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For Such a Time as This

A TIME OF TRIAL

by E. G. WHITE

A SEASON of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God. The powers the Lord has given us are to be used to build up, not tear down. Those who are ignorantly deceived are not to remain in this condition. The Lord says to His messengers, Go to them, and declare unto them what I have said, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. The outlook is not flattering; but, notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those ready to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up His precious life. When one means fails, try another. Our efforts must not be dead and lifeless. As long as life is spared, let us work for God. In all ages of the church, God's appointed messengers have exposed themselves to reproach and persecution for the truth's sake. But wherever God's people may be forced to go, even though, like the beloved disciple, they are banished to desert islands, Christ will know where they are, and will strengthen and bless them, filling them with peace and joy.

Soon there is to be trouble all over the world. It becomes every one to seek to know God. We have no time to delay. With earnestness and fervour the message must be given: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isa. 55:1. "Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isa. 56: 1, 2.

God's love for His church is infinite. His care over His heritage is unceasing. He suffers no affliction to come upon the church but such as is essential for her purification, her present and eternal good. He will purify His church even as He purified the temple at the beginning and close of His ministry on earth. All that He brings upon the church in test and trial comes that His people may gain deeper piety and more strength to carry the triumphs of the cross to all parts of the world. He has a work for all to do. There must be constant enlargement and progress. The work must extend from city to city, from country to country, and from nation to nation, moving continually onward and upward, established, strengthened, and settled.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . full of grace and truth." But those whom Christ came to save, would have none of Him. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1:14, 11. Yielding themselves to Satan's control,

they rejected the Messiah, and sought opportunity to put Him to death.

Satan and his angels determined to make Christ's death as humiliating as possible. They filled the hearts of the Jewish leaders with feelings of bitter hatred against the Saviour. Controlled by the enemy, priests and rulers stirred the multitude to take part against the Son of God. Aside from Pilate's declaration of His innocence, no one spoke a word in His favour. And even Pilate, knowing His innocence, gave Him over to the abuse of men under the control of Satan.

Similar events will take place in the near future. Men will exalt and rigidly enforce laws that are in direct opposition to the law of God. Though zealous in enforcing their own commandments, they will turn away from a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Exalting a spurious rest day, they will seek to force men to dishonour the law of Jehovah, the transcript of His character. Though innocent of wrongdoing, the servants of God will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry.

Religious powers, allied to heaven by profession, and claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, will show by their acts that they have the heart of a dragon, and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan.

NEW FEATURES

SEVERAL new features will greet the readers of the OUTLOOK in this January issue and these will continue throughout the year. It is the earnest prayer of the editorial staff that these will uplift, strengthen and encourage our believers in these days to which we have come.

On page 2, under the heading, "For Such a Time as This," we plan to submit stirring articles from the servant of the Lord and from our prominent leaders which will seek to challenge our church members to a closer walk with God. Geoffrey E. Garne, editor of the SIGNS/TEKENS and HOME AND HEALTH, and publishing house editor of OUTLOOK, will provide a thought-provoking editorial each issue, and in the space now occupied by these few lines there will be a heart-warming experience fresh from a church or mission field.

On page 4 we wish to promote one of the departments of our organization and pages 5 to 9 will yield reports, written and pictorial, of the progress of the work of God in this great Division. On page 10 we hope to remind believers of important dates on our church calendar with a few thoughts from quotations, et cetera, to stimulate interest in these special appointments. "People and Events" will continue to occupy page 11, and Pastor Mills' uplifting and spiritual articles will appear, as formerly, on page 12.

We take this opportunity to wish every one of our believers a very happy and blessed new year, and may the OUTLOOK be used of God to encourage and refresh your souls, helping to keep your eyes on Jesus and His finished work in Trans-Africa.

With Christian greetings,
—THE EDITOR

COVER:

Leaders meet: Pastor M. L. Mills greeting Pastor R. H. Pierson on his arrival at headquarters.

Photograph: A. E. Cook.

The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. Satan has caused the change of the Sabbath in the hope of carrying out his purpose for the defeat of God's plans. He seeks to make the commands of God of less force in the world than human laws. The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who has always oppressed the people of God, will cause laws to be made enforcing the observance of the first day of the week. But God's people are to stand firm for Him. And the Lord will work in their behalf, showing plainly that He is the God of gods.

The Lord has said, "Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations." Exod. 31:13. None should disobey His command in order to escape persecution. But let all consider the words of Christ, "When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." Matt. 10:23. If it can be avoided, do not put yourselves into the power of men who are worked by the spirit of Antichrist. Everything that we can do should be done that those who are willing to suffer for the truth's sake may be saved from oppression and cruelty.

