



# Division MV Secretaries' Council April 18-24



1. *Leaders and delegates with but one thought — the saving and training of our youth.*
2. **TO KEEP THE FINGERS BUSY:** *Mrs. B. E. Jacobs, wife of TAD'S youth leader, with a few of the many articles of handiwork she prepared for exhibition, which can be taught to young people of all races.*
3. **SISTERS IN SERVICE:** *Mrs. Fred Thomas (nee Jean Hepburn), wife of ZU's president, and Mrs. Ivan Piercay (nee Shirley Hepburn), wife of ZU's MV secretary, had a most important role during the MV Council.*
4. **YOUTH LEADER** *Bob Jacobs with his Union MV colleagues.*



## Trans-Africa Division OUTLOOK

One thousand three hundred and twenty-six languages and dialects now have some part of the Bible, according to the records of the United Bible Societies in

## NEWS AND VIEWS

DURING 1967, 46 languages received a part of the Bible for the first time. In many cases this was also the first written material of any kind in the language. One new translation was in Hrê, spoken in the Highlands of Vietnam, in which missionaries of the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade have translated the books of Matthew, John and Revelation. Another language to have its first portion of Scripture was Papago, spoken by American Indians in Arizona, USA. Many of this tribe speak English, but Papago is the mother tongue they use at home. A third translation, Mark's Gospel, in Fon, has been published by the All Africa Conference of Churches, and will be used in an evangelistic programme planned among the Fon people of Dahomey, West Africa. Many of the other new translations are in languages of Papau and New Guinea, and Latin America; both these areas contain hundreds of small tribes whose languages have not yet been reduced to writing.

In addition, the complete Bible was published for the first time in Kirundi, spoken in Burundi, Central Africa. Several hundred people gathered in the largest Protestant church in Bujumbura, Burundi, for a thanksgiving service on March 6, for this newly published Bible in Rundi (also called Kirundi). The president of the Republic was represented by the secretary general, who accepted a specially inscribed Bible for the president from the Anglican bishop of Burundi, Bishop John Nkunzumwami who conducted the service. Five of those who had taken part in the long task of translation and revision were present at the ceremony. Miss Rosemary Guillebaud, one of the key translators, spoke in Kirundi. An official of the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops of Burundi and Rwanda spoke on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, welcoming the publication of the Bible and offering his warm congratulations to the translators and to the Bible societies, who published the new Bible.

The complete Bible was also published for the first time in Nama,

# WELCOME TO THE FENNS



With the aid of globe and map, Pastor and Mrs. Vincent A. Fenn study the territory of the Trans-Africa Division to which they have been called. Pastor Fenn is TAD's new treasurer and Mrs. Fenn is taking over the work which Mrs. Reinhard did in the Treasury and Statistical departments.

spoken in South-West Africa, and New Testaments were published in Bamileke and Bamoun (Cameroun), Ilamba (Tanzania), Macedonian, three dialects of Nuba (Sudan) and Zoque and Copainala (Mexico).

Some part of the Bible is now available in the languages of 96 per cent of the world's population. Yet it is true that more Bible translation activity is in progress today than at any other time.

Firstly, the 4 per cent of the world population with no part of the Bible speak well over 1,000 mutually unintelligible languages and dialects. Missions are at work in many hundreds of these, notably Wycliffe Bible Translators, New Tribes Mission, Unevangelized Fields Mission, and others. The Bible societies are in contact with over 340 such projects.

Secondly, many of the languages with only a few books of the Bible need more.

Thirdly, a most important part of today's translation activity is the revision of Bible translations written some years ago which now need bringing up to date. Revision is in progress in many of the major world languages—in fact, in the languages of an estimated 75 per cent of the

world population. Revision is usually done by interdenominational committees of national Christians.

The New Testament topped the list of best-selling paperbacks in the United States last year, according to a survey in the New York Times Book Review. The American Bible Society's New Testament in the Today's English Version, entitled *Good News for Modern Man*, had a distribution of 7,815,042 copies during the year. The Society reports that since the version was first published in September 1966, almost 10 million copies have been distributed in the US and overseas.

The Bible societies' role in this world translation programme is to help organize representative translation and revision committees, provide financial assistance when necessary, give technical advice and sponsor training conferences for translators. When the translation is completed, in the majority of cases the Bible societies publish the books. Then remains the task of world-wide distribution of around 100 million Bible and Scripture leaflets at a price the ordinary man can afford—usually well below cost price.

GORDON STANLEY STEVENSON was born at Burgersdorp on the third of June in the year 1907 as the third child to Samuel and Elizabeth Stevenson. Some time later the family moved to Cape Town and then to Kimberley where he spent most of his childhood and early youth. It was in the year 1918, when he was 11 years old under the ministrations of the late Pastor Paap of Australia and Pastor W. H. Hurlow, now of the South Coast, Natal, that the young Stanley was baptized and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was still a young boy when in 1920 he went to old Spionkop College intent on preparing for the ministry. The Stevenson family had by this time increased to seven children and it was not easy for his father to pay the school fees, so young Stanley worked on the school farm in order to help meet the expenses. When he was old enough to do so, he served as a student colporteur, thus earning the means with which to continue his studies.

While he was working for an engineering firm in Wynberg, Cape, he met and became friendly with Edna George who was working in the headquarters office of the Southern African Division at Claremont. This friendship ripened and at the beginning of 1928 they were married and went to establish their home at Helderberg College where he became a pioneer student and she a teacher. For two years he studied at this institution still earning his way by hard work. He had a large share in the work of building the present administration building as well as helping to complete the men's residence. At the end of 1929 he graduated from the Theological Course and was granted his diploma.

