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Editorial—

Sixty Years Later

BEFORE ME as I write, is a copy of *South African Signs of the Times*, dated Number II, 1910. Edited by I. J. Hankins, it was a 48-page magazine which was published quarterly, and sold for sixpence per copy.

In a section entitled "World's Outlook" appears an article entitled "Vessels of the Air," which opens with these words: "Among the things that are now troubling the nations is the question of what part the aeroplane . . . will act in the matter of future battles." It goes on to speak of the mounting "war fever." "Every nation in the world is infected by the same disease," states the writer. Another article in this section is entitled "Drifting," which deals with the drift away from fundamental Bible teaching in the religious realm. "These are perilous times doctrinally," states the writer. "There is a distinct and tremendous drift away from the old and true faith."

A second section, bearing the heading "Editorial," contains the following eight titles: "Spiritualism—What Is It?"; "The Religious View"; "Astral Agitator" (dealing with Halley's comet); "The Rejected Sunday Bill"; "The Christian Idea of Civil Government"; "Religious Federation"; "Easter Sunday"; "Sunday Laws."

The article "Religious Federation" is particularly significant. It states: "The prevailing sentiment in favour of federation . . . proposes to bury differences in belief and doctrine." The writer quotes Bishop Hendrix, president of the Federal Council of Churches in America, as saying: "The smaller denominations were merely fragments, and if they ever had any real mission, they have served their purpose and should now be merged into the larger bodies." The editorial ends on the following ringing note: "The only union which Heaven can recognize and bless, is that union which is effected by the truth and love of God. . . . Denominational union at the sacrifice of light and truth, can

never receive the approval of Heaven. No matter what its profession or its numerical strength, it will fall in the final test; for its foundation is only sand."

A third section, headed "General Articles," contains an article on Revelation 14, by A. G. Daniells; an article on "The Sunday Movement," by A. O. Tait (then editor of the *American Signs of the Times*); another on "The Apostasy," by Mrs E. G. White; yet another on "Scientific Investigation of the Psychical Powers of the Medium," by Professor G. W. Rine; another entitled "Can the Dead Speak to Us?"; another on "The Manner of Christ's Coming"; another on "Moral and Ceremonial Laws" and, finally, one on "The Sanctuary and the Judgment," by Pastor Hankins, the editor.

The fact that impresses one most as one ponders the contents of this true-blue Seventh-day Adventist publication of sixty years ago, is *how well our message has stood the test of time*. There is not a line in the entire periodical which the present editors of *South African Signs of the Times* would not be prepared to print today. There is no page in Pastor Hankins' journal that we would want to tear out and discard for fear that its inspection would cause us embarrassment. *We can name several organizations that have changed their positions on different matters several times during the course of sixty years, or who have had to abandon certain declarations because they did not measure up with the ruthless demands of time in its onward march*. But the decrees of time as we have passed on from the Science Age to the Jet Age to the Space Age, have not made it necessary for us to abandon our position or alter our course on a single item. No, not one! The changelessness of our message in a changing world is a convincing evidence that this movement is indeed "heaven born, heaven blessed and heaven bound."

Now, there are many things that

have come much more clearly into focus since Pastor Hankins prepared his copy for the Number II, 1910, edition of *Signs*. History has supplied its sombre answer to the question that was then burning in every heart: "What part will the aeroplane play in future wars?" The answer was scorched across the face of the earth in a devastating world war which broke out only four years later, and in a far more terrible one which followed it within twenty-five years.

As for spiritualism, we have lived to see it develop from what was largely regarded as a crack-pot cult to an influential and powerful world religion.

What shall we say of the "drift" away from the Biblical moorings of Christendom to the sophistries and subtleties of "another gospel"? Has "the drift" gone on? Has it been arrested? Or has it escalated? You know the answer.

What about the movement for "religious federation" which today we call the Ecumenical movement? Without here taking space to supply a mass of material which is all too readily available, our readers will agree with us in stating that the bridge which was under construction when the *Signs* discussed it in 1910—has now *all but* been completed, and that the Rhine now *all but* flows into the Tiber!

Each of these points, and others referred to, offer scope for individual articles. A volume of information could be presented on current trends in each of these fields. But in short they all underline one central fact: the *Signs* was right on course sixty years ago! The verdict of a generation then unborn, now living to pass judgment on its message, is that, without its having had to change its course one degree, it is headed straight for its target! What was taught as truth then is still taught as truth now and will continue to be as long as we have a voice with which to teach it. The foundation remains unshaken.

Times have changed. The world has changed. The format of our magazine has changed. The editors have changed. The price has changed. But the message remains the same. Let us continue on our way rejoicing—"singing as we journey." Soon our pilgrim song will swell into the song of victory on yonder shore. Press on, fellow pilgrim. The journey is almost o'er. The message will soon triumph. Let us triumph with it!

G. E. GARNE

THE INFLUENCE OF A FAITHFUL LAYMAN

by R. E. APPENZELER,

MY TELEPHONE rang early one morning. The caller was Brother Majola, elder of the Dube Central Church. "Can I get the book *The Bible Speaks?*" he asked, "I have been studying the Bible with my company director and he is interested in reading more."

I made an appointment to visit his director, a well-educated wealthy European. He manages a large steel firm in Johannesburg. Both he and the company secretary had been influenced by Brother Majola. The director told me this story. "Mr Majola has been with my firm for 17 years. We have asked him to work on Sabbath many times but he has always refused. Every time his answer is the same. He has convinced me that the Sabbath day is the day I should keep. He is one of our most faithful and honest workers. We value his counsel and advice very much. Sometimes we ask his guidance in matters concerning our business and he always gives good suggestions. I am convinced that he is a man of God and that he lives and teaches the truth."

