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FOCUS ON —

Our Youth

FORTY-FIVE YEARS SERVICE FOR YOUTH

by A. E. Cook,
Secretary, P.R. Department

FORTY-FIVE YEARS service for the Adventist youth of South Africa, without growing too old to understand and lead young people, is the unique record of Mrs. Agnes B. Marais who visited the TAD office this week.

Mrs. Marais, who retired from her latest position in the work at the Adventist Nurses' Home, Cape Town, on September 30, 1967, was born into one of the very early Adventist families near Kimberley, Cape. To unite with this church her father resigned his position in the South African Police force because of Sabbath problems. Although never actually a diamond digger himself, the ex-policeman was lured by the glitter that has made Kimberley world-famous. At times he employed men to dig for him. "And they found a number of large diamonds," Mrs. Marais said.

Brother Cooks' wealth came in another way. Six sons and four daughters were born into the family. All became faithful Seventh-day Adventists and six of the family found their way into the organized work of the movement. The eldest brother, Vivian Cooks, is a well-known lay-leader in the Transvaal. Pastor Walter Cooks is currently the president of the Botswana Field. Pastor J. B. Cooks recently left the post of Education and Sabbath School Dept. secretary of the TAD and is pastor of the Salisbury church and district at present.

Referring to her brother, J. B. Cooks, Mrs. Marais, who spent 38 years of her life teaching in our denominational schools, said, "I taught my brother John from the third standard right through to college level." She continued, "My teaching career commenced with two years in a government school. Then the brethren invited me to join the staff of Spion Kop College in Natal. In my class was an ex-farmer who had left the land, like so many of God's men of old, to prepare himself for serving the flock of God. After his graduation we married and continued together in

educational work until the Lord called my husband, C. C. Marais, to rest. Since then I have spent seven years as matron of the nurses' home in Cape Town."

Of the 38 years in our schools, the 18 during which her husband was college preceptor, were the most taxing, and also the most rewarding. Pastor and Sister Marais also taught at Hillcrest Secondary School, and led out in the establishing of Sedaven High School in the Transvaal during the school's first three years. Later he served as principal of Good Hope College, with Sister Marais as an active staff member.



Mrs. Agnes Marais with one of "her girls," Miss Pat Baxter.

Recalling some of the students who studied in their classes, Mrs. Marais referred to an endless succession of honoured names in South African Adventist history. On the list were: E. W. Tarr, W. Duncan Eva, Jan van der Merwe, R. E. Clifford, P. H. Coetzee, Russell Staples, Dr. Walter Birkenstock, Dr. Warren Staples, Dr. Bert Clifford, E. W. Marter, the late P. J. van Eck, Fred Thomas; in short, you name him, and Mrs. Marais taught him somewhere along the way.

"Because of changed circumstances relating to nurses' training in South Africa, the nurses' home closed its doors at the end of 1967," said Mrs. Marais. "During my time at the home, 55 girls in all lived in while training. Only five have actually gone into full-time mis-

sion service, but it is a great satisfaction to know that only two have been lost to the truth. I meet some of the girls in the churches almost everywhere I go."

Mrs. Marais is at present visiting with her brothers in Rhodesia and Botswana. She plans to settle in the city of Pretoria to be near her daughter Elza, the wife of Brother Steele Kritzinger. Another strong magnet in Pretoria is a lively young grandson, Kevin.

We wish Sister Marais a very happy, healthy, retirement. As another "good and faithful servant" lays down the burden of full-time service, hundreds of friends and former students will wish to join with the Master in saying, "WELL DONE."

PROFILE



PASTOR JOHN STEPHENSON is the assistant treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division. After graduating from Helderberg College in 1956 he served in the Congo Union treasury department under Pastor Reinhard's tutelage for five years. In 1962 he was called to the Division office.

Brother Stephenson comes from East London in South Africa, is married to the former Estelle Harebottle, and they have two children, Cheryl and Raymond. This family was numbered among the 29 missionaries involved in the dangerous experience in the Congo in 1961 when trapped in the union office during fighting between the Katangese and U.N. forces.

BI-UNION LITERATURE-EVANGELIST INSTITUTE

by J. T. Mason,

PDS, Trans-Africa Division.

A bi-union institute was held at Anderson Memorial School, 10 miles south of Gwelo, on January 7-13 for the literature-evangelists of the South African Union and the Rhodesia Conference. The chairmen of these meetings were Pastors A. M. du Plessis and W. C. Hewes, publishing secretaries of the two unions involved. The accompanying picture shows the large group of literature-evangelists and their leaders in attendance.

Pastor B. E. Jacobs gave a daily series of Bible studies on the Holy Spirit in the light of the Book of Esther. Devotional and instructional talks were given by F. G. Thomas, J. D. Harcombe, M. B. Musgrave and the writer. Pub-

lishing leaders and some of the literature-evangelists took part in various other assignments. All in all the meetings were most inspiring, and from the lips of a number present the conviction was expressed on several occasions that this was the finest L-E. institute they had attended. This expression came not only from new workers but also from veteran leaders of 20 years' experience.