The next year, 1930, found him serving as a missionary at Malamulo Mission and later at Tekerani Mission where he spent a number of years of fruitful labour, earning the love of the people and learning the art of administration. His ordination to the gospel ministry came in 1935.

In 1936 at the age of 28 years he was called to serve as president of the old South Bantu Mission Field. Thereafter he took up evangelistic and pastoral work, serving a number of congregations in Natal.

His first call to editorship came in 1948 when he was asked to serve as editor of "Signs of the Times." Two years later he became director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School and for another four years continued also to edit the "Signs."

In 1954 he was called to the presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and seven months later to the presidency of the South African Union Conference. For eight years, longer than any other man, he served in this capacity, earning the reputation of being a firm, wise, and just leader in the cause of God.

1962 once again saw the call to serve as editor of the "Signs of the Times" and house editor at the Sentinel Publishing Association. At the same time he also served as pastor of the Plumstead congregation, feeding and leading and chiding his flock like a father.

During the years of his ministry in various capacities, Pastor Stevenson interested himself in many things. He was

G. S. Stevenson, late Assistant Editor, "Outlook"; Editor, "Signs/Tekens"; House Editor, Sentinel Publishing Association.

## At Rest



a great student, a mighty preacher and a good friend. Among other things he interested himself in the temperance cause and in this work made many friends among ministers of all denominations with whom it was his privilege to associate. For many years he served as national vice-chairman of the South African Temperance Alliance and also as chairman of the Cape Council. He particularly distinguished himself as a champion of the under-dog; in fact his last living minutes were spent interceding for an African man who was being mistreated.

His passion was for souls. During his last night on earth, he went to speak to a wandering Christian in the hope of winning him back to Christ. This passion made of him a man of prayer. Every morning he arose at 5.30 to enjoy a season of devotion.

He was a good and devoted husband, father, grandfather, minister, friend, having only love in his heart for all men.

During his youth he suffered three attacks of rheumatic fever. This left him with a defective heart which over the years he had to favour. Early in 1965 the heart weakened and surgery became necessary. This was performed during May, 1965, by the heart team at Grootte Schuur Hospital. With the added strength gained from this operation he was again able to take up his load and serve his Lord and his fellow-men with vigour. But on May 2, 1968, while he stood talking to a colleague at the office, the faithful but tired heart finally failed and he died suddenly and quietly, literally in harness. Of him it could well be said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

The memory of Pastor Stevenson will live on in the hearts of hundreds whose lives his life has touched and who shared with him a love for the Lord and for His coming. He will live on in the hearts and lives of those who have had the privilege of sharing in his labours. He will live on in the hearts and lives of those to whom he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather—his dear companion of forty years; his daughters Moira and Sheila; his sons-in-law, Peter and John; his five grandchildren; his sisters-in-law the Misses D. and E. George; and his surviving brothers and sisters and their families.

It has been our privilege to honour a prince among us. God gave him to us and He has taken him away. We do not understand why, but we look up in faith and say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." He has been called to rest, but we look expectantly for the glad reunion on the resurrection morning.

The large group of church members, fellow-ministers, ministers of other churches, representatives of organizations and personal family friends who came to pay their last respects at the church and at the grave-side, bore witness of the high esteem in which our brother was held. The service in the Plumstead church was conducted by Pastor M. L. Mills, president of the Trans-Africa Division, assisted by workers from the Sentinel and Peninsula churches. Thereafter he was laid to rest in the peaceful little cemetery at Helderberg College where Pastor R. E. Clifford, president of the S.A. Union Conference, assisted by local workers, led out.

To his sorrowing wife and children we extend our deepest sympathy at this time of parting and with them we look for that glad day of reunion when Jesus shall come.

—P. A. Venter.

## THE WINTER STORMS

Weep, grey clouds,  
Cast down your tears upon the earth's rough  
cheeks  
and let them flow and wash and score  
and leave their mark.

So have I wept for him who was my friend.  
My eyes have spilt the searing flood  
and burned my skin and marred my face  
for all to see.

The rain has cooled the air;  
and penetrated deep into the soil  
to make it soft, receptive, fertile  
for the flowers of spring.

The tears have brought relief;  
and washed my soul and made it tender.  
And I smile again with joy  
at precious memories of him.

—P.A.V., May, 1968.



### SOMETHING BETTER

*A Message from the newly elected executive secretary of the General Conference Temperance Department,*

ERNEST H. J. STEED  
(pictured above)

AS A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, are you really satisfied with the world picture of drugs, liquor debauchery, immoral conduct and wholesale permissiveness?

Of course you're not, but you say, "What can I do about it? I can't stop it so why worry?"

For sure, this world and its values are and should be to us, strange and foreign. The world lives for its continual round of intemperance. The great topic and concern of our day is the declining morality, the physical and mental abuse through drugs, tobacco, alcohol and sex perversion.

This church has been established for just such a time as this—to see that God's ideal is held aloft before a needy world, and to see that wickedness and the lusts of life are met by the purity of Christ demonstrated in human flesh. The temperance message to this church, and the public at large, is not simply don't drink, don't smoke, don't take drugs, but a message of victory, offering something better, even the certainties of real life in and through Christ Jesus.

We have a positive message to give, a better way of life, supremely more satisfying. This is the spiritual gift of self-control through Jesus our Lord

and Master. Along with such a message will certainly be a strong warring against the habits of intemperance, a challenge to the forces of evil.

