

Trans-Africa Division
OUTLOOK

Volume LXVII October 15, 1969 No. 10
Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION

JULY 1969 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the work in the Central African Union. The two countries of Rwanda and Burundi which make up the union came into existence the same year that our work began there, having been separated at that time from what was Tanganyika territory.

Our beginnings were inconspicuous: one lone missionary at work—D. E. Delhove. In time he was joined by other pioneers, A. A. Matter and H. Monnier. In the following years the Lord signally blessed their labours, particularly in Rwanda. In the four local fields of Rwanda we find today probably the densest concentration of Seventh-day Adventists in any geographical unit the world over.

Scores of overseas missionaries have diligently sown the seed in Rwanda and Burundi during these 50 years. This has resulted in a truly rich harvest. Today a force of 712 workers carries on the work alongside over 100 literature-evangelists. Hundreds of faithful lay members join hands with them in spreading the message, either by giving simple aid to their neighbours or by helping in evangelistic efforts. The report of the second quarter, 1969, makes clear what God has wrought through these dedicated endeavours:

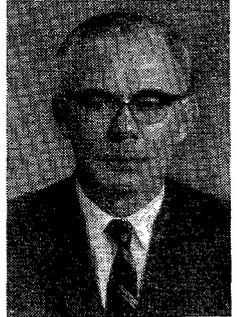
82,475 church members
180,297 Sabbath-school members
32,995 total accessions to the church thus far during the present quadrennium

Much of this growth has been initiated by consecrated lay workers, young and old. Just a few days ago I learned how the Lord used two young brothers to build up His work in the East Rwanda Field. In search of new land they moved from Rwankeri to a newly settled area close to the Kagera National Park in north-eastern Rwanda at the beginning of 1969. The older brother had had only three years of schooling and was married, while the younger one with six years of formal training was single. Their mother, a church member, moved with them. Quickly they put up a little home and laid out their gardens. For Sabbath services they went to the roadside and held meetings. Shortly afterwards they built a small place of worship. Their neighbours, however, thinking this a new and forbidden cult, burnt down the little chapel. Undaunted, they rebuilt it.

In the meantime they became acquainted with their neighbours and invited them to join them in worship. The mother found a number of girls who were Seventh-day Adventist church members and who had moved into that area with their parents, who were not members. Now a large company of believers gathers every Sab-

bath. Recently they were contacted by field workers and reports indicate that 168 people are attending the Sabbath services. Twenty-three of them are baptized members, and the rest are in the baptismal class. Pastor Zefaniya Rutwa found 217 people in Sabbath-school when he visited there, and 30 new converts answered his altar call. Since there is no worker available, they conduct their own services, and bring in their tithes and offerings. Indeed, our faithful lay workers are a great blessing to the cause of God in Rwanda.

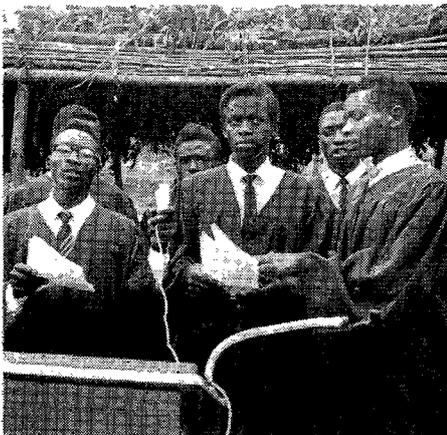
Appropriately our anniversary year began in January with the dedication of the newly built church in Kigali, the capital of the Rwanda Republic. At the beginning of 1965, a small work in the eastern part of Rwanda was organized into the East Rwanda Field, with headquarters in the town of Kigali. The dedication of the new church there was presided over by Pastor Theodore Carcich of the General Conference, in the presence of Monsieur Gregoire Kayibanda, president of the Republic of Rwanda, and



P. G. WERNER
President

Right: Nurse Inga-Lis Ornehult of Mugerero Hospital with helpers in Kibuye prison evangelism.

Below: Gitwe students singing at outdoor meeting.





other high dignitaries of the Government. At the end of July, Pastor W. W. Fordham, also of the General Conference, held an evangelistic effort in this new building.

A strong evangelistic spirit pervades the Central African Union. It has found significant expression in the motto chosen for the anniversary activities:

“More of the Spirit of God—More Souls for Christ.”

Two other town churches have also been brought to completion this year. At Gitega in Burundi, and at Gisenyi

in Rwanda, fine edifices have been erected. A short effort at Gitega was held by our departmental workers, H. J. Matussek and D. C. Beardsell, and a new congregation is gathering in this second most important town of Burundi. Other efforts are planned for Gisenyi and Bujumbura later this year.

We are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father for the wonderful progress made in this past half century of labour for Him in Central Africa. Much remains to be done. There are still unentered sections in Burundi

YOUTH BAPTISM

SABBATH, March 29, was a day of rejoicing in the Central African Union. One thousand and seven young people in Rwanda were baptized. In orderly lines these young people went into the river to receive this sacred rite from 39 pastors, one of whom was Pastor B. E. Jacobs of our Division Missionary Volunteer Department.