What a wonderful testimony from a worldly man, about our humble African believer. Mr C..... and his secretary Mr B..... bought several books. They are studying them diligently and have accepted many Bible truths including the Sabbath and the state of the dead.



GOD LEADS ARIGHT

*I'll trust in Him, God leads aright,
In paths where shines His heavenly
light;
The shadows dim give way to Him:
Though dark the night, His path is
bright.*

*When trials come, I'll take His hand.
He knows I try to understand
Why these must be. He'd have me see
How "all things" for my good are
planned.*

*The path goes upward, rough the way;
Dark clouds may hide the sunshine's
ray,
But His hand's near; I will not fear.
He promised He will with me stay.*

—Flo. J. Beveridge,
of Johannesburg.



PREACHER IN A WHITE SUIT

by THERESA A. WHELPLEY

A VIOLENT WIND abruptly ended the first service of a tent meeting held a number of years ago in Florida, U.S.A. The evangelist had preached about ten minutes when a terrific gust of wind ripped the tent from top to bottom in three places, and the rain poured in. The evangelist asked the congregation to rise for the benediction, and announced that the service would be continued on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday night a man arrived early at the tent, which had been patched together until a new one could arrive. He asked the preacher to step behind the rostrum because he wanted to speak to him.

"Six years ago," began the man, "I had a dream in which I saw a tent meeting. The preacher was dressed in a white suit, and he was preaching the Bible truth. I also saw a big book.

"During these six years I have attended every religious meeting held in a tent, but there was never a preacher in a white suit. I attended your meeting on Sunday night. You had on a white suit like the man in my dream. I believe you will preach the truth.

"Are you going to speak against tobacco?"

No evangelist wants to get into that subject on his first interview, so he tried to dodge the issue. The man persisted in pressing the question until the evangelist answered, "Yes, I shall speak against tobacco."

The man stayed for the meeting. The next night he told the preacher-in-white that on his way home from the meeting he had thrown away his tobacco and had no desire for it since. He also told him that the minister in his dream had preached against tobacco.

"Do you plan to preach that Saturday is the true Sabbath?" he questioned.

Again the preacher tried to dodge the issue. He was not ready to present the Sabbath question yet. Again the man persisted until he had to admit that he would preach on the subject of the Sabbath.

"You are running ahead of my sermons," said the evangelist. "How did you know about the Sabbath?"

"Well, in my dream I saw a big book, as well as the preacher-in-white. I bought the big book from a colporteur. It was called *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. As I studied the book I learned that Saturday is the true Sabbath. If the preacher dressed in white is preaching the Bible truth he must believe the true Sabbath."

Needless to say, the preacher later baptized the man, as well as his 83-year-old aunt.

It is interesting to note that the preacher's white suit had been bought by his wife when he entered the ministry, from money she had earned working while he attended college. He has never had a white suit since.

For a number of years Brother Glass, the man who had the experience, was the local elder of the little Adventist church in De Funiak Springs, Florida. He has since passed to his rest, but a number of people are rejoicing in the third angel's message as a result of his subsequent witness.—*Review and Herald*.

[Do any of our OUTLOOK readers know of thrilling stories like this one, of how people were led into the message, that they would like to share with us?—ED.]

OUR COVER PICTURE

DR HASTINGS BANDA, president of Malawi, addresses a large crowd on the occasion of his visit to Malamulo College on May 19 of this year. In his address he said, "MISSIONARIES ARE WELCOME HERE." For the full story of his visit and other interesting features of our work in Malawi, see page 6.

—Picture by A. E. Cook.

ON THE MARCH AGAIN

A GREAT NEW DAY

by T. W. STAPLES

Secretary-Treasurer, Congo Union

NEW WORKERS, new buildings, new plans, a wonderful new spirit, a great new thrust towards training our youth to carry the burdens of today and tomorrow! **WHERE?** Yes, that is right! The Congo is on the march again!

First of all, we want to thank our heavenly Father for the peace and quiet that does reign here. We are on the march again! This is our day, our hour of opportunity to help get the Lord's work done on time!

We also want to thank our brave new missionaries who have turned their backs on radio, television and news reports about our country and have come out to march with us. Our new arrivals make an impressive list:

Pastor and Mrs Pedersen, and their two daughters, from Denmark. Pastor Pedersen is president of the South Congo Field. Brother and Sister H. M. Peak and two daughters, from U.S.A. Brother Peak is principal of the Kivu Adventist Seminary. Brother and Sister P. W. Munger and wee daughter, from U.S.A. Brother Munger is science and mathematics instructor for the Kivu Adventist Seminary. Dr and Mrs D. M. Ross and their three children. Dr Ross is staff physician at the Songa Hospital and leper colony. Brother and Sister E. Bender and two children from South Africa. Brother Bender is helping us with the building program, particularly at Songa. Brother and Sister F. C. Lang and two children from Australia. Brother Lang is our Union accountant.

ON THE WAY:

Brother and Sister J. L. Drouault from U.S.A. Brother Drouault will be second teacher at Songa Adventist Seminary. Brother and Sister Daniel Rathbun from U.S.A. Brother Rathbun is to be third expatriate teacher for the Kivu Adventist Seminary. Jonathan Craig Sherman, Missionary Volunteer student missionary from Pacific Union College, U.S.A. Brother Sherman is an Industrial Arts major who will teach at our Kivu Adventist Seminary for one year.

STUDYING IN EUROPE AND DUE THIS YEAR:

Brother and Sister M. Salisbury and wee son from U.S.A. Brother Salisbury is to spearhead the advance in town and city evangelism in the Kasai Province.