On the closing night there was a candle-light service at which time the colporteur charge was read, followed by a reconsecration. These faithful and valiant workers then returned to their fields on fire to do a mightier work for God in 1968.



GOD DELIVER US—

- From belittling the honest achievements of any hard worker.
- From sneering at the upward struggle of even the weakest soul.
- From heaping criticism upon any wearied one already overloaded.
- From frightening any soul who is beginning to take wing to greater heights.
- From blighting with our ridicule the rising hopes of an aspiring youth.
- From laying more heavily the burden of shame on any erring soul.
- From taking too much credit for the victories that have come to us this day.

—Selected.

SUCCESS AT SOWETO

by Pieter H. Coetzee,
President, Southern Union

DECEMBER 16, 1967 will live on in the history of the work of the Southern Union in Johannesburg. On that afternoon 90 souls covenanted with their Lord to bury the past and rise to newness of life in the new glass-fronted baptistry in Soweto Tabernacle. A capacity crowd packed into the tabernacle for the occasion, while police patrolled the busy cross-roads outside.

The service came as the grand climax of the Alvin E. Cook campaign which was launched in the new auditorium during the month of August. The opening topic was presented six times to 6,000 people in all. During the next twelve weeks Pastor Cook imparted the message to interested audiences in six meetings each week. The best attendances were on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Early in the services people were hesitant about coming out at night due to the danger lurking in the darkness in the townships. The large evangelistic team was made up of 14 evangelists and pastors from the Southern Union fields, 8 ministerial students from Bethel, with their teacher Pastor Wright, and Pastor Victor Kluzit, the Southern Union evangelist.

A small baptism was conducted early in the series. After 10 souls had been immersed, 75 people came to the altar in response to the call to follow their example and joined the baptismal class. Pastor Cook commenced instruction classes immediately and soon there were 105 on the baptismal class roll.

When Pastor Cook returned to Salisbury, Pastor Maseka carried on with a pictorial truth series, covering every aspect of the message again. Kenneth Ndebele, the singing evangelist, instructed the baptismal group. Workers from the fields and district and the Bethel students also returned to their homes, leaving Evangelist Maseka, Brother Ndebele, two district pastors, and one lone lady Bible Instructor to carry on. Pastor Makasi and the local elders conducted baptismal instruction classes in the churches.

An outstanding meeting was the "Trial by Jury." Brother Landless, who had figured in the programme when Pastor Cook presented it in the Johannesburg campaign in 1959, again acted as Judge of the court. The non-Adventist jury voted "guilty." The audience also was in favour of the verdict without a dissenting vote. Pastor Cook said, "Never before have I seen an audience

take the "Trial" programme so seriously." The foreman of the jury immediately asked to join the baptismal class, so did the master of the local school at the cross-roads.

During the time the jury was in recess, Pastor Cook invited the judge to give his personal testimony to the truth. The audience was visibly moved as Brother Landless told of his career with the British army where he rose to the rank of major. He told how Christ on two occasions had moved into his life. The first time he was marching to a troopship to embark for active service in the Middle East. An unknown Adventist placed literature in his hand. He accepted it and read every word of it, but the contact led no further.

The audience hushed as the judge told of going down with a torpedoed ship in the Atlantic. All around men were dying, but our brother fortunately found a piece of wreckage which he shared with an elderly minister. This kept them afloat but the preacher was in poor shape and before he died and dropped into the sea he said, "I can't survive but you will. Remember, God has a plan for your life."

"When I came to South Africa after the war," said Brother Landless, "I heard this great truth of the love of God and faith of Jesus. I knew it was my chance. I accepted it with all my heart and I counsel you to do the same." When the call was made, hundreds did.

There is still so much to be done in Soweto. Multitudes have not yet heard the call. Please pray for us as we venture forth and plan a programme of continuous evangelism for the saving of souls.

ORDINATION

TWO MEMBERS of the Southern Union staff were ordained to the Gospel Ministry recently. They are Clifford D. Verwey, Secretary-treasurer of the Southern Union and Victor P. Kluzit, union evangelist.

—P. H. Coetzee.

REQUISITES OF HAPPINESS

A soul that can rise above trifles,
A spirit immovably sweet;
A soul that can soar, high and mighty,
O'er trouble; and soul that can mete
Out kindness unto all others,
And never the poorer be;
That can stoop to lift up a lost brother,
Aid sister, or father, or mother,
Nor forgets "As ye love one another
Even so shall I love thee."
A heart that beats nobly and truly,
A mean or low act to scorn;
That expands with some worthy act daily
Like a bud at the first blush of morn.
Thus the soul, nobly fed, will have power,
To expand into blossoming flower,
When 'tis called to receive the just dower
Of those who truly are good.

