

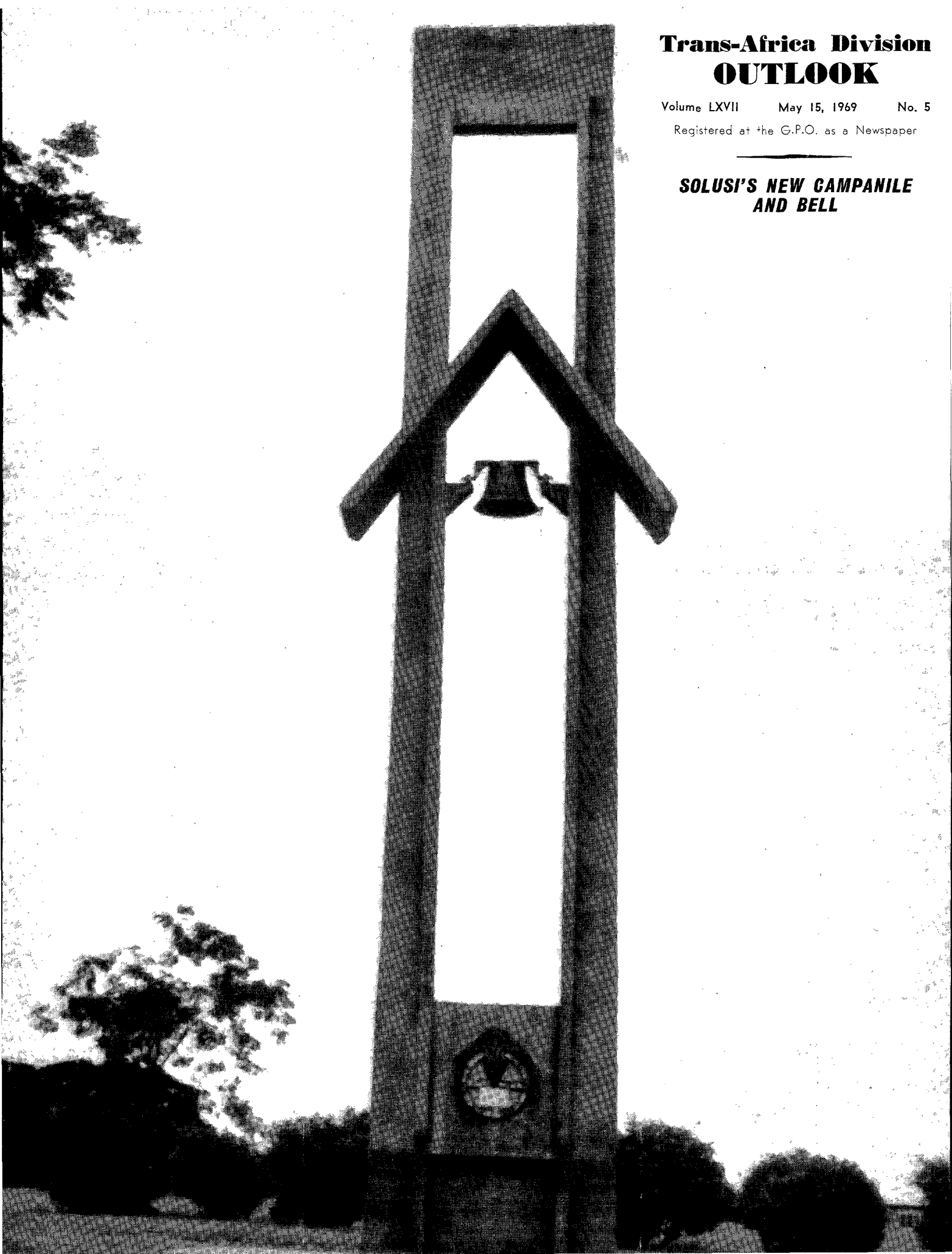
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**SOLUSI'S NEW CAMPANILE  
AND BELL**



## Earth's Tragedies . . .

*SHAKE US FOR A WHILE AND  
THEN PASS INTO TIME*

**But . . .**

*WE CANNOT WRAP AROUND  
US A ROBE OF ISOLATION*

*EVERY PERSON'S NEED IS  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY*

**Some day tragedy and want  
may come to us**



# **DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF DAY**

## **June 7, 1969**

**General Conference President, Robert H. Pierson writes to the Church in Trans-Africa**

OUR LORD'S COMING is near. Do we realize it? Or has Satan numbed our senses and blinded our eyes, so that we are unable to feel and see the physical and spiritual needs everywhere around us. "God, open our eyes and help us to see and understand!"

Human vice and wickedness is becoming bolder. Murder and theft are multiplying at giant pace. Disasters in the sea, on the land, and in the air happen one after the other, as foretold. How often storms, fire, and earthquake cause great suffering and loss. Do these things concern God's children? They should.

As we see such tragedies intensifying all around us, men and women

should be aroused to sense their condition and need before it is too late. One day soon God will wipe wickedness from the earth. Yet these present troublous conditions still seem to cry out for man's quick awakening to duty and responsibility. God would yet give man his final opportunity. But one day not too far hence man's day of grace will be over.