You can therefore do something about intemperance. We plead with all Adventists to be, through God's grace, what they profess to be and to hold high the torch of victory over every defiling practice of intemperance. We would seek your wholehearted commitment to a programme of making temperance—the message of better living through Christ—more prominent in your witnessing, in your missionary work, in evangelistic programming, in youth activity, and in the church's total ministry to the world.

Temperance is a vital doctrine of the church, a principle and practice

that will make this church more prominent and marked as we near the end. It is a part of the third angel's message, a call to reformation of life, preparing a people for the return of Jesus.

We would urge church administrators, pastors, elders, and educators to hold special planning sessions and through prayer and study work to implement this call to elevate spiritual values through temperance principles.

It is a time for God to work. Will you let Him work through you and your church leadership to bring about a world revival of true temperance? We shall see victory in many lives through our united dedicated ministry. Do pray for this real life awakening and its eternal implications.



President D. W. Holbrook confers with Dr Rudy Klimes.

### HOME STUDY INSTITUTE PLANS FOURTH OVERSEAS BRANCH

DR. RUDY KLIMES, president of Korean Union College and President D. W. Holbrook of Home Study Institute discuss final plans for another Home Study Institute foreign branch.

The new organization will function on the campus of Korean Union College and is mainly designed to provide in-service training in adult education for the large body of national workers in Korea who lack advanced training.

Dr. Klimes believes that the HSI branch will help form an effective

division of extension studies and will rapidly expand the college's service to the entire church in Korea.

OTHER VISITORS are R. C. Barger of the GC Sabbath School Department, arriving on May 30 and visiting here until August 15; and Dr. Ralph Waddell, of the GC Medical Department, visiting from August 1 to September 30. Our year-end visitors will be Pastor Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference, and Pastor Clyde Franz, an associate secretary who is responsible for Trans-African affairs at headquarters in Washington.

**DIVISION MV SECRETARIES' COUNCIL**

by **BOB E. JACOBS**, *MV Secretary, TAD*

THE UNION MV secretaries of the entire Trans-Africa Division, along with the local conference and field MV secretaries of the four southern unions, gathered in council at the youth camp in the Vumba mountains from April 18 to 24. This special council was held in order that our youth leaders might be trained in various facets of Missionary Volunteering. Ten hours were spent in teaching skills that have to do with camping and Pathfinder programmes.

From the opening meeting by Pastor F. G. Thomas, president of the Zambesi Union, to the closing challenge presented by the writer, the Holy Spirit was working with and for those present. Our special guest for the week-end was Pastor M. E. Lind, TAD secretary. His background of experience as MV secretary of the Northern European Division benefited us all as he presented his timely messages and gave helpful counsel. His sermon on Sabbath, entitled "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation" was heartily received by the MV secretaries and friends in attendance.

P. J. Salhany, MV secretary of Malawi, was our instructor in outdoor skills and all appreciated his enthusiastic leadership. Although the weather became wet and cold, our spirits were not dampened, and we believe these outdoor skills will help us interest our youth in wholesome activities in the churches.

The secretaries reviewed the results of youth evangelism during the past two years and gave God the praise for the tremendous results which were accomplished. Yet, they were not satisfied. Therefore, study was given to the implementation of a strong youth evangelism programme here in Trans-Africa. It was reported that the recent MV Week of Prayer met with most favourable results. We believe this is the hour for great soul-winning accomplishments, and we are expecting great things from God as we continue to foster the work of soul-winning in our youth work.

Plans were laid for a delegation to attend the Zurich World Youth Congress in 1969. Enthusiasm is running high in all of our unions, and many young people are hoping that they will be among the fortunate ones who will be sent as delegates to this great youth congress.

Pastor John Hancock of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department will be visiting the Trans-

**Dewitt S. Williams**, new MV Secretary of the Congo Union, who with Mrs. Williams and their little girl, arrived recently in Trans-Africa. Brother Williams is inspecting a reflector type of camp fire.



**Bob E. Jacobs** and **John G. Evert** making rope from sisal.



**The South African Union Conference** delegation.



Africa Division in 1969. A tentative itinerary has been worked out for him, and each union will be holding youth congresses following the World Youth Congress in Switzerland.

Truly the words, "Forward March, MV Youth" are being heard in the

Trans-Africa Division today. Our prayer is that the youth of Africa will be prepared and ready for the soon-coming of Jesus Christ and that we, as the leaders of our youth, will do all within our power to guide them in the right direction.

# SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROJECT — REMODELLING OF

### SYDNEY SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

#### New South Wales, Australia

### THE PROJECT

by H. F. RAMPTON,  
*Sabbath School Secretary,  
Australasian Division*

IN 1899 Sister E. G. White, then residing in Australia, pointed out that the small rented buildings at Summer Hill, a suburb of Sydney, did not represent our medical work. She urged that land be purchased and a sanitarium be built worthy of the name. Shortly afterwards 81 acres was purchased at Wahroonga, 13 miles from the centre of Sydney, and work commenced.

To help finance the problem, the Sabbath-schools of Australasia dedicated their offerings for the 2nd quarter of 1902 for this project. Little did they then realize what a tremendous boon this hospital would be for missions.

Since it officially opened on January 1, 1903, the Sydney Sanitarium has trained over 950 nurses, who have scattered to every continent to give of their services. At present approximately 100 of these nurses are actively engaged in mission service.

Additions have been made over the years, till today there are 185 beds for patients. Much of the original

timber frame building still stands, and needs replacement. It is a fire hazard. In addition, New South Wales government requirements stipulate that all training hospitals must have a minimum of 300 beds. To meet the crisis, we again turn to our Sabbath-school family and request their liberal help on 13th Sabbath, June 29, when the overflow is to be used for the rebuilding and extension of this hospital.

