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### VERKLARING DEUR DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE UNIEKONFERENSIE INSAKE DIE AFRIKAANSE UITGAWE VAN DIE OUTLOOK

Die TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION OUTLOOK is die amptelike orgaan van ons Divisie. Die Divisie gee dit vir al die unies van hierdie Divisie in Engels uit. Etlike jare lank al betaal die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie die koste om dit vir ons Afrikaanssprekende lidmate in Afrikaans uit te gee. Aangesien die *Lantern*, wat die amptelike orgaan van die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie is, nou afsonderlik in albei tale gedruk word, sal die OUTLOOK net in Engels gedruk word. Dit sal egter nog aan al ons Afrikaanssprekende lidmate gestuur word mits hulle dit wil hê. Indien u die OUTLOOK dus nie meer wil hê nie, stel ons net daarvan in kennis, en ons sal aan u verlange voldoen.

Ons dank u vir u belangstelling van die verlede in die vooruitgang van die Kerk in die hele Divisie en ons sien uit na u voortgesette belangstelling in die toekoms.

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# THE SENTINEL

DONALD K. SHORT, Manager.



WITHIN the ranks of the Remnant Church no report has yet been given that truly fulfils the divine destiny of this people. This does not mean the Church has not been blessed. It has been. This does not mean tremendous gains have not been made as they appear on our financial statements, our graphs, our charts, and our statistical summaries. The gains are evident. The Church continues to be the object of God's supreme regard. But the report the whole universe is waiting to hear is the one the angels take back to heaven from this old world—behold, all things are ready, God's people are sealed, it is done! It is the destiny of this people to cooperate with heaven for this great and final report to be made quickly. God ordained that the publishing work was to have a vital part in helping prepare that final report.

For one hundred and twenty-four years, since April 6, 1846, papers and books have been streaming from our presses. Beginning with that first baby edition of 250 copies, addressed to "The Remnant Scattered Abroad," our presses around the world now pour forth millions of pages each month. The workers at the Sentinel Publishing Association are grateful to have a part in this God-given plan for this part of the world field. We stand with our publishing leaders and with all departments of the Church to use the weapon that is "mightier than the sword," the pen, the printed page. The printing press remains the tallest pulpit in the world!

To fit into the overall plan of that final report the angels take back to heaven, the Sentinel Publishing Association presents the following four-year record:

**Equipment.**—Four years ago the publishing house report called for four major machines to be added to the press room and bindery. It has been of great encouragement to see

these installed and put to use to meet the expanding requirements of the field. The following new units have been installed:

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<b>Total</b>	<b>R 65 571.06</b>

This large capital investment has been made possible by grants from the General Conference Publishing Expansion Fund, by special appropriations from the Trans-Africa Division and by internal funds of the publishing house. Without this equipment it would be impossible to meet the present needs of the field.

**New Equipment.**—As the sales of our faithful literature evangelists continue to increase and the Home, Health, and Education Service greatly expands, and it is hoped as the church membership grows and senses the eternal value of good books, so plans must be laid for greater productivity. In the near future the following equipment must be installed:

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Complete Camera and Dark Room Facilities	R 7 500.00
Second Machine—Roland Two-Colour Offset Press	R 38 000.00
Invoicing Machine	R 5 000.00

Consideration must be given to more efficient typesetting. This field of the graphic arts is developing at an astonishing rate.

**Building Plans.**—The critical need for more production and office floor space, resulted in plans being presented to the City Council in 1969 for a large addition to the premises. This request was denied as the institution is in a residential area. Accordingly the Board proceeded to purchase a new site of over eight acres, near the Ottery station. Plans for the new building are now rapidly taking shape and it is hoped construction can begin soon and the move be completed within the new year. This proposed new institution of over 50 000 sq. ft. of floor space offers a unique opportunity to establish a plant with efficient facilities.

## THE FUTURE

As a people we know what to expect for the future. What happens for the present is in our hands. The Sentinel Publishing Association joins all the other departments of the Church in the aim to fulfil the commission given to us by Heaven. The angel with the "loud cry" is waiting to go forth. It is largely through the work of our publishing houses that this angel will accomplish his task.