Christ is our example. The determination of Antichrist to carry out the rebellion he began in heaven will continue to work in the children of disobedience. Their envy and hatred against those who obey the fourth commandment, will wax more and more bitter. But the people of God are not to hide their banner. They are not to ignore the commandments of God, and, in order to have an easy time, go with the multitude to do evil.

The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. He gives them His Holy Spirit, the manifestation of His presence and favour. But those who forsake God in order to save their lives, will be forsaken by Him. In seeking to save their lives by yielding the truth, they will lose eternal life.

The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn. —*Testimony Treasures*, vol. 3, pages 391-394.

Editorial—

"Congratulations"

RECENTLY one of our church elders and I were discussing various aspects of church activity. During the course of our conversation, he mentioned one aspect of church life that greatly disturbed him. He said that when he had been invited by his church to serve as one of its elders, many people had come to him after the service at which his appointment was announced, and congratulated him! This he felt was unfortunate. He wished that instead of congratulating him they had said, "Brother, we are praying for you. May God bless you." I must confess that I had to agree with him. I had noticed this trend not only in connection with the appointment of church elders, but of conference officers, and even on the occasion of the ordination of men to the gospel ministry!

Doubtless our people mean well when they congratulate those who are appointed to positions of responsibility. What they really want to tell these individuals is that they are happy about their appointment. But they have failed to think the matter through. They have overlooked the deep spiritual implications of being appointed to so sacred an office, and the tremendous responsibility that goes with it.

"Congratulations" is much too flip-pant an expression to use on such an occasion. It smacks of the world and of the flesh. We congratulate someone who has enjoyed success in a business venture, or in an examination, or who has attained to high office in a secular sphere. But when it comes to the affairs of the church of the living God, such an expression is altogether out of place. It suggests that the person appointed has attained to a *position of honour!* This is not true. Appointments in the church are *not positions of honour but of trust.* The *responsibility* that goes with them far outweighs any prestige that may accompany them.

The natural sequence of this "congratulatory" attitude is the tendency for men sometimes to develop a feeling that holding the position to which they have been appointed is now a privilege, a right and a prerogative for life. When the time arrives that others are appointed in their stead, they feel that they have been "demoted" and that they have "lost face." You have a situation of "congratulations" in reverse! As a result you sometimes find men becoming discouraged and embittered and even losing their Christian experience because of not being reappointed as elders, deacons, or for some other office.

These unfortunate experiences would not occur if it could be clearly understood by all that *office is nobody's prerogative.* We are appointed to *serve.* When we have served our term and have made our contribution it should be in our hearts to say, "Just as you supported me when I was in the harness, so now I will support you with my prayers and hold up your hands. God bless you!" This is true Christianity.

Jesus gave us the blue print on this matter when He told His followers, "All ye are brethren. . . . He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Matt. 23:8, 11.

If this spirit could pervade our churches during 1970, it would be a truly great year, both for those who follow, and for those who lead. If you've been appointed to office in your church this year, God bless you! If you haven't, uphold those who have. And God will bless you, too!

J. E. J. J. J.

FOCUS ON . . .



Henry W. Peterson, Lay Activities Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division.

Lay Activities Department and its Objectives for 1970

"In the beginning of the year, the hand of the Lord was upon me. In the visions of God brought he me . . . and set me upon a very high mountain." Ezek. 40: 1, 2.

1969 is now history; a new year is before us. The start of the year provides special opportunities to re-examine life's program and intensify our resolves—thus making good where we failed last year.

Ezekiel, the man of God starts a NEW YEAR not by making a resolution, but by becoming conscious that the hand of the Lord was upon him. He was captivated by God. In vision this dedicated prophet of God was carried into a very high mountain. Hence he saw his greatest vision—a vision of God and His temple and the needs of his people.

Great visions and revelations are always a preparation for duty. The most urgent need of the day is a new vision of God that can lift us to the height of our glorious opportunity.

LET US ENUMERATE SOME OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD.

1. THE GIFT BIBLE PROGRAM IS A CHALLENGE TO EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH. This is the work that has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. The GIFT BIBLE should be in the hand of every church member—the whole church joining hand in hand in a great forward thrust in SOULWINNING.

2. AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US CARE ENOUGH TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE. "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." —*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885.

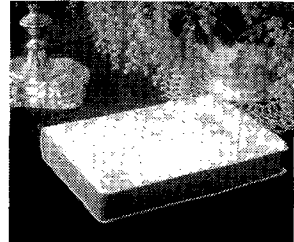
3. IN THE MORNING OF THIS NEW YEAR, CARRY IN YOUR POCKETS OR PURSES V.O.P. ENROLMENT CARDS. Hand these out as you have opportunity. Important results will follow.

