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FOCUS ON

OUR YOUTH**PARENTS and TEACHERS, PASTORS and
CHURCH MEMBERS:**

The servant of the Lord has said: "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honouring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labour."

—General Conference Bulletin, January 29, 30, 1893.

OUR YOUTH—"THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH"

THIS YEAR March 1 to 29 has been set as Youth Evangelism month, and in the middle of this period, the MV Week of Prayer has been set for March 15 to 22. This is the time when most of the pastors, MV leaders, and union, conference, and field MV secretaries throughout the Division will be engaged in these important MV activities.

What a privilege to have a part in such a program, whether as a speaker, co-ordinator, assistant, or just as a good listener! A blessing awaits each one who attends.

Many churches follow the plan of pulpit exchange, or invite a guest speaker. Whatever your plans, we know God will bless and give you an abundant harvest of youth saved for His eternal kingdom.

In 1968 over 6,000 first-time decisions were made by youth for Christ. Will this number be repeated

**B. E. Jacobs,
Youth Leader,
Trans-Africa
Division.**



in 1969? Or will we surpass last year's record? The results are in your hands. Let us PLAN, PRAY, PREPARE and PARTICIPATE in helping our youth to win the youth in their churches and communities.

As a special item of interest a Division-wide MV baptism will take place following the MV Week of Prayer. March 29 is this special day! Will your church be the place? May God bless you and your youth during these forthcoming events.

—B. E. JACOBS

Then came the MV Week of Prayer. The youth of Karinzi turned it into an evangelistic campaign. They organized singing bands and visitation groups; and among others sang to and visited Elifas and his wife, inviting them to attend the Week of Prayer meetings.

Mrs Sebarora showed great interest. Not realizing at first that these were Adventist youth, she agreed to attend with her husband. Elifas' parents were not to be deceived and begged her not to attend, but having given her word she insisted on going. Finally they insisted on her taking a group of Catholic girl friends, believing that if there were many going, there would be strength of resistance in numbers.

The youth of Karinzi made them feel doubly welcome. During the meetings that followed, Elifas, his wife, and their friends attended regularly and before the end of the week Elifas felt his love for the truth returning. He determined never to leave the church again. This thrilled the youth and they redoubled their efforts to win his wife and friends as well. Suddenly Mrs Elifas turned to her friends and said "I feel a great warmth within my heart. I must stand and accept these teachings;" whereupon she joined her husband. One by one the nine others joined her until all eleven had surrendered to the Master. Today all eleven are engaged in the activities of the church and are preparing for baptism.

COVER:

ON THE THRESHOLD OF SERVICE:
Elaine Blake of Pretoria graduates from Helderberg College. Photo: A. E. Cook.

**1968
WEEK OF PRAYER STORY**

by DEREK BEARDSSELL,
Central African Union

ELIFAS SEBARORA had become a Seventh-day Adventist much to the disgust and anger of his parents who were Catholics. He had attended the Adventist church at Karinzi in the North Rwanda Field. His parents did their best to return him to the Catholic faith; but when they failed they arranged for him to marry a Catholic

girl, begging her to bring him back to their church. Where they had failed she succeeded and it was not too long before his heart was apparently changed, and he returned to the church of his parents. He had not, however, given up without a struggle. He had first called the evangelist and the laymen of Karinzi church to help him bring his wife into the Adventist faith. She had refused even to listen, and so great were the quarrels between them that to save his new home he had given in to her and worshipped in her church.

THE SINGING LITERATURE- EVANGELIST

by B. J. MELLOR

HIS HOME is in Mozambique but his heart is at Helderberg College.

During the past winter vacation Manuel Escorcio, a sweet singer of Israel, successfully canvassed in the Cape Peninsula. He discovered that by combining his God-given talent of song with his colporteur ministry he was able to reach into and to uplift the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

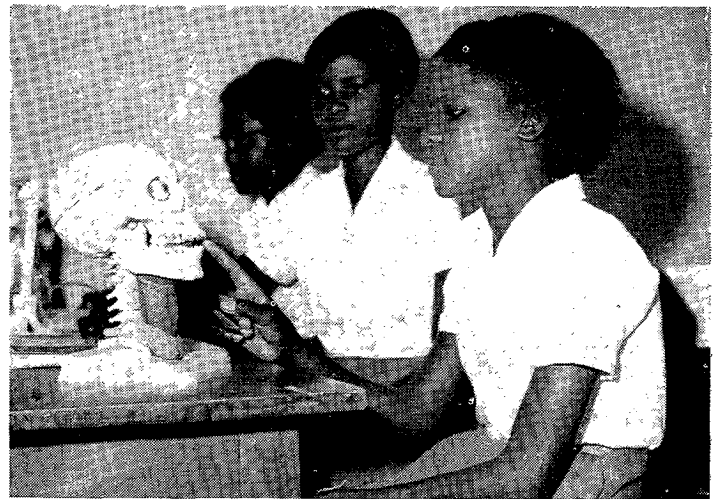
An experience that Manuel told me about was of a visit he had with an elderly Norwegian widow. At first she was reluctant to even ask him in but later she hesitantly opened the door to him. On noticing a piano in the living-room Manuel asked her whether he might sing for her while she played. The lady was delighted as she was a church organist. Tears came to her eyes as the music swelled, and she afterwards wept her gratitude during the prayer they shared together.