The total cost of the extensions and replacements is expected to be in the vicinity of \$Aust. 5,500,000. Then instead of graduating 45 nurses each year we expect to train almost 100.

### OUT INTO THE NIGHT

by ANN HALL, *Nursing Sister,  
Togoba Hansenide Colony,  
New Guinea*

IT WAS JUST AFTER evening worship at Togoba Hansenide Colony, New Guinea, when a note was handed to the Sister in charge. Quickly she read it. The night was dark, and uninviting, but a young woman was in trouble—real trouble. The note said she was “nearby,” so the Sister thought she could get carriers to bring the woman in to the leper station. She could then go by Landrover to Mt. Hagen hospital. There are no general nursing facilities at the Leprosy station. But the “nearby” was not so close by after all.

Three nurses set out in the Landrover, with a guide. Six miles on New Guinea roads is not “nearby.” And they were not there yet. The Landrover stopped. Faintly the lights from the village fires gave direction, and so the three nurses followed their native guide out into the darkness, wondering just where their patient was. The gentle rain began to soak through their clothes, and run down their cheeks, noses, and necks. Through mud they slogged, finally discarding their shoes.

They arrived at the village only to

discover that they must go still further. They wished now they had brought one of the male staff with them. Where were they heading? Should they turn back? On they went, following the oozy squelch of their leader's footsteps. The hills were getting steeper, and more slippery. They could not turn back, for without a guide they would never find the Landrover.

For about four miles they tramped on into the night. As the lights of another village came in sight their guide called out “Tree pella,” meaning three people were coming. Was this a lure to a cannibal feast?

Suddenly, out of the darkness came lights. The chatter seemed friendly enough. At last the three messengers of mercy were ushered into a low thatched hut. They could hardly see through the dense smoke from the open fire, which had to find its own way out through the thatch roof.

Around the wall of the house sat a ring of native men, somewhat apprehensive. Soon the young woman was brought in, and placed on the floor. She was in labour, and needed assistance.

Only after a good deal of persuasion did those men go out, and then it was not for long. After a brief time they moved back in, out of the rain.

**Aerial view of Mt. Hagen Hansenide Colony. It is government owned but Adventist staffed.**



From then on it was the women who had to go out into the rain. The baby was born about an hour later, under a banana tree. Even then mother and baby were not allowed back in the house again, but were taken to an extremely small hut nearby.

They made the mother and baby comfortable, and it was now time to commence the track back. With an escort each, to keep the nurses on their feet as they tramped through the mud, in the dark of midnight, the return journey was not quite so fearful.

Later they learned that the village they visited that night was renowned for its lawlessness. Surely God had been with those nurses.

More and more consecrated and dedicated Christian nurses are needed to help penetrate the dark night of heathenism still covering so much of New Guinea and other lands. Civilization has not yet touched these stony-hearted men of a stone age.

Our sacrificial gifts this coming thirteenth Sabbath will help enlarge the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in New South Wales, where already hundreds of nurses have trained and gone overseas in mission service. Approximately one nurse in four offers her life in missionary service, a noble record indeed!

As you kneel before your God each day, don't forget to petition Him for protection for the many nurses "down under." They are looking to us for more reinforcements. An enlarged Sydney Sanitarium will greatly enlarge the working force in mission lands. For your prayers, and support, we thank you.

**FIFTY PER CENT MORE  
THAN BEFORE**

*by G. R. NASH,  
Secretary, General Conference  
Sabbath School Department*

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE Committee has recommended: "That every member be urged to increase his personal weekly giving to the Sabbath-school by at least 50 per cent over the amount given during the previous year."

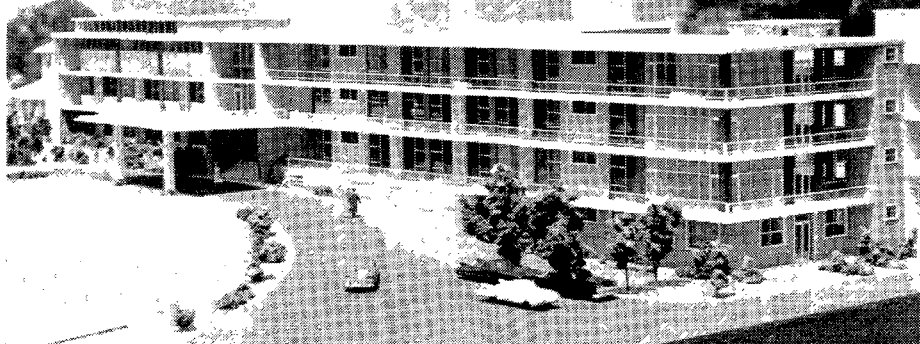
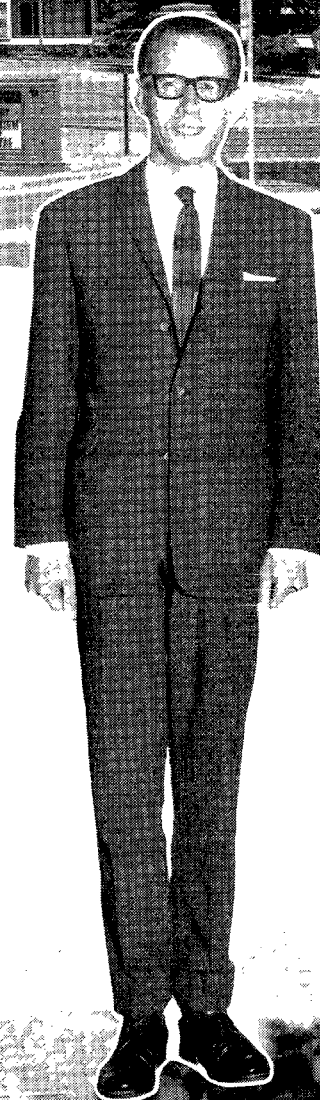
The above action was not conceived in the Sabbath School Department or any other promotional department. It had its conception in the chambers of the executive branch of our work as they were struggling with the chal-



The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital as it stands today.

