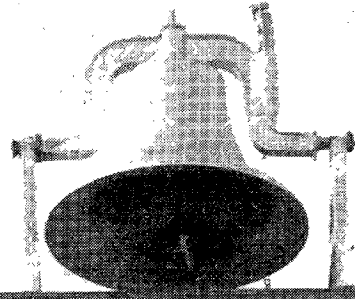


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Focus On —

## Our Department of Education

COVER PICTURE: The school bell plays an important part in the lives of those who would increase knowledge.

### Solusi Expresses Appreciation

by MRS. RUTH GORLE, M.A.

SOLUSI holds a very special place in the hearts of God's remnant people in every part of the world. This was demonstrated once more on the last Sabbath of September, 1966, when the largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering ever given in the third quarter of any year was brought in with joy by Sabbath-school members on every continent and island to which the three angels' messages have penetrated.

We who live and work at Solusi have had our hearts solemnized once more at the thought of the confidence that has been placed in us by our brethren. The overflow which is coming to Solusi amounts to not less than \$95,000. Such a sum, wisely used, will greatly strengthen and expand the college work by providing sorely needed library facilities, and will safeguard the whole institution by ensuring an ample and permanent water-supply.

The present library contains 8,500 volumes of which approximately 3,500 are suitable for use in the college. The minimum for a senior college is 25,000 volumes, and we would like to bring this up to 40,000 in the foreseeable future. The first step in this direction must be the erection of a well-designed library block. The site for this building has long been set aside, and now the generosity of our believers has made the building itself possible.

Up to very recently some of us wondered how God's work here could grow and prosper when recurrent water shortages threatened to close the school down entirely. Now, thanks to a new government dam seven miles from the campus, we feel not only that our "water is sure," but that we can lay plans for producing crops under irrigation. The line which the water pipes will follow has been surveyed and five or more firms have been approached for quotations for the supply of two miles of 7-inch and five

miles of 5-inch piping. As I write bulldozers are excavating a large "night storage" basin. When the pipeline is laid water will gravitate into this basin, and after settling and purification will be pumped into the storage reservoir on the top of a granite koppie known as "Little Kariba."

From this reservoir water will gravitate to all parts of the campus and immediate environs. In addition to supplying all domestic needs, the water will be used to irrigate land. To begin with thirty acres will be developed: 4 acres of garden, 10 of maize and 16 of other grain and fodder crops. It is hoped to bring 100 acres under irrigation eventually. The proposed irrigation canals have also been surveyed.

It is not necessary to point out what such prospects of food production mean to the school and to the African people living near. What once seemed an insuperable barrier to growth has melted away, opening a bright vista before us.

God has moved upon the hearts of men in authority to finance a scheme which promises untold blessing to His school, and you, dear fellow-Adventists, have "come up to the help of the Lord," doing your part to make it possible for us to lay hold of the opportunity and to move forward as He opens the way.

We at Solusi wish to thank you, with all our hearts, for your support, your sacrifices, and your prayers. In doing this we ask you to continue to pray for us, and to press your petitions with urgency, that God will make it possible for our young men and women to come to Solusi from all parts of this great Trans-Africa Division, so that our college enrolment may keep pace with the promised growth in plant and production. Many and forbidding are the hindrances that we can see, but with God all things are possible. Our need of water and of funds was urgent, and God has supplied both. More urgent still is our need of true-hearted, earnest young men and women to fill our classrooms on the college level. We



Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Walther will shortly be coming to Africa to join our working force on a two-year term. Dr. Walther has been on the staff of Andrews University for a number of years and now will be the principal of Solusi College during the absence of Pastor Russell L. Staples overseas on study leave. Dr. Walther was born in Algeria of Swiss parents and went to Switzerland when he was three years old, where he received most of his education. He was baptized in Lake Geneva when he was 17 and has served as teacher and principal of the Seminare Adventiste at Colonges in France, and later in the United States, at Union College, Southern Missionary College and Andrews University. Dr. Walther is a writer of no mean calibre having contributed to our own papers as well as articles and papers for non-Adventist journals.

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know that there are many who long to be here. Will you join us in stretching the hand of faith higher and higher to lay hold on the willingness of Our Father until we see the mountains of difficulty removed from before these young people?

## Trans-Africa Students Doing Well at Philippine Union College

by P. G. MILLER,  
Dean of Faculties

OUR believers in the Trans-Africa Division will be interested to know that the three students who are presently attending Philippine Union College are continuing to make a definite contribution to the activities of the college.

Mr. E. Tuvako of Tanzania and Miss M. Serole of Botswana are continuing their work as laboratory assistants in the Science Department. Mr. G. Kamwendo of Malawi is presently serving as a student-assistant in the Mathematics Department where he is teaching two classes.

Our students from Trans-Africa are taking an active part in the Overseas Students Association. Mr. Kamwendo and Mr. Tuvako are members of the executive committee of this association.

During the third quarter of 1966, our African students helped to promote the Thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow for Solusi. The various Sabbath-school divisions at Philippine Union College kept them busy promoting a generous offering for the needs of our sister institution. The results were most gratifying and a notable increase in the Thirteenth Sabbath offering was achieved.

