

FOCUS ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

"Sam, you don't smell too good," seems to be what Arthur O. Coetzee, Public Relations Department secretary of the S.A. Union Conference, is saying to "Smoking Sam." A number of Five Day Stop Smoking campaigns have been held in South Africa in which the two "Smoking Sams," owned by the Union and by the Transvaal Conference, have had an important role.

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THE BIBLE STORY stall at the Rand Easter Show in Johannesburg.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

A Few Facts, Figures and Activities

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Membership, as at	
March 31, 1968	11,735
Sabbath-school Membership	13,818
Tithe per Capita	R64.10
Offerings per Capita	R 9.12
Number of Ministers	74
Number of Teachers	73
Total Number of Workers	324
Number of Schools	13
Number of Pupils	1,230
Harvest Ingathering	
Total, 1967	R170,495.64
Total Sabbath-school Offerings	R102,596.03

The territories under the jurisdiction of the South African Union Conference are the Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, and the island of St. Helena, comprising the Cape, Good Hope, Oranje-Natal, and Transvaal Conferences, and the Indian and South West Africa Fields. The three institutions administered by this Union are the Good Hope College, National True Foods, and the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

LITERATURE SALESMEN IN ACTION AT RAND EASTER SHOW

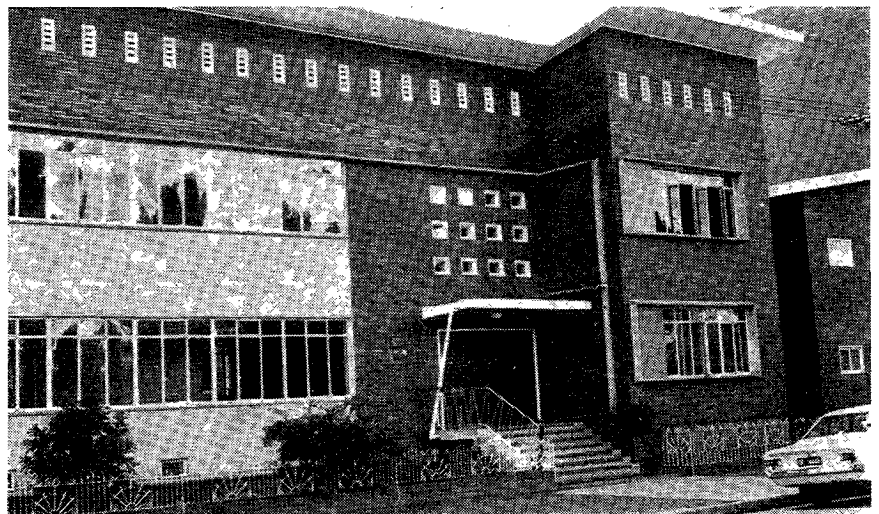
AT THE RECENT Rand Easter Show in Johannesburg, the largest fair in the southern hemisphere, the Rand Book Distributors was able to hire a stall for the third consecutive year. Our brethren were thrilled with the results. Orders were taken to the value of R4,300 with almost R400 in deposits and cash sales.

Many contacts were made. A lady whom we had enrolled for the Voice

of Prophecy Bible lessons returned to report that she had completed the course of studies and was now having additional studies with one of our pastors. She is hoping to be baptized soon. Two other people requested studies in their homes. Over 6,000 people filled in cards used for selecting a free book every day while the show lasted. Eleven people succeeded in winning free books. On these cards valuable information was given which can later be used successfully by our literature-evangelists.

Three Dutch Reformed ministers who visited the stall expressed their satisfaction with *The Bible Story*, *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*, and the series by Dr. Harold Shryock. In fact, one of them informed us that he has used some of these books in preparing youth sermons.

Pastor P. J. Botha and his helpers are, even now, laying larger and better plans for 1969.



S.A. Union Conference headquarters offices in Bloemfontein.

BIBLE IN THE HAND PROGRAMME

“AMONG THE MEMBERS of our churches there should be more house-to-house labour, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature.” “In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God’s people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pages 127, 126.

Could the Bible in the Hand programme be a fulfilment of this vision?

Over 1,700 Bibles have been given out free in the Republic of South Africa. This is done by a house-to-house visitation plan. All the people have to do is to complete two Bible lessons each week which in turn are replaced by two new lessons when the Bible in the Hand worker visits again at the end of the week. The programme is repeated and the “student” has completed 24 lessons and has received at least 12 personal visits. What a thrill this programme has brought to the hearts of many of our people in South Africa as they see the Word of God speaking to men and women while they study the Book of books.

—JAMES D. RUNKEL.

This God-given plan has been launched in Pietermaritzburg as a pilot scheme for the Oranje-Natal Conference. Brother J. A. C. Venter, the Lay Activities leader of the Stranack Street church, and his assistant (seen in the accompanying photo) have done an excellent work in preparing the church spiritually for this Bible in the Hand campaign.