SQUARING-UP WITH GOD

"JUST A FEW LINES regarding our experience in paying tithe. We are farmers, and for sixty-three years we have been connected in full membership with this movement. All these years we have endeavoured to pay an honest tithe, deducting only actual costs paid out for materials, such as feed and supplies. About twenty years ago we decided to pledge the Lord ten per cent on gross income for tithe, and five per cent on the same for Sabbath-school Investment. The twelfth year Satan made it hard for us to meet our vow. But his efforts did not change our purpose. Every year thereafter was easier until our tithe and Sabbath-school Investment multiplied ten times, and what was left for our use was many times more than before. God has been very good to us."—*Your Stewardship and Mine*, p. 137.

MV Special Emphasis Week, March 16-23

Feeding the 107,000

WHEN JESUS LOOKED upon the multitude and realized that they were hungry, with a spiritual hunger for the Word of God, He "was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." Mark 6:34.

Sometimes we think only of the miracle of physical hunger which was cared for by the feeding of the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes, but the greatest miracle was the spiritual feeding that Jesus gave to their hungry souls. In the TAD we have 107,000 youth who are waiting to be fed, fed with the Word of God—with food which will strengthen their souls for the day and hour in which they live.

March 16-23 has been set aside by the General Conference as a world-wide Week of Prayer for our youth. Every church in Trans-Africa must co-operate in this great feeding programme. Dare we think of leaving some youth hungry because we do not take time to feed them?

PASTORS—CHURCH ELDERS—

We plead with you to make this priority No.1 in your church calendar for March. Many churches follow the plan of pulpit exchanges for the MV Week of Prayer, and we think this is

a good plan. Whatever your plan for this week, we trust that you will organize and plan for something very special. After all, who is more important than our youth?

PARENTS—

As the time approaches for this great event, will you not gather your household or family together and seek a special blessing during this MV Week of Prayer? Your sons and daughters are in need of parental guidance and spiritual feeding. You can do much to prepare your youth and other youth as well for this special week.

YOUTH

This is *your hour* to decide for Christ. Make plans to co-operate in this greatest of all Weeks of Prayer.

Speak to your pastors and MV leaders and tell them that you are praying

for a good MV Week of Prayer. Offer your services; remember that those who give receive the greatest blessings.

Invite your friends to attend. These meetings are for *youth* — youth who are in need of spiritual food. Many young men and women who once walked with us are no longer present at our church services. Invite them to join you in these meetings. As youth, you must make your own decisions to be on the side of right, forgetting the world and following Christ. By setting a good example, you may lead many others to make a decision.

The youth leaders in Trans-Africa believe in you, the youth of our church. We believe that you will co-operate in making this the greatest Week of Prayer ever. It is our goal to record 4,400 decisions for Christ during this Week of Prayer. With your help and under the blessing of God, we know it can be done.

OBJECTIVES

Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer has for its aims:

- ★ To lead the Christian youth of the Church into a deeper and more significant fellowship with Christ.
- ★ To reclaim the discouraged for Christ and the service of the Church.
- ★ To win the unconverted to Christ.
- ★ To challenge our own young people to be faithful and courageous participants in SHARE YOUR FAITH activities.
- ★ To encourage the whole church and to arouse its members to the urgency of saving our young people and training them for God's service.



by **B. E. Jacobs**
TAD Youth Activities
Director

DECISION GOALS FOR MV WEEK OF PRAYER

CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION	1,500
CONGO UNION	1,000
EAST AFRICAN UNION	350
SOUTH AFRICAN UNION	350
SOUTH-EAST AFRICA UNION	300
SOUTHERN UNION	300
TANZANIA UNION	300
ZAMBESI UNION	300
TAD TOTAL	4,400



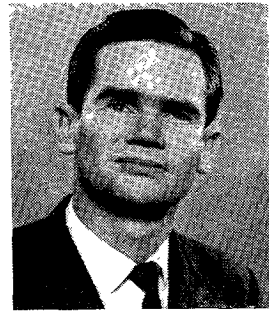
Derek C. Beardsell,
Central African Union.



M. B. Elasto,
Congo Union.



Timothy V. Gorle,
East African Union.



James D. Runkel,
South African Union
Conference.

CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION

DURING THE PAST 12 months, God has richly blessed our union in youth evangelism. Voice of Youth crusades have been conducted in all parts of our field with unbelievable success. We have seen 10,194 decisions made to follow Christ during the past three quarters as the result of the work of our dedicated youth.

The youth of the CAU are looking forward to the MV Week of Prayer. Our plan is to give a special thrust to youth evangelism. Under the blessing of God, we hope to have 1,500 decisions during this special campaign.

From the valleys to the mountain-tops, from the shores of beautiful Lake Kivu to the Mountains of the Moon, we plan to have special youth groups proclaim a special message, "Jesus is coming soon!"

—D. C. Beardsell

CONGO UNION

THE YOUTH of the Congo are looking forward to the forthcoming Week of Prayer, knowing that God will pour out a *special* blessing upon them during this week.