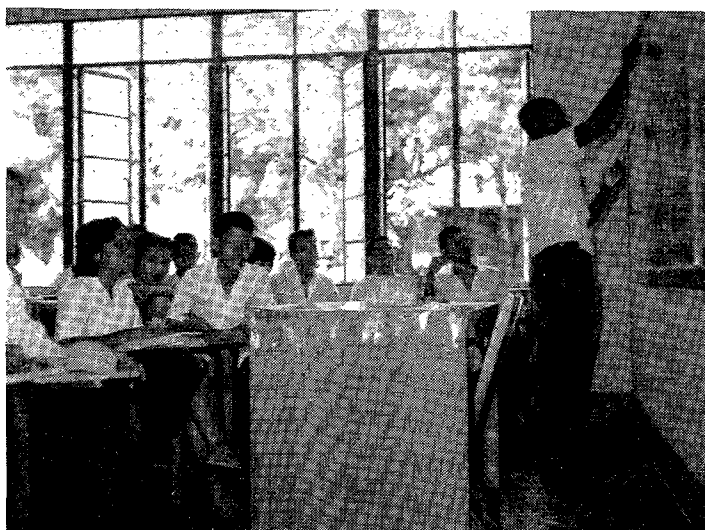
The latest project to which they gave their strong support was our annual In-gathering campaign. During this three-day campaign, the overseas students led all other bands and solicited more than P3,200. The Trans-Africa Division is to be congratulated on the calibre of the students that they have sent to Philippine Union College.

## They Walked 250 Kilometres

by ALBERTO DOS SANTOS

SHORTLY after our arrival in the Congo in 1965, I witnessed the extent to which a strong motive leads an individual. I was reading leisurely late one afternoon when I heard a knock at the door, followed by the usual "hodi." Opening the door, I found three haggard, thin, and weary-looking boys. Upon inquiring as to their desires I learnt that they had walked over 250 kilometres in the hope of being admitted to our high school which was to start that very month. Fantastic! Yes, but unfortunately these three boys had to return the same way they had come, for the possible 40 candidates had already been chosen. These three boys belonged to a group of over 300 candidates who

Gerald Kamwendo of Malawi, teaching mathematics.



Miss M. Serole of Botswana and Mr. E. Tuvako of Tanzania working in the chemistry laboratory.

suffered the same fate—having to return to their villages because there was no place for them in our school. How disappointed they were because they had come so near their goal.

It is youth like these that the Petit Seminaire de Songa endeavours to help. But that seems just as far as we have gone. Our students converge on Songa from all places, the boarders travelling distances ranging from 700 to 1,200 kilometres. They represent many tribes, united in the search for an education.

The Petit Seminaire de Songa is undergoing many changes. A new boys' dormitory has been erected. It houses only 30 boys, mostly in high school. In one of the rooms, approximately 20 feet by 15 feet, ten fully grown boys are housed. Some others will live in mud huts built temporarily for that purpose.

Large fields have been cleared manually and planted with sweet-potatoes, bananas, pineapples, and cassava. These are to be used by the boarders during the coming school-year. For the last two years these young men have done their own cooking. They use old wheelbarrows, rocks, burnt bricks and many other objects as stoves. They gather their own fire-wood, and buy their own food, kerosene and matches. It is imperative that we feed them. But how? Although this seems and sounds pathetic it is the very truth. We are "scratching our heads" to find £150 to build a small kitchen in which to prepare their food during the coming years. But this is only one of the problems. We have no library, no laboratory, no dining-room, no workshop, and lack a number of other facilities necessary for the efficient running of a school.

By God's grace, and that only, we have been able to teach two years of high school. And we hope to teach the third one this year. After an inspection by the Congo's Central Government our elementary school was considered one of the best of the North Katanga Province; and the secondary school bears the reputation of having the highest standard of teaching in the whole territory of Kamina. We pray that things may continue this way, for the educational work must be built up after the severe setback caused by circumstances in this country.

At present there are two secondary schools catering for the needs of two fields in our Congo Union. There are no young people with an education higher than grade ten. There is a single expatriate teacher in all four fields, and there are very few young people training for the work of the Lord. All of these conditions stem from a lack of facilities.

Georges, one of my Congolese students, planned to continue his studies in Belgium. He had already been accepted and only awaited his father's permission. His father came personally to give him the reply. Here it is: "In all of my travels as a merchant I have seen many schools, and have heard of many more. But I hear mostly about the Petit Seminaire de Songa and of the Adventist education. As long as possible you will continue here and later go to an Adventist college." To this expression of appreciation from a rich Congolese who is not an Adventist in a country where an education is so much desired, about a school which lacks so much, I say a hearty "Amen!" Please add your prayers to mine that our institution may receive bountiful blessings in order to persevere in shedding the gospel light despite all the seemingly insurmountable difficulties.

### Enthusiasm Overcomes Obstacles

by G. F. CLIFFORD,

Secretary, Department of Education,  
Trans-Africa Division.

DESKS crammed with eager boys and girls, classes full to overflowing, five pupils sharing one textbook—nothing deters the bright-eyed students at Nyamitaba from their determination to go to school. Boys and girls in their teens, having not had the opportunity of attending school, sit side by side with pupils in the first grade. Pre-school-age children mingle with the others hoping to absorb some learning while the going is good. One can only admire their zeal and eagerness to grasp this opportunity while it lasts for who knows what the morrow will bring.