Dr H. E. Clifford, a missionary from Trans-Africa, who is medical director of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital.

The proposed new front to the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital which will be built with the help of our 13th Sabbath overflow.



lenging needs of an expanding mission work throughout the world field.

It has been most encouraging to me, as I go from conference to conference and church to church, promoting this fifty per cent increase, to see and hear such a ready response on the part of our loyal members.

Just the other day, one of our fine members here in the Washington area said, "When it was announced that we are to increase our Sabbath-school donations by fifty per cent I talked it over with my wife, and we decided to double ours." This is a wonderful spirit on the part of a Sabbath-school member. I am sure there are hundreds more who are dedicated in the same way to the finishing of God's work and who will respond in harmony with the action taken.

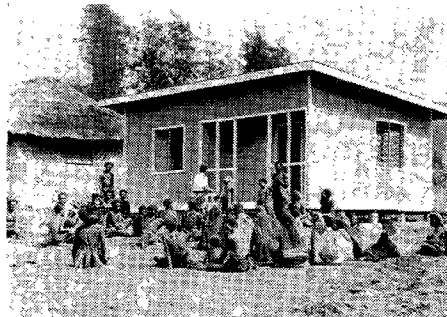
Please remember we are not raising the Sabbath-school goals. The Sabbath-school goals remain the same and are figured on fifty cents per member per week. A great number of our Sabbath-schools raised considerably more than this, for which we are very happy. I am sure that you are aware of the fact that we are trying to increase our offerings on an individual basis, encouraging each member to increase his weekly giving by fifty per cent. This means that if a member has been giving fifty cents that he now is being encouraged to give at least seventy-five cents; if a member has been giving one dollar each week he now is being encouraged to give a dollar and fifty cents; if a member has been giving five dollars each week he now is being encouraged to give seven dollars and fifty cents.

"This matter of giving is not left to impulse. God has given us definite instruction in regard to it. He has specified tithes and offerings as the measure of our obligation. And He desires us to give regularly and systematically. . . . After the tithe is set apart, let gifts and offerings be apportioned, 'as God hath prospered' you." — *Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 80, 81.

God, through His chosen messenger, is here very definitely telling us that we are to plan our offerings in advance on a systematic basis. God has given us a pattern for both tithe and offerings. No matter what our personal desires may be or how pressing our needs, we are commanded, by the Giver of all, to return ten per cent of our earnings to the Lord as the tithe that belongs to Him. The same scripture that mentions tithe

also mentions offerings. The Biblical rule for offerings is "as God hath prospered" you (1 Corinthians 16:2), or "according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee" (Deuteronomy 16:10).

What percentage of the income shall be allocated for Sabbath-school offerings? This is a matter of personal conscience, one that each individual must decide between himself and God. Surely we should give freely and cheerfully. Furthermore, we should give in proportion to our income, or "as God hath prospered." It is this portion which reflects our sacrificial spirit and true liberality. "God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands



The new clinic at Aiak, New Guinea, which was built through the gift of a generous overseas donor.

is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Saith the Lord, 'Them that honour me, I will honour' (1 Samuel 2:30)."— *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 529.

Faithfulness in tithes and offerings brings upon the believer one of the richest blessings promised in all the Bible; whereas unfaithfulness in either, or both, brings the curse mentioned in Malachi 3:8-10. Surely no true Seventh-day Adventist desires to see the cause of God suffer, or wishes to personally receive the curse of God. But because of leaving their giving to impulse, some are guilty of robbing God of offerings. God expects us to be as systematic in the giving of offerings as we are in the payment of our tithes.

"The Lord made a special covenant with men, that if they would regularly set apart the portion designated for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, the Lord would bless them a-

bundantly, so that there would not be room to receive His gifts. But if men withhold that which belongs to God, the Lord plainly declares, 'Ye are cursed with a curse.'"— *Counsels on Stewardship*, page 77.

We should budget our Sabbath-school offerings, even more than we budget our income to care for our family needs. A Christian's budget that leaves out either the tithes or offerings is an unbalanced budget, even if all other items are taken care of in a business-like manner. Yet it is a fact that some Sabbath-school members, because of having no definite system of offerings, are actually robbing God.

"God's requirements come first. We are not doing His will if we consecrate to Him what is left of our income after all our imaginary wants have been supplied. Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims. . . . When that which God claims is rendered to Him, the remainder will be sanctified and blessed to our own use. But when a man robs God by withholding that which He requires, His curse rests upon the whole."— *Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 477.

"Men are not naturally inclined to be benevolent, but to be sordid and avaricious, and to live for self. And Satan is ever ready to resent the advantages to be gained by using all their means for selfish, worldly purposes; he is glad when he can influence them to shirk duty, and rob God in tithes and offerings. But not one is excused in this matter. 'Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.' The poor and the rich, the young men and the young women who earn wages—all are to lay by a portion; for God claims it. The spiritual prosperity of every member of the church depends on personal effort and strict fidelity to God."— *Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 382.