COVER PICTURE:

B. E. Jacobs preaching at large youth baptism. The actual baptism is pictured above.



and in Rwanda. We are mindful of the pressing problems to build up the secondary school at Gitwe and Kivogo College as a training centre for teachers and pastors. Heavy financial commitments in these two areas await final solution. Much of this projected growth will depend upon our ability to obtain sufficient French-speaking overseas personnel.

We are confident that, as the Lord has signally blessed this work during the past fifty years, He will also provide the solution to these urgent problems, and lead His work in Rwanda and Burundi to final completion in His own way and time.

North Rwanda Field Publishing Department secretary with his recent converts.



An Interview With Paul Delhove

(Seen left with Mrs Delhove, Pauline and Peter)

by H. J. MATUSSEK

Departmental Secretary,
Central African Union

SEATED opposite me is the assistant auditor of the Central African Union, Paul Delhove. I wish to ask Brother Delhove some questions, since our mission work in Rwanda and Burundi is closely connected with the Delhove family.

"Paul, how long have you been in Africa?"

"Forty-four years."

"That means your whole life!"

"Exactly, I was born in Burundi!"

The father of Paul Delhove was the first missionary in Rwanda and Burundi, the union mission where we have more Adventists than anywhere in Africa. I understand there is no union mission in the world field with as many members in proportion to the population.

"Paul, when was your father called to Africa?"

"He arrived in Africa some time in 1912 or '13. Later, as he was a Belgian, he went to the Belgian Congo when the first world war broke out. He was conscripted and served in the Belgian army in Rwanda and Burundi, which had been German territory."

"Where did he work before the first world war?"

"He was located at Kamagambo in Kenya. My mother and one child remained in Belgium. During the war they did not have any news of each other for a long time until he was able to return to Belgium in 1918.

"In the meantime he had decided to start a new mission in Rwanda. With this plan in mind he returned to Africa with his family in 1919. At this time there were no Adventists in Rwanda. My father started to work in Rubengera and Kirinda. He made an arrangement with the king of Rwanda for Gitwe hill in exchange for a pair of shoes. The people placed their dead there, to be eaten by hyenas and jackals. No one stayed there after dark. That's why they called this place "Gitwe"—"the place of a skull."

"How many of your brothers and sisters were born in Africa?"

"Four of us were born in Central Africa.—My sister, Mrs T. W. Staples of the Congo, was born at Rubengera, in Rwanda. Another sister, Mrs A. T. Blennerhassett of Cape Town, was born in Kirinda, also in Rwanda; my brother John of Helderberg College, was born at Gitwe, and I was born at Buganda, in Burundi."

"Are your brothers and sisters still in Africa?"

"Most of them are. We are six children—the eldest, Miss Lydia Delhove, was a nurse and midwife in Africa for thirty years. She has lived at Glendale, California, working in the sanatorium, since 1959. My second sister was buried in Komituga in the Congo after a fatal car accident in



Pastor and Mrs
D. E. Delhove—
first missionaries
in the Central
African Union.

"Paul, your father did not work only in Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi, but he went to many of our stations in the Congo, didn't he?"

"That is true. He worked at Lubumbashi, Songa, Kirundu, and closed his ministry at Rwese in North Congo. He died at Rutshuru in the Congo in 1949 and is buried there awaiting the Life-giver. Mother lived on until 1964, and she is buried at Rwese."

1943. Next is Mrs Staples, wife of the Congo Union treasurer. My fourth sister is a housewife in Cape Town, and my brother John is a French teacher at Helderberg. I am completing my twenty-first year of service in the Congo and Central African Unions."

"May the Lord bless you, Paul, your faithful wife, and your two children, Pauline and Peter."

GREETINGS FROM DENMARK

FIFTIETH anniversary! This thought alone brings a feeling of homesickness for Africa to our hearts. We think of many dear friends and fellow-workers in the Central African Union and also in other parts of the Trans-Africa Division. One wishes that it could be possible once again to meet and talk to fellow-warriors in the message. May God richly bless His work in Central Africa.

We have now been back in the homeland from Africa for about eighteen months. Peter and Shirly-Ann are in training at Skodsborg Sanitarium while Elayne is completing Cambridge this year in England. Mrs Brandt has, as usual, found a teaching job, this time in our Copenhagen church school where the teaching medium is Danish.

When we see the dangers and temptations confronting young and old here in Denmark, we can be mindful of the fact that these are but pointers that the end of all things is at hand, and our Lord's coming draws near. This is our faith! Let us hold fast to it! Let us talk of it! Let us make sure that we are looking for it and ready when it comes!



ALFRED AND PAMELA BRANDT

I have a high regard for anyone who has lived so long in Africa, and especially in the frontline of the mission field as Paul Delhove and his family have done.

From my travels through the countries in the heart of Africa I know

that the Africans will never forget the inspiring and dedicated work of the Delhove pioneer family.

What a joy Father Delhove will have in heaven to meet the thousands of Africans won to the message in the Central African Union.