At Nyamitaba, near Masisi in the East Congo Field, two classes meet in the church and one group regularly gathers in the little lean-to shelter erected to protect the speakers at camp-meeting time. Teachers struggle with insufficient training and little equipment. Dormitory facilities are meagre as little groups of three or four students each build a small hut of leaves and grass which doubles as a kitchen and bedroom. In spite of these many disadvantages, not a word of dissatisfaction was heard during my recent visit, but rather both teachers and students breathed optimism and hope for the future. Necessity truly is the mother of invention. With no blackboard dusters available a bunch of leaves from a par-

ticular bush serves for one day, sums scratched on a leg or arm saves valuable writing paper, and a pen made from a piece of bamboo is clumsy but effective. As the offering plate comes to you each Sabbath day, pause for a moment and think of your many blessings, and opportunities, then of those less privileged than you. Your mission gifts will help to provide minimal facilities and equipment in the areas where it is needed most.

### Progress Reports From the Congo Union

by J. T. KNOPPER,

Department Secretary, Congo Union

FOR a number of years the Congo Union made unsuccessful attempts to hold quadrennial sessions, but because of problems due to internal difficulties in the country these had to be postponed. This year, however, the Union has succeeded in having a session which was held at Rweze in the North Congo, fol-

## Ordinations



Nineteen of our workers in the Central African Union who were ordained during the C.A.U. Session, seen with Pastors Merle L. Mills, (centre-front, right) president of the Trans-Africa Division and A. H. Brandt, president of the Central African Union.

lowed by a workers' meeting for personnel from the East and North Congo fields. The meetings were held in a spirit of complete unity and full dedication to the Lord's work. We all felt deep gratitude to God for the privilege of gathering together. Among our group were representatives from the Division, Union and the four fields of the Congo Union. The last session held was in 1959 when Rwanda and Burundi were taken out of our Union and organized into the Central African Union.

Elections for the various departments and boards were held in good spirit without any word of misunderstanding. The reports showed progress and increases in spite of hardships, problems and handicaps unknown elsewhere in this Division. Listening to the reports we marvelled at what the Lord has done through His faithful people. The reports were given as from 1963 when the union staff came back to the headquarters in Lubumbashi after a time of exile in Ndola, Zambia. Since 1963 there has been an increase of 28 per cent in church membership which stood at 16,190 at the end of 1966. The Sabbath School Department



report showed that the 26,489 members in 1963 had increased to 44,714 members by 1966, and 36 new churches were organized as a result of Sabbath-school evangelism.

The Lay Activities Department gave a very good report with special emphasis on Harvest Ingathering. From a total amount of £4,676 brought in in 1963 this fund increased to £7,200 in 1966. Devaluation and economic problems could not stop the success of the Ingathering work. The same is true for the Publishing Department. Book prices had to be changed from year to year, but our colporteurs continued selling and the people continued buying. For 1963 the total delivery of literature was valued at £3,171, but for 1966 it was £12,455. New areas have been opened up as a result of the fine work of our literature-evangelists.

The Voice of Prophecy and Radio Department succeeded in getting VOP programs broadcast over 6 stations in the Congo's weekly programs. More and more applications are coming in for the Bible lessons even from places in the unentered areas. The Public Relations Department reported the good news that newspapers are publishing articles about the beliefs and work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Yes, there are still tremendous possibilities in the Congo for the proclamation of the advent message. The Plans Committee formulated strong recommendations for the development of the work during the coming quadrennium. These were accepted by all the delegates and further discussed during the workers' meetings.

The session came to an end with a complete surrender and dedication on the part of all delegates and workers to the cause of God. Looking into the past we receive confidence for the future. We are sure that great days lie ahead for the Lord's work in the Congo.

### New Openings

IT is wonderful to live in the Congo these days and to experience the great opportunities for proclaiming the advent message that present themselves. The hunger for literature is very evident. It is no problem to sell our books if we have the right kind of literature to meet the financial possibilities of various classes of people. I have checked on the report of Joshua Sandando, our star colporteur and the mission at Kolwezi. In a little over two years he delivered more than one million Congo francs worth of literature. This is about £2,000.

During the past few weeks we have discovered a new opening for proclaiming the message. It is through newspaper evangelism. The writer visited two local newspapers in Lubumbashi, each having a daily circulation of 7,000, and discussed with the editors the possibilities of publishing articles in their papers about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The editors were favourable and accepted our first article, entitled "What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?" One newspaper published the article with large headlines on one-third of a page. The second article was "What Do Seventh-day Adventists Believe?"

Our hearts were thrilled to see these articles published without any cost and being read by thousands in one day. One newspaper editor has invited us to submit weekly articles for their Saturday evening edition and we have accepted this unique opportunity gratefully. We will use this as an example for other newspapers especially in Kinshasa in order to reach the multitudes with the advent message.

Voice of Prophecy programs are now broadcast weekly over six stations, and Gift-Bible evangelism and prison visitation are producing excellent results.

—J. T. KNOPPER.

### Passing of F. B. Jewell

We regret to announce the passing of Brother F. B. Jewell, affectionately known as "Father Jewell" on May 16 in his 92nd year. A full obituary will appear in the July issue of the OUTLOOK.

### Obituary

FELIX.—Mrs. Teresa Maud, was born in South Africa, fifty-five years ago.