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." Isaiah 32:8. Also, remember the words of the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."



# Helderberg Theology Students Combine Theory With Practice

“HOW CAN YOU SAY that you love your neighbour when you put lessons like this out? You have not even read your own lessons!” The words were written angrily across the answer sheet to the lesson on “The Mark of the Beast.”

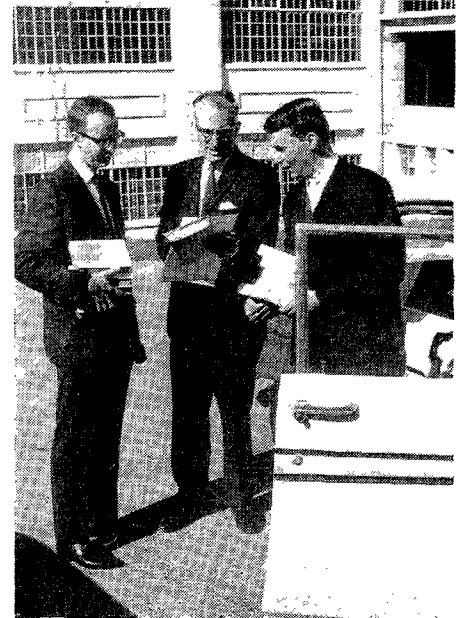
The young man hesitated as the lady handed him these lessons that had made her husband so angry. He had been visiting this Catholic home regularly every Sunday and his hopes had risen as the interest seemed to increase week by week. Was all going to be lost? He thought quickly and then came the answer, Yes, he had read the lessons. What was more, he had spent a number of years in a Catholic school. He kept talking and as he talked the hardness in the lady's eyes softened somewhat and she agreed that he could continue with the visits.

Brother J. van Zyl who is at Helderberg for his final year in Theology after several years in the field, called at this home with the young man on his next visit, and the strained relations were smoothed out and further visits arranged. This is the kind of practical experience young men are receiving at Helderberg through the Bible in the Hand programme.

Each Sabbath afternoon ten young Theology students visit homes in Somerset West and the Strand inviting people to study the Bible. In two weeks 47 people were enrolled and 71 lessons had already been received and marked.

Those participating in this programme come into close contact with the people each week and can see the effect the studies have. As a result, the students return enthusiastic and inspired by their experiences. While out calling on the homes of people two students met the local Methodist minister. A mutual friendship developed and the minister was kind enough to accept an invitation to speak to the Theology Club at Helderberg. His talk was interesting and promoted discussion, giving the students an insight into the outlook of the modern Methodist. The Helderberg Theology Department offers thorough academic training of high standard as well as practical gospel work for young men while in training. It is the gateway to service in the world's last hour. “In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plough and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will be educated in connection with men of ex-

perience. As they learn to labour effectively they will proclaim the truth with power.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 96. Have you heard the call? If you have, then come and join the happy band of young men at Helderberg who are preparing for service.



Pastor Victor Brown gives final instructions to two members of the Bible in the Hand team at Helderberg College.

## PUBLISHING TRENDS UPWARDS IN SAUC

A. M. DU PLESSIS reports a successful publishing recruitment programme going on all over South Africa. The March Publishing Department report shows nearly £1,300 gain over March of last year. Things are on the upward swing in all the conferences. A student club was recently formed at Good Hope Conference, the first in its history, and new officers were elected for the 1968 Student-Literature-evangelist Club at Helderberg College.

Plans are being formulated and the mechanics are now being set up for launching a Pay-by-Mail Plan of Selling, or HHES, in the Republic of South Africa. This agency is scheduled to come into operation on or about October 1.

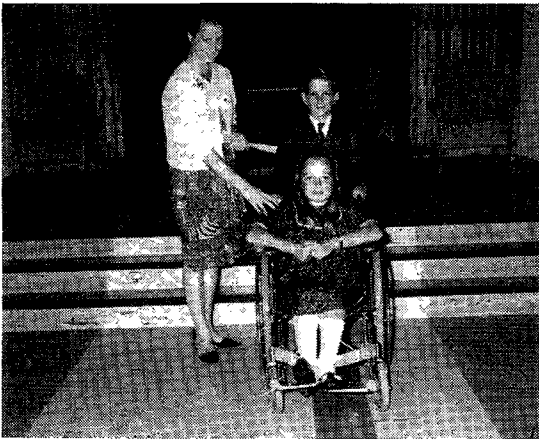
J. T. Mason, TAD's PDS, suggests we keep our eyes on the SAUC as the colporteurs soar to new heights in sales and souls.



Two young ladies assisting with music at a branch Sabbath-school near Helderberg College.



Peter Wiggett conducts TABSA meeting in a home near Somerset West, Cape.



Carolyn who attended the V.B.S. She is seen here with one of her teachers and a junior boy who pushed her wheel chair for her.



Children at crafts.

## V.B.S. IN NAIROBI

by MRS. E. T. GACKENHEIMER

THE NAIROBI CENTRAL CHURCH concluded a successful Vacation Bible School on April 18. Under the able leadership of Mrs. D. R. L. Astleford, and her staff of 16, children of all faiths, numbering 107, spent ten happy mornings together studying the subject of creation with all its beauties and wonders. There were 43 juniors, 28 primaries and 35 of kindergarten age who attended. Carolyn, a junior girl, although confined to a wheel chair, came regularly and seemed to be especially happy to be able to come.