Second stage of the administration building under construction, Kivu Adventist Seminary.

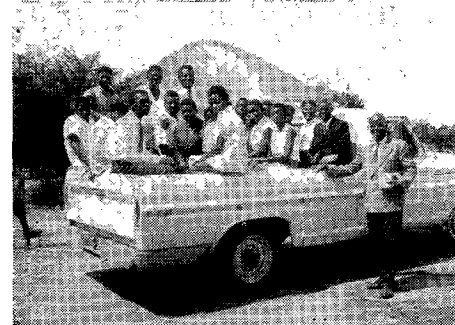
Making brick, building roads, laying foundations, remodelling, rebuilding, teaching, preaching, healing and praying—everyone is busy! Everyone is on the march again!

In the North Congo, our Kivu Adventist Seminary is very actively getting ready for the opening of its doors in September, which have been closed since 1964. There, Brethren Peak and Munger with their African staff are knee-deep in work getting the campus in order, laying on water, and many other details that Brother Peak has written about.

The East Congo Field is still on top with tithe and baptisms, and evangelism.

Pastor Sofranac is conducting a city evangelistic effort in the ex-mercenary capital of Bukavu. We hope to have a story and pictures later.

At time of writing, the West Congo Field is regretfully losing its president who again has been brought back from death's door after a second serious attack of malaria. We are sorry to see Pastor R. B. Engel and family leave us to return to Germany, but we understand the circumstances. A fine youthful evangelist, Pastor D. S. Williams from the Union office in Lubumbashi, where he has served

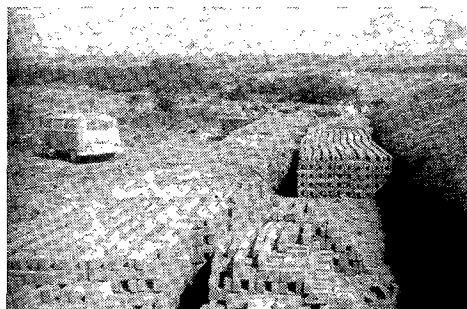


Junior choir, pastors and elders starting on a village evangelism trip to conduct Sabbath services. See Songa article.

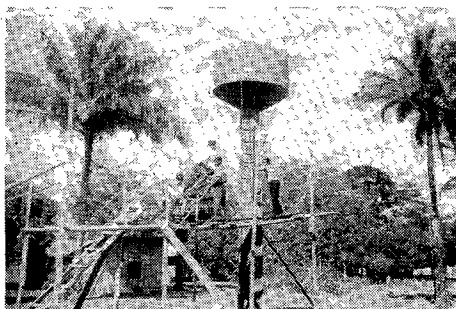
as the secretary of our Lay Activities and MV Departments, has answered the call. We hope he will be in Kinshasa before Pastor Engel leaves for Europe by the middle of August.

Our other two Union institutions, the Songa Adventist Hospital and the Songa Adventist Seminary, side by side, have welcomed with open arms Dr and Mrs Ross and family and Brother and Sister E. Bender and their children. The hospital is conducting an active evangelistic program with Dr O. Rouhe leading out. Brother Bender is busy building and installing a much-needed new water system. Brother dos Santos at the Songa Adventist Seminary is extremely pleased about his new Massey-Ferguson tractor. His teachers and students have a wonderful spirit, digging in on the farm and in the classroom. The students have surpassed those in all other secondary schools in the whole territory in passing government examinations.

We are most grateful to our heavenly Father for the faithfulness, the dedication, and the new "dig-in-and-work" spirit which has coined our "On the March Again" slogan. With the Lord's blessing, higher attainments must follow.



Brick-making, Songa Mission.



A new water tower at Songa Hospital.



Baptism at Lubinda. See Songa article.

IN THE CONGO

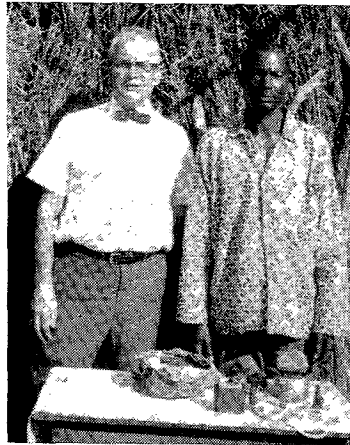
MEDICAL EVANGELISM AT SONGA HOSPITAL, CONGO

by Dr O. Rouhe

THE SONGA HOSPITAL is well known for hundreds of miles around. Our patients come to us from long distances. This is due to the lack of hospital facilities and medical personnel in the Congo since the Declaration of Independence in 1960. There is tremendous need for medical care throughout the country. People are very poor and can hardly afford the cost of transportation from their homes to Songa. Most of the patients come by train to our nearest railroad station, Kipukwe, which is 23 km. from the hospital. From there some come by truck if one is available. Others walk the 23 km. carrying their belongings on their heads, and in addition to their burdens, some carry small children on their backs. It is not easy for them to get here, especially in the rainy season. Besides, they are sick.

At the present time we have a fairly adequate expatriate staff, consisting of two doctors and three graduate nurses. Dr D. Ross and family arrived at the beginning of May this year after spending six months in Switzerland for language study. We have a crew of home-trained African workers of which only three have certificates for the two-year nurses' aid course.

Our hospital buildings are devoid of many necessary conveniences. We lack an adequate water supply, consequently we are not equipped with sewerage disposal. Can you imagine a 20th century hospital without sewerage disposal? This creates difficult nursing problems and sanitation is not easy to maintain. Our laboratory facilities are practically nil and we have no X-ray machine. (We have just received word that one may be on the way soon.) Medical cases are difficult to diagnose without these facilities. People here are extremely anaemic, the average haemoglobin content being about 40 percent. Frequently we admit patients to the hospital with a haemoglobin of 20 percent. Blood donors are not readily found since those who volunteer to give their blood often have need of blood themselves. We do major operations with a Hgb. of 40-60 quite routinely.