She and her husband, Stanley Douglas Felix, were married for 23 years and lived in Rhodesia, where Mrs. Felix learned the advent message from lay members in Fort Victoria. In 1960 she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At the end of November, 1966 she went to hospital and on December 6, while being examined under an anaesthetic, she passed away. She was buried from the Salisbury Central church on December 9.

God knows the heartaches and struggles of every life, and deals in loving kindness with those who look to Him. Sweet be her rest!

Her husband and little Margo mourn the loss of a faithful wife and mother.

J. B. COOKS.

### Baptism



J. D. Harcombe, president of the Rhodesia Conference, baptizing Brother and Sister Bob Tarr in Gwelo.

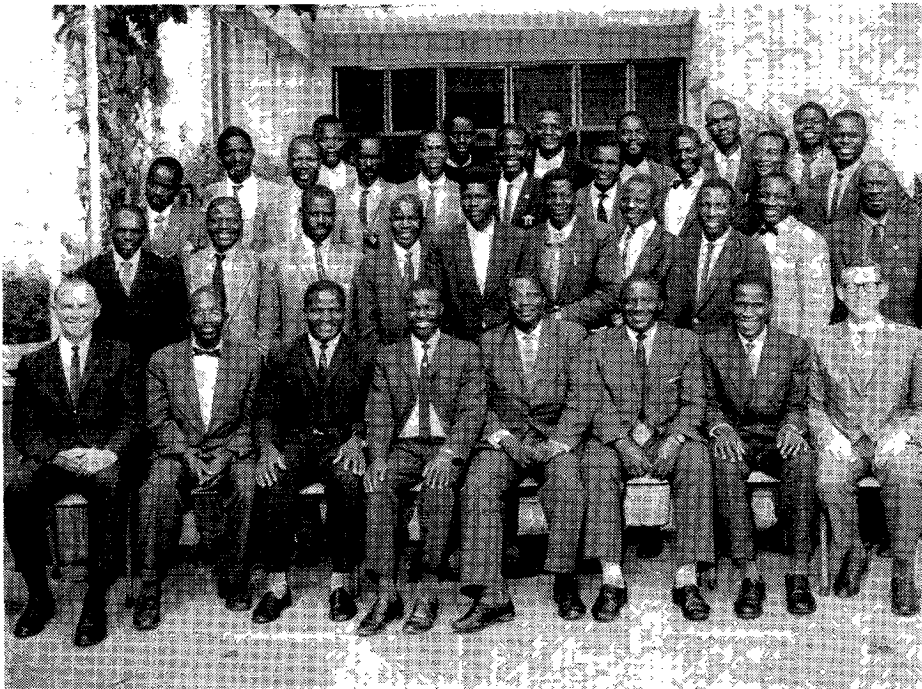


Timothy Kalipentala, one of the Congo Union's star literature-evangelists who has won many souls.

E. J. Rheeder of Cape Town was honoured at the recent Helderberg institute as the "Colporteur of the Year." In addition to high deliveries (more than £500 in a recent month) and long hours of canvassing (2,600 hours in 1966), he is working earnestly to win souls. Eight of his customers were baptized last year and 18 more homes involving 96 souls are now receiving studies. Twenty more families whom he has contacted are waiting for studies. This is truly evangelism of the highest order!



This happy band of more than thirty literature-evangelists recently visited the offices of the Trans-Africa Division. The Publishing Department leaders seen with them are J. N. Hunt, (right) and W. C. Hewes (left).



# T.A.D.'s Literature

## A Witch Doctor Surrenders

by KABIGWI SIMEON,  
West Rwanda.

ONE morning I got up early and went out to sell God's books. Arriving at the Inyakiyaga church I met an old man who was the witch doctor for the Cyanguaga Province. I showed him the books but because they were against his profession he rebuked me and threatened to beat me with his big stick. I evaded his efforts and at that time his wife called out to him that he was not to beat me. I realized then that this man needed Jesus. I prayed to the Lord to send His Spirit and His angels to work on the heart of this old man to chase the evil from his heart. Then I showed

## Deliveries—

A gain of £4,074



Pastor and Mrs. J. N. Hunt who are returning to the years in the publishing service is greatly appreciated their r

# Evangelist Soul-Winners

him a picture of the Lord on the cross, but again he refused to look at it. He sat there outside his house with his witch doctor paraphernalia around him. He played with some pieces of bone, crying out, "Oh, my witchcraft will keep me from the white man's God!" Again I showed him the picture of Jesus and again he shouted at me, telling me to leave his house. I told him about the true God who created all nature and all people. He could not resist the power of Christ. God's Book and His Spirit helped him to make his decision and to give his life to the Saviour.

Today, this witch doctor and his family are baptized. He has even won nine of his former clients and they too are rejoicing in the true knowledge of the only Saviour and God.

Mrs. Doreen Tainton of Pretoria who was the champion literature-evangelist for South Africa during their recent Big Month endeavour. She delivered more than £850 worth of literature.



A. M. du Plessis, P.D.S. of the South African Union Conference, congratulates three faithful literature-evangelist soul-winners. L. to r: G. Enslin, now associate Publishing Department secretary of the Transvaal Conference; Mrs. Dolly Bolton of Kempton Park; and E. J. Rheeder of Cape Town. Each of these faithful workers saw eight of their customers baptized during 1966. Truly "the canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."