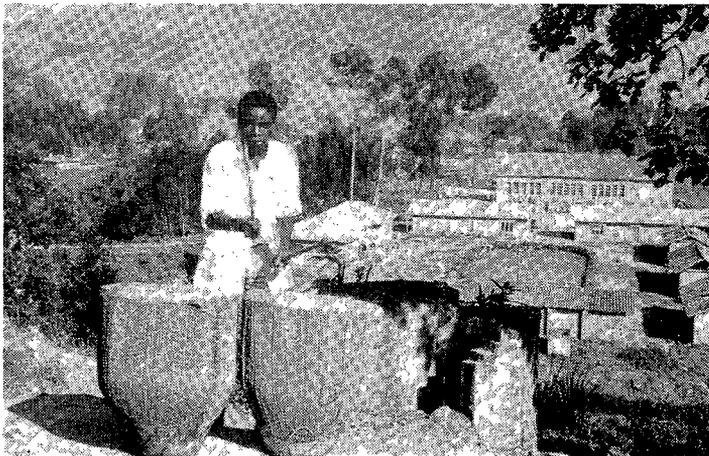
V.O.P. LESSONS OPEN HEARTS

ONE DAY I went into the district office to sell our books. Every employee bought at least one book. Only the treasurer, the second highest man in the office, refused to buy any. But I offered him our free V.O.P. Course. He smiled and wrote his name down and said, "but I have no money to pay you."

Week by week he received our lessons. Often I went back to help him. Every time we studied together the whole family was present. Everybody wanted to read out of my Bible. Now they have finished and are converted. They attend church regularly and are studying for baptism in our church baptismal class.

Pray with me that this important man with his family may be baptized soon. This will help us to win many others in our government district.

—MARAKIA BUKOBA,
West Rwanda Field.



Youthful drummer at Rwankeri Mission calling the worshippers to church service.



Karora youth camp on beautiful Lake Kivu.

Home and Health 

Our new South African health magazine *Home and Health* will be out shortly. Place your order now! Send your name and address to *Home and Health*, 67 Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Town, together with R1.00 or 10/- for a year's subscription. Invest in your health. It will pay rich dividends!

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Central African Union 1919-1969

(Dedicated to Pastor P. G. Werner, president of the Central African Union and his fine staff of workers.)

*Come, hear another chapter in the modern book of Acts;
Listen with your ears and heart as we recount the facts.
The tale concerns a mission union, second largest in the world
With eighty thousand members, and their flags are all unfurl'd.
One hundred eighty thousand S.S. members puts them first
Amongst the unions of the world, and few are better "nursed;"
For since I've seen the "acres of classes" on the grass,
I've wondered if the secret is the small but happy class?*

*I first would pay a tribute to the early pioneers
Who launched the work in faith with many prayers and tears.
Our first Rwanda missionary, Delhove, we are told,
Had been a Belgian soldier, but he had a heart of gold.
He loved the people of this land and asked that he might stay
And serve the Lord and preach the truth with very little pay.
In nineteen-nineteen in July, his noble work began;
In nineteen-twenty founded Gitwe Mission in God's plan.*

*And then we hear of Rwankeri, Pastor Monnier's mission field;
It wasn't long until we heard of his great harvest yield.
And then came tales of A. A. Matter, who won so many souls;
A famous lion hunter and a man who reached high goals!
The mission at Ngoma, and the way he risked his life
To reach the Idjwi Island—how he conquered in the strife!
That tragic dug-out accident, his superhuman strength;
To save the lives of other men, he'd go to any length!*

*And then came Pastor Spicer and the stories that he told
Of mighty missionaries who were kind and brave and bold.
He thrilled the church at home with tales of "acres of Sabbath-schools"
And praised the men who did this work with poor and feeble tools.
Eight hundred and fifty workers now make up a mighty team,
Who work with all their laymen to fulfil their fondest dream!
And now let's pray for more and more of God's sweet Spirit's power,
That multitudes of precious souls be won in earth's last hour!*

*O time would fail to tell of all the clinics and the schools
And many of those buildings built with old and worn-out tools.
With churches on the mountaintop, hospitals on a hill,
And all the members busy and working with a will!
Those laymen carried patients over mountains, hills and vale
And thousands were converted, for those laymen did not fail.
For fifty years of progress, for these wondrous thrilling days,
We thank the Lord and pen this humble tribute of our praise!*

—Adlai Albert Esteb, February 12, 1969, Bujumbura, Burundi.

*Greetings
from
Haiti*

ON THIS anniversary occasion, Mrs Vail and I wish to extend our sincere congratulations for 50 years of mission work in the beautiful countries of Rwanda and Burundi. Much progress has been made in those countries since our first visit there in 1935, and God has wonderfully blessed His work. Some of the workers of the early pioneer days have passed to their rest without seeing what God has wrought, but those of us who are alive and remain can see the fruits of their labours.

We had retired from active service in March, 1968, but by November of the same year we were back in harness again, this time in the Franco-Haitian Union. It is from this beautiful section of the world field that we send our greetings to our acquaintances and fellow-workers in the Trans-Africa Division.