	1967	1968	1969	1970	Increase
Personnel	57	56	61	70	13
Book Sales	R 220 542.00	159 075.92	194 337.61	273 452.86	52 910.86
Periodical Sales	R 45 533.18	59 639.99	71 703.86	97 322.93	51 789.75

### Subscription Books Published

	1967	1968	1969	1970	Total
English	10 755	21 000	40 000	65 110	136 865
Afrikaans	20 261	60 000	25 000	45 025	150 286
Vernacular	18 513	57 000	20 000	5 188	100 701

### Magazines

Lantern	54 600	54 800	54 962	60 775	225 137
Outlook (A)	24 100	23 945	21 030	24 810	93 885
Outlook (E)	58 725	55 782	72 240	60 550	247 297
Signs	156 006	190 000	242 990	335 800	924 990
Tekens	96 000	119 300	143 400	229 900	588 600
Health 1970	44 000	54 500	46 100	45 500	190 100
Gesondheid 1970	28 000	29 000	28 225	24 500	109 725
Signs Subsidy	R 2 481.03	2 612.77	1 650.47	845.49	7 589.76
Tekens Subsidy	R 4 769.44	6 866.43	7 136.34	7 609.60	26 381.81
Health Subsidy				5 565.85	5 565.85

### COVER:

Majestic Mlanje Mountain in Malawi. (Photo: Courtesy, Malawi Department of Information.)



## LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

HENRY W. PETERSON, Secretary.

WHEREVER there is life in a church there is increase and growth. In the five main areas of responsibility sponsored by the Lay Activities Department we are happy to report steady progress during the past four years in spite of many problems both economic and political.

GIFT BIBLE EVANGELISM was launched on a pilot basis Division-wide following the mid-year meetings in 1968. To enable each union to get the program under way more rapidly on a pilot basis, the Division made available \$200.00 to be used in translating lessons, printing and the buying of Bibles. Excellent results have been reported.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL areas and literature distribution are showing good progress. During the past quadrennium 4 347 470 pieces of literature were distributed and nearly 700 000 applications received for Bible lessons. When the Literature Guidance Committee met the last time it was voted to prepare another Penetration tract for general distribution throughout our Division. The title to be used is "Africa in the Bible." A coupon offering either the Voice of Prophecy Bible course or a Gift Bible with guide-sheets will be attached to this tract.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED during the past four years is on the increase. In all the unions, 1 643 343 articles of clothing were given to the needy. The Central European Division has been the main supplier, with over 7 000 bales having been shipped from their warehouse in Hamburg. Thousands of bandages have also been prepared by our faithful believers in Germany and sent to leprosariums. Clothing has also been sent to the Atlantic island of St Helena to which Napoleon was banished to spend his last days.

The Tygerberg Centre for the aged, located in Parow, South Africa, opened its doors to the public in 1969.

It is the first geriatric centre in South Africa and features working projects for the aged with a fully registered nurse on duty giving treatments.

MEALS ON WHEELS is an ever-expanding program, well established and well received by the public. Over 50 000 meals were served in 1969. This service was made available to senior citizens in the city of Bulawayo this past year, and the mayor and mayoress partook of the first meals to be served, while inaugurating this service. One interested observer commented that "this is real Christianity in action." In Salisbury land has been granted for a Meals on Wheels centre and work is soon to commence on a suitable building for this project.

HARVEST INGATHERING has many worthy objectives. Through this evangelistic contact, thousands of people each year have become ac-

quainted with the work and ministry of Seventh-day Adventists. When we stop to consider that our first Ingathering in 1917 totalled only US\$25.48, and again in 1921, US\$4 567, and then in 1970 US\$381 245 was raised, we know a steady growth has been experienced.

TABSA news is encouraging. At the end of this year we expect to have all sixteen languages and film-strips ready to be placed in the cartridges. A special projector operated with either nickel cadmium or ordinary flash-light batteries is now in full production.

WORLD-WIDE LAYMEN'S YEAR has among its objectives the conducting of lay congresses in all our unions and a greatly increased program of lay training and activities. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless abundantly all our united efforts to make 1971 the greatest year in soulwinning.

### RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED to take our stand with the Remnant Church around the world as organized in its various capacities under the direction of the General Conference, and to express to that body our appreciation for the support, the building up and the expansion of the work which has been made possible through the appropriations made to the Trans-Africa Division as provided by our loyal church members. We appreciate the response that has been made to special appeals for assistance in times of emergency.

We would assure the world Church that we shall prayerfully and faithfully discharge the responsibilities that have been placed upon us for this part of the harvest field.

