaching of the word and given life and light, and sustained the Church in its life and witness with mercy and power and grace.

For the increasing timeliness of the Advent Message and the hope that burns ever clearer and brighter, we thank Him and unitedly enter into the solemn rededication of our lives in covenant relationship with God, claiming the promise, "I am with you, even unto the end of the world."

To General Conference

RESOLVED: to express our sincere appreciation to the General Conference and to leaders and members throughout the far-flung home bases of the world Church for their sacrificial devotion in providing regular and special appropriations for the support, building up, and expansion of the work in Trans-Africa, and for the ready response to special appeals for assistance in times of emergency, famine and flood. Of even greater encouragement than this is the constant assistance of the General Conference in the appointment of dedicated and trained personnel for service in this Division. The willingness of home organizations to release valuable workers has been much appreciated.

We would assure the world Church that we sense fully our responsibility and are determined to discharge the solemn trust laid upon us as befits faithful stewards.

To Central European Division

RESOLVED: to convey the following resolution of thanks and appreciation to the Central European Division: Our hearts have been warmed by the sacrificial gifts of men and means brought by the Church of Central Europe, not of necessity and constraint but of free will, to the Church in Trans-Africa. These gifts of sacrifice testify eloquently that the spirit of love which transcends the barriers of nation and race is at work transforming selfishness and prejudice into unity, and creating of many peoples and kindreds the one body of the Advent Church.

To South African Union Conference

RESOLVED: to express to the South African Union Conference our appreciation for their generous share of the burden it carries in providing workers, general support and special appropriations for the work in Trans-Africa. Especially appreciated is the most commendable zeal and untiring effort manifested by the workers and laymen of that union in Harvest Ingathering. This love, manifested in a willingness to shoulder burdens on our behalf, provides much of present value in terms of urgently needed facilities in the mission unions and is at the same time symbolic of the love and unity of the one celestial Church towards which we move.

Report of Sentinel Publishing Association

Machines and New Creatures

It makes little difference what your calling in life may be but the fact remains that to most people the roar and the mechanics of a printing press remain a fascinating thing to see and hear. Indeed, it is a marvellous mechanism. Just how a machine weighing many tons, can pick up a single sheet of paper, take it through the secrets of the inside of the machine, and bring it out changed and transformed into a beautiful picture or a life-giving message is a miracle which Gutenberg never dreamed could happen. But we witness this around the circle of the earth in forty-four publishing houses operated by the denomination. There are a thousand things in the graphic arts today that this father of printing did not foresee. But God had a plan.

The vision given to the Lord's messenger back in the 1840s about starting a little paper, was a remarkable prophecy that has been compared to a bold plan to orbit the earth with light;—a plan for this last generation of space travel; a plan that was to take the printed page "like streams of light . . . clear round the world." Though there is a vast array of metals, machines, instruments, and materials, all used in the production of the printed page, yet the whole programme really rests upon men and women with a vision, blessed by the Spirit of God.

Personnel

The Sentinel Publishing Association, officially organized 50 years ago this year, now has fifty-five workers committed to the task of preparing literature for the southern half of Africa. This faithful group is happy to work hand in hand with our publishing leaders in the field, and the band of literature-evangelists who take the books from door to door. We salute them in their work, and daily pray for their success. We also pay tribute to those who manage the book distributors' offices, for we know they frequently must labour far beyond the call of duty. The



D. K. Short,
Manager

workers of the publishing house also appreciate the strong support received from the various administrations in the territory served by the house, including the very real co-operation from the Division office.

Investment and Inventories

Four years ago the total investment in the publishing house was £167,107 (R334,213.41). Today, it is £207,889 (R415,776.92)—an increase of £40,782 (R81,563.51). Four years ago the house had inventories valued at £79,786 (R159,573.25). Today the inventory stands at £101,366 (R202,732.28), or an increase of £21,580 (R43,159.03). Today your publishing house has tied up in books, ready for the field, £61,941 (R123,880.85). This presents a very real burden to the capital structure of the institution.