Seventy-five Bibles have been placed in homes by our laymen, and the interest is growing. At the time of writing we are only half-way through the campaign but already 15 have completed the course and three are attending Sabbath-school, and have taken their stand. They are soon to be baptized.

The Oranje-Natal Conference plans to procure a further 1,000 Bibles, and we are praying for a good harvest of souls here in Pietermaritzburg and throughout our conference.

—ERIC C. WEBSTER.

GROWING, GROWING, GROWING: Helderberg’s Bible in the Hand programme in Somerset West is growing! As of April 23, 1,290 completed lessons had been returned since the inception of the campaign in July, 1967, and this from the conservative community of Somerset West! Each week an average of 45 senior high



Bible in the Hand teams from Helderberg College set out on a visitation programme.

school and college students participate in what has become one of the most popular extra-curricular activities of the Helderberg family. This campaign is bringing the glad tidings of God’s last message of truth to nearly 100 homes weekly. Approximately 20 lively Bible studies are currently being given in the homes as a result of this programme. A good harvest is anticipated here in the shadows of old Helderberg Mountain.

One family now regularly attending the Kent evangelistic campaign in Cape Town was among those in attendance at the recent Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking which was conducted by the college. In fact, a goodly number of those who attended the Five Day Plan were students of the Bible in the Hand programme. Many of these same people recently visited Helderberg for the first time when a special Five Day Plan follow-up dinner was held in their behalf.

To deepen the interest of those taking the courses, personal Bible studies are being held until they are won to the Lord Jesus Christ and His message of love. Many have expressed sincere appreciation to the Helderberg students for their excellent work and to God for the new light which has been opened to them from the Word of God.

—VICTOR R. BROWN,
Helderberg College
Staff Member.

Left: James D. Runkel, departmental secretary of the S.A. Union Conference, and his secretary, Mrs. Mavis Webster, unpacking a large supply of Bibles.

Below: Eric C. Webster, president of the Oranje-Natal Conference, with two laymen from Pietermaritzburg, who have done yeomen Bible in the Hand, work.



SALISBURY'S

FIVE DAY PLAN

by B. E. JACOBS,
Temperance Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division

A FIVE DAY PLAN to Stop Smoking was conducted in Salisbury, Rhodesia, from May 26-30. Sixty-two students attended the opening meeting. The lecturers for the five evenings were Dr. M. H. Schaffner and the writer. This was one of the friendliest groups with whom we have yet associated, and after the second night they seemed like old friends.

We heard many comments from those in attendance which made us aware of their appreciation for these meetings. One individual remarked, "If I lived to be 100 years old and there was a Five Day Plan every year, I would attend every one." Another said, "Even though you did not preach to us, we felt a Higher Power present at these meetings."

Pastor Ivan Piercey, Temperance secretary of the Zambesi Union, was the organizer of this Five Day Plan and he was assisted by Pastor J. B. Cooks. The smooth-running programme each evening contributed to the success of these meetings. On the closing night, a free-lance writer mentioned to me, "I have noticed that you started promptly at 7.30 each evening and, with the exception of the first night which ran over by eight minutes, you closed promptly at 9.00 p.m." He stated that he attended meetings regularly and that this one was most unusual.

Above: Welcoming the guests are, from left to right, Miss Rita Schaffner, on holiday from Walla Walla College in the United States, Miss Vivienne Staples, Mrs. B. E. Jacobs, and Mrs. M. L. Mills. A copy of "Think" or "Listen" was handed to each guest as he entered the auditorium.

Right: Ivan M. Piercey, organizer of the campaign and department secretary of the Zambesi Union, with "Sam."

The attendance was maintained throughout the meetings and on the closing night, 55 of the 65 present had stopped the smoking habit. Others were cutting down from as many as 60 cigarettes a day to one a day. It is indeed thrilling to see what can be accomplished through this avenue of service.

It is our hope that in the near future we will have the complete series of lectures on film and that many more of these plans will be conducted throughout the entire Division.



Dr. M. H. Schaffner and B. E. Jacobs demonstrating to an attentive audience.

ZAMBIA'S CHURCH DEDICATION

by A. S. WALUBITA,
Church Development Secretary,
Zambia Field

NALUTANDA CHURCH, Zambia, which was dedicated on October 21, 1967, began as a small company meeting under a big tree in Mwangonze's Village in 1955. The believers donated food and other produce to the sum of £300 for the erection of this church. When it was found that this was not enough, another collection was made to cover the cost of completing the church and furnishing it. How happy these believers are to have a good church in which to worship after meeting under primitive conditions for so long.