Are we, the children of God, responding to the opportunities and needs which these conditions indicate? The love which God placed in the heart of man has almost been extinguished. The Church must rekindle this love and co-operate with God in vanquishing lust, greed, and selfish-

ness from the human heart. It must do all it can to relieve suffering and want. It must lift the struggling and the fallen. It must nourish hope and stimulate faith. It must turn men's eyes to heaven, from whence the Saviour of mankind will come.

A magnificent opportunity to show our compassion for those who are cast down and who are groping for hope will be given us on June 7 through the Disaster and Famine Relief offering. Let us joyfully do that which our hearts tell us we should do.

### **Lamentations 1:12**

**"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"**

# MIDDLE EAST

## REFUGEE CAMP



The words "A Gift of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" appear on each blue tent donated by S.A.W.S.

Over 15,000 refugees in two camps in the Jordan Valley received clothing and blankets.

# FAR EAST

## VIETNAM

Australian nurse Joy Tinworth cares for the injuries of an innocent victim of the Vietnam War. Miss Tinworth serves in the Saigon Adventist Hospital.



## KOREA

All available heads and hands are pressed into willing service in an almost futile attempt to deliver life-saving water to the parched fields of South-west Korea.



# Give Sacrificially on June 7

# SOLUSI CELEBRATES

## Its Seventy-Fifth Birthday — 1894-1969

### LOOKING BACK 75 YEARS— AND LOOKING AHEAD

by DANIEL WALTHER, Ph.D.,  
*Principal.*

AFTER seventy-five years an institution may be allowed to stop a while and look back, assess its work and, unavoidably, reminisce about the pioneers.

The beginnings of Solusi have been told many times. Our people far and wide know about the providential events that led to the founding of the first mission station of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in what was then known as non-Christian lands. They know that influential political leaders were instrumental in granting a large land area. These beginnings should not be forgotten if we want the Lord to continue to lead us, and if we would consider the future with confidence.

You don't have to live long in this immense continent of Africa, or even come here, to realize that fundamental changes have occurred, especially since 1962. As elsewhere, the white man's hegemony has gone; Western colonialism disappeared after World War II. This obviously has drastically affected the course of missions. But no matter what conditions prevail, the message remains the same even though under a new format. Christ the Lord is still the Lord of life, but He need not be presented in the prophet's garb of 2,000 years ago.

Solusi Mission is linked historically with the City of Bulawayo in Rhodesia. They are almost twins; both are 75 years old, just a few months apart. Until a few years ago, this area was under British rule. British norms and traditions still prevail in education and the way of life in general. As in other parts of the world, the Advent message is the same and yet it has to grow in a soil that is different from that of its origin. Our people have always endeavoured to preach and live and not merely nurse a transplanted message that has to be cared for in an artificial hothouse. Often, however, the Christian message, and the Advent message in particular, has met with local conditions that are not

easy to overcome. It takes time to have the Christian way of life and its meaning understood, even though it be presented in a simple manner, to men who have been reared in tribal customs. They have been affected by taboos and accustomed to an entirely different manner of life. Islam, which has been quite successful in various areas, permits the African nationals to continue in their ancestral ways of life; their theology is simple and their heaven materialistic. Unfortunately some Christian missions have stressed the material aspect of the church rather than its message of salvation.

The Seventh-day Adventist world movement has always displayed a significant element of cohesion. One trait of its organization is that of keeping a vigilant eye on developments all over the world; being careful in maintaining the truth intact as much as possible. At the same time it is aware of peculiar national and political conditions which must be made a tool for rather than an obstacle to the progress of the cause.

Like other institutions, Solusi was created to serve our African youth, coming from various countries and various tribes. While gospel hymns have the same melody, in the Solusi church they are sung in Zulu, Sindebele and other African tongues; but all blend well in the common denominator of the message. When a new worker arrives at Solusi his first impression may be that things ought to be lined up with what is done at home. What is done at home is fine—at home. But he must adapt himself to what he finds here even though he may consider local methods as inefficient. As someone has said: There may be less efficiency but more results. They may have a better way than that which we "missionaries" try to import.

While it is gratifying to commemorate 75 years of existence, perhaps we may be allowed also to look back over the past two years and notice some of the recent developments.

First, we have rearranged our college courses to shape them into a regular B.A. program. Before affiliating with a U.S. college it is necessary to walk on our own feet

and to offer a course that meets our specific needs here. We also have introduced a two-year commercial course as well as a B.A. course in Education.

At long last we have a pipeline to a government reservoir. We are hoping that this will contribute to solving the perennial water shortage here. But in order to continue to irrigate our fields and maintain sufficient supply for personal needs, we depend on rain, and that has not been plentiful these past two years. We are devising other plans, because there will always be a Solusi.

We have also expanded our facilities: addition to the industrial plant; remodelling the store; building a bell tower; sanitary facilities for the college and primary sections; hot water for the dormitories; we now have campus lights; trees have been planted; thirty acres have been cultivated; housing for African staff is being built; a landing field is ready for light aircraft; a small museum has been built on the occasion of our anniversary, being a replica of Anderson's first mission house at Solusi. It is also good to note that our college enrolment this year is larger and better; and the Cambridge tests in the Secondary Division have been much better.