In a similar way, four years ago the operating capital stood at 70.4 per cent of the required amount, but today is up to the authorized figure, being 108 per cent. Due to increasing inventories, operating cash remains a critical problem.

Book Department

One of the main reasons for the existence of the publishing house centres around the book department. The sales of this department have amounted to £297,190 (R594,380.80) during the past four years.

This represents a sales increase of

44 per cent. The inventories during this time have advanced 27 per cent. The publishing house needs more literature-evangelists in the field. The conferences and fields need more literature-evangelists. Our history proves that seed planted by the literature method bears a good harvest.

New Books

Many new books have been published during this period. Among the more notable editions would be the series by Dr. Harold Shryock (*On Becoming a Man, On Becoming a Woman, Happiness for Husbands and Wives*) in English and Afrikaans, a total of six books; the five-volume set of *Bedtime Stories* in both languages, a total of ten volumes, by the well-known author Arthur S. Maxwell; *Climax of the Ages*, the special edition of *The Great Controversy*, also in two languages, which came from the presses during this period, and has had fairly good sales. The largest single undertaking has been the publication of *The Bible Story* in Afrikaans. Six volumes of the ten-volume set have thus far been translated and printed. According to present plans, the entire set will be available early in 1968. This ten-volume set in Afrikaans, plus the ten volumes in English, is the main reason for the growing inventory in the house.

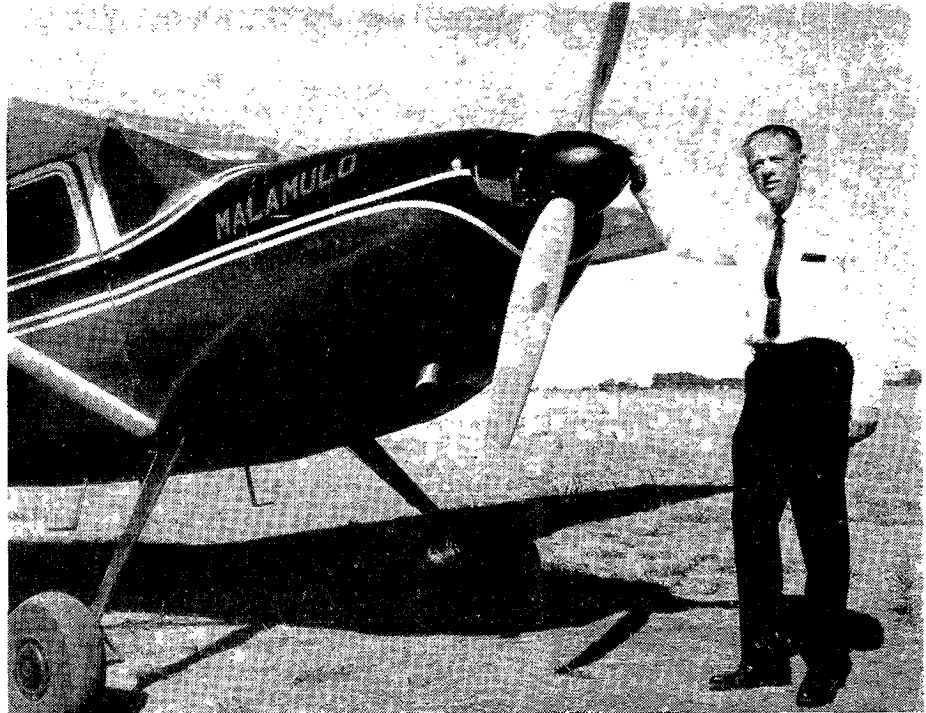
Other new volumes are listed for production, or are already in process. Among these are *Road to True Riches* by R. H. Pierson; *Way to Health and Happiness*, compiled by Dr. M. H. Schaffner; *Daniel*, and a separate book, *Revelation*, both by R. J. Wieland; and a completely new large medical book prepared especially for our field, by Dr. Clifford H. Anderson, entitled *Modern Medical Guide*. This last book will be available in English and Afrikaans.