KENYA'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

by T. V. GORLE,
Educational Secretary,
East African Union

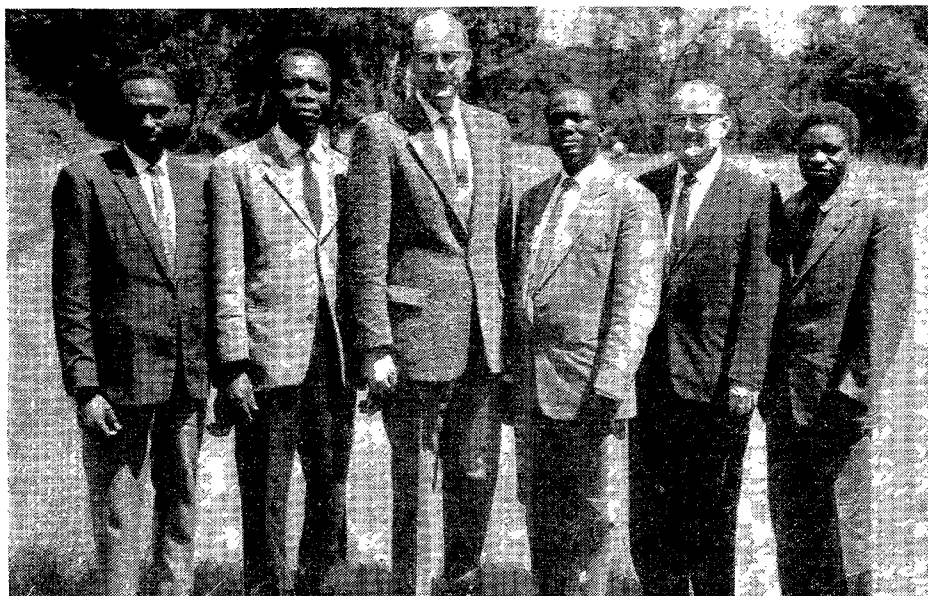
"WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms." The 82 primary teachers who attended the recent Teachers' Institute certainly enjoyed rich fellowship, not only with their God, but also with their fellow teachers and instructors. Both the institutes held at Chebwai from May 8-12 and the one in Nairobi from May 16-20 were packed with interest, information and fellowship.

Pastor F. L. Bell, field president, and Pastors Wangai, Maioyo, Yeri and Mwangi cared for the spiritual part of the institutes at the early morning, the 11 o'clock and evening devotional meetings. These set a high spiritual tone which continued throughout the institutes.

Academic and professional instruction was given by the field educational secretary, Johnson Charo, and by T. V. Gorle, educational secretary, and S. Ouma, assistant secretary, of the East African Union. Pastor Bell discussed church policies and organization, which proved most beneficial to the teachers. Instruction was given in the teaching of Bible. How to inject Christian principles and ideals into all subjects taught, was discussed, and other topics like organization, administration, teaching of language, ethics, and the use of apparatus were dealt with. The discussions were lively at all times.

Motion pictures were greatly enjoyed at both institutes. These dealt with religious and secular subjects. The Chebwai Institute was indebted to Pastor E. T. Gackenheimer for the power plant and to Kamagambo for projector and other apparatus which helped to make the institute so colourful and interesting. Recreational periods during which volley-ball was played gave us not only needed fresh air, but also relaxation and fellowship.

The teachers greatly appreciate the kindness of the Central Kenya Field committee in making these institutes possible, and in running them so efficiently. The technical help from the union educational secretaries was also much appreciated.



LEADERS: (left to right) J. K. Maioyo, R. K. Yeri, T. V. Gorle and S. Ouma, Educational secretary and assistant secretary, East African Union, F. L. Bell, president, Central Kenya Field, and J. Charo, Educational Secretary, Central Kenya Field.

MEET OUR VISITOR



PASTOR R. CURTIS BARGER is an Associate Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and in company with the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School Department secretary, Pastor Gerald F. Clifford, is visiting our Division. Sabbath-school institutes and church appointments are filling the weeks he will be spending in Trans-Africa.

Pastor Barger is inspiring and encouraging audiences with the thrilling story he has to tell of God's care and protection when the ship on which he was travelling across the wide mouth of the River Plate in South America was damaged in a storm, and sank. For hours, Brother Barger clung desperately and tenaciously to a plank of wood before being rescued. He believes whole-heartedly that the "angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

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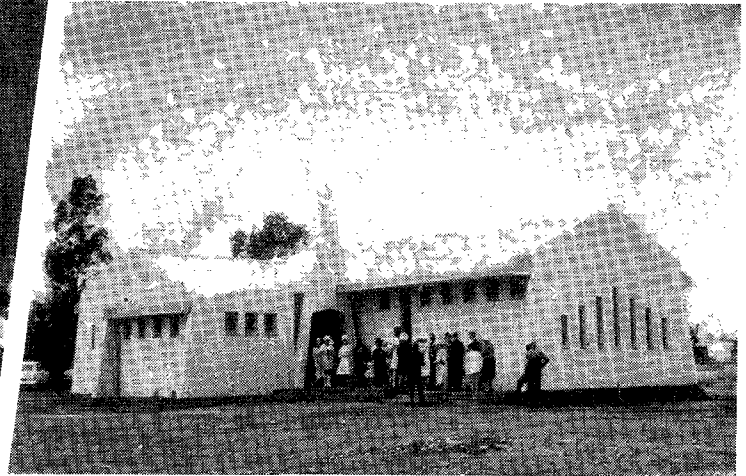
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Churches, New and Remodelled



D. K. Short, preaching in the remodelled Claremont church. Where Pastor Short is standing was formerly the back of the church.