Kayembe, the witch-doctor, and Dr Rouhe.

We have a busy obstetrical service and often serious complications result in neglected cases which arrive at the hospital too late for adequate care. Surgery has been our most active department in the past. Because of the small appropriation of funds from the Union Mission office, with no help from the Government, we are obliged to charge for all our services. Many people are so very poor that they are not able to pay the fee for surgery, therefore they do not come here now as they did previously. I wish we could give our services free, but at present it seems impossible to do so.

Our leper colony consists of a village of huts of every description. It has grown beyond the original well-planned compound. There are now about 200 lepers. They are an excellent source of manpower for manual labour on the mission. Just at present they have completed making two hundred thousand bricks which are now ready for burning.

The work at the hospital keeps us busy during the week. On Sabbaths, one of the doctors is usually asked to visit some of the villages within a 50-mile radius of the hospital for the purpose of conducting Sabbath services. Mrs Rouhe and I have had this privilege many times. Last year our mission personnel conducted six separate camp-meetings in the surrounding area. Since we had no Union officers to help us, it fell to my lot to conduct three of these camp-meetings. At a village called Lubinda, about 40 km. from the hospital, during the camp-meeting Sabbath service I made a call for new converts and to our joy 24 adults, men and women, came forward. They joined the Bible class to

prepare for baptism later on. About six months later the district pastor told me that they were all still attending the Bible classes without one missing.

This year during the latter part of May, Mrs Rouhe and I went to the same village to conduct Sabbath services. We went in our 3/4-ton Ford Pickup. The Songa Junior Choir, numbering about 20 boys and girls, with several adults, also went along. They sang most of the way coming and going. After the meeting in the afternoon we witnessed the baptism of 11 of the 24 who had decided to serve the Lord during the camp-meeting last year. The pastor told me that the rest of them will be baptized during this year's camp-meeting. This was good news but there was something else of special interest to follow.

After the baptism we held another meeting, during which a man whose name is Kayembe got up, stating that he had something to tell the people. He was the village witch-doctor. He told the people that from that day he no longer wished to practise witchcraft. He said all his work had been to deceive the people and he stated that his medicines and incantations were worth nothing. He asked another person to accompany him to his hut to fetch all his trinkets and medicines which he had there. When they returned, Kayembe was carrying a basket full of charms of various kinds. The other man brought three poles with a forked upper end. These were used to bring good luck to the hunters. Animals' heads, or rather skulls, usually adorned these poles which were near the medicine-man's hut. The man then proceeded to tell how he used all these different articles. His wife also came forward and was very happy that she and her husband had given up all this nonsense. The village people and our pastors rejoiced to see this man converted. Repeatedly they had worked with him asking him to give his heart to the Lord, but he had resisted the call for many years. At last before it was too late, he was within the fold of safety.

MORE CONGO MATERIAL
on page 8.



Dr Hastings Banda at Malamulo.

“MISSIONARIES ARE WELCOME HERE”

“I SEE PEOPLE of all races in Malawi present before me. I am very happy,” said the Malawi state president, Dr Hastings Banda, as he addressed a crowd of between seven and eight thousand people on the airstrip at Malamulo Mission on Thursday afternoon, May 19, 1969.

Several times in his speech the president underlined his statement, “The missionaries are welcome in Malawi.” As Seventh-day Adventists we surely appreciate moderate and wise leadership which permits the preaching of the gospel and the spreading of God’s message in this rapidly developing African country.

The Malamulo College choir sang for the president and a group of the young people presented him with baskets filled with Malamulo farm produce. A large banner with a welcome sign, 40 feet in length, was flown across the main entrance gates.

At the climax of the afternoon meeting, two of the smaller girls gave the president a special presentation copy of Mrs E. G. White’s book *The Desire of Ages*.

VETERANS LEAVE MALAMULO MISSION

MR AND MRS WILLARD M. GILL left Malamulo Mission, Malawi, for their home in the United States of America, at the end of May, 1969.

Brother Gill came to Africa twenty-one years ago to assist his son-in-law, Pastor O. I. Field, at the Matandani Mission and training school. He covered his own expenses and worked on a self-supporting basis. At Matandani Brother Gill spent his time building, surveying for water for the water system and for the hydro-electric scheme. Beside this he found time to teach carpentry, bee-keeping, and some Bible subjects. He did most of the carpentry work on the Brown Memorial Leper Hospital at Malamulo, and has just packed his tools, after leading out in the erection of three new houses at Malamulo Mission. He is in his ninetieth year.

The Gills will be very much missed at Malamulo, “the school of the commandments.” Their friends in Africa wish them the happiest retirement; it has been well earned.



TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION IN I

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Mr and Mrs Willard M. Gill.

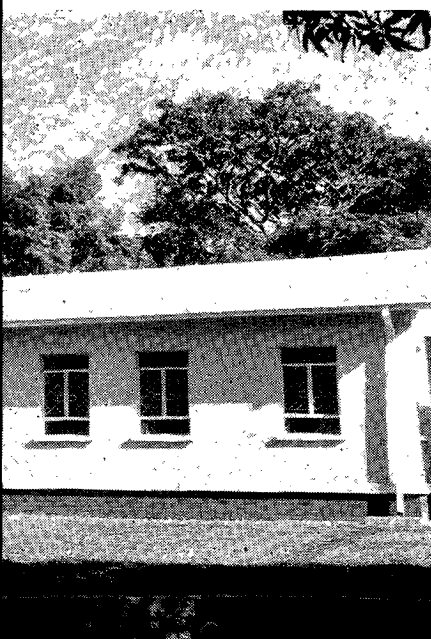




DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN BLANTYRE

The Trans-Africa Division Executive Committee was in Blantyre, Malawi, for a week. The Division territory is of a vast area. The majority are in the early years of their ministry. The needs of the field the Division has built up here provides a neutral ground and a very good meeting place in the four corners of our vast territory of Malawi.