Periodical Department

Most denominational publishing houses face serious financial problems with peri-



Marlowe H. Schaffner, M.D., M.P.H.,
F.I.C.S., Medical Secretary and Pilot with
the Malamulo-based CESSNA.



odicals published. Your house in this Division is no exception. During the past four years the Sentinel has contributed to financing the Division-wide message journal, *Signs of the Times*, the staggering sum of £12,876 (R25,752.59). Obviously this huge amount of money could well have been used to wonderful advantage in reducing debt, or building up capital, or supplying much needed equipment. Notwithstanding this, we hope the field appreciates the journal, and will lend even greater efforts to increase the circulation. It is the outstanding journal in the religious field on the entire continent of Africa. The total number of copies distributed in the four years is 1,544,410.

Temperance Journal, Think: This little quarterly paper is the leader in its field in Africa. Those who honour temperance, appreciate this magazine, and other denominations use it in their temperance work. Unfortunately it is published at a loss, a total of £967 (R1,935.04), having been lost during the past four years.

The Future

Notwithstanding the financial perplexities the house has faced during the past four years, and still faces today, the fact remains there has never been a greater opportunity for the entire publishing programme to fulfil the divine commission. Among all races of this vast continent there is a tremendous potential to increase the distribution of the message that makes us a people. For those already in the church, there is a vast wealth of books and periodicals to help and guide every activity of life. This is a God-given asset awaiting full use to bear interest for the kingdom. The Sentinel Publishing Association joins hands with all other departments of the church, to fulfil the commission given to us. The angel with the "loud cry" is waiting to go forth. It is largely through the work of our publishing houses that this angel will accomplish his task. The harvest is the end of the world, and this cannot come until a people are ready, cleansed, re-created, made into new creatures. The staff of your Division publishing house is dedicated to this task, and is grateful to the Lord for the opportunity of service.

Report of Medical Department

The Medical Department of the Trans-Africa Division includes 10 hospitals and 66 dispensaries, plus hundreds of medical and para-medical workers in these institutions and in government and private service in all parts of the Division. The Medical Department also includes many students in training for service as physicians, nurses, medical assistants, laboratory workers and others.

The Measure of Success

Those of us in the Medical Department do not measure success by numbers of treatments given nor by the favourable balance on our monthly statements alone, although these factors are important as indicators of a certain aspect of our work. We consider even more important as indicators of success the four following points:-

1. The excellence of medical care given.
2. The impact for good seen in the lives of individual patients.
3. The image of the church and of our medical work projected in the community by our institutions and medical workers.
4. The excellence of training programmes offered to train workers to perpetuate the medical programme of this Division.

Trends

Most of the trends seen in Africa are similar to that seen in the other developing areas of the world. There is a rapidly rising level of medical care being given and demanded. No longer will the people be satisfied with treatments which involve

only the relief of symptoms or the treatment of the obvious diseases of the masses.

More and more national physicians are being trained and new medical schools are being founded in many of the countries of Africa. Since our last Division Council four years ago two new medical schools have been opened and two others are projected for the very near future.

These trends are good. We should be prepared to go along with them, and cooperate with the governments in their desire to offer high quality medical care to their people.

Training Programmes

Since the last Division Council we have added one nurses' training school. This is at Mwami Hospital in Zambia. We are continuing to train nurses at Maluti, Kanye, Malamulo and Kendu. In addition to our own training schools there are a number of Adventist young people in training in government hospitals in South Africa and in Tanzania.