To those who may worry about the cost of these developments we may say: of course it costs to build a 7-mile pipeline, buildings and improvements. But funds have come to us, as in other fields, through the generosity of our Sabbath-school world com-

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**COVER PHOTO:** The Solusi church members, the Class of '68 and friends in the United States helped to make possible the beautiful campanile and bell which have been placed alongside our stately church building. We believe this new structure will become a vital part of life at Solusi College as the ringing of the bell calls us to worship, reminds us when the holy hours of the Sabbath begin and end, and announces special events in the church such as weddings, funerals, graduations—and anniversary celebrations. It will become the voice and soul of Solusi's campus, associated with our most significant moments. May it ring to the praise and honour of our Lord's name till He returns soon.

munity. Also, some of the friends who visit Solusi from time to time wish to make donations, aside from the regular funds. They ask us to accept—through the “regular channels,” of course—their gracious gifts, leaving us to use them as we see fit. Sometimes money is sent for specific purposes: purchase of library books, a piano, or a particular building project.

Among the most needed and cherished projects under consideration is the library for which we also have received funds through our Sabbath-school, and plans for this are proceeding.

Seventy-five years ago Solusi was faced with problems. Today we are again faced with perplexing issues. They are possibly different from those of long ago, or are they really, basically, different? Some, we think, are more acute. Then we read the record of the past and notice that our forefathers considered their problems the greatest. And, amazingly, some of their problems seem to have been written today!

Once again, as we look into the future we have nothing to fear, unless, of course, we forget how the Lord has led us. He has never forsaken or let us down. Shall we let Him down?

## STORY OF THE DAY

March 16, 1969

by LOUISE WALTHER

THIS WAS a high day for Solusi! It came as the climax to a memorable graduation week-end, when six students received the B.A. degree and seven the two-year Ministerial Course certificate.

The week-end began with the Consecration Service on Friday evening. Never had the church looked so lovely with its decorations of ferns, and

flowers in red and yellow—Solusi's colours. Pastor Duncan Kalonga, a former Solusi student and now a pastor in Malawi, was the guest speaker. He chose as his text the verse: “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain who build it,” and at the close the class president responded, followed by his class members who knelt in a semi-circle around the pulpit as Pastor Frank Unger offered the consecration prayer. It was a touching sight to see these young men consecrating themselves for service in the cause in Africa.

On the Sabbath morning Pastor M. E. Lind, secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, gave the Baccalaureate address. In his stirring challenge to the class members, he used examples from his homeland, Norway, such as the pioneer explorer, Nansen, who in his little ship, the *Fram* (which means “Forward”) sailed with his brave men to the ice-bound seas of the North Pole. For over two years no one knew their fate as there were no means of communication. But Nansen had *sisu* (which means courage, determination to press on against all odds and obstacles), and after two years he returned with all his men, their mission accomplished. Such spiritual *sisu* is what is needed today.

Now it was Sunday, which was not only Commencement Day for the graduates, but also the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Solusi Mission, as well as the day

for the dedicatory ceremony for the fine new campanile and bell.

The campus looked fresh and green after the recent welcome rains. The so-called rainy season which usually ends in February, had brought only occasional showers to our part of the country but not the prolonged rains which were sorely needed to fill our nearly-empty dams for the winter months ahead. Many earnest prayers had been offered for rain for our crops, cattle and dams, and our faith had been tested as blue skies and sunshine continued day after day. Finally, in March we began to have rain!

Sunday, March 16, dawned a little uncertainly weatherwise. During the night it had rained and there were still low-hanging clouds in the sky. We said to each other: “We'll be thankful either way. If it clears we'll be glad for a good day for the celebrations and the visitors, and if it rains we'll be thankful for the dams to be filled a little.”

About 8:30 a.m. the sun started breaking through the clouds here and there, and by 9 o'clock when the visitors began arriving the sun was shining brightly and everyone was feeling cheerful at this good omen. At ten o'clock every seat in the church was filled, and many extra benches had to be brought in for the hundreds of visitors who arrived from all directions by car, by landrover, and by chartered bus.

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Pastor and Mrs W. P. Owen in period clothes welcomed visitors to the replica of the W. H. Anderson mission house. Millene Siepman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Milton Siepman, poses with them as their “granddaughter.”

With a good job nearly completed, Dr and Mrs Daniel Walther stand outside the W. H. Anderson mission house replica. Their two-year term of service at Solusi ends in July when they will be handing over the reins to Pastor T. V. Gorle.