The committee room, an office for the secretaries, plus two furnished flats for those who are in transit. The building is joined to the church quarters, enabling constant attendance to the church. This plan will facilitate the carrying



DOCTORS ORDAINED AT BLANTYRE, MALAWI

DR A. H. RAUBENHEIMER and Dr B. Nelson (below, left and right), who direct the medical and dental services of the Malamulo/Blantyre surgery (above), in the city of Blantyre, Malawi, were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Soche church in Blantyre on Sabbath afternoon, May 24, 1969. Like Luke "the beloved physician" in Bible times, these brethren have exerted a strong spiritual influence both inside and outside the church. Souls have been brought to a knowledge of the truth through their influence.

Dr Raubenheimer is from South Africa where he was born into a minister's home. His father, Pastor John Raubenheimer, was for many years an outstanding evangelist in what was then the Union of South Africa. Pastor

Raubenheimer, senior, is now at rest. But his wife, the mother of the doctor, was able to be present in Blantyre at the ordination service. In the picture with the doctors, are their wives and Mrs Raubenheimer, senior.

Dr and Mrs Ben Nelson are medical missionaries from the United States of America. The doctor left a lucrative dental practice to accept the call to Africa.

Pastor Alvin E. Cook, Ministerial Department secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, preached the ordination service. Pastor N. L. Doss offered the ordination prayer and Pastor R. Forbes read the charge. Pastor P. Salhany welcomed the brethren into the ranks of the ordained ministry of the church.





H. M. Peak, principal of the Kivu Adventist Seminary, with his wife and daughters.

PROGRESS AT THE KIVU ADVENTIST SEMINARY

by H. M. PEAK,
Principal, Kivu Adventist Seminary

KIVU ADVENTIST SEMINARY may be the only Adventist school in the southern hemisphere with a large number of its students coming from areas north of the equator, which is only a few miles away. The school's location on the equator and high in the mountains of Kivu Province gives it a healthy climate and garden produce the year round.

Seminaire Adventiste du Kivu (the official name) is at the moment little more than a six-year primary school and some growing buildings four and a half miles down the mountain. Our young people have been waiting a long time for this school to develop into a 12-year secondary program, preparing them for government examinations and further Christian training. Finances have not been the only factor delaying its development. Qualified teachers fluent in French are extremely difficult to find. Now that we have three expatriate teachers and a minimum of funds, we are struggling with the problem of importing building materials into the Congo from Kampala, Uganda. It is the only place where many items can be found and where prices are not prohibitive. An interview with the fine Governor of the Kivu Province brought us a promise of full co-operation and aid through the Central Government in processing our purchases rapidly through the borders, something that heretofore had been a bottleneck.

Permission to import freely across the border will come none too soon. Building plans, long delayed, call for the construction of several class-

rooms, a science laboratory, a boys' dormitory, a dispensary (one now operating to be relocated), additional expatriate and national staff houses, all needing to be completed by this September. Future construction needs will include the second stage of the boys' dormitory, a girls' dormitory, industrial buildings, a church, and housing as needed. We would like to be able to establish furniture and motor-mechanic shops if possible. Good relations with the local chief have helped us obtain needed land and more is promised as the local people begin to benefit from the services of the dispensary.

If financing, staffing, and construction develop in a stable manner, our main problem will be to elevate the educational level of the area and obtain for our school the reputation of producing the finest students. While doing this, our primary goal will always be the winning of souls and their training for positions of leadership in this great Congo.



New house for an expatriate worker going up at Kivu Adventist Seminary.

NEWS FROM SOUTH CONGO FIELD

by TH. PEDERSEN
President, South Congo Field

*"May the Lord give strength to His people!
May the Lord bless His people with peace."*

Psalms 29:11

THE FIRST PRAYER of this text is still our daily petition before the throne of mercy. The second is a reality once more in the southern part of the vast Congo after years of revolts, wars, inexpressible sufferings in human hearts caused by a nightmare of fear, horror and deep poverty. Strikingly clear are the last signs of this decisive time, while our Saviour turns the final pages of the books for eternal decision upon the names left over in the heavenly

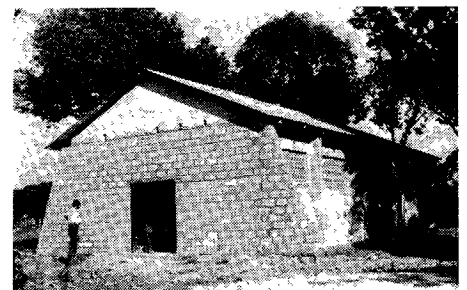
courts. We in Africa know that maybe the coming night will bring to an end our last opportunity in certain areas to spread the present truth to a dying multitude.

The Lord has again given us peace to work. What an enormous challenge to God's remnant to arise and shine in the mighty power of the pentecostal spirit! This is our first need in the Congo—a country-wide awakening to simple apostolic Christianity which will penetrate the vast inaccessible steaming rain forests, the endless rivers, swamps and steppes, at times dry and hot like deserts and the cold, rocky mountains. There are difficult times ahead with superhuman problems growing from year to year, and we will prepare to meet them together with Him.