### TO INFORM YOU . . .

In the interests of economy, since costs are rising as well as circulation figures, it has been decided that all future instalments of Mrs Jean Cripps's interesting historical sketches will be printed as the central pages of the OUTLOOK instead of as an insert. Then, too, since this February issue is the OUTLOOK's usual 12 pages, we find it necessary to publish the remaining union and departmental Division Council reports in the March issue. The stories of God's dealings in these reports are thrilling, so do look for them next month.—ED.



# NAPOLEONIC WARS ENRICH AFRICA

By JEAN CRIPPS

OUR HISTORY—4



SETTLER ESCUTCHEON.

"A gallant band entrusted to the sea  
and an unknown shore."

Plaster cast in South Africa House, London.  
By Laurence A. Turner, 1933.

LIKE A COMET blazing across the sky of the continent of Europe and England, Napoleon Bonaparte flashed into history in the early 19th century to flash out again at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

The ripples of this momentous encounter spread far and wide. Soldiers who were demobilized returned to a seemingly ungrateful England which was caught up in the coils of the great industrial revolution. Work was in short supply. The days of leisurely hand-weaving and spinning were gone forever with the advent of coal, blast furnaces and forges. Many skilled tradesmen found the wolf of want at their doors.

A call went out for settlers to come to South Africa where there was land aplenty. Lamps and candles burned far into the night as many English, Scottish and Irish breadwinners prayed for guidance as to whether they should launch out into the unknown or face a workless future.

January of the year 1820 found villagers raising themselves to rest on their hoes as they watched stagecoaches, laden with household possessions, heading for the ports of Liverpool, Bristol, Cork and Portsmouth where 21 sailing vessels lay at anchor awaiting 4 000 passengers. Among these were 16 doctors and numerous ministers.

Soon, with sails unfurled, a freshening wind and an outgoing tide drove the ships into the open sea. The course was set southwards. Sometimes the figureheads, riding on the prow of the ships to ward off the evils of the deep, rose above smooth, silky seas. Again, squalls and storms dipped them deep into the trough of heavy swells. Near the equator they entered the feared doldrums where they lay idly waiting the whims of the trade winds.

During the fourteen long weeks of the voyage quarrels often broke out between the various parties. Extreme boredom made tempers short and uncertain. All was forgotten, however, when a short stop was made at Simons-town for fresh supplies before sailing on to their destination, Algoa Bay, which they reached in the month of April, 1820. Travel-weary families thankfully disembarked to find Dutch farmers waiting to transport their goods by ox-wagon to their 100-acre virgin farmlands.

The farms were mostly around the town of Grahamstown which was soon to have 10 000 inhabitants and be named "the city of the saints." Many settlers were located along the borders of the colony as a buffer against hostile tribesmen.

The kind-hearted Dutch farmers transported the immigrants onto the land allocated for their future homes, then left them to fend for themselves. There was no shelter from the weather. All they had to look at was their luggage strewn upon the long grass. Friendless and unknown, they had to depend upon their own exertions and the protection and guidance of Him who had led them thus far.

"We must take root and grow or die where we stand," they decided. One thing comforted them—they were standing on their own ground as free men.

Under the trees they met together and sang the hymn composed by Logan:

"O God of Bethel, by whose hand Thy  
people still are fed;  
Who through this weary pilgrimage hast  
all our fathers led;  
Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread, and  
raiment fit provide;  
O! spread Thy covering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease;  
And at our Father's loved abode our  
souls arrive in peace."

The qualities which made the 1820 settlers succeed in their adopted land were the ones which brought strength to the early church. What they set themselves to do they accomplished.

Looking up the records of those who came in 1820 we find such names as Staples, Webster, Davies, Purdon, Tarr, Willmore and Sparrow. Besides playing a part in the history of the country these families were to have a major role in the work of God.

The Websters have infiltrated into every phase of denominational work, quietly and efficiently carrying responsibilities and pioneering new work. For example, in 1933 M. M. Webster opened a new station 187 miles from the port of Quilemane in Portuguese East Africa. He called it Munguluni, which means "light." For thirteen years he and his wife laboured to build up the work in a place where the going was very difficult. This station now comes under the Trans-Mediterranean Division (formerly the Southern European Division), to which it was transferred in 1950.