Otjiwarongo church in far away South West Africa.



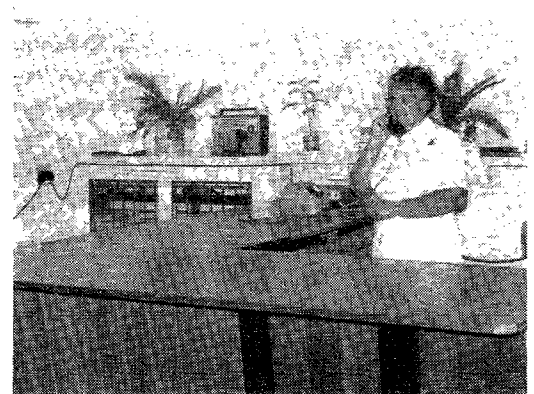
Care of Senior Citizens

ADVENT HAVEN, Heidelberg—ADVENT PARK, Johannesburg
Two Homes Under the Direction of the Transvaal Conference



A sunny corner of the sitting-room.

Mrs. B. van Niekerk, matron of Advent Park Home for senior citizens.



Comfort, security and care are found within the walls of this building for senior citizens.

Senior citizens live in this building in an atmosphere of sympathy, shelter and love.



PUBLIC EVANGELISM

AFTER THE KENT CRUSADE had been running for 8 weeks, people still had to queue on Sundays for the second sitting in the Metro Theatre in Cape Town's city centre. Members of the team find themselves inundated with names of interested listeners. Some team-workers have lists with over 200 names for visiting. The team consists of Raymond H. Kent, leader and speaker, and Geoffrey E. Garne, C. F. Venter, N. Stanley Edwards, E. W. Bradbury, J. J. Gebhardt, and Nico J. van Zyl, pastors of the Mowbray, Plumstead, Lansdowne, Brooklyn, Parow, and Goodwood churches. The opening of the campaign in Cape Town was marked by record attendances at four sessions.

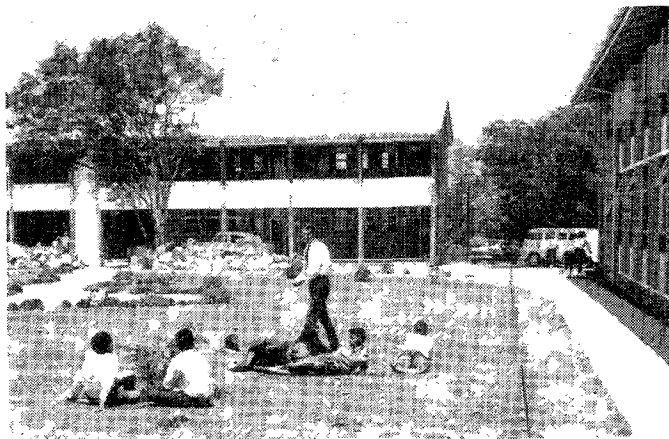


MUCH GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOLS

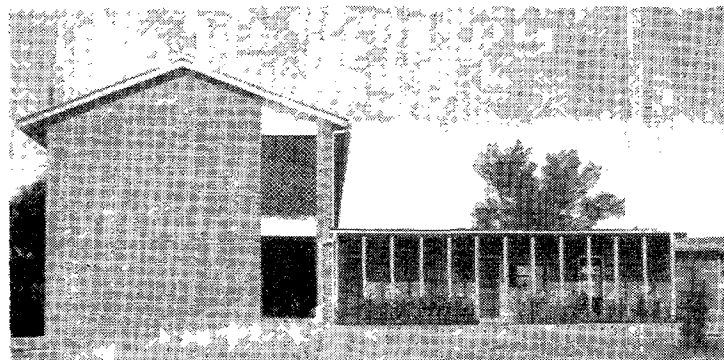
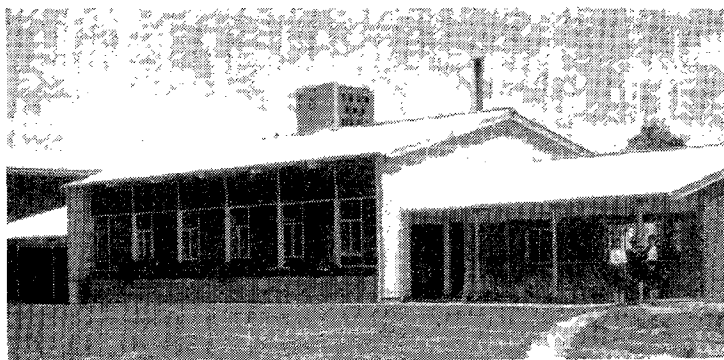
GOOD HOPE COLLEGE

UNDER THE ABLE leadership and spiritual guidance of Pastor Arthur J. Raitt, Good Hope College has developed into a fine and representative institution, of which the Good Hope Hope Conference and the South African Union Conference can be justly proud. The enrolment of the school now stands at close to 300 students. A commendable feature is its commodious buildings and well-kept grounds, with flowers, grass, and shrubs growing right there in the sand of the Cape Flats.