Of course, God's work has suffered setbacks in the past upheavals. What we have not performed in a peaceful past, reaching almost fifty years back, must be done now under trying circumstances.

More than 4,000 church members and as many adherents send you all their best greetings. The picture of our Rwashi church, close to Lubumbashi (Elizabethville), symbolizes our needs. It was left without being finished about a year ago because of lack of funds. Now, we have received another gift to enable us to put on the roof and dedicate it this year. The need for church buildings is everywhere. We are grateful for every gift for that purpose.

The Congo, huge as it is, contains wonderful opportunities for the third angel's message! There is a need and a thirst for our clearcut preaching in spite of growing Catholic and Protestant strength which have joined hands, through the Ecumenical movement, against the last warning from God. This country represents a challenge unequalled by anything in the past. Its poorly educated population is not yet too proud or self-satisfied to listen. The fields are ripe. Lord, send means and workers before it is too late!



Rwashi church, Lubumbashi.

HELDERBERG COLLEGE—*The Pathway to Service*



THE PATHWAY TO SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

"God's purpose has been made known, that our people should have an opportunity to study the sciences and at the same time to learn the requirements of His Word."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 21.

THE PATHWAY TO MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

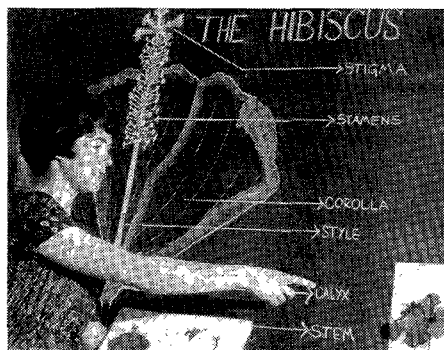
"The melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven; and when heaven comes in touch with the earth there is music and song, 'thanksgiving and the voice of melody.'"—*Messages to Young People*, page 291.

"Music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble, and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God."—*Ibid.*, page 293.



THE PATHWAY TO THE MINISTRY

"The true object of education is to fit men and women for service by developing and bringing into active exercise all their faculties. . . . The Lord calls upon the youth to enter our schools, and quickly fit themselves for active work. Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 493.



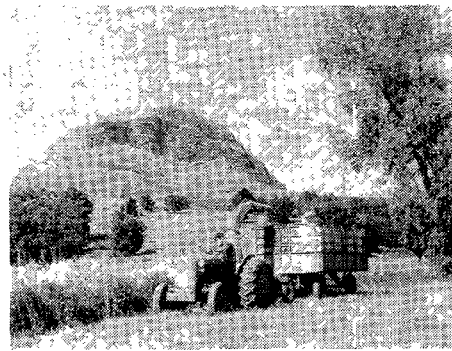
THE PATHWAY TO TEACHING

"Some [students] are to be prepared to take charge of church-schools, in which the children shall be taught the first principles of education. This is a very important work, demanding high ability and careful study."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 493.



PATHWAY TO HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

"The selfish love of 'me and mine' keeps many from doing their duty to others."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, page 423.



THE PATHWAY TO ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT

"We need schools in this country to educate children and youth that they may be masters of labour, and not slaves of labour."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 314.

"The usefulness learned on the school farm is the very education that is most essential for those who go out as missionaries to many foreign fields."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 534.

THE PATHWAY TO PHYSICAL FITNESS

"Physical training should occupy an important place in every system of education. It is the duty of parents and teachers to become acquainted with the human organism and the laws by which it is governed, and as far as possible, to secure to their children and pupils that greatest of all earthly blessings, 'a sound mind in a sound body.'"—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 61.



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Music — God's Gift, Part 5

Musical Etiquette

IT WAS the common custom of Johann Sebastian Bach to begin each one of his musical compositions with the Latin phrase *Soli Deo Gloria*—to God alone be the glory. This was done not out of pious custom but because of an overwhelming conviction that what he had composed, while certainly in part for the edification and inspiration of the people of God, was chiefly offered to God as a means of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving. In any discussion about the role of music in church, it is imperative that this thought be foremost at all times.

It is the purpose of this article to try to point out some of the things which mar the reverence of our church services, as far as the offering of music is concerned. We all know the quotation from *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 594, which reads: "Music forms part of God's worship in the courts above, and we should endeavour, in our songs of praise, to approach as nearly as possible to the harmony of the heavenly choirs. Singing, as a part of the religious service, is as much an act of worship, as is prayer."

This being the case, we should endeavour not to enter or leave the church during the singing of a congregational hymn or a solo, just as we would not during a prayer.

No one would dream of whispering during the prayer. Yet this is sometimes done during the singing of a hymn and during the rendering of a vocal solo. Many of our hymns are prayers, and should receive the same respect and reverence.

We read much about social etiquette. Let us give some thought to the matter of musical etiquette. Even if we do not particularly like the soloist's voice, we should give him or her credit for the amount of time spent in preparing the song, by listening courteously and thinking of the words of the song. We will be a blessing to others as well, as we will not be disturbing those around us who are trying to appreciate the rendering. Do we appreciate what our organist does to make our worship an uplifting experience? Sudden announcements should not interrupt a beautiful organ prelude, or the offertory prayer be

commenced before the organist has been given a chance to find a suitable cadence to bring the voluntary to a satisfactory conclusion.

Discourtesy during the rendering of a vocal item can destroy all the inspiration the singer may have had, and instead leave a feeling of failure and even bitterness within his or her breast. The singer must find a sympathetic response from the congregation in order to impart a blessing in song. If that link is missing, the performance loses part of its effectiveness.