Manuel Escorcio

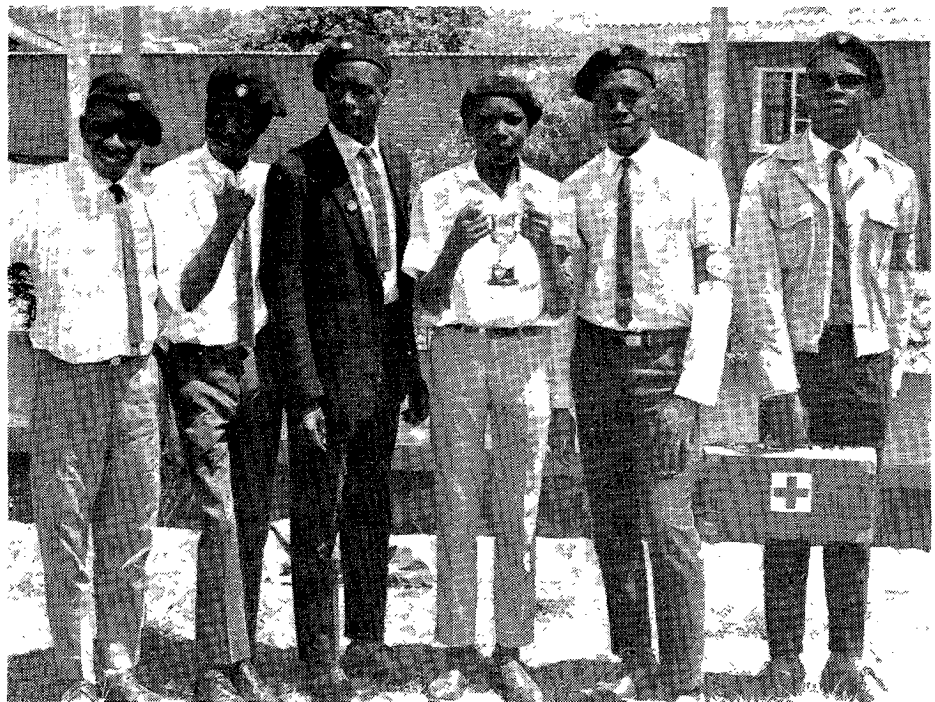
To Manuel this was one among a number of inspiring and uplifting experiences that he enjoyed. It is his testimony that these experiences greatly enriched his own spiritual life and helped him to gain a closer walk with God.

It is interesting to note that although Manuel cannot speak Afrikaans he sold many books in this language. He has been an inspiration to his fellow-members of the Helderberg College Colporteur Club.



YOUTH AT STUDY:

Kamagambo Training School biology students studying a model of the bones of the head.



YOUTH PREPARING FOR SERVICE: Each year the Blantyre division of the Malawi Red Cross holds a competition between teams from the police, army, railways, colleges, secondary schools, and youth organizations. Real to life casualty cases are enacted, including mock accidents. Each casualty is made up to give the appearance of a mishap

suggested by the competition judges. Doctors, nurses, and medical personnel take part in the observations and testing of the teams. A team from Malamulo College won the Junior Cup by gaining 110 of a possible 160 points. The cup will be on display at Malamulo College until next year's competition.

—P. J. Salthany, S.E.A.U.

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

*My Lord, I do not ask to stand
As king or prince of high degree;
I only pray that hand in hand
A child and I may come to Thee.*

*To teach a tender voice to pray,
Two childish eyes Thy face to see,
Two feet to guide in Thy straight
way—
This fervently I ask of Thee.*

*O, grant Thy patience to impart
Thy holy law, Thy words of truth;
Give, Lord, Thy grace that my whole
heart
May overflow with love for youth.*

*As step by step we tread the way,
Trusting, and confident, and free—
A child and I, day by day,
Find sweet companionship with
Thee.*

—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORLD.

SEVENTH MV CAMP IN BOTSWANA

by T. L. MUBONENWA,
Evangelist

THE MV Youth camp, the seventh of its kind held in the Botswana Field, was characterized by the singing of its campers. On the train while journeying to Mahalapye, groups of MVs sang the songs of Zion, and fellow passengers joined in. The ticket inspector commended our young people for their singing and encouraged them to continue. On the station a group of MVs awaiting the arrival of the train, used the time to sing choruses, and when the train came in they were joined by the singers from the train. On the bus taking them from the station to the camp ground, the bus driver enjoyed the singing so much that he twice lost the way! Everywhere they went, the MV campers sang of Jesus' love and His soon coming, and passers-by seemed impressed and uplifted.

Mid-way during the eight days under canvas the Honourable Mr G. G. Sebeso, member of the Botswana Parliament, visited the campers and addressed them. He urged our young people to hold fast to what they were doing in preparing for lives of service. If he could have his time over again, he stated, he too would want to learn the useful things they were privileged to know about. He concluded his remarks by stating that if it were possible he would like to take our MVs with him on a trip around Botswana to demonstrate to other young people what they were being taught.