4. CARE ENOUGH TO BE A LINK IN THE CHAIN LET DOWN TO SAVE THE WORLD BY HELPING:

- (a) To feed the hungry,
- (b) Clothe the naked,
- (c) Shelter the stranger,
- (d) Cheer the sick,
- (e) Visit the prisoner,
- (f) Befriend the widow and orphan,
- (g) Comfort the mourner.

5. DURING 1970, YOU CAN WIN A SOUL THROUGH INGATHERING. Ingathering contacts are opportunities to reach people's hearts as well as receive financial gifts.

"All heaven is looking with intense interest upon the church to see what her individual members are doing to enlighten those who are in darkness."—*Christian Service*, page 89.



AROUND OUR UNIONS

HERI HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOOL, TANZANIA

A Message From the Director

"Health is a blessing of which few appreciate the value; yet upon it the efficiency of our mental and physical powers largely depends."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 346.

Here at Heri the principles of health are taught with the great purpose of securing the highest development of body, mind and soul. The laws of nature as they relate to the human body are shown to be the laws of God, designed for our own good. Obedience to these laws "promotes happiness in this life, and aids in the preparation for the life to come."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 146.

Valuable information about the Heri Health Education School, in a nutshell, includes:

ITS AIM: To prepare workers and their families to teach and demonstrate in their lives the principles of healthful living. . . . Thus to expand opportunities to spread the gospel by pastors, teachers and other gospel workers.

ITS PURPOSE: To upgrade the health level of the citizens of the land and

particularly the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

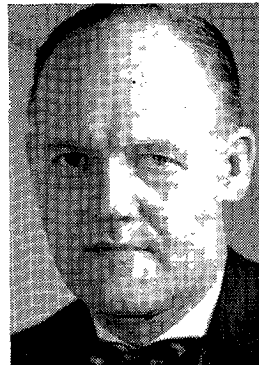
ITS STUDENTS will study: Medical missionary ethics; anatomy and physiology; tropical hygiene; agriculture; public health; and many other subjects.

STUDENTS' WIVES can study: Sewing; knitting; cooking; home nursing and simple treatments; Christian home and family health, *et cetera*.

AT HERI MISSION a restful expanse of rolling hills meets the eye for 20 miles eastward. The hospital is situated on the eastern side of a group of hills which leads westward about 10 miles to Lake Tanganyika. The surrounding hills are covered with cultivated gardens, banana trees and small groves of eucalyptus trees scattered here and there.

There are ten homes in the village, including individual homes of mud-brick, and furnished. Electricity is available and there is a small kitchen and store-room behind each house. A garden plot is provided at each house and from the nearby market, foods available in season are sweet potatoes, maize, beans, green vegetables and many other commodities. And finally there is a mission primary school in which Standards I to V are taught in Swahili.

PROFILE



Meet Dr Dunbar W. Smith, M.D., M.P.H., D.T.M. & H., who is the medical secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, replacing Dr Marlowe Schaffner.

Dr Smith was educated in the United States. He took his medical training at La Sierra College, Loma Linda University, London University and Columbia University. He spent five years in mission service in India. At the time of his appointment to our Division he was the Deputy Health Commissioner of Nasan County in New York.

Dr Smith is an ordained minister and has been connected with a number of evangelistic campaigns as speaker or associate speaker. Radio work and pastoral duties have their place on his list of non-medical activities.

Dr Smith is married and has two sons, one in private business and one a doctor.

The OUTLOOK extends a warm welcome to Dr and Mrs Dunbar Smith as they join our Trans-Africa family.

Tanzania plane arrives: Dr Walter Martin (middle) handing the keys of a 206 CESSNA to Pastor Leonard Robinson, president of the Tanzania Union, while Brother Warren Ramsdell, who is to pilot this plane in Tanzania and Central Africa, looks on. Dr Martin and his colleague, Dr M. S. Michelson of the U.S.A., donated the plane to the Trans-Africa Division, and Dr Martin piloted it to Tanzania.

Photo: A. E. Cook.

OMISSION:

On looking through the October 15 OUTLOOK we note that we failed to give photo credit to E. R. Weisser for his pictures which appear on page 7 of that issue. We apologize, Brother Weisser!





Malamulo youth congress: (Front Row) Phaize J. Salhany, union youth leader, M. N. Nkosi, D. W. Kapitao, W. Kuyenda, with N. L. Doss, South-East Africa Union president and B. E. Jacobs, Trans-Africa Division youth leader.