The Staples family are also well known. Pastor A. W. Staples, now retired, helped to raise many churches and baptized hundreds of people during his years of public evangelism in South Africa. He also devoted many years of his life to church administration. One of his sons, Russell, chose education as his



Pastor A. W. Staples

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field and served for many years as principal of our Solusi College. The name of Dr Warren Staples, his other son, will always be connected with Maluti Hospital.

Members of the large Tarr family have served Africa well, and some have laboured in lands beyond our shores.

When the 1820 settlers landed, Henry Tarr and his family came with the Nottingham party. They settled in the Clumber district, near Bathurst. The family was large. Fletcher, one of the sons, born in 1861, became a crack marksman and all-round sportsman.

Adventure called and he became a transport rider, taking his team of oxen to Port Elizabeth. He next ventured further afield in 1887 with a load of merchandise destined for the newly opened goldfields in the Transvaal. He said he felt that somehow the Spirit was directing him to go north. In his farewell speech to his church he said, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

His cousin, Albert Davies and Albert's wife, accompanied him. Late one Friday afternoon the wagon neared Kimberley. Albert, who had a horse, rode ahead to look for grazing for the tired animals. Was it providence or chance that directed him to the farm of Pieter Wessels?

Albert was a little disconcerted to find that Pieter seemed reluctant to grant permission to outspan. He could not understand why the farmer kept gazing at the western horizon as if to gauge the position of the sun.

Eventually Pieter said, "You can make camp but you must hurry. Let the oxen graze; we can come to terms another day."

"Why?" asked the bewildered Albert.

"I keep the seventh day as the Sabbath and do not permit work of any kind on my farms on this day. I observe it from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. We will talk about terms later."

Albert hastened back to tell Fletcher. Fletcher, a staunch Methodist, and a lay preacher, a church board member and a Sunday-school teacher, was incredulous.

"The farmer is not right in fact or in his head," was his terse comment.

On Sabbath a farmhand brought an invitation to the campers to attend a service at the homestead. Albert accepted but Fletcher refused. On his return Albert brought the tract, "Elihu on the Sabbath" and the book "The History of the Sabbath" by J. N. Andrews.

Fletcher was invited on the same Saturday night to speak in the Salvation Army hall in Beaconsfield. He accepted and had a good audience.

On Sunday Fletcher was sitting outside his wagon when a personable young man, a stranger, came and courteously asked for a study on the Sabbath

question. For three hours they talked but found no authority for keeping Sunday. Eventually the young man left, never to be heard of again. Who he was and where he came from remained a mystery. Fletcher believed it was a visitation by an angel who caused him to delve into a study of the Sabbath question.

For thirteen days Fletcher meditated and studied and finally was ready to accept the Sabbath truth as well as other doctrines given through Pieter Wessels.



Dr Warren Staples



BACK ROW, 8 WORKERS: R. Moko, T. H. C. E. Sparrow, M. C. Sturdevant, Geo. Israel.  
MIDDLE ROW, 10 WORKERS: J. M. Freeman, G. A. Irwin, W. S. Hyatt, Dr Geo. Thomason,  
FRONT ROW, 7 WORKERS: Fred Sates, T. Olmstead, O. O. Fortner, W. H. Anderson.  
This photograph was probably taken early in the settlement.

Tarr remained for some time at Kimberley. He had heard that C. L. Boyd, D. A. Robinson, George Burleigh, R. S. Anthony and Miss Carrie Mace were on their way to Africa. Pieter Wessels went to Cape Town to meet them and C. L. Boyd accompanied him back to Kimberley. Boyd found 20 Sabbath-keepers. A series of meetings was held in the farm schoolroom and a baptism followed in the farm dam. Albert Davies and his wife and Fletcher were baptized.

Fletcher next joined Pastor Boyd as his tent master in an effort which was held on the Du Toit's Pan road. During

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the day he took subscriptions for *Present Truth*. One of the contacts made was the wife of the ex-mayor of Beaconsfield, Mrs Austen, who, with her family, accepted the truth and became charter members of the Beaconsfield church. One of her descendants is the field secretary of our Division at the present time—Pastor A. W. Austen.

Another family who accepted through visitation were the Blaines. Later they became known for their health work at Sweetwaters in Natal.