Sister E. Keye from our Ramokgonami Clinic acted as mother to the girls and as a comfort to the sick, giving injections and medicines where needed. She also gave health talks



Sister E. Keye dosing campers in Botswana.

and discussed the topic of dress with the young women. She disapproved of mini-skirts and quoted many passages from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy against this modern fashion.

A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the duration of the camp and our youth pledged to endeavour to represent Christ in all their ways. Pastor C. D. Mguni was the camp director and the writer had the duties of camp pastor.

MV TRAINING CAMP IN TANZANIA

by G. H. MBWANA,
Ikizu Training School

ON BEAUTIFUL Ukerewe Island in the world's second largest fresh water lake, Victoria, 54 campers attending the union MV training camp lined up for registration on the morning of October 4. For magnificence of location, Camp Rubya, meaning a forest, would be hard to surpass. Nestled as it is among stately trees

and with a long beach a short distance away, one's view stretches across the blue waters of Lake Victoria. Swimming in the lake was an activity everyone enjoyed.

Pastor Phaize J. Salhany, MV secretary of the South East Africa Union was the guest counsellor, representing Pastor B. E. Jacobs who was overseas on furlough. He also gave valuable instruction in leathercraft. Others on the camp staff included Pastor Y. Lusingu as camp director, Pastor E. Wanjara as camp pastor, Pastor

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Thank you, Pastor A. E. Cook,
for producing the special January
15 edition of our Trans-Africa Di-
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pictures you supplied from your
Public Relations Department.

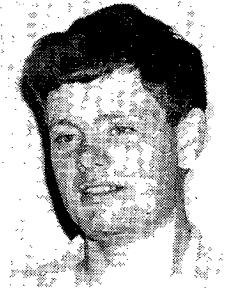
AN OUTSTANDING CASE OF YOUTHFUL COURAGE, FORTITUDE, AND FAITH

TOWARDS the end of 1966 Brian Peckham, son of Brother and Sister Ira Peckham of Greytown, Natal, met with a car accident. So serious were his injuries that he was paralysed from his shoulders down. At that time he had just written his matriculation examination, for which he had gained a first class pass, and was looking forward to entering medical school. He was awarded two bursaries from two universities for this course, neither of which he could now accept. It looked as though Brian's career and all his hopes were at an end.

But his faith and trust in God never wavered and even though 1967 and 1968 were spent in and out of hospital, enduring one setback after another, he has never given up. As soon as he was able to, he enrolled with the University of South Africa and even though he spent most of the first year lying on his back, he determinedly pursued his studies.

Recently he wrote, in a letter dated January 3, 1969: "The exams went

Brian Peckham



quite well. I passed. David (his brother), Allen, Rodney and I went to senior camp at Anerley. It was a tremendous experience. I really benefited from it, and have decided to stand firmly for the Lord. What an experience to see young people who had fallen by the way stand and testify for Jesus! Seeing others giving up fighting against God made me happier for others than ever before. I'm glad I surrendered more fully."

What a testimony after two years of almost continuous pain and suffering, frustration and trial!

George Schmidl of the Tanzania Union's Sabbath School Department, (who instructed on better methods of Sabbath-school leadership), field MV secretaries, and the writer.

A wide selection of crafts and courses were offered. Two Master Guide pins and 66 honours were presented. Fourteen campers received Sabbath-school officers certificates. Besides this, 581 Leadership certificates were awarded.

Among the outstanding events of the camp was the baptism of 20 young people on the Sabbath, and the visit of our new union president, Pastor L. C. Robinson who travelled many miles to join us for our Sabbath worship. His timely message encouraged us all to be faithful in spite of persecution and hardship.

One evening an unwelcome "camper" joined the group around the campfire—a large puff-adder which caused fear and commotion until it was killed. We thank God no one was injured, and remembering His promises in Psalm 91, we praised Him, because He had said: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night."

The last day came and we had to leave Rubya. Many campers wished to remain longer in this beautiful place, and many others asked for camp next year.

Y. Lusingu, TU's Youth Leader, reports: "The Lord has blessed the efforts of our young people through the Voice of Youth efforts they have held. At the end of the third quarter of 1968 the report shows that 3,401 new MVs were brought to Christ. So far 439 people were baptized on our union-wide baptism day, known as 'Young People's Day' in October. This has encouraged us to plan for doubling this number this coming year."

PLEASE NOTE

The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital would like to contact all past graduates from the hospital for the purpose of forming an Alumni Association (Graduates' Association). If you are a graduate, or know the whereabouts of a graduate, please write to:

The Public Relations Officer,
Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital,
Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga,
N.S.W. 2076,
Australia.

—L. A. Gilmore,
Public Relations Officer.

REMINDER:

THIRTEENTH SABBATH

March 29, 1969 — Kendu Hospital, Kenya

Dr L. G. Rose and assistants in the Kendu Hospital pharmacy.



**Photos:
A. E. Cook.**

Dr K. H. Sturdevant, hospital assistants, and a queue of patients at one of Kendu Hospital's out-patient clinics.