Good Hope College at Kuils River, Cape, is expanding rapidly with new, attractive and commodious buildings.



Developing physical endurance under the capable leadership of Andries Tredoux at Sedaven High School, Transvaal.



MODERN MATANDANI MATERNITY CLINIC

by M. H. SCHAFFNER,
M.D., M.P.H., F.I.C.S.,
*Trans-Africa Division Medical
Secretary*

AT TEN O'CLOCK on Tuesday morning, April 30, 1968, the new maternity unit of the Matandani Dispensary was officially opened by the Honourable G. W. Kuntamanje, Malawi's Minister of Health. Mr. Kuntamanje is well acquainted with Adventists and has not only visited our institutions in Malawi, but has also visited some in Washington, D.C. and California. Also in attendance at the opening ceremony was the Minister of Labour, the Honourable A. B. Chiwanda. Mr. Chiwanda is the local Member of Parliament for the area in which Matandani is located. Other distinguished visitors included the Assistant District Commissioner of



Malawi's Minister of Health, the Honourable G. W. Kuntamanje, at the opening of the Matandani Maternity Clinic.

Mwanza, Mr. J. W. Limbe, the chairman of the District Council, Mr. J. J. Luwande, and eight of the local chiefs. Seventh-day Adventist representatives included Pastor N. L. Doss, director of the South-East Africa Union; Field directors, Pastors A. Bristow, B. B. Nkosi and E. J. Zintambila; Pastor K. Cronje, principal and director of Matandani; Mr. David J. Unger, instructor at Matandani Training School; Pastor R. J. Tsoka, of the Matandani Church; Pastor S. M. Samuel, field treasurer; and the writer.

The medical work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church started in Malawi in 1914 with the opening of a dispensary at Malamulo. Malamulo Hospital was opened six years later

upon the arrival of the first doctor, Dr. Karl Birkenstock.

Matandani Dispensary has been operating for many years, but now has the added facilities of a new six-bed maternity unit. The maternity work is under the direction of Mrs. Cronje. The Matandani Dispensary and the maternity unit are visited every month by Dr. R. J. Harvey, medical secretary of the South-East Africa Union, on his regular monthly "flying doctor" trip.

Matandani is the site of a secondary school and an industrial training school offering a good course in maintenance. Students from many countries come to take this course. They learn mechanics, building, and other maintenance procedures necessary to keep our institutions in good repair when they return to their home stations.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN MALAWI

by H. R. FISHER,
*Health Educator, Malamulo Hospital,
and R. A. FORBES,
Department Secretary,
South-East Africa Union*

PREDOMINANTLY MOSLEM AREAS in Malawi have always presented a challenge to the gospel. Recent attempts to hold a branch Sabbath-school at one point on the shores of Lake Malawi resulted in little more than a group of curious children.

But things began to change when we changed our methods. From the Landrover we took our public health equipment with microscope, and health films and generator for electricity, and began showing pictures on diseases and how they travel. By the third night at least 500 had gathered to learn about the diseases they had. Many brought specimens for tests for intestinal worms or bilharzia. As the meetings were concluding the headman came with a delegation to place before us a request for a permanent dispensary.

In this exercise we see the possibility of entering many Moslem villages, combining our health work with the literature ministry, which we fervently trust will open the way for the gospel and the establishment of a permanent work along the lake shore. With this objective in mind, a new Landrover has been purchased to be completely outfitted with sound and projector equipment. Another function of the vehicle will be to carry books and tracts to the literature-evangelists established in these areas.

Examination of the students at seven of our schools in Malawi has revealed the prevalence of bilharzia, amoeba, and intestinal worms, and a steady programme of health education is going on to meet this situation. Much of this work is being accomplished by our medical students at Malamulo Hospital, as they take part in these field projects in conjunction with their public health training.



Public health equipment being unloaded from the Landrovers.

JUST A PICTURE ROLL

by G. F. CLIFFORD,
Sabbath School Department Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division

OFTEN THE QUESTION is raised: What does it cost to win a soul? While we hesitate to think of soul-winning in terms of monetary values we know that many evangelistic efforts are conducted at great expense, and yet we do acknowledge that God ordains the most simple and humble means to spread the good news of salvation. One such humble aid is The Sabbath School Picture Roll. In many areas of our Division expensive visual aids and complex evangelistic equipment are out of the question, and workers and laity alike are limited to using picture rolls graciously given by Sabbath-schools or Sabbath-school members in the homeland.

From Tanzania, Pastor G. Schmidl, the Union Sabbath School Department secretary, tells us the following thrilling experiences. Brother Robati Gisuante, using old picture rolls, conducted an effort at Ikoryo. Eight people were baptized three of whom were formerly Catholics.