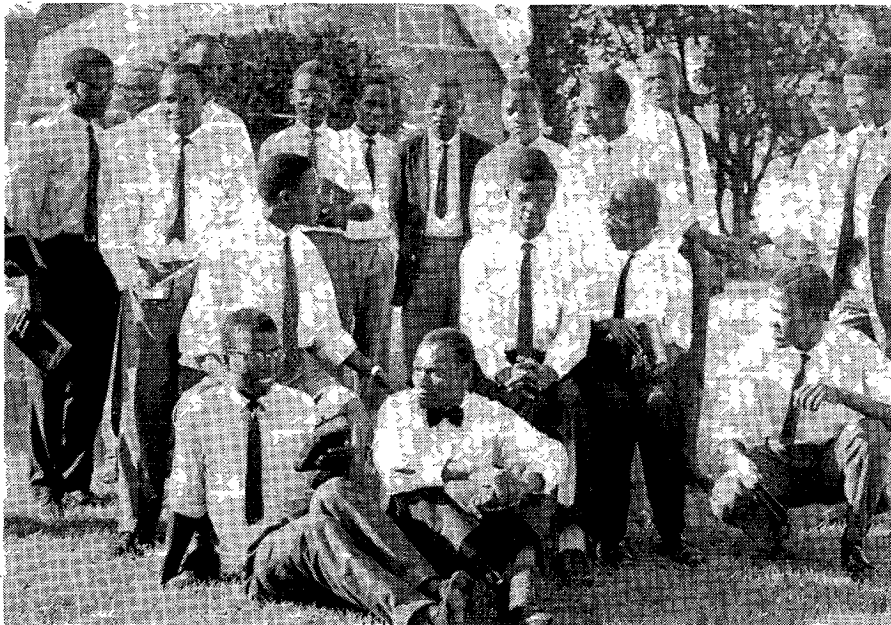


# Here and there during



**ABOVE:** The plaque is unveiled by His Worship the Mayor of Bulawayo, seen on the right with the Mayoress. On the left are Mr W. E. Alexander, the architect; Mr C. Hlabangana; Pastor M. E. Lind; and Dr Daniel Walther.

**BELOW:** A fine group of college and ministerial students.

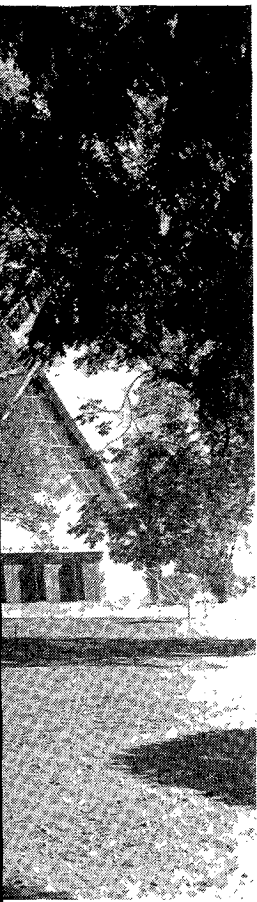


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# *Solusi's Celebrations*



from a new angle.



ABOVE: Some of the participants in the Cookery/Housewifery Class for ministers' wives.

BELOW: Medical Care—Inoculations are painful, even in Africa.



students at a picnic.



As Mrs Frank Unger at the organ commenced the processional, the academic procession began with the faculty and staff wearing gowns and hoods, followed by the graduating candidates wearing the scarlet and gold colours of Solusi on their hoods. After the invocation by Mr R. Kacelanga, headmaster of the secondary school, a mixed quartet from Bulawayo rendered a musical selection. And just then a large black Rolls Royce pulled up at the entrance of the church with the special guests of honour, His Worship the Mayor of Bulawayo and the Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs J. Goldwasser. They were ushered to special seats at the rear where they waited until the next part of the ceremony began.

Seated also in the visitors' row were the other guests of honour: Mr C. Hlabangana, M.P., and Mrs Hlabangana; Bulawayo architect Mr W. E. Alexander and Mrs Alexander (Mr Alexander designed the campanile, and the library which is scheduled for construction in the near future); and Pastor M. E. Lind

Pastor F. G. Thomas, president of the Zambesi Union, was the Commencement speaker. He recalled the early days of Solusi Mission, mentioning among others a certain teacher named John Luthuli, whose son, Albert Luthuli born on this mission, was later to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace. Pastor Thomas reminded us of the sacrifices of the early missionaries to Africa who came, not for a term of three or five years, but for a lifetime of service, some of whom had laid down their lives and were buried in Solusi's cemetery nearby.

The principal, Dr Daniel Walther, then conferred degrees upon the graduates, assisted by the registrar, Mr Milton Siepman, and the class secretary presented the gift from the Class of '69, consisting of several name plaques for buildings on the campus.

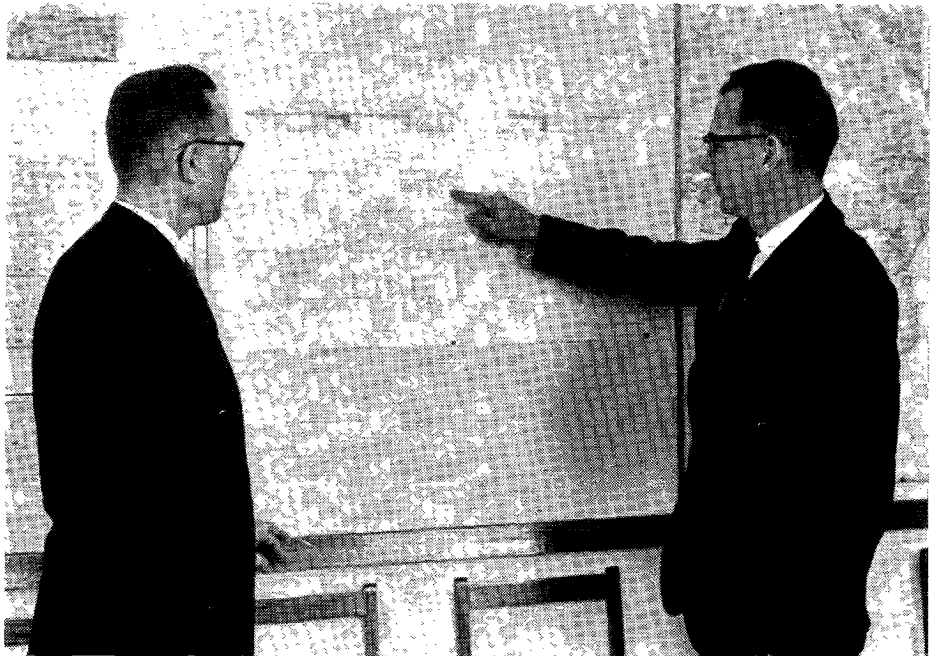
Following the benediction, pronounced by Pastor I. J. van Zyl, the audience remained standing while His Worship the Mayor, Mr Hlabangana and Pastor Lind were escorted to the platform for the next part of the ceremonies.