March, 1967

January-March, 1966

More than fifty South African literature-evangelists and their leaders enjoyed a recent institute at Helderberg College. During 1966 they won 45 souls and delivered £117,314 worth of literature, the highest record ever achieved.



two sons, Stevie and Dannie, after spending 13 fruitful months in Trans-Africa. Their dedicated wish them every blessing in their labour.



## Literature Work in Unentered Areas

by D. I. ISABIRYE,  
Publishing Department Secretary,  
Uganda Field.

GOING into unentered areas in Uganda has been the great burden of our hearts. From the pen of inspiration we read: "Efforts should be made to do something while the day lasts, and the grace of God will be revealed that souls may be saved to Christ. Everywhere souls are perishing in their sins, and God is saying to every believing soul, Hasten to their help with the message that I shall give you."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 204.

With that challenging statement in mind, a group of six men—four colporteurs; the writer, their Publishing Department secretary; and the district pastor—went into a new area with literature and Bibles to conduct an evangelistic effort.

After eleven lectures we were strongly opposed by the people in the village who even complained to the nearby police station. We were accused of upsetting the peace of the community and so were stopped from preaching for a few days. But after prayer and fasting we took the matter to higher authorities, and the Lord gave us a great victory. Our meetings continued as before. Despite the difficulties and some sickness among the workers, 40 precious souls took their stand for the truth. We give all the praise and honour to God.

Before the effort was over, we understood why the devil was fighting against us so strongly. We went into that area

at a time when the angel of Revelation 18:4 was calling God's people out of Babylon. The people in the community were not on good terms with their spiritual leaders and they had even chosen a new leader to guide them in forming a new church, thus separating themselves from their former church. While the construction of their new church was proceeding, the Lord sent us to them with His message. Strangely enough, all of those people responded to the Lord's call and made their decisions to follow Jesus as their personal Saviour. The man who was their chosen leader is still their leader, but now in building the remnant church.

Among those converted was Brother L. Kajabungula, a politician. He had not attended any church for the last twelve years. He told the writer that he knew of the true Sabbath and baptism by immersion, but he had not come into contact before with those who held these beliefs. And this was the reason he gave up attending any church. He was searching for the true church. Now he is happy in his new-found faith. Like Saul of old he wants to go back to those places where he used to hold political meetings, that he might take the message of the soon coming of the Lord Jesus to those people.

## Miraculous Healing

by C. B. NTSHANGASE,  
Southern Union.

GOD does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He told Israel that He was their Great Physician and when Christ was on this earth, He healed many who were suffering from different diseases and also the maimed and the blind.

When I visited Cancele School in the Mount Frere District of the Transkei, I noticed a student who had suffered from stiff legs since 1965. Her name is Mandisa Tsobo and she could hardly walk. It was very painful for her to walk to her classroom and to the church services but not being willing to miss her school work or Sabbath-school she made a brave effort. My heart was touched but I could do nothing to help her.

In February 1967 I visited this school again and when I came out of the church I saw Mandisa pass before me walking as the other schoolgirls did. "Is it that I have made a mistake?" I inquired of the principal, Brother Magenu. "Is this not the girl who has been suffering with stiff legs?"

"Yes, it is," he remarked, and he told me her story.



Mandisa Tsobo

One day, Dr. H. E. Clifford of Maluti Hospital came to Cancele and examined this girl. To the dismay of all he pronounced that there was nothing that could be done for Mandisa. No medicine or operation could cure her. Only God was able to restore her. Then, Dr. Clifford told us that from then on she would walk and work. What a strong faith this Christian physician had.

I called Mandisa to come quickly to me and she came as if she had had nothing wrong with her legs. I concluded that God is God today as He was from the beginning and He will be to the end of the world. He hears the prayers of His faithful children and answers them. Psalms 50:15. "Praise the Lord."

## IMPORTANT DATES

Special Literature Sales	
Week .....	July 1-8.
Free Literature for Colporteur	
Distribution Offering .....	July 1
Pioneer Evangelism .....	August 5
Education Day (CU and	
CAU) Offering .....	August 12
Medical Missionary Day .....	August 26



L. to r: The writer; L. Kajabungula, a politician, with a copy of *Steps to Christ* in his pocket; and Pison Mugulusi, a faithful literature-evangelist.



# Poems

by Flo J. Beveridge, Johannesburg, South Africa

## WITHOUT THE CROSS

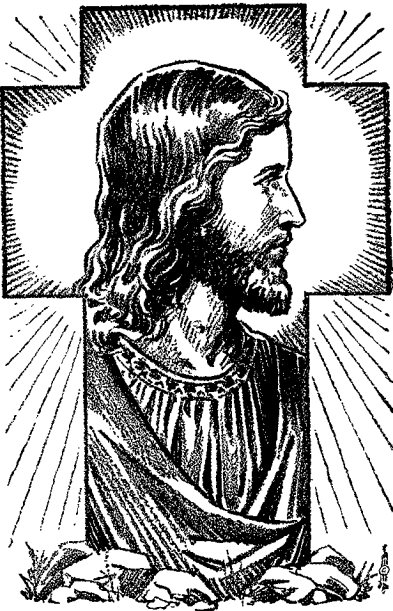
*Without the cross, we could not reach  
the Father—  
We could not know His all-forgiving  
love;  
No unity with God through Christ our  
Saviour,  
No contact with the Throne of Grace  
above!*