This past quadrennium has seen our first African medical students enter training. They are at Makerere University in Kampala. We have four students there, two of them in their fourth year of medicine. These first two young men had a difficult time initially because of Sabbath problems, but we were able to obtain a sympathetic understanding of their problem on the part of the university officials, and they have recently had no difficulty

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Report of the Zambezi Union



F. G. Thomas, Re-elected President

CHANGE—this word epitomizes the developments in the Zambezi Union during the past quadrennium. The three countries that comprise the territory of the union are now all known by new names; of the officers and departmental men only one was holding office at the beginning of the period; and the three fields have become four, all with different names, with only the conference retaining its identity. Changes, however, must not, and do not, stand in the way of progress which is in evidence on every side.

In July, 1964, the Southern Rhodesia Field was divided into the Mashonaland and Matabeleland-Midlands fields with

O. D. Muza and S. B. Dube as field presidents, respectively. Both these men along with the African departmental secretaries of all the fields are rendering valuable and consecrated service with a rapidly increasing ability to carry the responsibilities placed upon them. Several large mission stations are being led by faithful African brethren also.

Evangelism, ever the watchword among God's people, has continued to play an important role. Several large city and many rural efforts, in which the Solusi evangelistic team has given strong leadership, have been held. In addition the young people and laymen have responded enthusiastically to the evangelistic thrust.

Since the inception of Target 18,000 in 1964, young people have been instrumental in bringing 3,884 souls to Christ, resulting in 1,115 baptisms. The Lay Activities Department reports that missionary contacts have now risen to the place where there is one every six minutes, day and night throughout the year.

An advance step was made with the opening of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in Bulawayo. To date only Shona lessons are being processed, but the results thus far augur well for the future.

Education still continues to play a major role in the programme of the church. Here again many, and far-reaching changes have taken place. In the primary sector the emphasis has been on consolidating the existing schools, but on the secondary level there has been spectacular growth. At Lower Gwelo and Inyazura fairly modest junior secondary programmes have been commenced, whereas at Rusangu a very large school has come into existence, which will have developed, by 1970, into the largest secondary school in the Division. The proposed capital expenditure is a quarter of a million pounds and, when fully operational, the school will have a staff of twenty teachers.

Continued emphasis has been placed on the Church Development programme, bearing in mind the special needs of ur-



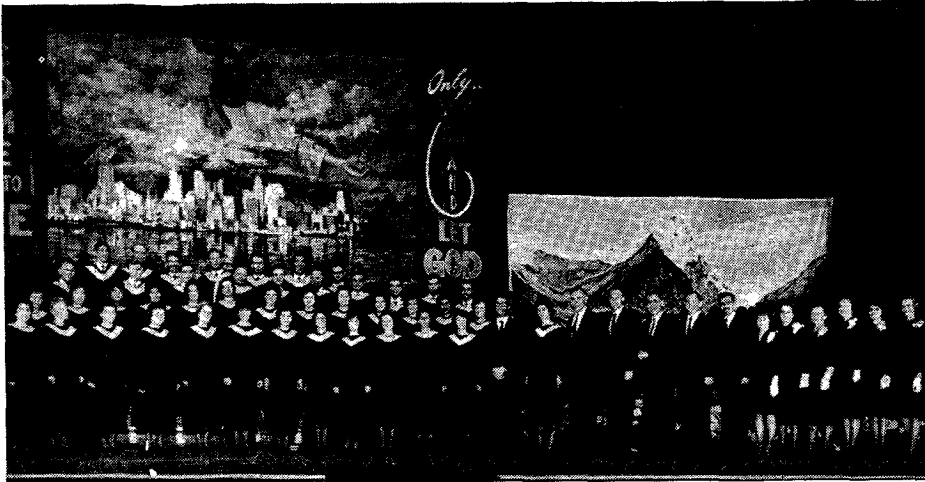
Modern new addition to Kanye Medical Mission, Botswana.