We have faced many problems here in the Congo but our courage and strength in the Lord could not be better. It is our determination to make March 16-23 the greatest eight days in youth evangelism that we have ever had in the Congo Union.

Our fields have set the following goals for the MV Week of Prayer: East Congo Field, 550; North Congo Field, 150; South Congo Field, 250; West Congo Field, 50; Total, 1,000.

One thousand decisions in eight days! God will bless us and give us success, we are sure.

—M. B. Elasto

EAST AFRICAN UNION

FROM THE WHITE BEACHES of the Indian Ocean to the mountains of Uganda, the youth of the EAU will be taking part in the special MV Week of Prayer, March 16-23. There seems to be an awakening of MV evangelism in our union and we know that our youth will not let us down. We have prepared a special MV Kit with 26 programmes to stimulate a new interest in MV activities and we feel that as we approach the MV Week of Prayer, the interest will accelerate until every SDA youth will have a part in this special youth week. We have set as our goal 350 decisions which we hope to reach during this period.

We are requesting that every church and Sabbath-school group make this week something special for every youth in every city, town, and village. The EA Union is going ahead — "Forward March — Every Youth!" We will heed our Lord's command.

—T. V. Gorle

UNION YOUTH LEAD

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

THE YOUTH of the South A... the idea of a simultaneous world-wide... certain night, every young person... in the Trans-Africa Division binds us... the work. We in turn consider it an... Missionary Volunteers around the wo... where God has called them to labour... laying plans so that we may be unit... determined that the chain of world-

In this union, we are planning... These teams will prepare the grou... people will be invited to this special... be written, prayer groups will be e... the meetings will be informed as... youth choirs will be used, serving a... in song to those in attendance, and... themselves attend all the meetings... rostrum with the minister in charge.

In other words, our plans are b... of Prayer the best we have ever had... attend the meetings but by urging th... renewed decisions and dedication to... for the soon coming of Jesus.

THE MV WEEK OF PRAYER... spiritual programme for our young pe... this year plans are under way to c... schools and churches.

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The Week of Prayer has proved... Adventist youth in the faith and in



Phaize J. Salhany,
South-East Africa
Union.



John G. Evert,
Southern Union.



Yohana Lusingu,
Tanzania Union.



Ivan M. Piercey,
Zambesi Union.

SOUTHERN UNION

OF TRANS-AFRICA

THE SOUTHERN UNION is happy to participate in the world youth Week of Prayer March 16-23. It is our plan as far as possible to have the Week of Prayer conducted in all our churches with as many of our young people participating as possible. We know that, under the blessing of God, there will be many decisions made during this week. The youth and adults of the Southern Union join the world field in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during this special Youth Emphasis Week.

We have set as a goal for this union 300 decisions to be reached as the result of the Week of Prayer. With strong support from our pastors, youth leaders and devoted laymen, we know that this goal can be achieved. The Southern Union is proud of its army of youth and we count it a privilege to be part of the great army of youth around the world field.

—J. C. Evert

TANZANIA UNION

THE TANZANIA UNION has an MV membership of 5,537. With this army of Adventist youth, we expect great things during 1968.

The MV Week of Prayer will be the opening key to great achievements. We are planning to invite every member to make sure that he or she attends, and brings a friend to all meetings.

The 1968 MV Week of Prayer will also be a week of soulwinning in the whole of Tanzania. Plans are being made so that every minister and teacher-evangelist will attend and take an active part in the services. Meanwhile, we will be enrolling more youth in the MV Society.

—Y. Lusingu

ZAMBESI UNION

IT IS SAID of Jesus that "in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" Mark 1:35.

During this MV Week of Prayer we would that all our youth discover God anew, that their affections be severed from this world, and that their lives be given completely to God. Perhaps the experience we desire for you, dear youth, can best be seen in that of the prodigal son. "Father, GIVE ME the portion of goods that falleth to me" Luke 15:12. Here he thinks only of what he can get, and how he can best benefit himself. When at last he "came to himself," he discovered something greater. He experienced a change of heart, and then he prayed, "MAKE ME as one of thy hired servants." Now he could sing, "Mould me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."

—I. M. Piercey

SOUTH-EAST AFRICA UNION

years been the high-light of a strong South-East Africa union. Likewise family meetings simultaneously in our four three fields, will assign pastors for the week. We will place in the hands of our members material, suggestions for songs, and suggestions for meetings.

A tremendous blessing in strengthening our youth and making new decisions for Christ.

—P. J. Salhany

Union Conference are thrilled with the Week of Prayer. Just to know that on a world-wide basis we will be praying for the youth together with them in our efforts to finish the work is a greater privilege to pray for our fellow workers than that they in turn may finish the work for us. With this in mind, we are already praying at the appointed time. We are confident that our prayers will not break where we are.