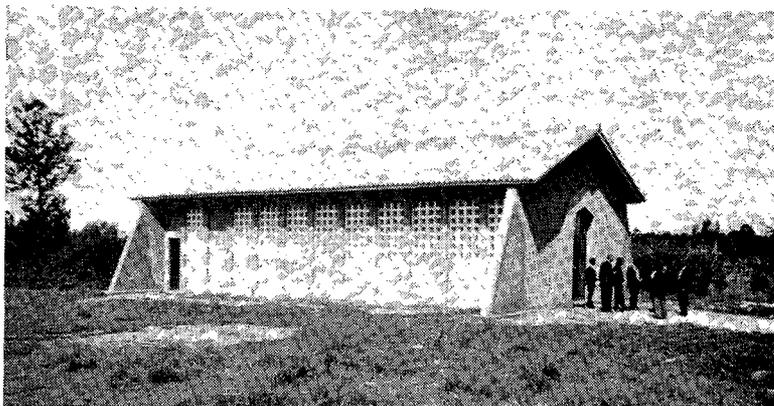
May God continue to bless until His work is finished.

PASTOR AND MRS W. R. VAIL



Ngoma church, West Rwanda Field. Workers at Mugonero Hospital attend services here.

New church building in Kigali, captial city of Rwanda.



New church in the second largest city of Burundi, Gitega. Many now in the baptismal class are expected to become its first members.

Dispensary and hospital workers take physical and spiritual healing to countless thousands.

Thousands attend our annual camp-meetings where many decisions for Christ are made.

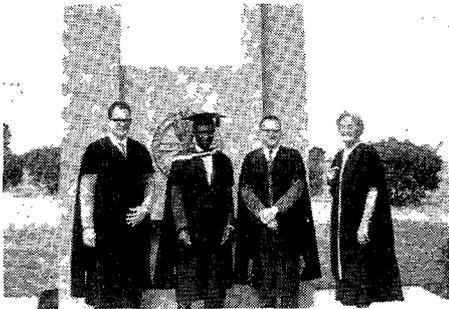


GRADUATION OF ADZERE DAUD KIBOKO

AT THE END of July, 1969, Adzere Daud Kiboko successfully completed a four-year course of study at Solusi College which earned him a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Religion.

Born at Suji in Tanzania, Mr Kiboko is proud of his home country and of the Christian education he obtained in that country at Bugema Missionary College, and at Solusi College; and Solusi in turn is proud of him. Not only has he left a record of faithful scholarship but his daily life of cheerful, consistent, unselfish helpfulness and friendship to all his associates and acquaintances will long remain an inspiration and a challenge.

Interested in all the activities of the Solusi community and church, Mr



A. D. Kiboko with three of his instructors: from the right, Mrs Ruth Gorle, J. J. Blanco and A. L. Moore.

IMPROVING ONE'S TALENTS

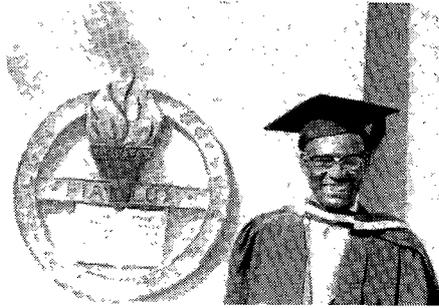
Can you always give an answer for the hope that is within you? Do you need credit in the field of Religion? Or do you seek doctrinal studies for use in doing missionary work?

ENROL for

BIBLE DOCTRINES
(Either high school or college level)

*Prices and details obtainable
on request from:*

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE,
Box H.G. 100, Highlands,
SALISBURY, Rhodesia.



Graduate A. D. Kiboko stands next to the Solusi College emblem and motto, FIAT LUX.

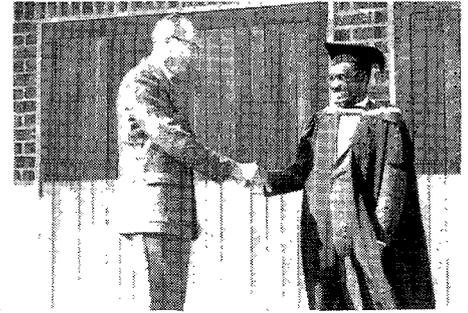
Kiboko was attracted especially to the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, in which he served as a leader and an instructor throughout his years there. His friends were found among the youngest and the oldest members of the Solusi family, and all the way between these limits. One and all will miss him and he will be remembered with affection. Heartfelt prayers will be offered that his work will be blessed wherever God may call him to labour.

COLPORTEUR IN UNENTERED PLACES

I AM THE ONLY colporteur from Burundi who is able to attend this institute in Rwanda. Not long ago we started the colporteur work in East Burundi where we have only a few members. Our colporteurs try to enter areas where no Seventh-day Adventist lives. Our work is not very easy because the people in our area speak seven different languages and the distances are very great. Often, I had to go more than 250 km. on foot or bicycle to sell books. There, far away from my home I found a strong Protestant believer who was very interested in my books. We visited his neighbour, and for days we studied the Bible together. They gave their hearts to Jesus, and after they had completed their studies they were both baptized. The neighbour is now a colporteur. Both men are trying to get others interested so that they can organize a Seventh-day Adventist church soon.

Friends, there is nothing more important than to open new places, to win people for the Lord through the branch Sabbath-schools. Let us not be afraid to go far, even on foot. God will bless us. Come and help us as colporteur missionaries in Burundi.

—Z. BGANONE,
East Burundi Field.



Principal T. V. Gorle congratulates A. D. Kiboko.