FIRST WORLD FOOD SERVICE LEADER APPOINTED

by M. G. TOWNEND,
Public Relations Secretary,
Australasian Division

PASTOR E. W. HOWSE who currently serves the church as treasurer of the Australasian Division, has been called to serve as secretary of the newly formed World Food Service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The world-wide food companies owned by the church will look to Brother Howse for counsel and leadership. Our food factories and interests in North America which have formerly been under the administration of the Pacific Union Conference will from January 1, 1970, come under the care of the newly formed World Food Service of the General Conference.

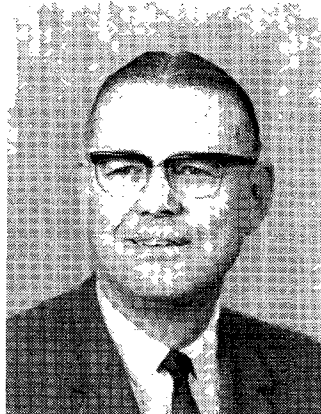
Brother Howse commenced his denominational service as a clerk with the Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Australia, and has since held many positions of heavy responsibility during his 40 years of service.

Born in Tahiti, the son of a missionary, Brother Howse was for several years the secretary-treasurer of the Central Pacific Union Mission with headquarters in Suva, Fiji.

Health Food Department managerial positions held in Australia in the past by Brother Howse include: Carmel Factory; Perth Factory and Wholesale; Sydney Factory and Wholesale.

Brother Howse is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants.

INTRODUCING...



Left:
E. W. Howse

Below:

Dr and Mrs Richard A. Carlsen, D.O., with Steven, Dianna, Cynthia and Carol. Dr Carlsen is the Medical director of Mugonero Hospital in Rwanda.



C. BRU REPORTS ON SEYCHELLES FIELD

TODAY we look back on four years of service for the Master in the Seychelles Field. We can praise and glorify His name for the wonderful way in which He has led during this period of our ministry. Certainly, everything has not always been rosy, but we can see without exaggeration that we have gathered more flowers than thorns and thistles.

Four years ago on the island of Praslin we made our first attempt to preach the gospel to its simple inhabitants. We were assisted by a group of 18 devoted church members. As a result we baptized the first Pralinois

after two years. He was a young man from a very strong Anglican background. He had also served as a lay reader in that church. Later two Adventist families moved to the island and today we have a well organized Sabbath-school frequented by interested persons as well as members. Our plan for the coming year is to build a chapel here.

With the upgrading of the school to secondary level, a nice unit consisting of two modern classrooms has been erected on the mission property, thus enabling us to keep our children for a longer time in a Christian atmosphere. Some of them have now been enrolled as students at the government teacher training college. Two are expected to graduate at the end of this year as certificated teach-

ers who will be employed in our own school.

Our program of evangelism has not been limited to Praslin. We have conducted several efforts in other parts of Mahe. Open air and cottage meetings were held in Saint-Louis, South Mahe, and Bel'ombre. Today in these places we have church members and adherents.

The largest evangelistic campaign held in the Seychelles was one conducted by Pastor R. E. Delafield in 1967. The whole town of Victoria was thoroughly stirred and a large number of people attended every night. A large amount of literature was sold or distributed. Everywhere the people talked about the meetings as a great spiritual revival. One hundred and fifty names of interested

persons were collected and workers and church members were busy visiting and studying with them.

We also experienced much opposition. Articles began appearing in the local newspapers. From church pulpits worshippers were forbidden to attend our meetings. Priests and ministers began visiting their congregations, something they had not done previously. We had become the topic of conversation on the island!

When Brother Delafield and I walked through the town people would shout derisively at us: "You must be born again!" Oh, how we prayed that they would realize the full significance of those words and have such a blessed experience themselves!

During this past four-year term we had the pleasure of visits from our union president, Pastor F. G. Reid, and earlier, of Pastor and Mrs E. G. Olsen and their daughter. These brethren brought us much courage and counsel. Now we are at the end of our term. Soon we shall be proceeding on furlough. We love these beautiful and picturesque islands, and we love the people of God who live there. Many of the inhabitants of the Seychelles are still in the darkness of error and sin, immorality and superstition, but here and there little lights are shining. These are small beginnings today which can become great achievements tomorrow.

"Deaths from lung cancer among those who smoked half a pack to one pack per day were ten and a half times as great as for those who did not smoke."—
"Smoke Signals," August 1968.

BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS

"The Bible Speaks"

A CAMPAIGN of Scripture distribution in Latin America, organized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church under the title "The Bible Speaks" has grown to such proportions that a special secretary has had to be appointed to supervise the program.

The campaign aims not only at extensive distribution of the whole Bible, but also at the encouragement of the good use of the Bible. Each member of the Church is asked to circulate at least 5 Bibles amongst people who do not read it, and to give with every Bible a questionnaire. The Christian donor tells the recipient that the Bible is lent to him and invites him to join a group which meets weekly to discuss one of the

subjects on the questionnaire. The groups study in this way for seven weeks, after which the new Bible reader is told that the Bible is his to keep. Experience has shown that the new reader has become so interested that he wants to pay not only for his own Bible but also for another which he can give to a friend.