Meditation or . . .?: B. E. Jacobs and P. J. Salhany confer at the Congress.



YOUTH CONGRESSES, MALAWI

by B. E. JACOBS, Youth Leader,
Trans-Africa Division

MOST UNIONS are fortunate to have one youth congress but the South-East Africa Union was doubly fortunate in that two congresses were held during August and September of last year, one at Malamulo for the south and central areas, and one at Mombera for the northern area.

Pastor P. J. Salhany, MV Department secretary for Malawi, organized the congresses with the support of the union and field staffs. The first congress was conducted on the campus of Malamulo College where over 1,000 youth were in attendance to listen to

the inspiring messages and take part in the programs and workshops.

A report of the World Youth Congress in Zurich was given by Juston Nkumba, Malawi's delegate to Zurich. His program of slides and music was most interesting. Certainly the inspiration of Zurich was relayed to the youth of Malawi through this report.

One of the outstanding features of the congresses was the booths. Both Malamulo and Mombera featured 12 booths with displays from various departments and institutions. On Friday afternoon the items on display were

judged and prizes given to the winners.

Sabbath was a wonderful day at Malamulo. The large Livingstone trees, under which the meetings were held, not only served as shade but during the closing part of the divine service they served as umbrellas for the large audience gathered there. But the rains in no way dampened the spirit of the congress and everything carried on according to schedule. At Mombera perfect weather was experienced with just a little wind now and then.

The Sunday afternoon program took

place on the air-strip at Malamulo. Groups from various societies assisted in the program with marches, drills, Red Cross demonstrations, motorcycle parades and other demonstrations. Dr R. Jack Harvey piloted the plane for a simulated emergency run, thrilling the large crowd with a few stunts in the air. At Mombera a similar program was conducted on the playground, but without the plane demonstrations.

On Sunday evening, after the closing message was given, the folks boarded buses and were homeward bound.

When the program was duplicated at Mombera the following week for the youth of Northern Malawi, the attendance was less but the spirit of the congress was the same. The grounds at Mombera were especially nice for this occasion. It was good to be present for these great youth gatherings and to be invited to challenge the youth to "FOLLOW ME," a theme brought back from Zurich. The youth of Malawi are on the march.



Juston Nkumba teaching a new chorus: "I'm right in, right out, right down, right up, right happy all the time!"

One-stringed violin and choir from Tekerani.



Photos:
A. E. Cook.

Motor-cycle brigade—all literature-evangelists.

Meet Our Visitors



W. A. Howe, associate secretary, Department of Education, General Conference, will be visiting from January 30 to April 15 in company with Gerald F. Clifford of the Trans-Africa Division.

Leonard C. Paddock, Jr., of the Southern Publishing Association book department, will be visiting from January 20 to February 23 in company with John T. Mason of the Trans-Africa Division.



John H. Hancock, associate secretary, MV Department of the General Conference, will be visiting from January 28 to March 28, in company with Bob E. Jacobs of the Trans-Africa Division.

Sabbath-Observance—Part 2

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE 1969 AUTUMN COUNCIL

Sabbath-Keeping in Our Medical Institutions

Unfortunately, sickness and pain know neither holy days nor hours. Therefore, an institution offering medical care to the public must be prepared to take care of the needs of the sick and the suffering without regard to hours or days. This obviously poses a problem in the matter of Sabbath-observance. Great care should be exercised that there be no laxity in the observance of the Sabbath. It is the line of least resistance to carry on nearly normal activities because these are for the benefit of the sick.

Emergency medical care should be provided willingly whenever needed, regardless of the day or hour. However, Adventist physicians and dentists should not place themselves in offices or clinics on the Sabbath where the public would normally expect such service.

Being engaged in medical work places all involved in positions of special peril lest there be laxity. Each institution will obviously develop its own policies to meet local situations and activities. Generally speaking these will encompass the following areas:

1. A discontinuance of all unnecessary activities. Usually this means a complete closing of those facilities not immediately related to patient care.

2. The postponement of elective diagnostic and therapeutic services. Emergency service should not be interrupted. Necessary or emergency care should be willingly and cheerfully provided with high levels of excellence. Decisions as to that which is necessary or of an emergency nature should be made by the attending physician. If this privilege is abused it becomes an administrative problem and should be dealt with accordingly. Non-administrative institutional employees should not become involved in making these decisions nor should they be obliged to confront the attending physician.