One picture roll serves three Sabbath-school companies in the East Nyanza Field of Tanzania. In the first company of eight people, three have been baptized. Six people form the second Sabbath-school company of whom two were recently baptized, while in the third group four out of nine have been baptized, and all this because of one donated picture roll and one faithful worker. Brother Mnanka writes "Now you can see how difficult it is for one picture roll to serve three companies. Please send us some more so that each company may have a picture roll."

In 1955 Brother R. Wansinyo was given a picture roll and he held a small branch Sabbath-school for six children. Today four of the six are members of the church. In 1967 this faithful brother held a lay effort and five accepted the truth. Brother Wansinyo asks for another picture roll as "the one I have is now very old. In fact some pages are torn and some are missing completely."

In another letter signed by "the people of Kenyamanyori" we are told how a young man and his wife were baptized in 1965 as a result of Bible studies given with the aid of a picture roll. An old man and his wife are in

the baptismal class as a result of further studies. Again comes the plea—We need more picture rolls!

The picture roll is so simple and yet so effective. It is without a doubt the cheapest evangelistic aid available today. It has no elaborate electronic system to go wrong, no batteries to replace or bulbs to burn out. A Sabbath-school member, on fire for God, with a picture roll under one arm and a Bible under the other makes a combination that defies even the devil

himself. Tucked away in some Sabbath-school cupboard or stacked on a dusty shelf in some church storeroom one may find picture rolls that have given good service but which could still be used many times over in the mission unions of our Division.

If, as you read this, you think of any idle picture rolls just write a note to the Trans-Africa Division Sabbath School Department and I will be happy to give you names and addresses of would-be recipients.



Following a Sabbath-school Institute in Tanzania, teams of four opened branch Sabbath-schools with the aid of donated picture rolls.



Teacher Mesheck Nhwatiwah with investment beans grown in his school garden by the pupils under his leadership.

"IT'S NOT TOO LATE"

by G. F. CLIFFORD,
Sabbath School Department Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division

THE YEAR is more than half gone. But for those who follow the Investment plan the best part of the year is still ahead. With the passing of winter and the coming of spring new impetus can be given to raising Investment funds for the world mission programme.

Approximately twelve per cent of the total Sabbath-school offerings for

missions comes through Investment. This year the General Conference has set a goal of two million dollars to be raised through Investment. Our share is \$20,000 or just over £8,900. This goal can be met if we each do our part. You may well be asking yourself the question. "What can I do?" It seems that those who live in the country can grow vegetables or flowers, or they can give a fruit tree to Investment. Some live in flats in town with not a square foot of garden space. True the usual pleas are connected with gardening, farming or animal husbandry. But wait—Investment is for you. Let me list some things which you can do:

At Rest

Collecting and selling used postage stamps.
 Selling greeting and birthday cards.
 Raising indoor plants.
 Writing poems and selling them.
 Writing articles for the *Sabbath School Worker*, *Youth's Instructor*, and other magazines.
 Making and selling artificial flowers.
 Money received from doing "home permanents."
 Typing.
 Catering for weddings, showers, et cetera.
 The difference between a letter and a long distance phone call.
 Raising herbs in a window box.
 Let us lift our sights for Investment for the remaining part of this year. God has given a wide spectrum of talents to Sabbath-school members, distributing them in a variety of ways "severally as He wills." Some have means, great and small, some only time. God will bless all that we can invest for Him.
 "If men would lay their earthly treasure upon the altar of God, and would work as zealously to secure the heavenly treasure as they did to gain the earthly, they would invest means cheerfully and gladly wherever they could see an opportunity to do good and aid the course of their Master."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 208.
 Invest NOW. It's NOT too late.

ANSLEY.—Alice Florence Eva passed away peacefully on April 13 after a brief illness. I have referred to her during the past twelve years, not as my mother-in-law, but my mother-in-love, for I found that her family, social and spiritual life was unstintingly bathed in deeds of love for "all of God's creatures."

After marrying Pastor Ross E. Ansley in 1929, her role as a missionary's wife included teaching English and home economics in an African mission school, shepherdess work among the Coloured community in Cape Town, and in various capacities in European work, as she stood devotedly by the side of her minister-husband.

She also served in various capacities in a number of non-Adventist societies for many years. Her often-repeated Scripture, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast" epitomized her active membership in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She was a uniform mistress of the Red Cross Society in Johannesburg during the Second World War, and her hospitality towards the aged was evidenced by her serving on the executive committee of an organization calling itself "Care of the Aged" in Pietermaritzburg. She gave enthusiastic support to the cause of temperance as a treasurer and one-time vice-president of the Natal branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union

for an unbroken ten-year period. Her talent in public speaking was an asset to these societies.