We are using an extensive use of Friendship Teams. We are using our pastors and friends and backslidden young people in the Week of Prayer. Personal letters will be used, and our ministers who conduct the services will have their responsibilities. Wherever possible, the purpose is to bring messages to the people, and to ensure that the choir members and the youth people will also be used on the

plan is: To make this world-wide Week of Prayer a reality by inviting our young people to make their Week of Prayer a time for preparing themselves and others

—J. D. Runkel

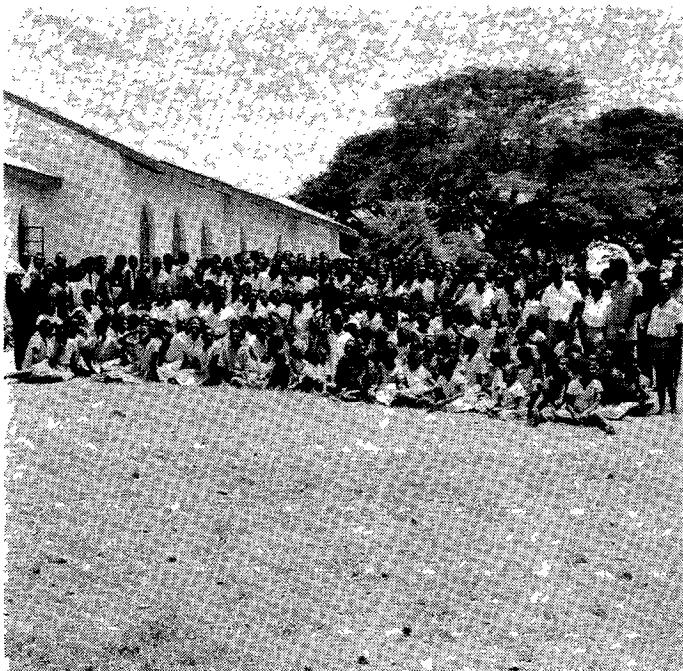
Youth Rally, Lower Gwelo 1967



Senior and Junior participants in the 1967 Oratorical Temperance Contest, with sponsors from Lower Gwelo Training School and Solusi College.



Five of the winning Temperance Posters.



Group of 258 Missionary Volunteers invested during the Lower Gwelo Youth Rally.



Master Guides Invested at Youth Rally with B. E. Jacobs (far right); I. M. Piercey and E. M. Dzimiri (far left).

YOUTH RALLY

Lower Gwelo, 1967

ON FRIDAY EVENING, October 15, 1967, nearly 1,000 young people crowded into the church at Lower Gwelo Training School to begin a week-end of youth activities. The opening meeting was a call to consecration and surrender to the One who alone has been over the road before us. On Sabbath morning a challenge to a consecration of time and talents in the service of the Master Guide was presented. Sabbath afternoon was spent in discussing ways in which Advent youth can work for Christ, special emphasis being given to the five-pronged programme of youth evangelism. Here too we learned of youth on fire for God, holding efforts, participating in branch Sabbath-school work, and home visitation.

After the sun had set, Lower Gwelo seemed to become a hive of activity. This was "the" Saturday night of the year! The time had arrived for the Temperance Contest between Solusi and Lower Gwelo! Essays had been submitted, posters were on display, and senior and junior oratorical contestants were all eager to get started. Who can forget the suspense, the rounds of applause that greeted each participant, and the final triumph of the victors when the results were given. Solusi College, for the first time in 4 years, had become the new possessor of the Temperance Trophy.

On Sunday morning one of the largest investitures ever to take place in the Zambesi Union was held. Two hundred and fifty-eight young people, from Sunbeams through to Master Guides received their pins. Nearly twenty boys and girls, with no eyes to see, but with a desire to be more like Jesus, had also completed their progressive classwork.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

During the TAD MV Secretaries' Council in 1966, plans were laid to make the next four years in Trans-Africa the greatest years for youth evangelism. The General Conference set a goal of 100,000 souls to be won by the youth during the next quadrennium. As we discussed our programme, the MV secretaries of the Division felt that we could set a goal for Trans-Africa of 50,000, or one-half of the world goal! We have seen great results thus far, and God has blessed our efforts. By the end of the third quarter of 1967, we had reached a total of 16,257 young

people baptized since General Conference time in 1966.

Around the Division, our youth are on the march. We have had youth in some parts of the Division who have secured as many as 200 decisions as the result of their first endeavours in youth evangelism. Without question, God is using our youth to proclaim the message of the third angel to this troubled world.

At Mombera School in northern Malawi, 43 branch Sabbath-schools are being conducted. Every youth in the school is given permission to participate every other Sabbath. These branch Sabbath-schools have been conducted for the village people, sometimes in the maize fields while the folks are keeping the monkeys and baboons out of the fields.