*Without the cross, no High Priest up in  
heaven—  
No Saviour, for our sins to intercede;  
No pardon for the lost and dying  
sinner—  
No shelter in his time of deepest need!*

*We need the cross—we need to lift it  
higher  
That all the perishing might look, and  
live—  
And know there is a loving God in  
heaven  
Who, through His Son, is ready to  
forgive.*

## JUST TO SEE HIM!

*To hold the hand,  
To see the face  
Of Him Who saved me  
By His grace!  
This—this, my greatest  
Joy shall be  
When Jesus comes again—  
For me!*



## THE CALL TO SERVICE

(The Last Message)

*Heralds of the Gospel,  
The Lord has called you out  
To take His message to a waiting world!  
All the powers of darkness  
Encompass you about:  
Their fearful banners everywhere un-  
furled!*

*Christians, be not fearful,  
God's Spirit goes before:  
The unseen hosts of heaven ready stand!  
All His power is with you,  
Then, can you ask for more?  
Go forward, with your Lord in full  
command!*

*Vict'ry is assured you:  
(Then, have full confidence)  
The promise of the Holy Spirit's power!  
This, the time of challenge:  
Your God is your defence.  
You have the Message for the crisis  
hour!*

## A PURGING AND PERFECTING WORK

*O Lord our God, our hearts are far  
from perfect;  
We've much to learn; "Lord, help us,"  
is our plea.  
Thy Spirit's power is ours just for the  
asking—  
Then, teach us, wholly to depend on  
Thee.*

*So prone to sin! So oft we grieve Thy  
Spirit—  
Like stubborn children, choosing our own  
way.  
O loving God, we need a Father's  
guidance;  
Then, take us by the hand, and lead  
each day.*

*Lord, purge our hearts from sin, each  
day perfecting;  
(These hearts of ours are Thine to have  
and hold)  
Cleanse with Thy fire divine—the dross  
rejecting,  
And purify, O Lord, the precious gold!*

## BELIEVING ON CHRIST

*Believing on Christ: in grace I may  
grow:  
Going on to perfection: His fulness to  
know.  
With Christ in the heart; loving God  
and His Son  
Whom the Father bath sent: with  
both to be one.  
With faith in my Lord, and His saving  
power;  
By His Spirit refreshed, each moment,  
each hour.  
In knowing my God, and the pow'r  
of His love  
As revealed in His Son, Who came  
from above:  
This, is the sum of religion to me!  
Christ in my heart . . . means . . .  
victory!*

## Are We Too Busy?

by ROBERT H. PIERSON,  
*President, General Conference*

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST workers are busy people, and Seventh-day Adventist educators are some of the busiest of these busy people. Clocks and bells, curricula and programs, like benevolent tyrants control their lives from early until late. This "nicest" and "most delicate" work is demanding and exacting, for in our glamorous age young men and women, and boys and girls, are not transported to the skies on magic carpets of ease. It requires patient, prayerful, persistent, and well-planned toil to keep young feet in the straight and narrow way. All of this spells work—hard work—and long hours for administrators, teachers, and staff.

But wait a minute—the teacher has a soul to save, a heaven to gain, also! He is not a signpost that points the way, then remains behind while the youthful traveller hurries on to enjoy the fruits of Canaan. The teacher is a guide to share the rigours of the journey and enjoy the rewards of Christian life and service at the end of the way. This the worker for God must never forget. "For what is a man [teacher] profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man [an educator] give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

In a teacher's very busyness there is subtle danger. It is often more easy to be busy than to be holy. Some, as the servant of the Lord reminds us, "are more ready for active labour than for 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."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 535.

"You need to watch, lest the busy activities of life lead you to neglect prayer when you most need the strength prayer would give. Godliness is in danger of being crowded out of the soul through over-devotion to business. It is a great evil to defraud the soul of the strength and heavenly wisdom which are waiting your demand. You need that illumination which God alone can give. No one is fitted to transact his business unless he has this wisdom."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, page 560.

It is possible to be so busy even about good things that the worker for God may himself lose out. Our own souls need refreshing, our own hearts and minds need to be fed—and rested—lest it be said of us, "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept" (S. of Sol.

1:6). When we are too busy to spend time with God every day—in study, in prayer, in meditation—we are busier than heaven would have us be.

Teachers have souls to save as well as students. A teacher who has lost the way is an unsafe guide for younger feet. Only sanctified teachers, in co-operation with the Holy Spirit, will be truly successful in producing sanctified students. "For their sakes I sanctify myself," the Master Teacher once said, "that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:19).

"A worker cannot gain success while he hurries through his prayers and rushes away to look after something that he fears may be neglected or forgotten. He gives only a few hurried thoughts to God; he does not take time to think, to pray, to wait upon the Lord for a renewal of physical and spiritual strength. He soon becomes weary. He does not feel the uplifting, inspiring influence of God's Spirit. He is not quickened by fresh life. His jaded frame and tired brain are not soothed by personal contact with Christ."—*Ibid.*, vol. 7, page 243.

Here is food for thought for all of us—educators, medical workers, ministers, every worker in the cause of God. We desire to be *successful* in our work. We wish to excel in our field of endeavour. The messenger of the Lord makes clear the course most certain to frustrate this desire to succeed. It is when we major in minors and minor in majors. To crowd God out of our lives is to crowd success out of our profession as Christian educators.