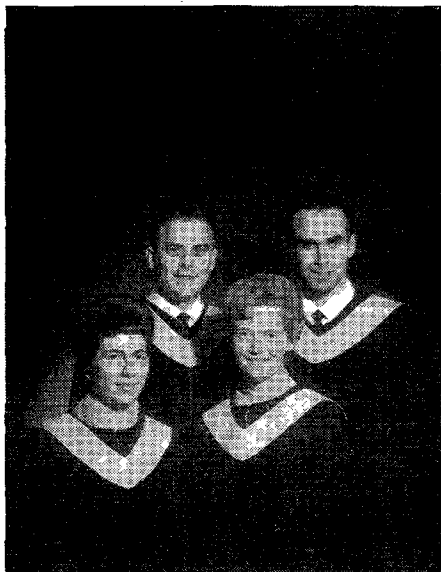
In her personal life Mrs. Ansley had wide interests. She kept up a prodigious correspondence with her children, relatives, and friends, and during the last two years of her life she wrote by hand over five hundred personal letters. During these same years, colour photography became her new hobby, as well as flower arranging. While teaching classes in flower arrangement she handled her flowers tenderly, as though they were human—such was her love of nature and the beautiful. Remembering her friends' special occasions by gifts and cards brought her her most satisfying rewards. It is no wonder she had been heard to remark, "Never mourn for me, for I have lived a full and interesting life."

She died on Sabbath morning at 2:45 in Port Elizabeth. This, I feel, is the way she would have wished to go to her rest, for she loved and faithfully kept the Sabbath of her Saviour. She is survived by her husband, a son, Anthony, and a daughter, Dawn, their companions, four grandchildren, two sisters, a brother, relatives and many friends. The funeral in East London on April 16 was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Eric Webster.

—Ron Thompson.

I am willing to go anywhere as long as it be forward.

—Dr. David Livingstone.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Education Day (CU and CAU) August 17
- Medical Missionary Day August 24
- Lay Evangelistic Crusade Set by Unions
- Lay Activities Literature Evangelism September 7

Reporting on People and Events

Word from Pastor Warren C. Hewes, PDS Zambesi Union, informs us that "Sixteen new recruits for the literature ministry recently assembled at Rusangu Mission in Zambia to receive instruction. Pastor J. M. Koko, Publishing Department secretary of the Zambia Field, has followed through with 'on the spot' field training. The Zambia Field officers have launched out in making possible three sub-depositories on the Copperbelt."

Pastor R. J. Radcliffe, chief auditor of the General Conference, is at headquarters checking our records and giving counsel regarding the various monetary systems in operation in our Division. Pastor R. M. Reinhard is in Pastor Radcliffe's team.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Detwiler have recently visited our Division. Dr. Detwiler was a schoolmate of our president, Pastor Mills, and in his homeland, the doctor operates a hospital in connection with his medical practice. He recently gave two months' voluntary service in Viet Nam where, he says, the medical staff worked around the clock, each member putting in about 15 or 16 hours a day.

A Sales Training Institute was held recently in the Claremont Church, Grove Avenue, Cape Town, when 14 new workers from the conferences were present. Pastor John T. Mason and leaders from the conferences led out.

Following the above appointment, Pastor Mason was present at a Student Colporteur Institute at Helderberg College. Sixty-five students are now out in the field seeking to spread the gospel message and at the same time earn scholarships. Because Helderberg College now has two main holidays in each school year the student colporteurs canvass during June/July and December/January instead of three months over the year-end.

Pastor John Stephenson is on an auditing trip to the Congo Union. While in Lubumbashi, no doubt Brother Stephenson has been reminded of his experience in 1961 when he with his family and 25 other missionaries were trapped in the union office during the cross-firing of two opposing armies, and of the 52 hours they spent under these conditions.

Of our doctors at present on overseas study leave, Dr. Warren Staples and Dr. Robert Buckley have completed their first year. With their families they are

studying in England. Each doctor has one more year to complete studies in his particular field, F.R.C.S., and Obstetrics and Gynecology respectively. Dr. Wilfred Muller is studying Internal Medicine at the White Memorial Hospital in California, and Dr. Charles Wical is in his first year of Anaesthetics.

Dr. S. Biraro and Dr. J. Omwega who graduated recently from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, are interning in the large Mulago Hospital in Kampala and the Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi respectively. There are still four Adventist medical students in training at Makerere University. Dr. John Werner is interning at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Washington, D.C., near the General Conference office. His parents, Pastor and Mrs. P. G. Werner, are at present in the United States on furlough. Dr. T. Swartz and Dr. J. van Ravensteyn are finishing their medical training at the Port Elizabeth Hospital, and Dr. Leslie Charles is at the Edward the Eighth Hospital in Durban.