In Mexico 19,000 Bibles have been distributed in this way by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Church further promised the Bible Society of Mexico that it would try to double the previous year's contribution to Bible Society work. The aim was achieved and a total of 67,000 pesos (£2,209) was donated at a special service in Bible House.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKSHOP: LOWER GWELO

by MRS CLYDE ONDRIZEK

TWENTY CHILDREN'S division leaders arrived at Lower Gwelo College from the surrounding rural areas, the first Friday of our second-term school holiday. Although they hailed from small churches in traditional tribal settings, not one reported less than thirty children in his or her care

each Sabbath. What a fruitful group for a Child Evangelism Workshop!

College principal R. A. Burns presented them with the initial challenge of child evangelism on Friday evening by comparing their task to that of John the Baptist's preparatory teaching of the wilderness crowds which "seed-sowing" preceded the climactic "reaping" work of Jesus.

The next morning (Sabbath) they were guests of the model children's divisions of the Lower Gwelo College Sabbath-school. As they saw numerous visual aids being used to good effect in this natural Sabbath-school setting they immediately expressed an eagerness to begin making their own devices.

Early on Sunday morning we began. For four days, from 7:30 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening, everyone worked hard. We could hardly get them to stop for the dinner and supper breaks.

We introduced a variety of ideas for making their Sabbath-schools more inspirational. Besides flannel-graph and other pictures for illustrating Bible stories, they were introduced to new songs, finger plays, and other devices aimed at instilling promptness, neatness, order and discipline into Sabbath morning activities. They coloured, cut, pasted and painted, and tried to talk us into extending the workshop another two days. We found time well spent as-

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Improving One's Talents

One of the most valuable college subjects offered by our denominational correspondence school is:

LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Textbooks:	<i>Desire of Ages</i> and <i>Christ's Object Lessons</i> .
Price:	Registration, lectures, postage, tuition on 24 lessons, and certificate: £8.0.0 or R16.00.
Write:	Home Study Institute, c/o Trans-Africa Division Office.



Visual aids and devices made in Sabbath-school workshop.

road from Kampala to Fort Portal, and its sign will preach to many that there is a church which observes the true Sabbath and looks for the Advent of Christ.



New Kasina church in Uganda.

sisting the learners in standing up and using the new aids we were making. We consider this practice indispensable.

These Sabbath-school leaders had little or nothing in the nature of visual aids when they arrived, but they went home with flannel boards, stories, vilene (an easily-coloured material that sticks readily to the flannel board) for many different songs and poem-stories, and pictures.

We learned a special lesson about certain "fruit" we had them make for one of the projects. Much of this (apples, grapes, peaches, pears) they had never used, and our initial reaction was disappointment that we had somewhat thoughtlessly prepared something that might have little meaning to the children. We were about to apologize when one teacher said just loud enough for others to hear, "We can use it (the 'strange' fruit) to show our children some of the glories of heaven." They all heartily agreed. What a touching sermon to us all!

Sufficient time has lapsed since the close of the workshop for us to have received many glowing reports from our Midlands Sabbath-schools. One man who had only a small group coming to Sabbath-school on time, decided to let all children who came on time wear crowns. This he had seen at our Lower Gwelo Sabbath-school. More and more children arrived on time in the weeks that followed and the few crowns made at our workshop couldn't cope with the early Sabbath gathering of so many young saints. He came to us and bought materials for making many more crowns. He was amazed at the growth of his Sabbath-school. Another Sabbath-school teacher returned for more sets of visual aids in order that his church could hold branch Sabbath-schools. It was his personal testimony that "hundreds of children will be in the kingdom because you shared

your things with us." God has richly blessed our efforts.

We express our sincere thanks to those who provided the special gifts for our workshop materials and to those who associated with us in this rewarding experience.

OPENING OF KASIINA CHURCH

by BEN D. WHEELER,
District Leader

NOVEMBER 2 was a high day for the members of the Kasina Seventh-day Adventist Church of the Ruwenzori Mission in Uganda. More than two hundred people crowded into the neat chapel after the ribbon cutting by the Gombolola chief's deputy. Many visitors came from far and near to make the day a successful one.

The opening message was presented by the mission director who emphasized the need for each of us to build a soul temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The act of dedication and dedicatory prayer was led by Pastor Y. Bamanya, the district pastor. Many items of special music were given by the visiting choir from the Kihembo Fort Portal church. A most cordial welcome was given by Evangelist Nyakana who was host during the refreshments which followed.

The builder, Paul Byakagaba was present, and also the local chief who had made possible the gift of land. Two of the protestant ministers in the locality joined in the worship service.

The members wish to express thanks to the Uganda Field, the Union, and Division and others who made the funds available for the erection of this memorial to God. It is located on a hill near the main

VOICE OF PROPHECY REAPING CAMPAIGN

by PASTOR G. BEYERS

LET US turn back the pages of time a few months. It is Saturday evening, September 14, 1968, and the time is 7:30 p.m. The place is the Riverside Hall, where nine hundred people have assembled to hear guest-speaker, P. H. Coetzee, president of the Southern Union, commence the third annual spring Voice of Prophecy campaign for Good Hope Conference churches in the Cape Peninsula.

As you step into the foyer and then into the main auditorium you observe the beautiful floral arrangements. Friendly usherettes see that you are

RHODESIA CAMP-MEETING

A SPECIAL invitation is extended to all our believers in Rhodesia, South Africa, Zambia and Malawi to attend the camp-meeting to be held by the Rhodesia Conference at Anderson School, from April 3-7, 1969.