What, then, is the antidote for "busyness"? Isaiah, the prophet, says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with

wings as eagles" (Isa. 40:31). "Wait on the Lord," the psalmist counsels: "be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14). Our strength—physical and spiritual—will be renewed when we wait on the Lord in the place of prayer and study. "Let nothing, however dear, however loved, absorb your mind and affections, diverting you from the study of God's Word or from earnest prayer."—*Ibid.*, vol. 8, page 53.

For many years I have kept the poem of an unknown author in the front of my Bible to remind me that I must never be too busy to spend ample time with God every day. I would like to share this poem with our fine Seventh-day Adventist workers around the world.

*Too busy are we, midst the whirl and the stress*

*Of our lives, as the days come and go—  
Too busy to water with prayer and with tears*

*The seed we abundantly sow.*

*Too busy with working for Jesus to pause  
And sit at His footstool of prayer;  
Too busy commanding and guarding His field  
To learn what His orders are there.*

*Too busy with routine of cares in the home  
To seek him alone through the day;  
Too busy in striving to faithfully serve,  
To listen to Him, and to pray.*

*How Satan doth gloat o'er his subtle decoy  
Of winding our life in his coil!  
He knows when too busy to watch unto prayer  
Our triumph at last he will foil.*

*O guard us from whirlpools that threaten to wreck  
Our bark, heavenly Pilot, we pray!  
And teach us the blessing of walking with God  
Through holy communion each day!*  
—Unknown

## Your Editor Thinks . . .

. . . that the thoughts expressed in "Promise Yourself" might be a help and encouragement to our readers.

### "Promise Yourself"

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

—Unknown.

Reporting on . . .

# People and Events

Dr. H. E. Clifford has received and accepted a call from the Australasian Division to head the work of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in Wahroonga, New South Wales. Dr. and Mrs. Clifford have done outstanding work at Maluti Hospital in Lesotho, both medically and spiritually, and they will be greatly missed. The Outlook family wishes them every blessing and every success in their new place of labour. Dr. Walter Birkenstock will soon be moving to Maluti Hospital to take over the leadership of this institution.

It was a pleasure for our Division family at headquarters and the members of the Division committee to have Pastor and Mrs. F. G. Clifford, snr., in our midst for two weeks during May. Pastor Clifford met appointments in Malawi while Mrs. Clifford stayed with their son, Pastor G. F. Clifford. Later Pastor Clifford, snr. joined his family and attended some meetings of the Division committee. We were blessed by his ministry.

We are indeed happy to report that Pastor P. H. Coetzee, president of the Southern Union, has made steady progress in his efforts to regain his health. The two months' rest and relaxation, ordered by the doctor, have produced desired results.

In looking through the Publishing Department report of the Central African Union, we learn that their sales for the first three months of this year are three times higher than for the same period last year. In fact, there are good gains in all phases of their literature work. Over 200 have joined the baptismal class and 137 baptisms are reported as a result of the work of the literature-evangelists. Pastor H. Matussek of Germany heads this department.

The Southern Union office has moved to the building in Orange Grove, Johannesburg, formerly occupied by the Transvaal Conference. The conference, you may recall, moved to a larger property known as Advent Park and now the Southern Union office family is happily and conveniently located in the Louis Road building.

Miss Ruth Brown of Ngoma Hospital in Rwanda has written recently that the Lord is blessing their prison work and many inmates are taking the Bible correspondence course. There are a good number preparing for baptism. Some inmates have recently been transferred to other institutions and some have returned to their homes, but it appears that they continue to study. On May 20 nine prisoners were baptized in the lake at Kibuye. and Sister Brown asks us to pray for them and their families.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Schaffner and Robbie left for the United States on May 23. They will attend the wedding of their elder son, Ronald, to Miss Cheryl Jane Munroe on June 18 in Oregon. Their younger son, Ricky, will fly direct from Cape Town during the Helderberg College holidays and since Rita is already in the States, this happy occasion will also be a family reunion for the Schaffners.

On the front cover of MASIHAMBE, the monthly bulletin of the Southern Union, is a picture which depicts the brotherhood of all races in service for the Master. The picture shows the hand of a missionary clasping the hand of an indigenous worker with the hand of the Master placed in blessing upon this fellowship. The words of Matthew 23:8 are quoted: "One is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren."

At the recent quadrennial session of the Australasian Division, plans were made to extend the operations of the Australian food company to the Far East. Brother L. A. Piper has been appointed to proceed to Japan and lead out in the establishing of a manufacturing and distributing subsidiary of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in that rapidly developing country. Our readers may remember the visit of L. A. Piper and G. L. Unwin to South Africa in 1960 and the help and counsel they gave to our National Tru-Foods Company.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

### JULY, 1967

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	5.50	5.54	5.59	6.03
Johannesburg	5.30	5.33	5.37	5.40
East London	5.14	5.18	5.23	5.27
Port Elizabeth	5.22	5.26	5.31	5.35
Bloemfontein	5.31	5.34	5.38	5.41
Pietermaritzburg	5.11	5.15	5.19	5.23
Durban	5.09	5.13	5.17	5.21
Windhoek	6.19	6.22	6.25	6.28
Bulawayo	5.39	5.41	5.44	5.46
Salisbury	5.32	5.34	5.37	5.39
Gwelo	5.33	5.35	5.38	5.40
Lusaka	5.43	5.45	5.47	5.48
Blantyre	5.21	5.23	5.26	5.27
Lubumbashi	6.00	6.02	6.04	6.04
Nairobi	6.40	6.40	6.42	6.41
Mombasa	6.23	6.24	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.49	6.51	6.53	6.51
Kampala	6.58	7.00	7.02	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.21	6.24	6.22
Tabora	6.49	6.51	6.53	6.51