The climax of the week was the parents' programme on the closing night. The church was filled with proud parents, grateful for what their children had learned. An excellent programme was presented, and small books were given by the division leaders as awards to the children who attended faithfully, and to those who had done superior work. Everyone was invited to view the childrens' workbooks and handiwork and the lovely craft articles made during the week.

As a follow-up a Story Hour was arranged for the following Sabbath afternoon. It was most gratifying to see 35 children come for the first Story Hour. Of this number 25 came as a result of the Vacation Bible School.

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## YOUR EDITOR THINKS . . .

. . . that Pastor H. W. Peterson, TAD's Lay Activities secretary, used a most impressive illustration in one of his office worship talks. He said: "A giant of the forest lay prostrate on a Colorado mountainside. It was reputed to be more than 400 years old. It was standing tall and upright when Jan van Riebeeck reached the Cape of Good Hope in 1652. It had attained maturity long before the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth Rock. And when the pioneer prairie schooners of North America were wending their way westward it was a flourishing giant of the big woods. Foresters who examined its scars found it had been struck by lightning more than a dozen times. It still had the tough appearance of its battles with four hundred winters and their countless storms. Yet, there it lay with its life ended and its roots stretching stark and naked to the skies! Woodsmen discovered that the cause of its fall was—not storms nor lightning, but tiny beetles!"

This could be the experience of your life and mine, dear reader! The "beetles" of sin might even now be undermining what otherwise would be a noble and Christlike character. It might be, that if we do not face ourselves squarely and honestly, one small sin is eating "out the life of godliness in the soul." The servant of the Lord wrote in 1882: "The children of God should cultivate a keen sensitiveness to sin. Here, as well as elsewhere, we should not despise the day of small things. It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated requirements of God. Many who would shrink with horror from some great transgression, are led to look upon sin in little matters as of trifling consequence. But *these little sins eat out the life of godliness in the soul.* . . . We must learn to distrust self and to rely wholly upon God for guidance and support, for a knowledge of His will, and for strength to perform it." —*Special Testimonies*, Sept. 7, 1882 (*Bible Commentary*, vol. 2, page 1017.)

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# REPORTING ON PEOPLE AND EVENTS

The Southern Union has now handed over the purchase cheque to the Transvaal Conference for their office building in Orange Grove, Johannesburg. This property was formerly the office of the conference but in 1966 the conference moved its headquarters to Advent Park, and the Southern Union staff moved temporarily into the Orange Grove buildings with an option to purchase later. With negotiations now completed, the SU staff is permanently and commodiously located in this fine property.

TAD's Sabbath School Department reports an increase in the sale of Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies since this item and the daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson have been their special objectives this year.

Of 91 schools in the Nairobi, Kenya, municipal area our Maxwell Preparatory School obtained the highest points in the Kenya preliminary examinations.

Boarders in residence at the Maxwell Preparatory School hostel go out on Sundays, selling books and magazines. In this way Austin Goodwin, now at Helderberg College, earned two scholarships, and Gilian Hertogs one. Other students have been inspired and are striving to do likewise.

Our readers who knew Pastor E. L. Cardey will be sorry to learn that his wife died on May 3 at St. Helena, in California. Pastor Cardey will be remembered as the originator and first director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in Cape Town.

Dr. M. H. Schaffner reports that medical students from Trans-Africa are to be found studying in England, Holland, India, and other overseas countries as well as in Uganda and South Africa.

From the CU's Bible Correspondence School we learn of the experience of a man who found just one lesson and after studying it diligently, held a meeting under a tree, expounding to his hearers all he had learned from the Bible lesson. The result of this was that 30 decisions were made for Christ.

Items of interest, gleaned from the "Lantern" include the experience of Brother and Sister John Innes who were baptized recently in Pietermaritzburg by Pastor F. C. Pelser. The Lord led these dear believers step by step through a Five-Day Stop Smoking clinic when Brother Innes gained a victory over the smoking habit, and a subsequent series of health lectures, to the question they asked Pastor Pelser as to which church he belonged. When they received an

answer to their query they decided that a church which could do so much to help people was worth joining. Following their attendance at an evangelistic campaign they fully accepted the message of God.

"During a recent street collection on behalf of Meals on Wheels in Port Elizabeth, the record amount of R870.00 (£435) was collected."—"Lantern."

"The Ray Kent Team has opened its Cape Town campaign with every indication of great public interest. Ten thousand people attended the six sessions arranged for the opening subject, 'Dead Men Do Tell Tales.'"—"Lantern."

## IMPORTANT DATES

Special Literature  
Sales Week ..... July 6-13

Free Literature for  
Colporteur Distribution ..... July 6

Pioneer Evangelism ..... August 3

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

### JULY 1968

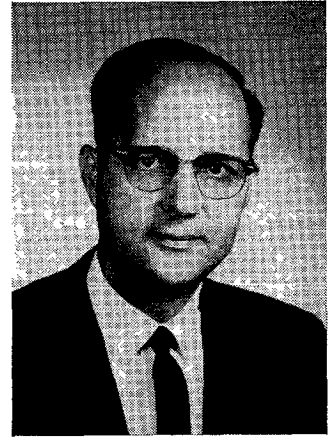
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Cape Town	5.49	5.52	5.57	6.01
Johannesburg	5.29	5.32	5.35	5.39
East London	5.13	5.17	5.21	5.25
Port Elizabeth	5.21	5.24	5.29	5.33
Bloemfontein	5.30	5.33	5.36	5.40
Pietermaritzburg	5.11	5.14	5.17	5.21
Durban	5.08	5.12	5.15	5.19
Windhoek	6.18	6.21	6.24	6.27
Bulawayo	5.38	5.41	5.43	5.46
Salisbury	5.31	5.34	5.36	5.38
Gwelo	5.33	5.35	5.37	5.40
Lusaka	5.42	5.45	5.46	5.48
Blantyre	5.20	5.22	5.25	5.27
Lubumbashi	5.59	6.01	6.04	6.04
Nairobi	6.39	6.40	6.41	6.41
Mombasa	6.22	6.23	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.49	6.50	6.53	6.51
Kampala	6.57	6.59	7.01	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.20	6.23	6.22
Tabora	6.48	6.50	6.52	6.51