Our greatest tool for youth evangelism in Trans-Africa is our Voice of Youth approach. From Cape Town to Nairobi, our youth are engaged in this type of evangelism. Many areas of darkness have been opened to the light of truth by some devoted SDA youth. God is calling all youth to be light-bearers. "Carry Light"

We challenge every youth (and the youth-minded) to make plans for a Voice of Youth meeting. God is desirous of using humble, dedicated youth who will turn their backs on the things of this old world and go out in a work that the angels of heaven would rejoice

FOLLOW-UP

THE WEEK OF PRAYER should not pass without the organization of a baptismal class which should meet at a regularly appointed time when the group comes together for instruction preparatory to baptism. All young people should be encouraged to enlist in one of the service bands of the MV Society.

If the church board and the MV executive committee will regard all youth and boys and girls of the church as their field of personal work in soul-winning, there will be a mighty fruitage for God during this MV Week of Prayer.

to do. Why not plan to enlist in the army of Christ today, the army with no reserves, the army with every volunteer in active service.

Contact your local MV secretary or pastor today and tell him you are ready to join the march of youth evangelism. God will bless you and souls will be saved as the result of your efforts.

"ACTIVATE IN '68"

Thoughts On—

THE ENJOYMENT OF LIVING

"TRUE HAPPINESS is to understand our duties toward God and man; to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future; not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears, but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is abundantly sufficient; for he that is so wants nothing. The great blessings of mankind are within us, and within our reach; but we shut our eyes and, like people in the dark, fall foul of the very thing we search for without finding it. Tranquillity is a certain equality of mind which no condition of fortune can either exalt or depress.

"There must be sound mind to make a happy man; there must be constancy in all conditions, a care for the things of this world but without anxiety; and such an indifference to the bounties of fortune that either with them or without them we may live content. True joy is serene. . . . The seat of it is within, and there is no cheerfulness like the resolution of a brave mind that has fortune under its feet. It is an invincible greatness of mind not to be elevated or dejected with good or ill fortune. A wise man is content with his lot, whatever it be—without wishing for what he has not."—*Lucius A. Seneca*, (A.D. 65)



Pastor Cyril Bender

BENDER.—Cyril Michael was born on November 9, 1935 in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa. He graduated from the Good Hope College and accepted a Bible Worker's post in Pietermaritzburg at the commencement of his 14 years of denominational service. Feeling the call of the Lord to evangelism he was transferred to the Tanzania Union where he led out or had part in a number of large evangelistic campaigns, among which was one conducted by Pastor E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference in Dar-es-Salaam.

Brother Bender's sudden and untimely death was on Sabbath morning, December 23 at 12:30 a.m. He had been taken to the Dar-es-Salaam Hospital with a ruptured appendix the previous Monday. On Friday there occurred a steep rise in temperature and the doctor thought this could be from blood clotting, but when Sister Bender told him that Brother Bender frequently suffered from malaria, he investigated and found it in his blood. The death certificate indicates the cause as cerebral malaria. The doctor said the appendix operation was under full control.

His body was embalmed and shipped to Pietermaritzburg in South Africa where he was buried. A memorial service was held in the Dar-es-Salaam church the following Sabbath.

Brother Bender had just completed an evangelistic campaign at Morogoro where he baptized 44 new believers when he became ill. We express deepest sympathy for Sister Veronica Bender and her two small children, his sorrowing parents and relatives. One day the Lord will explain the reason why this dedicated and consecrated young worker should have been laid to rest in the prime of his manhood.

WERNER.—Sister Kathrina Werner was born in Poland, August 9, 1881. She grew up in a strict Roman Catholic home, but when a young lady, went on holiday to a married sister in Germany. In this home she first saw a Bible. With a feeling of awful fear, when no-one else was at home, she looked into the Bible for the first time, and later read portions in it when she was sure she was alone. She was stunned when she learned that her sister and brother-in-law had both become Protestants, but later she also became one and joined the Baptist Church.

In 1913 she came with her husband to live in South Africa, and in 1934 moved to Rhodesia to live with her daughter, Mrs. Elsa Roslee. The next year mother and daughter became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Salisbury under the labours of Pastor F. G. Clifford.

Both of these sisters have been loyal, active church members for more than thirty years. For half of this time Sister Werner was the Dorcas-Welfare leader of the local church, bringing help and blessing to many in Salisbury.

She literally lived in a garden of flowers, and from that garden went flowers to beautify and perfume the church. Like the flowers with which she lived, her life was beautiful and inspiring. The last few years of her life, unlike the earlier ones, were burdened by severe pain, but she always had a cheerful smile and a pleasant word for all who came to visit her.

She leaves a vacant chair in the home where she lived so peacefully with her daughter and son-in-law, but soon the glorious dawn of Christ's coming, for which she longed, will break over the beautiful Warren Hills where she was laid to rest. "Wiedersehen"

—J. B. COOKS.