In the year 1888 Pastor I. J. Hankins

invited him and his family to Sunday lunch. The tables were turned and the Ingles found themselves accepting new light on the Bible. This couple had four sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, Daisy, became a nurse and served in the mission field when conditions were very primitive and the going difficult. Dr Frank was one of our mission doctors for a period. Dr Wilfred and Dr Bert served the Maritzburg and Durban congregations well as teachers, besides holding other church offices. Arthur Ingle became an ordained minister and was a powerful evangelist and administrator for many years.

At this time another couple were converted. They were the Robertsons. They had two daughters, one of whom was married. Their son-in-law was H. J. Edmed. He later became the first president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. His daughter, Edna, married F. G. Clifford. Their three sons, Roy, Gerald and Herbert, are all in denominational service. Miss Ethel Edmed, the other daughter, headed the commercial department at Helderberg College for many years.

The Commins family also joined the new group. Mr Commins later became the Division treasurer as he was an excellent business man.

The tent moved on to Wynberg, another suburb. Pastor Stephen N. Haskell arrived and gave his assistance. He strongly believed in presenting the truth through Bible studies in the home. This plan was to be a great blessing in leading people to the truth.

Now the second church in Africa was organized. It was the Roeland Street church in Cape Town.

In the meantime D. F. Tarr had gone back to the Eastern Districts in the year 1889 to canvass and do Bible work. He had aroused an interest and Pastor Hankins was invited to hold meetings. They teamed up to work in the Rokeby Park district which was a farming community.

The Methodist Church refused the use of their building for the meetings. Mr Pittaway offered his living-room and thus cottage meetings were held. Some of the first to embrace the message were leading families in the district: A. W. Staples (sen.), D. J. Davies, Messrs J. and W. Pittaway, Messrs W. and H. Willmore, Messrs C. and D. Sparrow and Mr E. Purdon. The wives took their stand beside their husbands. These people had not yet completely severed their connection with the Methodist Church. Many were lay preachers and reluctant to make the final break which was soon to be forced on them.

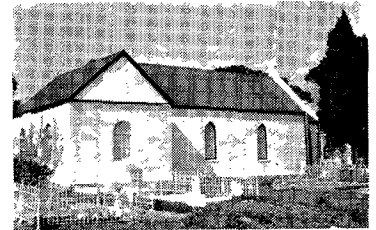
One Wednesday evening Walter Willmore had charge of the prayer-meeting. The pastor had heard certain rumblings and so unexpectedly returned. Walter Willmore immediately handed the meeting over to the minister. He



Groenewald, F. B. Armitage, Geo. Shone, ...  
 ers, D. F. Tarr, I. J. Hankins, H. J. Edmed,  
 n, (Not J. Victor Wilson) Dr C. H. Hayton,  
 Dr William Haupt, Frank McDonald, J. F.  
 orkers were identified by W. C. Tarr, H. M.  
 sted by H. M. Sparrow, November 5, 1960)



Athlone Coloured church. Erected 1948 on site of early wood-and-iron structure.



Rokeby Park church, showing cemetery where many of our early believers lie sleeping.

arrived from America to join the workers. He was a dedicated evangelist.

At first Pastor Hankins pitched his tent at Mowbray, a suburb of Cape Town. Brother R. S. Anthony, who was our first colporteur, was his assistant. The attendance was small but an interest was aroused.

The tent moved further on to Claremont, another suburb. A couple, out for an evening walk, stopped outside to listen. They were intrigued as they had never heard of religious meetings being held in a tent. They decided to set the young preacher on the right path and

chose to give a short discourse on Galatians 3:1: "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you?"

The meeting was abruptly dismissed with the request that the leading lay preachers meet with him immediately.

Before an angry discussion could take place A. W. Staples stood and said, "If our pastor wants to know who is going to keep the Sabbath I propose we stand up." The pastor had already referred to those who were working on the Lord's day and wanted a commitment that this would stop.

Five of the six present stood. They were David and Chris Sparrow, Ebenezer Purdon, A. W. Staples and Walter Willmore.

The minister brought out the church records and struck the names off the books of the Methodist Church. The men were heartsore, as they treasured their membership and had done so for many years.

Events had moved so swiftly that the men found themselves outside the church angry and bewildered. A heated discussion was about to begin when Ebenezer Purdon suggested that they go to his house and calmly talk matters over. He stated that he owned the land adjoining the church and was willing to donate it for a building to house the new congregation. Soon a humble wood-and-iron structure was erected. This was our third church in Africa, known as the Rokeby Park church. Out of its doors were to pour 20 workers. Only eternity will reveal how many souls will have reached the kingdom through their efforts.