Wearing the handsome gold chain of his office, the mayor made an impressive figure as he stood before the audience. His fine speaking voice and natural charm of manner were even more appreciated by the listeners. He spoke of the good relations which have always existed between the City of Bulawayo which celebrated its 75th Anniversary last year, and Solusi

College which now was celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and commended the work of missions which had contributed so much towards the development of the country and the education of its citizens.

The mayor was followed by Mr C. Hlabangana who gave an interesting historical survey of Solusi Mission. Although he had been here only once before he was well acquainted with Solusi through his contact with someone whom he had known some years ago and who had made a deep impression upon him.

While the recessional was being played, the dignitaries filed out, followed by the faculty, graduates and audience. Everyone gathered around the campanile on the platform of which stood the mayor and guest speakers. After a few appropriate words, the mayor pulled a cord and unveiled the plaque at the base of the edifice. This large circular plaque, two feet in diameter, is a work of art in itself. It has, in colours, the dates 1894-1969, and the new emblem of Solusi—an open Bible with a flame above it and the words *Fiat Lux* ("Let



Pastors R. Curtis Barger of the General Conference (left) and G. F. Clifford of Trans-Africa Division, examine the plans for the new library at Solusi.

Pastor Lind who is very closely associated with the direction of Solusi concluded by bringing greetings and bestowing the "apostolic blessing" of our Division headquarters.

Then Pastor J. J. Blanco offered the prayer of dedication for the campanile and the bell which were being inaugurated on this special day. The bell weighing 360 lb. and cast by a foundry in Salisbury was presented by last year's graduating class and other friends, but could not be put into use until it was mounted. It is now housed in its own campanile near the church, an attractive modern structure 40 feet high, designed to harmonize with the motif of the church. As the prayer ended, the bell began to ring, and everyone was thrilled to hear its fine mellow tone.

there be light"). These words of the motto will be recognized as being the first God spoke when creating this earth. The thought is that there must be light at Solusi before it can be spread throughout our Division.

With the formal part of the ceremonies ended, there began the picture-taking, the visiting, and the congratulating of the graduates who lined up below the campanile. Folks also began to think about lunch, and all visitors were invited to partake of a meal in the dining-hall or in the homes of staff members or friends. Some 500 meals were served to visitors in the dining-hall alone, under the capable supervision of food director, Mrs Pauline Long. The students were given generous packet lunches which they ate picnic-style on the sports grounds in



order to make space available in the dining-hall for visitors.

At 3 o'clock a Solusi Alumni meeting was called to which were invited all former students and staff members of Solusi College. This is the first time such a meeting has been held for Solusi Alumni. Dr Walther and Pastor Blanco explained to the group that it was fitting that Solusi should have its own association of former students, as at other colleges of our denomination. It was agreed to organize it then and there, so the Solusi Alumni Association was formed and officers chosen for the first year. It was also suggested to the graduates who were leaving for other countries such as South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya, that chapters be organized in those countries where there were sufficient numbers of former Solusi students, the idea being for former students to keep in close touch with their *alma mater*.

There is one charming feature of the day's celebrations which I have not yet mentioned. Although it was not included in the formal ceremonies, it has a sentimental significance, namely, an exact replica of the first house built at Solusi Mission in 1894. It has been erected on the spot where the original mission house stood. Pioneer missionary, W. H. Anderson built the first little house for himself and his family and describes it in his book, *On the Trail of Livingstone*. He and other missionaries who arrived in wagons pulled by long teams of oxen pitched their tents under a tree and camped at Solusi for the first few weeks. That tree is still standing and a memorial stone was placed beneath it some years ago. In his book, Pastor Anderson relates how he built the first mission house near that tree, using poles and mud for the walls, and thatch for the roof, just as the Africans built their huts. He did not, however, make his house round, but rectangular, 12 by 24 feet, with a verandah and door at the front and back. The two tiny windows each contained "two panes of glass, eight by ten inches in size. The inside was divided into two rooms by a curtain strung on a pole."

The replica has been built exactly as described in Pastor Anderson's book in memory of those early missionaries. Church members gathered long thin poles and planted them side by side, and African women plastered on mud to fill the cracks. Long grass was gathered and tied in bunches and the men placed these on the roof in thick rows to make it waterproof.