It is recommended that the preamble of the medical staff by-laws specifically state that only surgical, diagnostic, or therapeutic procedures which are not postponable because of the condition of the patient will be done during the Sabbath hours in the hospital. A clear understanding with all who are appointed to staff membership, at the time of appointment, will do much to avoid misunderstanding and abuses later.

3. The closing of the administrative and business offices to routine business. Although it may be necessary to admit or discharge patients on Sabbath, it is recommended to avoid the rendering of bills and the collection of money. Never should the keeping of the Sabbath be a

source of irritation to those we seek to serve and to save, but rather a hallmark of "the children of light."

4. The Sabbath should be a day of delight to the patients within the hospital. A day when the hustle and bustle of routine work is laid aside and the staff is free to spend more time with the patients, to instruct them, to counsel with them, and to acquaint them with the wonderful love of God. Such missionary activity will provide a memory of Christian witnessing never to be forgotten. Meaningful Sabbath-keeping is much easier to achieve in an institution that employs a largely Adventist staff. Nevertheless, it represents a challenge that can be met by the believing worker employed in patient care, and may well be a convicting influence in the lives of those not of our faith.

5. Careful scheduling of all personnel is very important. Adventist workers should not routinely be scheduled to work on Sabbath so as to provide freedom on weekdays for secular activities, even though we recognize that "it is well to do good on the Sabbath day." Neither should they expect to always be off duty on that day and thus work a hardship on others who might appreciate an occasional Saturday off. Whenever possible

those on duty who wish to attend Sabbath services should be excused to do so if their absence does not work undue hardship on those remaining, or limit necessary patient care.

6. An attitude of Christian witnessing before fellow-workers is essential. The only contact that many non-Adventist workers may ever have with Seventh-day Adventists may be in the institution employing them. Every relationship should be friendly, kind, and expressive of the love that exemplified the life of the Great Physician. Compassion for the sick, unselfish regard for our fellow-men, an eagerness to serve, and unstinted loyalty to God and the church may well prove to be a savour unto life. The keeping of the Sabbath is a privilege and an honour as well as a duty. It should never become burdensome or obnoxious to those who keep it, or to those about us.

Sabbath Work in Non-Adventist Hospitals

"The law forbids secular labour on the rest-day of the Lord; the toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labour for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon that day; but as God ceased His labour of creating, and rested upon the Sabbath and blessed it, so man is to leave the occupations of his daily life, and devote those sacred hours to healthful rest, to worship, and to holy deeds."—"The Desire of Ages," page 207.

While it is essential in medical institutions that a minimum of labour be performed at all times in order to maintain the welfare and comfort of the patients, **Seventh-day Adventists employed in non-denominational institutions where Sabbath hours bring no relief from regular general duties are under obligation to remember the principles that regulate all Sabbath activities.** In order to avoid situations where our church members may be faced with problems of Sabbath-keeping in non-Adventist institutions, it is recommended that:

1. When Seventh-day Adventists seek employment in non-Seventh-day Adventist hospitals they make known their Sabbath-keeping principles and request work on a schedule that will exempt them from Sabbath duties.

2. Where work schedules or other factors make this impossible, they make very clear the types of duty they are willing to perform on the Sabbath in providing the minimum medical and hygienic care of the patient and his environment in emergency procedures, and in similar service.

3. Where the above conditions cannot be met, our members should make loyalty to God's requirements paramount as they endeavour to render faithful service and also to earn their livelihood.

Sabbath-Observance and Education

We express confidence in our denominational leaders and workers to uphold and promote by their example at all times the principles of true Sabbath-observance, including the problem of school attendance and examinations.

INVESTITURE AT SOLUSI

by B. E. JACOBS

THIRTEEN Master Guides were invested at Solusi College on Sabbath, November 1. This achievement was possible only after many hours of hard work and careful planning. Pastor Ivan Piercey, of the Zambesi Union, and the writer, of the Trans-Africa Division, participated in this program and challenged these youth to be "leaders of youth."

On Sabbath afternoon, over 200 young people were invested in the MV Classes which ranged from Busy

Bee to Guide. These young people were also present on Saturday night for the Master Guide Investiture and candle-lighting ceremony.

Ephraim Dube, MV secretary for Solusi and a delegate to the World Youth Congress in Zurich, had prepared the program for this special Sabbath. The MV sponsor, Mrs Ruth Gorle, and Ephraim are to be commended for the strong youth program they are promoting on the campus of Solusi College.

It is our prayer that these Master Guides and all Master Guides will be followers of Jesus Christ and leaders of youth.



Solusi Master Guide Investiture.