LITERATURE-EVANGELIST INSTITUTE

Late in 1967 the Southern Union Literature-Evangelist Institute was held at an inter-denominational camp on the South Coast of Natal. The caretaker, an evangelist of the Methodist Church, was completely uninterested in our activities. He did, however, attend many of the meetings. Two literature-evangelists gave him Bible studies and enrolled him in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. This was forgotten until a year later when the institute was again held at the same camp. This time the caretaker was extremely cordial and helped in preparing for the meetings. He was present at every meeting. The last night he came forward and asked to speak. The testimony he gave was stirring. "I have been an evangelist for many years. When your group came here last year, I thought, why do these people call themselves literature-evangelists, they are only book salesmen. After associating with you and listening to your wonderful experiences I am convinced that you are indeed evangelists and men of God. People come to my meetings, make a decision for Christ and go back to the world. Those who read your books are grounded in truth."

A branch Sabbath-school was organized in this man's home. His entire family now eagerly study the Voice of Prophecy lessons.

Six months later all of the Southern Union ministers met at this same camp for a workers' meeting. At this meeting Brother Nogwaza, the caretaker, made a full surrender and joined our church. His family is following and all will soon be baptized.

—R. APPENZELLER,
Former Publishing Department
Secretary,
Southern Union.

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC EVANGELISM IN TANZANIA

by D. Dobias, *Evangelist*

The Heri Health School and the Tanzania Union joined forces recently in a "first"—an evangelistic campaign in Musoma, a small town on the banks of Lake Victoria. Each evening interested people filled the local cinema hall in two sessions to attend illustrated health and gospel lectures. Sixteen students from Bugema Missionary College and Ikizu Seminary assisted the evangelist, David Dobias, and Mrs Elsa Lonergan and Reuben Lorenson, staff members of the Heri Health School.

The public was enthusiastic in its response to this two-phase health and gospel program. Thirty people went forward in the initial baptism, while 120 have made decisions for baptism. Still others are being studied with by the local pastor, Lukius Mkobe, and his associates.

The chief medical officer of the region attended some meetings, while the head of the Public Health Education Department did not miss one. The health aspect certainly did much to gain the approval of local government officials. Students in nearby schools benefited by having a two-hour instruction period each day given by our Heri Health School staff.

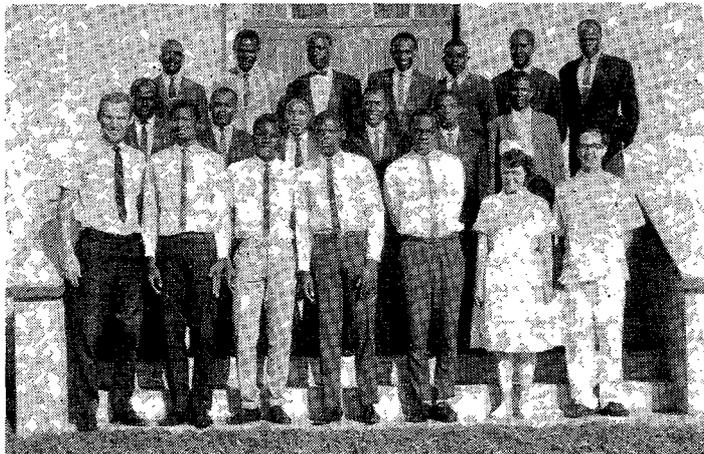
The combination of medical and public evangelism is proving an effective approach, and plans are being laid for closer co-operation in the future.

SIX MONTHS IN PRISON AS A WITNESS FOR GOD

I WAS WORKING in Rwanda at the Congo border. From there we could hear the mercenaries shouting at the Congo soldiers. The people in Rwanda were afraid that the fighting would come over into Rwanda. I thought that I should leave this place for my own safety, but the people were very kind to me. Many times before, we had tried to win these people to our message but were unsuccessful. However, it has changed now. Even a strong Protestant teacher questioned me about our beliefs. I had to explain to him about the Sabbath. He was surprised to know that he had not found the Sabbath in the Bible.

He called his friends together and they asked me to teach them. After a number of days of Bible studies, the leader and twelve others accepted the

Medical-Evangelistic Field School of Evangelism at Musoma.



Outside Musoma church, Tanzania, is David Dobias (seated), evangelist; Mrs Elsa Lonergan, health educator of Loma Linda University; and Reuben Lorenson, health educator, also of Loma Linda University.



full Bible truth and started a new Seventh-day Adventist church in the area.

The other people there became very angry and went to the Government and accused me of false doctrines. They said that I was working for the white mercenaries. So the police started looking for me and they found me selling books. They didn't ask me any questions, but took me with them and put me in prison which was near the Congo border.

One day, the Congo planes came to bomb the mercenaries in the town of Bukavu. The bombs landed on our prison. The soldiers and prisoners next to me were killed, but the Lord spared my life. After this the prisoners called me "The Pastor of God," and I was able to preach to them every day. The prisoners used our hymnals for singing and many of them gave their hearts to the Lord.

When I was put into prison, I was very angry, and could not understand why God permitted this to happen to

me. After six months, I was released from prison as a free man. I am thankful that God gave me the opportunity to serve Him and to witness for Him in the prison.

—DANIEL RUHUMUIZA,
West Rwanda Field.