Muchenje, Zambia, Laymen's Quartet. Left to right: Ishmael EndaEnda, Wilson Vundhla, Matthews Chilwana, and Timothy Mwananayan. This quartet has assisted in a number of lay efforts throughout the district.

ban congregations. A number of fine edifices on the Zambian Copperbelt, in Lusaka, Bulawayo and Salisbury have been erected during the quadrennium. Special mention must be made of the Mpopoma Evangelistic Centre, where the Solusi evangelistic team has conducted a very fine programme, and the large, well-furnished church in Highfield, Salisbury.

The publishing work, one of God's ordained means of finishing the gospel commission, continues to grow. During the period under review over 96,000 truth-filled books worth more than £70,000 have been placed in the homes of the people resulting already in 1,086 baptisms. That the seed sown will still bear fruit in the future is without doubt and only eternity will reveal the full picture.



Crusade choir, evangelistic team, and usherettes on the theatre stage after a large public baptism, represent the public evangelistic activities in the cities of the Division by which hundreds of souls have been added to the churches.

Ministerial Association

THE WHITENING FIELDS OF HARVEST HOME

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.



A. E. Cook, Secretary, Ministerial Association.



MUSICIAN, SOLOIST and CHOIR DIRECTOR, Barry Anderson also represents the valued contribution of laymen to the public presentation of the message.

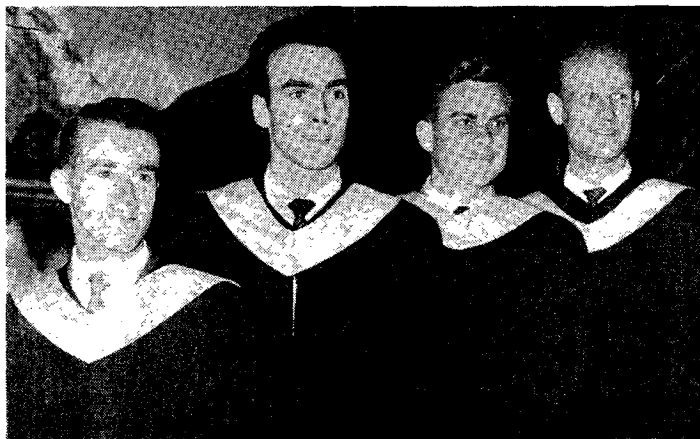


DEDICATED GOSPEL SINGERS

like Steve and Elsie Smit supported the public preaching of the message with their musical gifts.



THEY ALSO SERVE . . . Evangelism enlists all kinds of skills. Layman Charles King served faithfully and efficiently as platform manager in a ten-month campaign. Madge King beautified the services with her floral art work.



THE GOOD NEWS QUARTET

from the Cape presented the message in song whenever evangelism called.

From all sources, 101,314 accessions were recorded in the Trans-Africa Division for the quadrennium just past. Against this thrilling background, with confidence and courage we move forward into a future that is as bright as the promises of God. Fields are white already to harvest!

President's Report

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inter-denominational group which is founding a medical college in Moshi in Tanzania. The Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre is now under construction and it is hoped that during 1967 our first professor will be appointed there with an additional one in 1969 or 1970. Another interesting development during the past four years is that our first four African Seventh-day Adventist young men commenced the study of medicine at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. This is a significant break-through and we believe it bodes good for the future development of the medical-evangelistic programme of the Division in years to come.

Lay Activities

Pastor T. M. Ashlock has given direction to this department during the greater part of the quadrennium. We regret that he cannot be with us today to give us a complete report of what has taken place in this important phase of our Church programme. However, the general report of the activities of this department will be rendered by Pastor Jacobs, the acting secretary. It is significant to note that during the quadrennium there were 4,100,000 pieces of literature distributed by our faithful church members, and nearly that number of Bible studies given, the actual number being 3,900,000. We are confident that this contribution made on the part of our church members has not only prepared the way for many baptisms in the future, but has also contributed its part towards the 100,000 odd members who joined our Church during the past four years. We believe with all our heart that this is by and large the greatest potential source of soul-winning in our entire church programme. As our laity rally to the challenge of joining the ministry in witnessing for Christ, phenomenal results will be seen in the Church, and the day of Christ's coming will be greatly hastened.