When all was completed a metal sign was put up in front which informs the visitor: "Replica of W. H. Anderson's First Solusi Mission House." On March 16 this little house was open to visitors and soon became a centre of interest. Pastor and Mrs W. P. Owen of Bulawayo, veteran workers who were present at Solusi's 50th Anniversary and who have known the mission for 41 years, were dressed in the style of the 1890s and were there to greet the visitors. Little Millene Siepman also in period dress was there as their granddaughter. Old Brother Tshabangu who was a herd boy at Solusi when the missionaries came and who still lives near the mission, was there as a living reminder of the old days.

The little house had some furnishings of the period, such as chairs, tables and an antique tea kettle while outdoors a three-legged black pot simmered over an open fire. On the table was the old visitors' book which had been started at the 50th Anniversary celebrations. The very first signature was that of W. H. Anderson who was present on that occasion, the second signature being that of Mrs W. H. Anderson. That visitors' book is now a historical document filled with the names of thousands of visitors who have come to "Old Solusi" from all parts of the world. It is fitting that a new visitors' book should be inaugurated, and as the guests signed their names in the new book many looked back in the old one to find their names recorded earlier. Thus the past and the present met in the little mission house

which will now become a museum.

Everything, even the weather, combined to make this a memorable day for Solusi. It was neither too hot nor too cold. However, towards the latter part of the afternoon, as people were preparing to leave, the sky suddenly clouded over and rain seemed imminent. Visitors began to hurry to the cars and buses in order to get home before the storm made the rivers impassable. But although the grey clouds hovered menacingly the rain held off until later that evening so no one was inconvenienced.

To our many friends who came not only from the churches and business firms of Bulawayo, but also from Figtree, Plumtree, and as far away as Gwelo and Salisbury, from sister institutions such as Cyrene and Matopa and Hope Fountain missions, Tegwani and Usher institutes, and Founders High School, we extend our hearty appreciation for their presence with us on this day of celebration and rejoicing. We also wish to thank all those who helped to make this day possible, from the principal, who conceived the idea of the day, to Brother Vivien Roberts who supervised the construction of the campanile and his workmen; to those who contributed towards the fund for the bell, as well as to those who worked on the building of the early mission house.

Yes, this has been a high day for Solusi, which we shall long remember. We pray that as God has led Solusi in the past, He will continue to guide and watch over it in the future.

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*Use your spare time to study*

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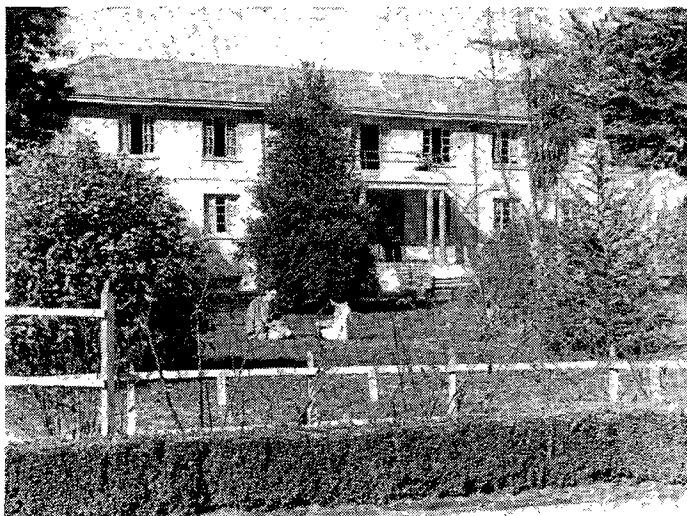
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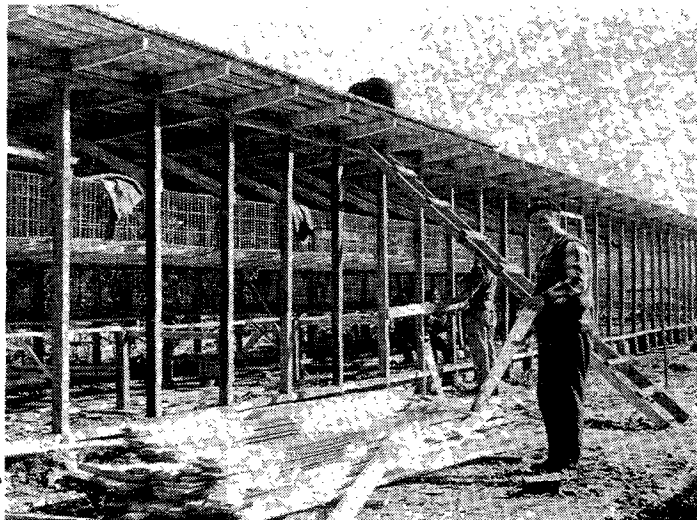
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Chile College, South America—Girls' dormitory and poultry yard.



## Remember

### SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

on

## THIRTEENTH SABBATH, JUNE 28

### HELP OPEN THE DOORS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by GASTON CLOUZET,

*Sabbath School Secretary,  
South America Division*

"WHEN DID you see Chile College for the first time?" was my question to the experienced worker I was interviewing.

"At the end of February, 1940," was his answer. "I went there not only to see it, but to stay, in order to prepare myself to be a worker."

"What was your impression of the college at that time?"

"Well, the contrast between the rather low standards of morality of the schools where I had been before, and Chile College, was sharp indeed. But the buildings were really in a very bad shape."