"SMOKING SAM" IN LUSAKA

by Harold D. Frank, M.D.,
Medical Director, Mwami Hospital

IN A DEPARTURE from the customary use made of Smoking Sam in which he advertises a Five-Day Stop Smoking clinic, the manikin was displayed recently in Chipata, Zambia, in a demonstration of how to give up smoking.

During Chipata's Five-Day Stop Smoking clinic, conducted by Ted W. Parks of Lusaka and Dr Harold D. Frank, medical director of Mwami Hospital, the former enacted a short "dialogue" with Smoking Sam each evening, covering the important points of the program in such a way as to interest the 40 persons in attendance. Held in the most representative hall, a government office chamber, the clinic attracted Africans, Asians, and Europeans, concluding with approximately ten persons who felt they had been able to overcome the habit or drastically cut down on cigarette consumption.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Bible Society Day and Offering* October 18
- Sabbath-school Visitors' Day* October 18
- Review and Herald Campaign* October 25 to November 1
- Week of Prayer and Sacrifice* November 1-8

Music — God's Gift, Part 6

HYMNODY

by DULCIE KITNEY

THERE ARE many kinds of hymns in the hymnal. Some are to be sung slowly and others faster. Some are rugged and powerful; others are gentle and quiet. How the hymns should be sung should be given careful study. To have most effect, the hymns that are chosen should be the most appropriate for a given occasion. Ministers, Sabbath-school superintendents and MV leaders should choose hymns which are of a high standard both musically and poetically, and which are meaningful and worshipful.

There is a place for the gospel song. Mr Rodeheaver, who has specialized in publishing this type of hymn, with the object of making the Christian life and fellowship with our Lord more real, tells this story:

While visiting the sick at a sanatorium for T.B. patients, he spoke to one man who seemed very bitter and sad, as his family and friends did not visit him. He seemed to be completely forgotten.

"Well," said Mr Rodeheaver, "the friends here forget easily, but there is One who never forgets us."

"Who is He?" asked the patient.

"Jesus Christ, my Saviour and yours, and if you allow Him to be, my Friend and yours."

Mr Rodeheaver took his little New Testament from his pocket and read some of its promises. Then he sang to the patient: "Jesus Remembers When the World Forgets," a beautiful gospel song. Before long the patient put his hand into his and said he would accept Christ as his Saviour.

The next morning a nurse phoned Mr Rodeheaver to tell him that his

new friend, the patient, had died during the night and from the peaceful expression on his face he had fallen asleep in Jesus, his Friend who would never forget him.

As much as we love the great anthems and oratorios, do you know one which would have brought a message of comfort and peace to a man at a time like that? I believe we can find an appropriate place for the worshipful hymn, and also for the beautiful gospel song, each of which will in turn create the desired atmosphere, and will be an acceptable and sacred oblation to the Most High.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 6, 1969

The Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at Helderberg College, on Thursday, November 6, 1969.

The meeting will be preceded by the Alumni supper beginning at 7.00 p.m., at which time the members of the Senior Class will present a program and be introduced to the Alumni.

All members of the Alumni Association are invited to attend. Meal tickets are available at 50c each. Please help us make adequate plans by sending us a card if you intend to be present at the supper.

W. A. Hurlow, *President*

J. Müller, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Treasured Themes . . .

From Familiar Hymns

by H. M. Tippett.

"He's the Lily of the Valley"—*Christ in Song* 246

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

Lawrence of Arabia, at the invitation of an Arabian friend, rode into the desert to visit the ruins of an ancient palace that had once been the home which a Roman ruler had erected for his queen. According to legend the mortar holding the stones in place was not mixed with water but with the essential oil of flowers. In each room the odour was different, one with the scent of roses, one with jasmine, another with violets.

"But come, smell the best odour of all," said the Arabian guide.

And at a broken casement window Lawrence smelled the strong clean air off the desert. Over hundreds of miles of wasteland from the far-off Euphrates it had gathered its earthly fragrance, which the two men drew in with grateful breath. Its substance was elemental, vital, energizing, in contrast with the cloying perfume of the rooms they had passed through.

Love for beauty seems to be a motivating power in every normal life. Even the savages of the jungle find joy in polished animal claws, coloured feathers, and tinkling trinkets. Civilized peoples find inspiration in art objects that portray the highest human skill, and surround themselves with noble symbols of the true and beautiful.

Yet the most clever carving, the most majestic music, the most ingenious expression of man's preaching spirit, cannot measure with the perfection of character and beauty of holiness in the Saviour of men. To revel in the culture of the world and close the casement windows of the heart to the fragrance of His life is to miss the whole meaning of existence here, and to stifle that affinity with heaven which through Him reminds us of that far-off Eden once lost but soon to be restored.

Better than mortar mixed with perfume is the beauty of service such as Magdalene offered to Jesus, the pound of spikenard whose odour filled the room as a witness to the wholeness of her sacrifice to the Lord of Life, who had set her free.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the constitution of the Rhodesia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a session of the Conference is called to convene at Anderson School, Gwelo, on Sunday, November 30, to elect officers and to transact such business as may properly come before the session. The first meeting will commence at 9.00 a.m.

J. D. Harcombe, *President*

C. K. Willmore, *Secretary-*

Treasurer.