Guest speakers include Pastor F. G. Clifford of South Africa and Pastors A. A. Esteb and D. A. McAdams of the General Conference. Come and enjoy a great spiritual feast.

For further details, write to:

The President,
Rhodesia Conference,
P.O. Box 348,
GWELO, Rhodesia.

comfortably seated. Soft, melodious strains of organ music greet you and soon you are raising your voice with the congregation in singing the thrilling songs of Zion. In large letters, visible to all, is the theme of the meetings: **THE MASTER IS HERE. HE IS CALLING YOU.**

Night after night the speaker unfolds the great truths of God's Holy Word and the working of the Holy Spirit upon hearts is evident as 53 surrender to Christ after the first week. The following cases are typical:

One elderly couple had been searching for truth for fifty years. They had joined no less than seven churches, but to no avail. Then, through a personal invitation they attended the V.O.P. meetings where they became convinced that at last they had found

Christ as the "way, the truth, and the life." "This is what we have been seeking all these years," they exclaimed. "Thank God we have been rescued in time. Now we have peace and joy in our hearts, and by His grace we want to serve Him until the end."

Mrs X had been praying for her drunken husband for over fourteen years. Failing repeatedly in her efforts, she had now come to the end of her tether. No longer could she endure the torture, brutality and gipsy life, and just when she was about to give up all hope that God would answer her prayers, He did! A faithful church elder urged him to attend the meetings and after the second meeting it was evident that the Master was speaking to the heart of this husband. When a call for sur-

render was made, this man with tears in his eyes made his way to the front. Today he is a changed man, receiving studies and already attending church services.

Then there was the case of the young man who had attended similar campaigns on two previous occasions without yielding his heart to God. This campaign seemed to indicate that the result would be the same as previously. However, on the second last night, while many were praying earnestly for his conversion, the young man could not resist as Pastor Coetzee concluded his appeal with the question: "Are we ashamed of our Master who did so much for us?" Without hesitation and as though he was being raised from his seat, he went to the front and joined those
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Robbie Schaffner spent the last few moments talking to her close friend, Colleen Clifford, daughter of Pastor and Mrs Gerald Clifford.



Photos: A. E. Cook

FINAL FAREWELL TO SCHAFFNERS

DOWN THE RED ROUTE: Dr and Mrs Marlowe Schaffner and Robbie seen with Mrs Helga Staples, the Medical Department's efficient and capable office secretary.

Trans-Africa Division Field Secretary, A. W. Austen, saying farewell.

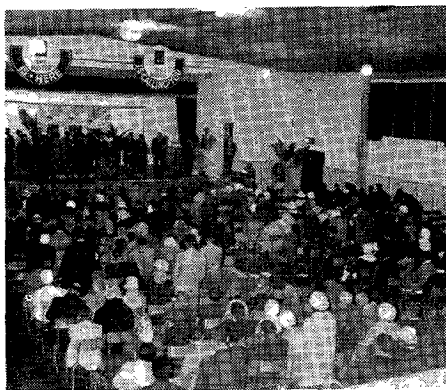


who had surrendered their lives completely to the Saviour. Now he is eagerly looking forward to the day when he can follow his Lord through the waters of baptism.

V.O.P. reaping campaigns are proving an effective way of reaping a harvest and making more profitable the work of the Bible Correspondence School. Please pray for those who have taken their stand for the message as well as others who still need to gain victories.



P. H. Coetzee behind the pulpit in V.O.P. reaping campaign.



Many standing in response to appeal for complete surrender at V.O.P. reaping campaign.

Of Special Interest



D. Sofranac of the Congo Union Publishing Department at the graveside of former missionary, George Albert Ellingworth who died on May 1, 1942 in the Congo. Relatives and friends will be happy to know that the resting place of this dedicated servant of God is being well cared for by the denomination.

IMPORTANT DATES

- V.O.P. Enrolment
Week March 1-8
- V.O.P. Offering March 8
- Sabbath-school
Visitors' Day March 8
- Youth Evangelism
Month March 1-29
- MV Week of Prayer March 15-22

AT REST

TARR.—Hilda Mary, of South Africa, was born on August 25, 1882, to one of the first Seventh-day Adventist families in South Africa, the Willmore family. She was baptized into the Adventist Church at the age of 12.

In 1904 she was married to Walter Claude Tarr. Soon after their marriage they were stationed for a period at the first Seventh-day Adventist foreign mission, now known as Solusi College. From 1910 Pastor and Mrs Tarr pioneered the work of their denomination in the Transkei, where they founded Bethel Mission, now Bethel Training College.

During their service for the Master, they laboured in many parts of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. They retired in 1940.

In 1967 Mrs Tarr came to England with her husband to spend their declining years with their daughter, Mrs Duncan Eva and their son-in-law, Pastor Eva of the Northern European Division. Her Christian courtesy and happy spirit were an inspiration to all who knew her. She died in St. Albans, on November 16, 1968, and was laid to rest in the North Watford cemetery by Pastor E. Logan and the writer. She leaves to mourn, her husband and two children, Pastor E. W. Tarr of the General Conference, and Mrs Duncan Eva of the Northern European Division.