Missionary Volunteers

The most valuable asset of the Church is its youth. From the report of Pastor B. E. Jacobs concerning our youth activities you will find that earnest attempts have been made to safeguard this asset as well as to increase its value. I am glad to report to you that evangelism has been promoted strongly through our youth activities, particularly as it is related to TARGET 18,000. There were 41,400 baptisms reported through youth

evangelism. Attention was also given to the junior programme of the Church. Many new Pathfinder organizations were brought into existence and many investiture services were held in their behalf. The money and time expended in behalf of the youth of the Church will result in dividends throughout all eternity. Let us not under-estimate this phase of our church programme.

I have only touched on the highlights of the activities of the departments of

STIR ME, LORD

Stir me, oh, stir me, Lord! I care not how;

But stir my heart in passion for the world.

Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray.

Stir till Thy blood-red banner be unfurled

O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie—

O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, oh, stir me, Lord, till all my heart

Is filled with strong compassion for these souls;

Till thy compelling "must" drive me to prayer;

Till thy constraining love reach to the poles,

Far north and south, in burning, deep desire;

Till east and west are caught in love's great fire!

Stir me, oh, stir me, Lord! for I can see Thy glorious triumph day begin to break.

The dawn already gilds the eastern sky. Oh, church of Christ, arise! Awake! Awake!

Oh, stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day! The night is past—our King is on His way!

—Bessie Porter Head.

our Division. Time has not permitted us to make reference to all the departments, but this does not mean that they have not made their contribution to the Division programme. The activities of the Public Relations Department and the Ministerial Association will be brought to us by the newly appointed secretary of these departments, Pastor A. E. Cook. Dr. Schaffner will also bring you word of our temperance work. Our Church Development activities will be reported

on by the acting secretary, Pastor Jacobs. All of these departments have blended their activities into the one great effort of the Church—that of strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords.

Financial Status

Your Division is in a sound financial condition. Your executive committee has endeavoured to be frugal, yet not penurious. An earnest attempt has been made to disburse the funds entrusted to us wisely and in harmony with the policies of the General Conference. The expenditure of all funds has been made within the income which has been received. You will also note that Pastor Reinhard, our treasurer, reports that we closed the quadrennium with the required operating capital and operating cash in hand. We realize that both our operating capital and operating cash on hand should be larger than they are, but because of the heavy financial commitments devolving upon us we have been able only to maintain the minimum standard required by the General Conference. There has been no desire to hoard funds or to build up unnecessary reserves, but rather to distribute these funds to the field to be used for their intended purposes.

Division Institutions

I want to report briefly on our three Division institutions: the Sentinel Publishing Association, Helderberg College, and Solusi College.

(a) *Sentinel Publishing Association:* The greatest physical improvement to the press during the past four years has been the addition of over 6,000 square feet of floor space in the shipping and receiving area of the factory. This addition has released other space to enable the bindery to be completely reorganized, and in general to greatly increase the efficiency of the entire production programme. The Lord has blessed the operation of the press under the direction of Pastor D. K. Short, and I am glad to tell you that as a result of sound financial management, the debt on the institution has now been reduced to the level where it is expected to be completely paid off within another year.

(b) *Sobusi College:* There has been considerable development of the physical plant of our college during recent years. Under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of our college principal, Pastor R. L. Staples, the number of college instructors has increased from three to seven during the quadrennium and the curriculum of studies has been reorganized and strengthened. Evangelistic endeavours put forth by the college and

ministerial teams have been productive and constitute an encouraging exhibit of the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead. Lack of water was the first major problem encountered, but we are happy to report that this problem is nearing solution. A large government dam, near Solusi, now under construction will soon provide an abundant and permanent supply of water.