Photo: A. E. Cook

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An assessment of the World Youth Congress

by EPHRAIM M. MUVUTI

IN THIS "sleeping giant," Africa, there may be a young person, weighed down by despondency after a hopeless struggle for the truth, exclaiming like Elijah, "... I, even I only am left. . . ." 1 Kings 19:14. Yes, a young person might feel like a lonely "Robinson Crusoe" in a desert place with no other Christians.

Such an attitude is not reasonable in the light of what our eyes saw and our ears heard at the World Youth Congress, in Zurich, Switzerland. Being one of the delegates, I took a special interest in contacting young people who came from the troubled areas of the world.

I met a group of six young people from war-ravaged South Vietnam. The group was small but the glow on their shining faces impressed upon me their attitude toward the problems of this world. One of them told me that he almost became a war victim, but went to our Adventist hospital, was converted to our message, and decided to be a faithful worker for Jesus. He went on to tell that if ever anything drew him to the Lord, it was the war. It led him to realize the true Source of eternal peace. What a testimony for the youth in the Trans-Africa Division!

On the last day of the Congress I met a young man from Nigeria. "We do not forget our brothers in Biafra. We pray for them because we all belong to Christ," he told me. He continued with much earnestness to say that the Nigerian Missionary Volunteers try to get in touch with their fellow-youth in Biafra. Some of

Important Dates In January/February

JANUARY: Consecration of Church Officers

"David's exhortation to Solomon, and his appeal to the burden-bearers of the nation, should be kept in mind by those who are in positions of trust in the Lord's cause today. . . . Those who bear responsibilities are called upon to consecrate their service to the Lord. . . . All are to render faithful service by using their talents wholly for God."

—S.D.A. Bible Commentary, vol. 3, pages 1129, 1130.

FEBRUARY 21-28: Christian Home and Family Altar Week

"As the father bows with his family, at the altar of prayer, to offer up his grateful thanks to God, for His preserving care of himself and loved ones through the day, angels of God hover in the room, and bear the fervent prayers of God-fearing parents to heaven, as sweet incense, which are answered by returning blessings."

—Selected Messages, Book 2, pages 439, 440.

FEBRUARY 28: Dorcas Day

"In Doing for Others We Are Doing for Christ: From what has been shown me, Sabbath-keepers are growing more selfish as they increase in riches. Their love for Christ and His people is decreasing. They do not see the wants of the needy, nor feel their sufferings and sorrows. They do not realize that in neglecting the poor and the suffering they neglect Christ, and that in relieving the wants and sufferings of the poor as far as possible they minister to Jesus."

—Welfare Ministry, page 39.

these young people do this at the risk of their lives.

I also met Dr Mgeni who is completing his medical course in Yugoslavia. He was part of the Yugoslavian delegation. Dr Mgeni is a former student of Bugema Missionary College in Uganda. There were youth from Czechoslovakia. One told me he had hitch-hiked all the way from that troubled spot to the Congress. The Russian MVs, still witnessing for Christ, sent messages of goodwill to the youth at the Congress. Even in countries like Russia, there are youth for Christ.

In such programs as *Youth Speaks* and *Youth International*, living testimonies were given which showed young people are still active for Christ. Some are witnessing for Him at the risk of their lives, especially those who come from the Southern Asia Division where Islam is paramount. In many places in the Southern Asia Division, for a young person to leave the traditional religion means torture,

eternal separation from relatives and even death. In spite of this, one lad of about thirteen years of age told us he had determined to leave the heathen way of life for the sake of Jesus Christ. "As soon as I leave the Congress, I shall go and tell my father that I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and shall not listen to what the priests threaten," he said. This breath-taking story was encouraging indeed. Another youth described how he had to undergo physical tortures as instructed by the priest to purify his sinful soul. He pierced his body with thorn-like spikes, but no blood oozed out. Later, he accepted Jesus Christ through another youth and he is no longer afraid of demons. Such are the youth witnessing for Him in the midst of heathenism.

In this world where life seems dark and dreary there are many young people standing "like the brave." The Lord has thousands of such youth on His battle-front who are rejecting

vain, unbiblical philosophy, immodest dress, immoral standards, and lawlessness. The young people are there, elevating the Holy Scriptures as the sole rule of life. There must not be modern Elijahs who say, ". . . I, even I only, am left . . ." in the Trans-Africa Division. There must be modern Daniels who stand firm from start to finish. Yes, the Lord has thousands left who have not bowed to discouragement. He has youth who are still standing "for the right though the heavens fall!"