### AUGUST 1968

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Cape Town	6.07	6.11	6.17	6.21	6.25
Johannesburg	5.42	5.45	5.49	5.51	5.54
East London	5.31	5.35	5.40	5.44	5.48
Port Elizabeth	5.39	5.43	5.49	5.53	5.57
Bloemfontein	5.44	5.48	5.52	5.55	5.59
Pietermaritzburg	5.26	5.29	5.34	5.37	5.41
Durban	5.24	5.27	5.32	5.35	5.39
Windhoek	6.30	6.32	6.35	6.37	6.40
Bulawayo	5.48	5.50	5.53	5.54	5.56
Salisbury	5.40	5.42	5.44	5.45	5.47
Gwelo	5.42	5.43	5.45	5.46	5.47
Lusaka	5.49	5.50	5.51	5.52	5.53
Blantyre	5.28	5.30	5.31	5.32	5.33
Lubumbashi	6.05	6.05	6.06	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.42	6.41	6.40	6.38	6.35
Mombasa	6.23	6.24	6.24	6.23	6.21
Kisumu	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.47	6.44
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# The Fruit of Revival

by MERLE L. MILLS,  
*President, Trans-Africa Division*



SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE is a sinister and common danger which threatens every Christian. It is like a creeping paralysis and if one is not alert to the furtive nature of this dreaded disease known as Laodiceanism, he will eventually succumb to its paralytic and disastrous consequences. You see, the soul as well as the body must be kept in sound, vigorous health. Otherwise, spiritual retrogression will set in and the sad part of it is that one will not be aware of this condition. Such a state induces debilitation, stupor, and self-righteousness. Especially does this condition confront the Laodicean church of which you and I are a part. For this reason, the apostle Paul has stated in the most earnest words, "Awake out of sleep." Romans 13:11. It is evident that so sound is this sleep that one becomes "dead," totally unaware of the serious condition he is in. Paul further states: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead." Ephesians 5:14.

Thus, the call to revival! A true revival, then, is an awakening from the dead. It is the awareness of one's spiritual deficiency. It is the consciousness of one's need of a revitalizing experience. It is a positive response to the working of the Holy Spirit which causes one to sense the guilt of sin. It is not just a stirring of the emotions but a stirring of the mind as well which causes one to clearly discern that he is "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Revelation 3:17.

Such a resurrection from the dead can come only through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the work of the Holy Spirit will come as the result of prayer, repentance, and confession. Then, a revival that will supplant all pretentious and false piety with true godliness, ritualism with love, and works with faith will take place. Such a revival will result in

the change of habits, thoughts and motives. Reformation is the natural fruit of genuine revival. One cannot take place without the other. Revival will lead to reform which calls for renunciation of sinful practices and evil deeds. Specifically it means that when one has been stealing, there will be confession. That which has been stolen from the neighbour or employer will be restored. Tithe which has been withheld from God will be repaid.

If one wishes to participate in genuine revival, a reform in personal relationships will follow. There will be no gossiping. Misunderstandings, grievances and bitter feelings will be put aside. The spirit of brotherly love and compassion will prevail.

If one has been lax in Sabbath-keeping, guilty of encroaching on its edges, making it an occasion of social activities, or of travel, this will be changed.

A reform in one's habits of diet will follow. Refraining from eating and drinking that which the Bible condemns and which is not conducive to healthful living will be put aside.

The fashions and customs of the world as they relate to dress will no longer be acceptable if they violate the principles of decency, chastity, and modesty.

Revival and reformation will place a premium on integrity and honesty. The common practice of lying will be abandoned. The payment of one's debts and business obligations will be adhered to. In all business transactions there will be a careful avoidance of misinterpretation, exaggeration and fraud.

The reformation that follows a revival of godliness will touch the home-life as well. Bickering, quarrelling and confusion will be put away. Parents will be firm with children but will rule with love. Where there has been neglect, mistakes, loss of temper, or

bitterness, confession will be made and wrongs righted.

Realizing that the devil enters the soul through the senses, the revival and reformation that must come will call for a change in one's habits of reading, music, and entertainment.

The fruit of revival will bring about a change in one's prayer and study life. Discipline will be practised, giving time for the study of God's Word, for the Spirit of prophecy, for prayer and communion with God. These moments with the Bible and with God in holy conversation will become a source of pleasure and delight.

True revival is not an emotional wave that sweeps over the church leaving one in a prolonged frenzy of high spirits or in a state of euphoria that soon fizzles out. Rather, a revival that accomplishes a permanent work will result in the fruit of reformation, inducing a change which touches every phase of one's life. Both body and soul will follow the dictates of the Holy Spirit.

"The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power."—"Gospel Workers," pages 307, 308.

Reader of mine, this is what God is waiting to do for you and me as members of the Laodicean church. Will we allow His spirit to bring about this revival which will produce the fruit of reformation? Only in this way will it be possible for the remnant church to prepare for the glorious and hopeful day of translation.