—J. Ashford Hyde

MATTER.—Elizabeth. As we go to press we have just received word from Pastor Alfred Matter, now living in Switzerland, that his dear mother, Sister Elizabeth Matter, has been laid to rest. Sister Matter, who was 85 at the time of her death, shared with her missionary husband the rigours and rewards of

pioneering the work of the Advent message in the Congo. She rests from her labours, but her works do follow her. Our condolences are extended to her sons Alfred and Gehard, the latter of whom lives in Rwanda, and to her daughter Tabea, who lives in Germany.

GIVING TO GOD

A WELL-KNOWN preacher tells this experience. One night he was making an appeal for funds, and he invited the congregation to bring their gifts to the altar. The response was large, and soon the aisles were filled with people, bringing their offerings. A little girl came slowly to the front. She was lame and walked with a crutch. At the altar she pulled a little ring from her finger and laid it with the other gifts. Adjusting her crutch, she went back to her seat.

After the meeting the preacher said to her, "My dear, I saw the thing you did tonight. It was beautiful, but, you know, the response of the people has been large, and we find we have some money left over. So we do not need your ring and I have brought it back to you." The little girl looked up with rebuke in her eyes, and said, "I didn't give that ring to you."

Too often we forget that the offerings of the Lord's people are made, not to man, but to God. If all of God's children were prompted in their giving by love to Him, our financial problems would be solved.

—Baptist Bulletin Service, Contributed by William C. Holland.

REPORTING ON PEOPLE AND EVENTS

A significant action taken at our Division year-end committee was to establish a new office on the mission union level, known as "Administrative Secretary." This position will be occupied by responsible African workers who will be entitled to officer status, and whose duties will include portions of the union secretarial department.

"The newly-elected president of the Swaziland Field, Pastor A. M. Lukele," so the SU's official organ, **MASHAMBE**, informs us, "will move to Swaziland immediately and will reside in the newly-built home in Manzini. For the time being he will use his home as an office for the Field." A. C. Hlubi is the Publishing Department secretary of this new field, and Elder C. P. Nxumalo and Sister E. Dube, the evangelist and Bible instructor respectively.

A welfare centre has been opened at the rear of the Mwanza church in Tanzania. It is planned that welfare centres will be established in every permanent church building in this union.

Pastor E. T. Gackenheimér has been appointed Stewardship secretary of the Division. He will join the Division staff at the conclusion of his itinerary with Pastor A. A. Esteb through East Africa.

Another new appointment brings Pastor Timothy V. Gorle to Solusi College as its principal at the conclusion of Dr Daniel Walther's two-year term of service in July.

Dr and Mrs D. Walther came to Solusi College from Andrews University on a two-year term and their services have been greatly appreciated.

Warren Ramsdell, chief pilot of the Pacific Union College flight training service, has accepted a call to be the pilot-mechanic of the 206 Cessna plane which is to be stationed at Busegwe in Tanzania.

Through the generosity of kind friends in America, a 185 Cessna is being made available for medical work at Kanye Hospital and for clinical trips into the Kalahari Desert among the nomadic Bushmen and other desert tribes. Since the Kalahari is dotted with salt pans which make good landing strips, this plane will have little difficulty in landing in isolated desert places.

Recent correspondence from Pastor Russell L. Staples indicates that his study program continues to be heavy as he forges ahead with doctorate work at Princeton University in New Jersey, U.S.A.

The Medical Department continues to increase the size of its family. A baby girl was born to Drs Elton and Rheeta Stecker of Malamulo Hospital on August 20, and a baby son was added to the family of Dr and Mrs Peter Peach of Johannesburg on September 17. Baby

Veronique Francoise arrived on December 11 at the home of Dr and Mrs LeRoy Lategan.

Miss Edith Gilham, at present on furlough, writes that she is busy taking a midwifery course at the New York Medical Centre.

Holding the fort at the Heri Health Education School while the Charles Staffords are on furlough are Dr and Mrs Lester H. Lonergan from Loma Linda University. They were joined by Mr and Mrs R. Lorenson.

Our Public Relations film, entitled "Kapala—The Tenth Leper," is receiving very favourable comment as it is being shown to audiences in the United States and here in Africa. Pastor Alvin Cook was the producer-photographer of this film, the script for which was written by Mrs Jean Cripps.

At a special session of the Transvaal Conference called to convene at Sedaven High School on December 8, the president, P. P. van Eck, the secretary-treasurer, Eric Korff, and all the department leaders, with the exception of J. A. Birkenstock, were re-elected to office. C. van Rensburg was appointed to serve as Lay Activities Secretary.

The Coloured believers of the Zambesi Union have been organized into a separate field known as the Zambesi General Field under the direct jurisdiction of the Zambesi Union officers.