AT

REST



Pastor Alfred Matter

MATTER.—Alfred (Snr.) was born on May 19, 1886 in Gottingen, West Germany. He received his education at our Seminary in Friedensau, Magdeburg in what is now East Germany and was baptized in 1912. In 1914 he responded to a call to mission service in Kenya, East Africa, and with his bride, a young nurse named Elisabeth Nawrotzki, left for Africa. This was the beginning of 50 years spent in service for this land which he loved so dearly. Many and varied were the experiences through which this intrepid missionary couple passed but never was their service stunted, never did a call for help go unanswered, and never did the line of missionary endeavour break where they stood. Even during the most dangerous period of disturbances in the Congo these two dear servants of God remained at their post of duty. On one occasion while they held the fort on an isolated mission station so that a younger missionary family could go on furlough, their home was forcibly entered by soldiers on the rampage who demanded alcohol. Graciously these godly missionaries served the uninvited intruders with lemonade, and by their gentle, tactful ways, succeeded in winning the confidence of the soldiers. Because of their great love for God they knew no fear.

After celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary and 50 years of service in Africa and for Africa, they returned to Germany where they lived in our Elderly Citizens' Home at Neandertal, near Dusseldorf.

Pastor Matter passed quietly to his rest on September 17, 1967, from where he will arise to greet His Lord in the great resurrection day.

DIVISION TREASURER

A cable from the General Conference brings the news that Pastor G. O. Bruce, formerly secretary-treasurer of the South-East Asia Union has been appointed as treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division to replace Pastor R. M. Reinhard who has been called away to Washington.

Reporting On —

People and Events

Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Reinhard left headquarters on January 10. Over 50 members of the Division staff and their families were at the airport to bid them godspeed. They flew first to Uganda to spend a few days at Bugema Missionary College with their nephew and his wife, Brother and Sister R. Stradowski. Then they flew on to Germany to visit relatives and to audit the books of the Central European Division. They expect to reach Washington, their new home, some time after the middle of February.

The Autumn Council of the General Conference, held in Washington in October, took an historic action. It voted that a World Youth Congress be held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 22-26, 1969. This memorable assembly of young people from all parts of the world field will be the most outstanding event in Missionary Volunteer history, and will demonstrate the unity in Christ that we believe is a part of our faith. It is anticipated that a large delegation will represent Trans-Africa, and union committees are now making plans to promote this convocation.

The good news has just been received from Pastor Don Thomas of the Congo Union that Pastor Samuelli Karekesi of Kirundu Mission Station has found his daughter, Sara. Our readers will remember that a few years ago Sara was abducted and carried into the dense forest and was not heard of again. Brother and Sister Karekesi have repeatedly declined the invitation of the brethren to move to a place of greater safety. While their daughter's whereabouts was unknown they remained at Kirundu and carried on with their work, even though it has been almost impossible for supplies or funds to reach them. God has now graciously answered the many prayers for Sara and she has been returned to her home. We rejoice with Brother and Sister Karekesi.

Personnel changes in the East African Union are as follows: After returning from his periodic leave, Pastor Danie Bakker will be a department secretary of the union; Pastor F. L. Bell becomes the president of the Central Kenya Field; and Brother F. N. Pottle is now the secretary-treasurer of the South Kenya Field.

Conference Session election results in the South African Union are:

CAPE CONFERENCE:
President: Pastor F. Campbell (Newly-elected)
Secy.-Treas: E. Armer (Re-elected)

GOOD HOPE CONFERENCE:
President: Pastor Gold Theunissen (Newly-elected)
Secy.-Treas: Pastor Alex Jephthas (Re-elected)

ORANJE-NATAL CONFERENCE:
President: Pastor Eric Webster (Re-elected)
Secy.-Treas: W. van Heerden (Newly-elected)

TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE:
President: Pastor P. P. van Eck (Newly-elected)
Secy.-Treas: E. A. Korff (Re-elected)

Over 100 senior youth attended a Senior youth camp conducted by the Transvaal and Oranje-Natal conferences. H. F. Steenberg, MV secretary for the TC, was the director, and J. D. Runkel and B. E. Jacobs of the SAUC and TAD respectively, were camp pastors.

THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET:

- Showing kindness to an aged person.*
- Destroying the letter written in anger.*
- Offering the apology that saves a friendship.*
- Stopping a scandal that is wrecking a reputation.*
- Helping a boy find himself.*
- Taking time to show your mother consideration.*
- Accepting the judgment of God on any question.*