"What was the matter with the buildings?"

"Listen, only some weeks before, a terrible earthquake had shaken all the

area where the college is located, and the boys' dorm, three storeys high, was reduced to only one."

"Did the brethren find a solution to this problem?"

"Yes, in a certain way. In the summer of 1941, they erected a provisional dorm, made of wood and plaster. It is a small building, with room scarcely for 150 pupils. As you see, the provisional dorm has lasted 27 years!"

"Though the buildings were then as you say, what would your testimony, nevertheless, be about the influence of Chile College in your life?"

"It was my second home. The teachers, the fellow students, the worship hours, the classes, the soul-winning endeavours, everything contributed to confirm in me the purpose to dedicate my life to service. As a worker, I owe to this institution my preparation."

Yes, dear Sabbath-school members, Chile College badly needs to replace its 27-year old dorm, which has become completely inadequate to receive the young people wishing to get a Christian education to prepare themselves to be workers in the Lord's vineyard.

We could say similar words about the girls' dorm of the Espirito Santo Academy and the Auditorium of the Northeast College, both in Brazil.

These three institutions thank you in advance for your generosity next 13th Sabbath, June 28, 1969.

God bless you as you give liberally for His cause.

### REQUEST

It is planned that the replica of the W. H. Anderson mission house shall become a small museum with mementoes of our early mission work.

If anyone has something of historical interest that he or she would like to contribute, or some furniture or furnishings from the 1890 period, kindly contact the Principal, Solusi College, P.B. T.189, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

WE REGRET that in this issue of the OUTLOOK we are unable to publish a further instalment of Mrs Wilhelmina Dunbar's very fine series on "Music—God's Gift." These will be continued in future issues.—Ed.

# REPORTING ON PEOPLE AND EVENTS

OPERATION GO, listing goals and achievements in soul-winning for the present quadrennium, has reached its three-quarter mark, and it is gratifying to observe that the accessions goal has been exceeded by 200 baptisms. Prospects for 35,000 baptisms during 1969 look promising.

HELDERBERG COLLEGE has a good enrolment this year. This institution's financial operating last year was one of its best and the outlook is most encouraging.

DR AND MRS X. P. WALTON have returned to the United States after relieving for three months in the dental practice in Blantyre during the furlough of Dr and Mrs Ben Nelson. The work and association of these missionary-minded church members are greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Warren E. Staples on successfully passing his F.R.C.S. examinations in England. This missionary family will soon be returning to the Trans-Africa Division.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS: to Drs Leslie Ramage, Glenn Hunter, and Dennis Meintjes who have successfully passed their medical examinations in South Africa.

AND MORE CONGRATULATIONS: to Mr and Mrs George Vandulek of Malamulo Hospital on the arrival of wee Ronald Leslie on January 30; and to Dr and Mrs Michael Cooper to whom Craig John was born on October 4.

PASTOR W. C. S. RAITT who with Mrs Raitt operated the Zambesi Book Room in a very commendable manner for a number of years is now handing over these responsibilities to Merwyn Mason, son of publishing leader Ivan Mason of Gwelo. Pastor Raitt now has charge of the Zambesi General Field which cares for the work and needs of our Coloured believers in Rhodesia and Botswana.

PASTOR J. M. HLUBI: It is with sorrow that we record the passing of this faithful prince in Israel, who held the torch of truth aloft in Swaziland for nearly 50 years. Being connected with the Swazi royal family he bore a witness for the message in these royal circles where

others were not permitted to enter. He was held in great respect and esteem.

PASTOR DON E. THOMAS has been appointed district inspector of schools in Rhodesia.

HERI HOSPITAL in Tanzania is having a face lift. Extensions to the front of the main building will provide a doctor's examining room and space for the X-ray unit. This valuable piece of equipment was donated by friends in Germany and the United States.

TANZANIA GENERAL FIELD is looking forward to the erection of its new office building at Morogora. Plans for its construction have now been approved. A union V.O.P. Correspondence Bible school will be housed in this building as well. Pastor H. E. R. Henning is the president of this fast growing field.

RECENT ELECTIONS in the Central African Union have resulted in Pastor Phineas Manyori becoming the president of the East Burundi Field and Pastor Ezekiel Munyankiko president of the West Burundi Field. Pastor Mattias Muge-mancuru who has recently returned from studying at Collonges in France has been appointed secretary of the Central African Union Department of Education, and Pastor Labani Biyayire and his family have moved to Gitwe Seminary where he will be the business manager and treasurer.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

### JUNE 1969

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	5.44	5.44	5.44	5.46
Johannesburg	5.23	5.23	5.25	5.27
East London	5.08	5.08	5.09	5.11
Port Elizabeth	5.16	5.16	5.16	5.18
Bloemfontein	5.24	5.24	5.26	5.28
P'maritzburg	5.05	5.05	5.06	5.08
Durban	5.03	5.03	5.04	5.06
Windhoek	6.12	6.13	6.14	6.16
Bulawayo	5.32	5.33	5.34	5.36
Salisbury	5.25	5.26	5.27	5.29
Gwelo	5.26	5.26	5.29	5.29
Lusaka	5.37	5.38	5.39	5.40
Blantyre	5.15	5.16	5.17	5.19
Lubumbashi	5.54	5.55	5.56	5.58
Nairobi	6.34	6.35	6.37	6.38
Mombasa	6.16	6.16	6.18	6.19
Kisumu	6.45	6.46	6.48	6.48
Kampala	6.52	6.53	6.55	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.18
Tabora	6.42	6.43	6.44	6.45