At Solusi College 12 would-be accountants have just completed an Accountants' Crash Course. A similar course is still under way at Bugema Missionary College in Uganda.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

AUGUST 1968

	2	9	16	23	30
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
Kampala	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.56	6.53
Dar-es-Salaam	6.21	6.22	6.22	6.22	6.22
Tabora	6.50	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.48

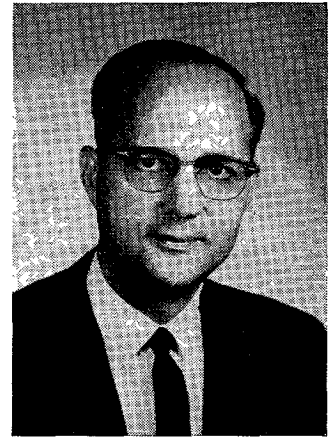
SEPTEMBER 1968

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	6.31	6.36	6.40	6.46
Johannesburg	5.57	6.01	6.03	6.06
East London	5.53	5.58	6.02	6.07
Port Elizabeth	6.03	6.08	6.12	6.18
Bloemfontein	6.03	6.06	6.10	6.14
Pietermaritzburg	5.45	5.49	5.53	5.57
Durban	5.43	5.47	5.51	5.55
Windhoek	6.42	6.44	6.46	6.48
Bulawayo	5.57	5.59	6.00	6.02
Salisbury	5.47	5.49	5.50	5.51
Gwelo	5.50	5.53	5.54	5.55
Lusaka	5.56	5.58	6.01	6.07
Blantyre	5.34	5.35	5.35	5.37
Lubumbashi	6.07	6.07	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.33	6.32	6.29	6.27
Mombasa	6.20	6.19	6.16	6.15
Kisumu	6.43	6.41	6.39	6.37
Kampala	6.51	6.49	6.46	6.45
Dar-es-Salaam	6.21	6.20	6.19	6.18
Tabora	6.48	6.46	6.45	6.44

The Hot Line

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President, Trans-Africa Division



IN RECENT YEARS, telephonic service has been established between the offices of the premier of Soviet Russia and the president of the United States of America. It was deemed prudent and advisable that in times of crisis the normal process of diplomacy be discarded so that these two world leaders might quickly and personally talk to each other. This is to avoid, if possible, misunderstandings that could lead to a world conflagration. With both nations possessing weapons capable of destroying millions of lives in a matter of minutes, our atomic age has made this tête-a-tête necessary for the preservation of life and peace.

We applaud this innovation and are grateful that such steps have been taken to avoid any precipitous or cataclysmic disaster. We would wish, however, that protocol would permit these statesmen to confer in this manner more frequently even without portent of danger. If this were done there would be a recession of suspicion, distrust, and malignancy which now divides the world.

This analogy holds true in lines of communication which have been established between this world and the throne-room of God, located out beyond the illimitable reaches of space. After the inception of sin God established a direct line of communication between Himself and man, making intercourse possible through the process of prayer. But, unlike the hot line between the United States and Russia, this line was to be used continuously instead of being used only during times of emergency and danger.

Man has direct access to heaven without having to go through human or celestial intermediaries. When we address our thoughts and

conversation to God we are given an immediate hearing. Distance and time present no barriers, for God has arranged this service so as to circumvent all natural laws, making instant communication possible. If used regularly a relationship will be developed which will not only give peace and solace to the communicant but confidence and hope as well. Such an experience engenders a relationship which causes one to think of God as a friend. Thus, he will be enabled to walk in the dark, to face every danger with a faith that can never be sundered.

How sad, though, to observe many, and some of them professing Christians, who are neglecting the use of this avenue to God, or who use it only in times of emergency. This explains why many have a wavering and tenuous relationship with God. "It is impossible for the soul to flourish while prayer is neglected."—*Steps to Christ*, page 98.

It is necessary that we pray every day. The power of the enemy and the dangers and temptations of life are so subtle and diabolic that, unless we utilize this line of communication regularly, God will become a stranger to us. "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.' This is a daily matter."—*Steps to Christ*, page 70.

No formality is required in approaching God. "A closet of communion may be found wherever we are. We should have the door of the heart open continually and our invitation going up that Jesus may

come and abide as a heavenly guest in the soul."—*Steps to Christ*, page 99. Prayer at our bedside morning and night, in the family circle, or in the worship services, calls for a posture of reverence which includes genuflection and the closing of eyes. But in addition to this we must develop the habit of talking to God throughout the day. As we walk along the street, as we drive our motor cars, whether it be in the wakeful hours of the night, sitting behind the desk, working in the kitchen, in the factory, or on the farm, we must confide in God as our Friend. Frustrations, sorrows, and tragedies will inevitably come to each one of us but, having used the open line of prayer to God not simply as an escape or emergency measure but as a normal and regular procedure, we will sense His presence and believe that there is One who cares and understands.

Friend, how often do you pray? Are your prayers formal, brief, or erratic? We live in an age of permissiveness and organized insanity. There is a paramounting of lawlessness throughout the world. Confrontation with the corroding and subtle forces of evil threaten us on every hand. Your hope and my hope is to use God's hot line of prayer daily which will bring triumph over every temptation of life. Reader of mine, if you are to have a religion that is efficacious, meaningful, and rewarding, it is imperative that you keep open this line of communication. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41.