—Roy L. Smith

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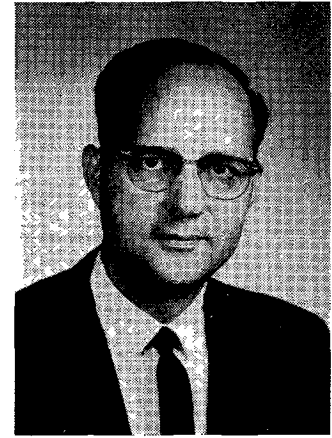
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Johannesburg	6.39	6.32	6.25	6.18	6.10
East London	6.44	6.36	6.28	6.18	6.07
Port Elizabeth	6.55	6.46	6.38	6.28	6.17
Bloemfontein	6.48	6.41	6.34	6.25	6.16
Pietermaritzburg	6.32	6.24	6.17	6.08	5.58
Durban	6.30	6.22	6.15	6.06	5.56
Windhoek	7.20	7.14	7.08	7.01	6.53
Bulawayo	6.32	6.27	6.21	6.15	6.08
Salisbury	6.20	6.15	6.09	6.04	5.57
Gwelo	6.30	6.23	6.14	6.05	5.58
Lusaka	6.33	6.26	6.18	6.10	6.04
Blantyre	6.40	6.00	5.55	5.51	5.44
Lubumbashi	6.31	6.28	6.25	6.21	6.16
Nairobi	6.49	6.47	6.46	6.45	6.42
Mombasa	6.38	6.37	6.35	6.32	6.26
Kisumu	6.59	6.57	6.55	6.54	6.51
Kampala	7.05	7.05	7.04	7.02	6.59
Dar-es-Salaam	6.43	6.41	6.38	6.34	6.27
Tabora	7.08	7.06	7.03	7.02	6.57

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We Fight with Light

by Merle L. Mills,
President, Trans-Africa Division



CHRISTIANITY in its beginning was bold, aggressive and militant. Though confronted with formidable opposition from paganism, the early followers of this unique and dynamic religion could not be deterred from gaining adherents to its cause. Fortified with a burning evangelical passion and motivated by an unrestrained confidence in and love for their Leader, the converts of this religion scaled impenetrable barriers and advanced to the darkest and most distant regions of the world. Though waves of persecution rose up against them and unspeakable shame, infamy and torture were inflicted upon them, nothing could stem the rising tide of this movement. Faggot, sword and rack held no fear and was no cause for dissuasion for the courageous and zealous devotees of this new and incendiary philosophy. With no finances, sophisticated facilities, institutions or educated ministry the members of this detested sect went forth as soldiers of the cross in a spectacular conquest for Christ. Without sword, shield or ram, these indefatigable warriors conquered armies, dethroned emperors and kings and subdued barbarism as they pushed back the frontiers of mythology and demonology.

And we might inquire, what was the secret of their success? Did they possess a weapon which gave them an advantage over their enemies? The answer is Yes! It was the invisible, secret and unsuspected weapon of light. Natural light can be potent and destructive as well as therapeutic, vitalizing and discriminating. Just so with spiritual light which is the gospel, the good news of salvation, the unblemished and scintillating truth bequeathed to the church by Christ. This light, wielded by the early believers of the Christian church through the power of the Holy Ghost, succeeded in rolling back the tide of darkness which for centuries had fettered civilization

with ignorance, fear, superstition and error. It opened eyes darkened by tradition, enlightened minds distorted by false concepts, elevated men from the depths of fear, emancipated benighted souls from spiritual bondage and imparted hope and peace to those enthralled in degradation and despair.

Transformed and elevated to new plateaus of freedom and truth, each convert became a bright and burning light, revealing a new way of life that was destined to change the course of history.

It is to be lamented that as the centuries came and went, the Christian church lost its zeal, simplicity and sense of direction. As it became entrenched it became autocratic, institutionalized, and corrupt. It lapsed into spiritual decay as its leaders compromised its tenets, flirted with the world, and concerned themselves with mundane honour and power.

Those who raised their voices against the encroachments of formality, ceremonialism, spiritual anaemia, and politics were vilified, castigated and denounced as heretics. Darkness again settled upon the world as tradition and superstition were substituted for the teachings and doctrines of Christ. The torch of truth became dim and burned low. The true church of Christ was driven into seclusion and obscurity. But, according to the prophet, the time would come when the church would emerge from the wilderness and would boldly and clearly sound a tocsin for a revival and reformation. We believe we have come to that hour. Above the tumult and pandemonium of our day we hear in ringing tones the prophetic voice: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" Isa. 60:1.

The main-stream of Christianity is confused and inert. It has sheathed its weapon of light. Doubt has been substituted for faith, and rationalism for conviction. False prophets with siren voices are calling out of the dark, declaring God is dead, Christ is only a man, the Bible is mystical, and dogma is passe.

Now is the hour for the members of the remnant church to arise and unsheath their weapon of light which is found in the everlasting gospel, and challenge the power of darkness. Paul said that we were to be as "shining lights in the world."

Especially do we appeal to our youth to enter the forefront of battle. With their vigour, enthusiasm, and dedicated talents, God can use their services. By precept and example His truth must be advanced. It is the bounden duty of every church member to discharge his debt to Christ by sharing the light of Present Truth with those who yet sit in darkness. Let there be no apathy or smugness in the fulfilment of the solemn task. We dare not conceal the light given us in this last generation. With measured tread, vigorous heart, and militant spirit we must fight for Christ, extending the borders of His kingdom in this world in preparation for that eventful and effulgent day when the army of God's church will march triumphantly through the pearly gates. Reader of mine, how bright is your light and how effectively are you using it in the great conflict between truth and error which rages about us today?