(c) *Helderberg College*: The advancement at Helderberg College during the past four years has been aimed at making its educational services to the Division more effective than ever before. Academic growth has been evident in the facilities provided for the training of science teachers and research workers. Pastor H. E. Marais who has been giving excellent leadership to this institution informs me that from 1962 to 1965, 75 students were graduated from Helderberg College, and that 98 per cent of them entered denominational employment. This represents a considerable contribution to the advancement of the cause of God in the Trans-Africa Division.

In Memoriam

It is with regret and sadness that we tell you that during the quadrennium a number of our workers were forced to lay down their lives. Time will not permit us to mention all such workers but we do mention those on the Division level. We have prepared a necrology to the best of our ability of all workers on every level of activity. This will be found in your programme. Pastor C. T. J. Hyde, field secretary of our Division, after an illness of four months passed to his death. Pastor P. J. van Eck, principal of Helderberg College, became afflicted with a fatal disease and after three months passed away. These men were dedicated and diligent workers for God and their services were appreciated in the Trans-Africa Division. Their sudden passing only emphasizes to us anew the fact that we are still in the land of the enemy and our only hope is in Christ who has promised us that when the work of the Church is consummated, He will return in majesty to redeem the saints—then there will be no more death. For that day let us each work and pray. To the loved ones of these families and all others on the necrology list we offer our sincere regrets and extend to them our deepest sympathy. It would seem fitting in recognition of these soldiers of the cross, that we stand for a moment in silence as a memory to their lives of dedication and service.



Lesotho's Minister of Health at Maluti Hospital with Matron Pote and Chaplain D. Chalale.

Acknowledgement

The report which I bring to you today reflects the inspiring and aggressive leadership of our beloved General Conference President, Pastor Robert H. Pierson, who was called from our Division just a few months ago to assume the leadership of our world-wide Church. This Division is indebted to this dedicated leader who, with a steady hand and clear voice, challenged this field to a deeper spiritual life and the great and glorious task of entering into a programme which led to a mighty advance, resulting in extending the borders of God's kingdom in Africa. I am sure you, with me, are praying that God will give much wisdom and spiritual strength to Pastor Pierson as he takes up his heavy duties as the leader of the great Advent Movement throughout the world.

Appreciation

This report would be incomplete without an expression of appreciation to our General Conference brethren. The services they have made available to us through the departmental secretaries, and the counsel and guidance we have been given through the officers have been most beneficial and encouraging. And we say a big thank you for the liberal appropriations we have received from our world headquarters during the past quadrennium. Without such support we could have accomplished very little. It should be noted here that these appropriations have amounted to £3,344,488 (R6,688,976).

We feel it is also in order to acknowledge the support, loyalty and co-operation which we have received from our union conference and our union missions,

our Division institutions, and our local conferences and fields. This report of the growth and development of our Division has been due largely to their leadership and devoted labour. We also take cognizance of the services rendered and the tithe and offerings received from the laity of our Division. We are confident that, as we experience a continuing and increasing unity and co-operation from the leaders and workers of this field, and support from our church members, greater things will be accomplished for God.

Most important of all, we acknowledge the blessing of our heavenly Father who has chosen us to be workers together with Him. We take no credit for any of the accomplishments that have been reported, for it "is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." The health, the strength, and the privilege of labouring for Him, the growth we have reported in membership, the tithe, the offerings, and the building projects, we owe all to Him.

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THIS IS TRANS-AFRICA:— Dr. Wilfred Müller of Songa Hospital and Pastor Don Thomas of the Congo Union exchange experiences in front of the Songa-based CESSNA. Mercy flights into the Congo's hinterland are frequently undertaken by these two pilots.

THIS IS TRANS-AFRICA:— Dr. B. E. Nelson, flying dentist, who after landing on an airstrip uses his scooter for transport into the bush to bring relief to those needing dental care. Here he is examining a patient.



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1962 - 1965

Membership	245,101
Baptisms	101,314
Sabbath School Membership	462,097

THIS IS TRANS-AFRICA:— An elderly African looks wistfully for help and succour.