Let us refrain from causing a disturbance during any musical performance in our church services, be it through talking, or walking, or unnecessary movement, et cetera. Let us teach our children to be courteous during musical items, for they are our future church members and leaders. Remember, children will copy their adult examples. So often they are mirrors of ourselves.

Now a word to the soloist: Wait until the audience is ready to respond to your song. Do not commence your item while people are still trying to find seats. Remember you are not displaying your rare talent. At all times, "to God alone be the glory." If your talent is dedicated to the service of God, you will be a blessing to others. Look up from your music. Sing without fear or hesitation, as this will be conveyed to the congregation. Do not just utter beautiful sounds, but think of the meaning of the words of your song. Let your whole performance be to the glory of God and not to the glory of men. Be well prepared—a slap-dash performance is not to the glory of God, and is a discourtesy to the listener.

Organizers of programs should always plan well in advance with regard to any special music required. It is unfair to expect a last-minute request for a song or any other musical item to be rendered properly. If all musicians would turn down any last-minute requests, it may help to educate program organizers to prepare sufficiently in advance. No person can give of his best when insufficient time is allowed for essential preparation and practice. Have mercy on an unsuspecting accompanist who suddenly



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has a hitherto unseen piece of music thrust in front of him or her, with the command to play it! As it is, the accompanist is often blamed when the fault lies with the singer. God cannot accept anything but our best—our best must take time and sacrifice.

Finally, a word of appreciation to the one who has taken time and effort to make our worship through music an uplifting experience, will set his or her heart singing. Let us abide by the golden rule when it comes to our church musicians. Let us give them our whole-hearted support and be grateful for the hours they unselfishly spend in preparation, to make our worship times together a joy and a delight.

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NEWS and NOTICES

NEWS BRIEFS:

★ Pastor J. M. Staples, who served in several areas and capacities in our Division, lastly as Bible teacher at Solusi College, received his Doctor of Theology degree at a graduation ceremony at Fuller Theological Seminary in June. We extend to Brother Staples our heartiest congratulations.

★ Pastor Virgil E. Robinson, veteran missionary educator, was recently named Director of Studies at Home Study Institute in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. The newly created post is similar to the work of a college academic dean, and fills a long-felt need at the Institute. Pastor Robinson's wife is a secretary in the White Estate offices. Both their sons, Donald and Marvin, are serving in the Trans-Africa Division.

★ Bethel College in the Transkei was glad to welcome Brother and Sister John W. Christensen and their little daughter when they returned to Africa after an extended study period in the U.S.A.

★ A warm welcome is extended to the David Anderson family and the G. Johnston family, appointed to the Central African Union; also to the T. Mahlum family now residing at Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia.

★ Gitwe Seminary in Rwanda, under the leadership of Brother Malcolm Graham, is embarking on a five-year development plan which will bring this institution up to full high school status.

★ A fine airstrip has been constructed at Busegwe in Tanzania in readiness for the new 206 Cessna which is shortly to be flown out by the donors, Dr Myron Michelson and Dr Walter Martin, of California. A hangar is under construction now.

★ Pastor Gunther Schmidl and his family have moved to North Rwanda where he will lead the North Rwanda Field as president.

★ Pastor Mattias Mugemancuru, who has recently returned from studying at Collonges in France, has been appointed secretary of the Central African Union's Department of Education.

★ Pastor Labani Biyayire and his family are moving to Gitwe Seminary where he will be the business manager and treasurer.

★ Brother and Sister Ronald Strasdowski and their little family spent a few days at headquarters while awaiting their work permit for Malawi where they will reside and labour at Malamulo College.

APPRECIATION:

Pastor and Mrs F. G. Thomas and family wish to thank their many friends who joined them in earnest prayer on behalf of their son Frederick during his recent illness. Although the original diagnosis was very distressing it proved to be wrong and he is now well on the way to full recovery.

SPECIAL! ! !

THE FIRST QUARTER'S THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING OVERFLOW FOR 1969 AMOUNTED TO \$106,499.52 WHICH IS THE LARGEST FIRST QUARTER THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING OVERFLOW IN THE HISTORY OF THE DENOMINATION. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT KENDU HOSPITAL, EAST AFRICA, WAS THE SPECIAL PROJECT.

SERMON TAPES:

Sister Smylie of our Cape Town church has as her hobby the making of tape-recordings of sermons. She is willing and eager to make these available to our members, especially those who are isolated and shut-in and do not have the privilege of attending Sabbath services regularly. Recordings of overseas and local speakers are available. Her machine has 1 7/8 and 3 3/4 r.p.m. speeds. Those who have tape-recorders and wish to avail themselves of this offer may write directly to her, stating also (a) how many tracks (b) what speeds, your machine has. Please use insured post when returning tapes. She would also like to know whether any of our members have Afrikaans sermons she could copy and make available for distribution. Her address is: Mrs E. P. Smylie, E6 Westerford Close, 6 Mount Road, Newlands, Cape Town.

ACCOMMODATION:

Brother and Sister Hutchins of our Plumstead church have two rooms in their home for hire. Inasmuch as they prefer Adventist guests, they would like our missionaries and members who might be visiting Cape Town to know about them. They are only three miles from Muizenberg beach. Write directly to: C. Hutchins, 6 Aurora Street, Kirstenhof Estate, Retreat, Cape.