Jesus Christ has done His part. Therefore, the Missionary Volunteers of Trans-Africa Division must arise and shine. With such a great "cloud of witnesses" from Russia, India, Europe, North and South America, Japan, and other parts of the world, let every young person lay aside every weight of dismay. While we are still enjoying considerable peace in our lands, let us join hands together and heed the Lord's command, "Follow Me."

Reporting on

PEOPLE and EVENTS

At an MV Investiture at Inyazura Mission, Rhodesia, over 200 received pins and tokens, among them 11 Master Guides. Youth leader for the Division, B. E. Jacobs, officiated at this function.

John G. Evert, youth leader of the Southern Union, reports 82 Voice of Youth meetings coming to a climax in South Africa.

The 1969 Ingathering total is higher than ever, reports Henry W. Peterson, Trans-Africa Division Lay Activities secretary, with an amount of £761 (R1522) to date over last year's total.

Ten thousand gift Bibles for Gift Bible Evangelism have been distributed. This aggressive soul-winning project is gaining ground in all parts of the Division.

Additional delegates to the coming General Conference Session include Pastor B. E. Jacobs and G. F. Clifford of the Division office.

The Division Committee accepted a new goal of £7,837 (R15,674) for the World Concern Offering, as recommended by the Autumn Council. This offering was formerly known as World Evangelism Offering.

Consideration was given at the recent Division year-end committee to the publication of an interest-arousing tract for for distribution throughout the Division. It is envisaged that the series will be entitled "Africa in God's Plan," and will be translated into the vernacular languages of our Division territory.

The plan for the Maseru Ophthalmic Clinic of Maluti Hospital in Lesotho met with approval, subject to one or two minor alterations to the architect's design. This addition to the hospital plant will greatly increase Maluti's capacity.

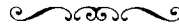
Furloughs have ended for the G. Culums of the South-East Africa Union and for the Robin Watermeyer family of the Division office. Going on furlough are Miss Lucille Haskin of Solusi College; Miss Florence Moline of Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia; the E. L. Stewarts and the P. Dentons, also of Rusangu; and the F. J. Smith family of Solusi College.

Returning to Africa after a sojourn in Canada are Mr and Mrs Rais A. Marx and family, who are now located at Solusi College. Newcomers to the Congo Union are the D. Rathbun and the Mike Salisbury families, and to the Central African Union is the John P. Stafford family. We extend warm greetings to these new missionaries.

Miss Grace Robinson has transferred from the East African Union where she was teaching at Kamagambo Training School, to the South-East Africa Union to connect with the Malamulo College staff.

Miss Jean-Anne Donald and Miss Ondina Maranhao have returned to the Cape for further studies after their terms of service at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi.

Among those who graduated from Good Hope College this November was Abdulla Ahomed who is to connect with the work in the Zambesi General Field, and Robert Hall, both of Umtali.



GOD'S WAY

*God's way is the way I must follow,
No matter where it may lead;
It may be up the high mountain
Or down in the valley of need:
And often the dark clouds will gather,
The path I may not clearly see;
But, this I must always remember:
Jesus goeth one step before me!*

*God's way is the pathway of suffering,
Of sorrow, of testing and trial;
But if I would win through to glory
These all must be borne for awhile;
For, Christ left His glory in heaven
And came to this dark world for me;
He went through great anguish and
suffering,
And died for my sin on the tree.*

*God's way is the way I must follow—
The path that my dear Saviour trod;
The only way leading to heaven—
To life everlasting with God.*

—by FLO. J. BEVERIDGE

OUTLOOK

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FEBRUARY 1970

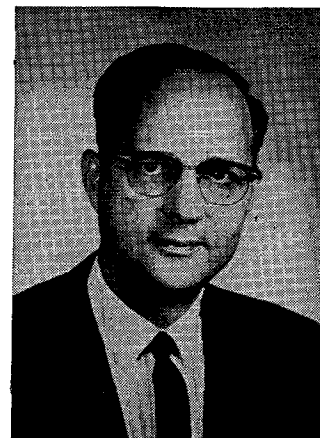
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Johannesburg	6.57	6.53	6.47	6.41
East London	7.08	7.01	6.54	6.47
Port Elizabeth	7.20	7.13	7.05	6.58
Bloemfontein	7.09	7.04	6.57	6.50
P'maritzburg	6.53	6.48	6.41	6.34
Durban	6.51	6.46	6.39	6.32
Windhoek	7.36	7.33	7.27	7.22
Bulawayo	6.46	6.43	6.39	6.34
Salisbury	6.32	6.29	6.26	6.22
Gwelo	6.40	6.38	6.35	6.32
Lusaka	6.40	6.39	6.37	6.35
Blantyre	6.16	6.13	6.09	6.06
Lubumbashi	6.40	6.37	6.35	6.33
Nairobi	6.50	6.50	6.49	6.49
Mombasa	6.43	6.41	6.40	6.39
Kisumu	7.00	6.58	6.59	7.01
Kampala	7.08	7.07	7.06	7.06
Dar-es-Salaam	6.48	6.46	6.45	6.44
Tabora	7.12	7.10	7.09	7.09