REPORTING ON PEOPLE AND EVENTS

The Autumn Council has convened and division presidents are once more returning to their fields carrying with them the figures of the appropriation it was possible for our world organization to grant for the execution of the work during 1970. This important annual meeting of our Church was held in Washington, D.C., and among the items of special interest was one concerning the territorial boundaries of the Trans-Africa Division, concerning which more will be said in future issues of OUTLOOK.

With the South African Union Conference Ingathering figures extending beyond their goal, special mention should be made of the Indian Field which, with a church membership of two hundred and fifty, reached the splendid amount of over £3,000, (R6,000). This is an average of £12-10-0 (R25) for every baptized member.

General Conference visitors to our year-end Division Committee meetings will be Pastors W. R. Beach and K. F. Ams. Pastor Beach is the secretary of the General Conference, and Pastor Ams, who spent 18 years as a missionary in Africa, is an assistant treasurer.

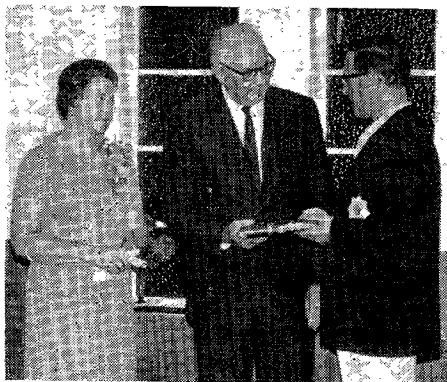
showing good gains in deliveries and baptisms of interested persons over the same period last year.

With only two quarters remaining in the present quadrennium, the OPERATION GO report as at June 30, reveals a steady growth in membership and accessions (baptisms and profession of faith) as compared with the four-year period of the last quadrennium.

Dr Arnold Raubenheimer of the Blantyre medical practice, left for South Africa recently to commence a three-year study program. Miss Ruth Carnahan of Mugonero Hospital, Rwanda, goes on furlough at the end of October, and the Charles C. Stafford family have returned from furlough and are once again at their work at the Heri Health School in Tanzania.

LITERATURE-EVANGELIST HONOURED

HARD WORK always brings its rewards. Brother R. M. Matiela, a literature-evangelist of the Southern Union, was recently given the pleasure of an air trip to Johannesburg to attend a ceremony at which he was crowned "King" as an award for his outstanding achievements in book sales. D. V. Nodada was the "Crown Prince" and Frans Rakometsi became a "King's Councillor." This ceremony climaxed the 1969 Literature-Evangelist Institute in Johannesburg.



N. G. Landless, church elder, Orange Grove, Johannesburg, presents to Pastor and Mrs Maurice Cuthbert a parting gift from the members of the Orange Grove church on the occasion of their transfer to Rhodesia.

Two Commissions will be held during November, one in Kampala, Uganda, on the 12th and 13th, and the second one in Salisbury on the 16th and 17th. Pastors Robert H. Pierson and W. R. Beach of the General Conference will be in charge of these meetings. The terms of reference will be territorial boundaries of the Trans-Africa Division.

"A Clutch For All Seasons" is the title of a new temperance film recently produced by the General Conference Temperance Department. It is predicted that this film will have an excellent impact on the public.

The 1969 Publishing Department reports thus far are on the up and up,

OUTLOOK

Printed and Published monthly by the Sentinel Publishing Association, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape, for the Proprietors, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (Trans-Africa Division), P.O. Box 951, Blantyre, Malawi

Subscription price 3/6 per year

MISS M. B. DAWKINS Editor
MERLE L. MILLS Consulting Editor
G. E. GARNE Publishing House Editor

DIVISION DIRECTORY

President Merle L. Mills
Secretary M. E. Lind
Treasurer V. A. Fenn
Field Secretary A. W. Austen
Assistant Treasurer R. D. Marx

Departmental Secretaries

Lay Activities, Church Development... H. W. Peterson
Education and Sabbath School... G. F. Clifford
Medical
Ministerial and Public Relations A. E. Cook
Publishing J. T. Mason
Stewardship E. T. Gackenheimer
Y.P.M.V., Radio/TV, and Temperance... B. E. Jacobs
Religious-Liberty A. W. Austen

SUNSET CALENDAR

	NOVEMBER 1969				DECEMBER 1969			
	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Cape Town	7.19	7.26	7.32	7.39	7.45	7.50	7.55	7.59
Johannesburg	6.28	6.33	6.38	6.44	6.49	6.54	6.58	7.02
East London	6.39	6.46	6.52	6.59	7.05	7.10	7.15	7.18
Port Elizabeth	6.51	6.58	7.04	7.11	7.17	7.22	7.27	7.31
Bloemfontein	6.39	6.45	6.51	6.57	7.02	7.07	7.11	7.15
P'maritzburg	6.24	6.30	6.36	6.42	6.48	6.53	6.57	7.01
Durban	6.22	6.28	6.34	6.40	6.46	6.51	6.55	6.59
Windhoek	7.07	7.12	7.16	7.21	7.26	7.30	7.34	7.38
Bulawayo	6.17	6.21	6.25	6.29	6.34	6.38	6.42	6.46
Salisbury	6.04	6.08	6.11	6.14	6.19	6.23	6.27	6.31
Gwelo	6.08	6.15	6.20	6.25	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.43
Lusaka	6.11	6.15	6.18	6.23	6.27	6.30	6.34	6.37
Blantyre	5.47	5.50	5.53	5.56	6.01	6.04	6.09	6.13
Lubumbashi	6.11	6.13	6.15	6.18	6.22	6.24	6.30	6.34
Nairobi	6.21	6.22	6.22	6.24	6.28	6.30	6.34	6.37
Mombasa	6.12	6.13	6.14	6.17	6.21	6.23	6.28	6.32
Kisumu	6.28	6.29	6.29	6.30	6.34	6.37	6.41	6.45
Kampala	6.37	6.38	6.38	6.39	6.42	6.45	6.50	6.54
Dar-es-Salaam	6.17	6.20	6.21	6.24	6.27	6.31	6.36	6.39
Tabora	6.41	6.43	6.43	6.46	6.50	6.54	6.58	7.01