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SEPTEMBER 1969

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Cape Town	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.45
Johannesburg	5.57	6.01	6.03	6.06
East London	5.53	5.58	6.02	6.06
Port Elizabeth	6.02	6.07	6.12	6.17
Bloemfontein	6.02	6.06	6.09	6.13
P'maritzburg	5.45	5.49	5.52	5.56
Durban	5.43	5.47	5.50	5.54
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	5.52	5.54	5.55
Lusaka	5.55	5.58	6.00	6.02
Blantyre	5.34	5.35	5.35	5.36
Lubumbashi	6.07	6.07	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.33	6.32	6.30	6.27
Mombasa	6.20	6.19	6.17	6.15
Kisumu	6.43	6.41	6.40	6.37
Kampala	6.51	6.49	6.47	6.45
Dar-es-Salaam	6.21	6.20	6.19	6.19
Tabora	6.48	6.46	6.45	6.44

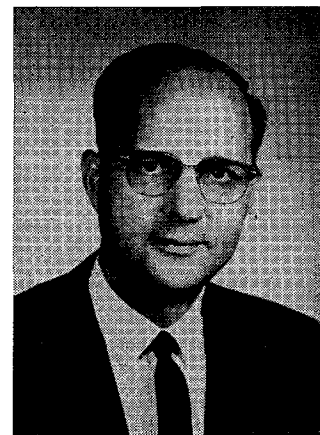
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Johannesburg	6.08	6.12	6.16	6.19	6.23
East London	6.11	6.16	6.22	6.27	6.33
Port Elizabeth	6.22	6.27	6.33	6.38	6.44
Bloemfontein	6.17	6.21	6.25	6.29	6.34
P'maritzburg	6.00	6.04	6.09	6.14	6.19
Durban	5.58	6.03	6.07	6.12	6.17
Windhoek	6.51	6.53	6.56	6.59	7.02
Bulawayo	6.04	6.05	6.08	6.10	6.13
Salisbury	5.52	5.53	5.55	5.57	6.00
Gwelo	5.56	5.58	6.00	6.02	6.05
Lusaka	6.04	6.05	6.06	6.07	6.09
Blantyre	5.37	5.39	5.39	5.41	5.43
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Nairobi	6.26	6.23	6.22	6.19	6.19
Mombasa	6.14	6.13	6.12	6.10	6.09
Kisumu	6.36	6.32	6.30	6.28	6.27
Kampala	6.44	6.41	6.39	6.36	6.36
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.17	6.16	6.15	6.15
Tabora	6.43	6.41	6.41	6.39	6.39

How Do You Dress?

by MERLE L. MILLS,

President, Trans-Africa Division



NEVER BEFORE in modern history have we witnessed such sensuality and immorality. Someone has said that if the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah were subjected to our depraved morals they would blush with shame. For example, let us consider the immodest dress in vogue.

After man sinned God's first work was to clothe him. Obviously, the purpose of this was two-fold: to conceal his nakedness and to protect his body from the elements. Now, it appears that Dame Fashion has chosen a style of dress which exposes as much of the body as possible, accentuating sex and encouraging sensuality.

Dresses well above the knee, as well as sleeveless and backless ones are the fashion today. The immodesty of the short skirt is even worse in a sitting position. And because of embarrassment, men of principle are forced to turn their faces.

Modern dress poses a real problem for every Christian woman who must decide what she will choose. Holy Scripture is not lacking in counsel concerning standards of dress. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." 1 Tim. 2:9. Can it be said that the short dresses of today are in keeping with the counsel we have just read? The answer is clear. Therefore, the Christian has no alternative: he must revolt against extreme styles in dress by choosing one which reflects the principles of decency and modesty. Never must the line of demarcation between the church and the world be blurred. The standards of the church of Christ cannot be reconciled to the world. Adherence to these standards will make one peculiar. But must we be ashamed or apologetic be-

cause we adhere to these standards? The Christian should not be afraid to be different if adherence to spiritual principles puts him out of step with the world. "Our only safety as God's peculiar people is to stand firm. We must not yield one inch to the customs and fashions of this degenerate age, but stand in moral independence, making no compromise with its corrupt and idolatrous practices."—"Testimonies," vol. 5, page 78. It takes courage to be different, but the Christian who renounces the world and sets his heart and affection on things eternal has no other choice. He must remain in the world until the world is redeemed, but he is not to be of the world. He is admonished: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. . . . For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 1 John 2:15, 16. If this is a criterion for the Christian he will have no desire to conform to the extreme contemporary fashions. This does not infer that one must become an anachronism conforming to a style that is a vintage of the past. It is perfectly proper to accept a style of dress as long as it does not violate the principles of modesty and chastity. We must keep to the middle of the road, avoiding the extremes of liberalism and fanaticism.

One who has renounced self and set his interests and affections on the kingdom of God will not dress for egocentric reasons, attracting attention to self. His dress will be respectable, in good taste and of a style that will not misrepresent Christ. Who will deny that the prevailing trends of immodesty are worsening? Doesn't logic and reason indicate that there is a relationship between morality and dress? Li-

mitation of space forbids us to comment on other facets of this mooted subject such as the wearing of jewelry, artificial make-up, extreme hair styles, et cetera, which applies to both men and women. The church must raise its voice in protest against these liberal and compromising trends which are knocking at its door. Therefore, I make no apology for writing in this manner. Sin must be condemned, and a call for repentance must be sounded. The church must not delay in renouncing the world and preparing itself for the great day of the Lord.

"The distance is widening between Christ and His people, and lessening between them and the world. The marks of distinction between Christ's professed people and the world have almost disappeared. Like ancient Israel, they follow after the abominations of the nations around them."—"Testimonies," vol. 1, page 277.

Friend of mine, what is your relationship to Christ? Are you determined to adhere to principle, not bowing the knee to Baal? Are you ready to incur the displeasure and enmity of the world because of your faith in and adherence to the doctrines of Christ? If so, you have nothing to fear, for He who is the True Witness says: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Rev. 3:21.