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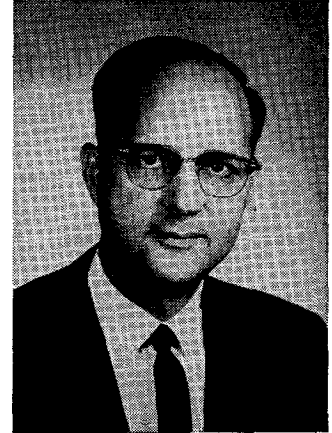
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East London	5.13	5.16	5.21	5.25
Port Elizabeth	5.20	5.24	5.28	5.33
Bloemfontein	5.30	5.32	5.36	5.40
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Lubumbashi	5.59	6.01	6.03	6.04
Nairobi	6.39	6.40	6.41	6.42
Mombasa	6.22	6.23	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.49	6.50	6.52	6.51
Kampala	6.57	6.59	7.01	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.20	6.22	6.23
Tabora	6.48	6.50	6.52	6.51

## IMPORTANT DATES

Disaster and Famine Relief  
Day and Offering ..... June 7  
Challenge to Youth ..... June 14

# CRITICISM

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CRITICISM is one of the most unmistakable symptoms of a sick Christian. To find fault with others is an evil which, if not checked and conquered, will lead inevitably to the death of the soul. Criticism is indicative of one who is on the defensive and reflects a spirit of self-righteousness.

Why should we look for and enlarge upon the faults and mistakes of others? Christ said: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." John 8:7. The haughty Pharisees had accused the adulterous woman whom they had brought before Christ and now they were anxiously waiting for Him to condemn her. But, to their consternation, He turned the mirror of introspection upon them and gave permission to those only who were guiltless to stone this trembling and despised soul. Since none was without sin, no stones were thrown, and in great embarrassment and confusion they eased out of His presence.

Who would be so naïve and brash as to think they have no weaknesses or are beyond making a mistake? Are any immune to the frailties of human nature? Do we in our own judgment think we make no errors? Who has attained the lofty heights of perfection? Do we not live in glass houses, exposing our imperfections to the world? Then why throw stones, by censuring and harshly disparaging other people for their follies and foibles? In so doing, are we not inviting them to throw stones at us? The person whom you condemn may be sharp in business, but you may be sharp of tongue. The other person may be liberal in doctrine but you may be liberal in church standards. While one person may be covetous of money, another may be covetous of prestige. You may reprehend someone for being proud in spirit but you may be proud of your own opinions. For this reason, the apostle Paul has stated: "Let a man examine himself." 1 Cor. 11:28. If we will look at ourselves conscientiously

and honestly we will find so many imperfections in our own lives that we will not have the audacity to look at the faults of others. Self-evaluation is not an easy thing, for we are naturally prejudiced and quick to justify and palliate our own mistakes and weaknesses.

The Lord did not hear the prayer of the proud Pharisee, but the prayer of the poor publican who looked into his own heart, was heard and granted. May it be so with us. Let us look inwardly and if we find sin there, offer the prayer of the penitent: "God be merciful to me a sinner." Christ was seeking to impress this lesson upon us when He said: "He that is without sin, let him first cast a stone at her." He emphasized the same truth with a different metaphor when He said: "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matt. 7:5.

"Those who live upon the husks of others' failings and deficiencies, and who gather to themselves the unwholesome miasma of their neighbours' neglects and shortcomings, making themselves church scavengers are no advantage to the society of which they are a part, but are an actual burden to the community upon which they inflict themselves."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 194.

We can all fall into the pernicious habit of criticism if we are not alert to its deadly influence. It serves as a powerful and deadly two-pronged instrument in the devil's hands to advance his cause. First it discourages the one who is criticized, and secondly it withers the soul of the one who does the criticizing. There can be no peace and harmony in the atmosphere of faultfinding. This diabolical practice, whether it be in the home, the church, school or nation, will create a loss of confidence; it will generate disunity and division. Yet because it is

an offence for which one cannot be disciplined by the church it is not looked upon with the horror and contempt it deserves. We should shun it like leprosy, for it can separate husband and wife, estrange children from parents, undermine respect for the authority of church and conference officials, and develop hostility between nations, causing bloodshed and war. Some people find it as natural to criticize as to eat three meals a day. They lack charity, confidence and forbearance toward others. The servant of the Lord, in addressing herself to one member who was afflicted by this evil habit, wrote: "Forbear reprimanding and censuring. You are not adapted to reprove. Your words only wound and sadden. They do not cure and reform. You should overcome the habit of picking at little things that you think amiss. Be broad, be generous and charitable in your judgment of people and things."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 62.

Friend of mine, are you inclined to see the faults rather than the good in your companion, children, associates, pastors and church leaders? Then repent. Pray God to forgive you and give you power to live by the golden rule. When tempted to condemn and censure others, look quickly into your own heart, and having seen your own deficiencies, cry out in penitence, "Lord, place a seal and a watch upon my lips that I may speak only words of praise and peace and love."