What Is Your Life?

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

THE TELEPHONE on my desk was ringing. Upon answering it I heard the long-distance operator speaking. A member of one of the churches I pastored was on the line. "Pastor Mills?" "Yes." "Something terrible has happened. Carl is dead. He was killed in a car accident. Will you be able to take the funeral service?" After expressing my shock and condolences, I quickly agreed to the request.

Upon putting down the receiver, I could not help but reflect upon the life Carl had been living. He was only 19 years old. He had stopped going to church. Religion to him was boring and restrictive. He had been brought up in an Adventist environment, and while growing up, had studied his Sabbath-school lessons and attended Sabbath-school and church services with his mother and older sister. He sang the hymns and listened to the prayers of the pastor each Sabbath. He was a good boy, being no problem to family or community. But when he reached his eighteenth birthday he became restive. He felt the life he had been living was bland and prosaic. He wanted excitement and action. Religion was for children and the aged, not for young people. This talk about God and living a Christian life was becoming trite and dull. He wanted freedom. To him life consisted of do's and don'ts. He wanted the thrills beckoning to him from the world. So he stopped going to church.

His mother and sister were concerned and asked if I would come and visit him. When I called I found him asleep. He had found work driving a lorry and had been up all night. His sleep could not be disturbed, therefore I must come back at a later date. I agreed to do this, but before I had the opportunity to return I received the phone call. Carl had been driving his lorry along the road at a fast speed. At about four o'clock in the morning he suddenly came upon a broken-down vehicle on the road

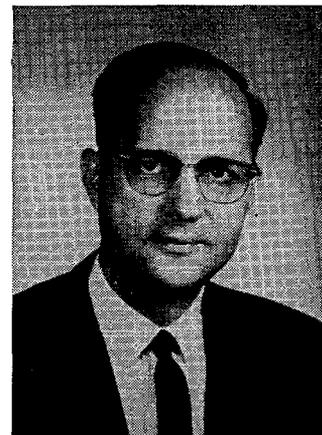
which did not have any lights. In his attempt to avoid a collision he swerved his lorry sharply, lost control, and turned his vehicle over. He was thrown out of the cab onto the cement road, the lorry falling on him and crushing his body beneath its weight.

The day of the burial came. What could I say to comfort the family who sat before me with broken hearts, not only because of Carl's tragic death, but because of his rebellion against God? As I looked down upon Carl, who no longer looked familiar to his friends and loved ones because of his badly crushed face, my heart was full of sorrow, for he was so wrong in his philosophy of life. He made the greatest mistake that anyone can make, to think that one can live his life without God.

Life is uncertain. We know not what the morrow will bring: "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:13, 14.

Life is the amount of time measured by days, months, and years that we are allotted in this world. To many, life is taken for granted. They forget that the life that has been given us is from God. Its duration is uncertain.

The question James raised in the text quoted above was provoked by the practice of the Jewish merchants when establishing themselves in newly settled Roman cities. They were welcomed by the empire, for it was recognized that wherever the Jewish merchants settled there would be prosperity, as the business acumen of the Jews would attract trade which would be followed by an influx of inhabitants. It is evident that some Jewish merchants were studying the map and deciding upon certain cities where



they would set up business for a short time and after becoming prosperous they would return to their homeland. But James says they failed to take into account the uncertainty of life, so he asked the question, "What is your life?" There is no certainty that one's life will continue tomorrow. Therefore, all plans that are laid must be done with a consciousness that they must be in harmony with God's will.

Our text emphasizes that your future is in the hands of God. This calls for a complete commitment of all future plans into the hands of God. He alone has the key to your future happiness. One must remember that man proposes but God disposes. None should have a dread or fear of the future because of this uncertainty. If we put our complete trust in God and develop a friendship with Him, He will guide in every experience of our lives. This was Carl's great mistake. He thought he could plan his future without God. He turned his back on God and determined to lead his own life, thinking that in his newly acquired freedom he would enjoy the thrills and pleasures of sin.

Friend of mine, in your busy pursuits of life and in your plans for the future, have you entered into partnership with God? Have you sought His counsel? Are you prepared to follow His will? If so, you have nothing to fear as you face the uncertainty of the future. He will hold you by a hand that will never fail, and bring you at last to that wonderful land of ethereal beauty and eternal delight.