MARCH 1970

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Cape Town	7.17	7.08	6.59	6.48
Johannesburg	6.34	6.27	6.20	6.12
East London	6.39	6.29	6.21	6.10
Port Elizabeth	6.49	6.40	6.31	6.20
Bloemfontein	6.43	6.35	6.28	6.18
P'maritzburg	6.27	6.18	6.11	6.01
Durban	6.25	6.16	6.09	5.59
Windhoek	7.16	7.09	7.03	6.55
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DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED IN 1970

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



A BOY had won a telescope in a contest and was seen looking through it backwards at a group of youngsters playing nearby. Finally, his uncle asked him why he was looking through the wrong end of the telescope.

"Well," he said sheepishly, "I like to look at Chuck Wilson this way because it makes him look small. He is always pushing me around because he is bigger than I, and I have never had the nerve to stand up to him. If I keep looking at him like this, seeing him so small, I'll get up enough nerve to lick him."

Fear, doubt, and anxiety have a way of magnifying obstacles to a far greater size than they really are. Courage and confidence reduce them to a minimum. It is all a matter of which end of the telescope we look through, the large end of courage or the small end of fear.

As we progress into the new year we find the same problems and temptations confronting us. The devil will be more active than ever in causing us trouble and trying to discourage us. But, thank God, help has been promised. Just as surely as Christ descended from the Mount of Transfiguration to be with His disciples, He will descend to the valley to be with us. Let us not attempt to join battle with the enemy alone. With courage, confidence and faith, let us be conscious of the presence of our Saviour and claim His promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Let there be no fear, doubt or anxiety as to the victory which awaits. The Lord expects us to be in the world, but He has prayed that we will be kept from its evil. Provision has been made for every need. Let us then claim the promises of God and look through the large end of courage rather than the small end of fear.

The servant of the Lord has said, "For every trial God has provided help. . . . Those who surrender their lives to His guidance and to His service will never be placed in a position for which He has not made provision."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 248.

Three grave dangers await us as we go down across the plains into the valleys of life. One is over-confidence. The Christian life demands alertness and watchfulness. Paul says: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12. It matters not who we are, how long we have been in the church, or how much we have accomplished. We are all subject to falling. We do not in our own strength, gain perfection. We must recognize the limitations of the flesh. We must realize our only sufficiency is found in Christ. We are counselled by the Lord "to hold fast till I come." Then, let us not take eternal life for granted. It is imperative that we daily walk humbly before our Lord and trust in Him.

The second grave danger we face is neglect. Paul has asked the pertinent question: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3. Each must have a vibrant, growing experience. Many will lose eternal life because of default. They believe in the message. They profess to live it. But they neglect salvation. They are like the five foolish virgins who were found wanting. A doctor will testify that many patients die because they are neglectful of their health in the early stages of illness. They do very little to help themselves. Just so with the Christian. There are many spiritual deaths because there has been neglect of the soul.

The third danger which we must avoid is indifference. Every Christian has a responsibility toward his fellow-

men. Those who are saved are to serve. Paul said he felt himself a debtor to his fellow-men. It is God's plan that those who are saved by His grace are in turn to help save others. Christ has said that we are to be lights in the world. Again He said we are to be His witnesses. It is the plan of heaven for man to help save a lost world. Each of us has been given a work to perform. "The world is a sinking ship," Moody exclaimed in a sermon on the second advent of Christ, "and God has given me a lifeboat, saying 'Moody, save all you can.'" The great evangelist's life was offered on the altar labelled "Others." Is it any wonder that when he died his last words were, "Earth is receding; heaven is drawing near." If we are to evade the danger of indifference we must be possessed with a passion for souls. We must not remain in our ceiled houses, surrounded by the creature comforts of this age, indifferent and oblivious to the needs of a dying world. God is depending upon us to bring to the world the good news of salvation. Our religion must be militant, not passive; our experience radiant, not dull; our labours fruitful, not sterile.

Friend of mine, let us determine to meet the realities of the new year by accomplishing the work the Master has delegated to us, pressing the battle to the very gates, knowing that soon victory will come through our Lord Jesus Christ.