### AUGUST, 1967

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	6.08	6.13	6.18	6.22
Johannesburg	5.43	5.46	5.50	5.52
East London	5.32	5.36	5.41	5.45
Port Elizabeth	5.40	5.45	5.50	5.54
Bloemfontein	5.45	5.49	5.53	5.56
Pietermaritzburg	5.27	5.31	5.35	5.38
Durban	5.25	5.29	5.33	5.36
Windhoek	6.31	6.33	6.36	6.38
Bulawayo	5.49	5.51	5.53	5.55
Salisbury	5.41	5.43	5.44	5.46
Gwelo	5.42	5.44	5.45	5.46
Lusaka	5.49	5.50	5.51	5.52
Blantyre	5.29	5.30	5.32	5.32
Lubumbashi	6.05	6.05	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.42	6.41	6.40	6.37
Mombasa	6.23	6.24	6.24	6.22
Kisumu	6.51	6.50	6.49	6.46
Kampala	6.59	6.59	6.58	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.21	6.22	6.22	6.22
Tabora	6.50	6.51	6.51	6.50

# Conformity Versus Conscience

## Part 1

by MERLE L. MILLS,  
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CONFORMITY is one of the most dangerous and subtle evils of our age. It is dangerous because it destroys human personality and devastates the will. It is subtle because it masquerades as a peacemaker, when it is only an appeaser. Conformity can be action or an act of conforming to something established. It also means compliance or acquiescence. In other words, conformity implies willingness and a desire to be in accord with the existing environment. What are the contributing factors which encourage this behaviour? They are fear, insecurity, cowardice, inferiority and expediency. Conformity leads to the course of least resistance, requiring little or no initiative, stamina or courage. It may be the accepted and popular way at the time, promising a relief from penury, hardship, loneliness or embarrassment. But one finds, to his great sorrow, that ultimately such a course leads to a life of disillusionment and servitude. This we are witnessing in many parts of the world today. What about the Christian? How should he relate himself to the environmental factors which tend to shape his life in this modern world? For the answer to our question, let us consult the Holy Scriptures. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2. In every area of activity, the Christian must be on guard, lest he yield to the temptation of letting his thoughts, habits and deeds conform to those about him which are in opposition to God's standards of right and wrong. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2 Cor. 6:17.

But the normal individual does not like to be different, or classed as a separatist. He does not wish to "stick out" his proverbial "neck," risking

opposition, ridicule, and condemnation. The sense of belonging to a cause or a group is one of the strong motivations of life. Rather than be rejected, isolated or derided, the temptation is to join "the gang," associate with the crowd and conform to accepted practices and patterns. The voice of conscience may say "No" at times but rather than stand alone or be in the minority group the overriding compulsion is to be identified with the masses. That is why many young people are not willing to stand up and be counted, to oppose and separate themselves from the group. This also explains the reason for the manner of dress, eating habits and behaviour patterns of some of our church members. They fear the thought of being different, of being classed as eccentric. This was not the spirit that made the martyrs of the early centuries and the Dark Ages, or the pioneers of the great Advent Movement. Nor is it the spirit which will characterize the people of God who will at last gain entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

The accommodating spirit of conforming to the liberal and iniquitous ways of the world is threatening the influence and witness of the church. Unless we are alert to this grave danger we shall fall to this subtle temptation. Many times evil is winked at and standards are compromised because of a yielding to the spirit of conformity and a preference for silence rather than standing alone and being in the minority. Many a member keeps his peace on a church board, on a committee, or in the business session on issues of the most vital consequence when inwardly he is conscience-smitten. Let us remember that truth is not only compromised by action; it can be equally outraged and defamed by silence.

Should we conform to the latest styles dictated by Dame Fashion because it is the accepted thing to do

even if by so doing we flout the principles of modesty and simplicity? Will we submit to the latest fads and innovations which are so characteristic of our modern age? Dare we allow ourselves to be coerced, intimidated and brain-washed to conform to the wishes of another, or accept a way of life which is contradictory to church standards or God's truth? Obviously, the answer in each of these cases is No. We have each been endowed with a will which involves the power of choice. This power must never be violated, nor yielded to the will of another individual. Each must think and act purposefully. We are held accountable and responsible to God for how we exercise the will. Consequently, it is of utmost importance that the Christian permit his will to be subdued only by Christ so that all his decisions are dictated from principle rather than from his unreliable and conflicting emotions. To yield the will to another by conforming to his wishes or dictates is nothing short of abject servitude, of reverting to the level of an animal that is driven hither and yon by the whims of its master. Concerning this danger we have been warned: "None should consent to be mere machines, run by another man's mind. God has given us ability to think and to act, and it is by acting with carefulness, looking to Him for wisdom, that you will become capable of bearing burdens. Be no other person's shadow. Expect that the Lord will work in and by and through you."—**Ministry of Healing**, page 498.