OUTLOOK

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SUNSET CALENDAR

MARCH 1969

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	7.16	7.07	6.58	6.46
Johannesburg	6.33	6.26	6.19	6.11
East London	6.38	6.28	6.19	6.09
Port Elizabeth	6.48	6.39	6.30	6.18
Bloemfontein	6.42	6.34	6.26	6.17
Pietermaritzburg	6.25	6.17	6.09	6.00
Durban	6.24	6.15	6.04	5.58
Windhoek	7.15	7.09	7.02	6.54
Bulawayo	6.28	6.22	6.16	6.09
Salisbury	6.16	6.10	6.05	5.58
Gwelo	6.24	6.16	6.06	5.59
Lusaka	6.29	6.19	6.10	6.05
Blantyre	6.00	5.56	5.52	5.45
Lubumbashi	6.29	6.26	6.22	6.17
Nairobi	6.48	6.46	6.45	6.42
Mombasa	6.38	6.35	6.33	6.26
Kisumu	6.58	6.55	6.54	6.51
Kampala	7.05	7.04	7.02	6.59
Dar-es-Salaam	6.42	6.38	6.35	6.28
Tabora	7.07	7.03	7.02	6.58

APRIL 1969

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	6.37	6.30	6.21	6.13
Johannesburg	6.04	5.57	5.51	5.44
East London	6.00	5.52	5.44	5.36
Port Elizabeth	6.09	6.02	5.53	5.45
Bloemfontein	6.09	6.02	5.55	5.48
Pietermaritzburg	5.51	5.43	5.37	5.29
Durban	5.49	5.42	5.35	5.27
Windhoek	6.48	6.42	6.37	6.29
Bulawayo	6.03	5.58	5.53	5.47
Salisbury	5.53	5.48	5.44	5.38
Gwelo	5.54	5.48	5.43	5.38
Lusaka	5.59	5.54	5.50	5.46
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Tabora	6.52	6.51	6.49	6.48

C-O-N-T-A-C-T

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



THE LAST WORDS Christ uttered before leaving this world and going to His Father were: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

"And ye shall be witnesses." A witness is one who testifies in a cause or gives evidence before a tribunal. He is to tell the truth and nothing but the truth concerning the things which he has seen or heard which might appertain to the case that is under investigation by the court. The office and work of a judicial witness parallels that of the position and work of the Christian in his relationship to his fellow-men. It is incumbent upon him to tell what he knows and what he has seen and heard of the power, love, and truth of God.

Every child of God is to become an important link in the chain of salvation that is let down from heaven to save a lost world. The plan of redemption calls for the active participation of redeemed men and women in assisting and co-operating with God to rescue man from the thralldom of misery, sin, and death. In His love and wisdom God has seen that it is for man's own good to be given this work to do. Man's position in God's plan to save the lost is so highly regarded that he has been told that the return of the Lord will depend upon how soon the gospel, which has been committed to the church, will be preached unto all the world. In view of this fact, every person born into the kingdom of God is to look upon himself as a missionary.

Witnessing for Christ is a work which cannot be left to church boards or committees. Neither is it a work that can be done by proxy or by desultory methods. Personal, direct, and systematic efforts must be put forth if the good news of the gospel is to be given to all the world in

this generation. Thus, laity and clergy alike must share the burden of witnessing for Christ. In fact, it can be boldly asserted that unless the laity do their part in witnessing for Christ, the church can never finish its task.

"The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—"Gospel Workers," page 352.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5:13. Diffusion and direct contact is here inferred. A lump of salt is no good so long as it stays in its concentrated form. It must be diffused and brought into direct contact with the substance it is to season if it is to become useful. Just so with the Christian. If he is to fill his place in God's place, he must, like salt, come into direct contact with his fellow-men and bear witness to them of the blessings of the gospel.

Again in that inimitable sermon of the Master we are told, "Ye are the light of the world." Verse 14. This surely does not mean one light, but many lights, for Paul speaks of us as "lights." (Phil. 2:15.) The Christian in his daily life and contact with his fellow-men is to be one of many lights diffusing the spiritual darkness which has enveloped this world. An army chaplain once told of an aircraft searchlight of eight hundred million candle power. It has been estimated that if three of these powerful lights could be divided and distributed, they would furnish a lamp for every human being in the world, and there would be three or four hundred million candles to spare. What a beautiful illustration of the possibility of the church. If all the members, scattered throughout the Trans-Africa Division would witness for Christ by shining as individual lights, this Division would soon be lighted up in all its regions and there would still be some

light to spare. That is exactly the ideal that has been set before us, for Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Too many are satisfied to witness for Christ in an impersonal and indirect way. They will support a local program, promiscuously distribute literature, or speak a casual word to a friend about the doctrines of the church. And these efforts are not to be deprecated. But what we need today is a greater utilization of the personal and direct methods of missionary labours. And what are such methods? House-to-house work is the answer. Colporteur work, systematic distribution of literature by personal contact, Bible studies, welfare work, giving medical treatments and other lines of service.

Now is the historic moment for the church to arise and strike its heaviest blow against the forces of evil and darkness. The world is paralysed with fear and enveloped in a mist of uncertainty. People are groping in the dark like the blind seeking for light. To remain inactive now is nothing short of being a traitor, for those who are not witnessing for the Lord by being active in His vineyard will be counted as being against Him rather than for Him. The blessings of the gospel must be shared with others "through direct contact, through personal ministry." As the clarion call of duty resounds in our ears, let us as individuals arise and accept the challenge of this momentous hour.