Among the members on the church roll of this new church, organized by Pastor Hankins, were Mr and Mrs A. W. Staples, Mr and Mrs D. J. Davies, Mr and Mrs J. Pittaway, Mr and Mrs Will Pittaway, Mr and Mrs H. Willmore, Mr and Mrs Walter Willmore, Mr and Mrs Chris Sparrow, Mr and Mrs David Sparrow, Mr and Mrs Ebenezer Purdon.

D. F. Tarr paid a visit to his brothers, Walter and James, who also accepted the truth. These two families alone contributed 17 workers, including grandchildren, to the work. Four of them were ordained to the ministry, 3 qualified as nurses and 4 were missionaries.

Public evangelists have ever to move on to pastures new. In 1893 Miss Hiva Starr joined the team and they worked in Queenstown. The Lawrence and Strachan families were among those who accepted Bible truth. The second daughter of the Strachan family, called Jane, married J. E. Symons. He was to become secretary-treasurer of the South African Union and hold other administrative positions. Their daughter Mildred is married to Pastor Albert Bristow. They have laboured successfully in Malawi for many years where they are still stationed.

At the turn of the century, in the year 1900, East London had the truth presented by the same team. After the lectures were completed a strong church was organized. One of those who accepted was G. A. Ellingworth. He later

became a missionary to the north and we shall meet him at Malawulo in Malawi. One of his sons, named George, was to give his life while working at our Chimpempe Mission in the north.

Leaving the coast, the evangelists went inland to Bloemfontein and Kroonstad. In Bloemfontein the Hiten family were among those who responded. Mr Hiten was later to become president of the Orange Free State Conference. His son George became a missionary and gave his life while on mission service in Central Africa, and another son, Stephen, spent many years as an evangelist in South Africa, and is now connected with the work in U.S.A., and his brother Stanley has been a worker in America for many years.



The message was given at Kroonstad for eight months. This was a difficult place but a small church resulted.

At the end of a long life of service, D. F. Tarr who was the first European national to be ordained in our country, made this statement:

"I know I am in life's eventide! I know that no more for me are the repetitions of the hazards, the heavy burdens, the shortages, the exposure of the years which I have endured. But before my God I stand to declare: Never was my hope so bright—never was my courage so unshaken—never was my heart so full of a desire for the coming of the dawn."

"Has it been worth it?" he was asked.

"Worth it! Worth it! I glory in the part my God has given me in the work. With eyes of longing and utter faith, I look up at this my sunset hour, and say, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.'"

In January of 1892 A. T. Robinson organized the five South African churches into the South African Conference. There were 138 members. A. T. Robinson was the president, I. J. Hankins the secretary and Mrs A. Druillard, who had arrived in 1891 from America with her husband, was the treasurer. Their office was in the basement of the Roeland Street church, Cape Town.

In 1897 W. S. Hyatt, another overseas worker, became president and continued when the South African Union Conference was organized in 1902. Until the year 1917 this Union administered the work in Rhodesia, Barotseland and Nyasaland, now known as Malawi.

In the year 1920 the African Division replaced the South African Union Conference. There were 3 conferences, 16 missions, 52 churches and 2,705 members. Thus it remained until 1931 when the name was changed to the Southern African Division and to the Trans-Africa Division in 1964.

Pastor and Mrs Joel Rogers arrived in Africa in 1893. She was an excellent teacher and started our first elementary school at Beaconsfield. She next moved down to Claremont in the Cape and opened a church school there.

D. C. Theunissen was an employee of the Pieter Wessels family. He heard the truth from him and then accepted it fully after he had transferred to the employ of A. T. Robinson. He became a most zealous worker and was the first ordained minister for the Coloured people. The first church organized was at Salt River in Cape Town. The work grew and before Pastor Theunissen's death, after a long life he saw 40 churches organized and hundreds of members on the books.

In 1933 the Cape Field was organized. Later the name was changed to the Good Hope Conference. His son, Pastor G. Theunissen, is the president of the Good Hope Conference at present.

In the year 1942 the Cape Field sent out a foreign missionary to labour on the island of St Helena. This was where Napoleon died in the year 1821 after being exiled there by the British. The workers on the island have concentrated on giving our literature to passing ships. Our work on St Helena is in good standing with government officials.

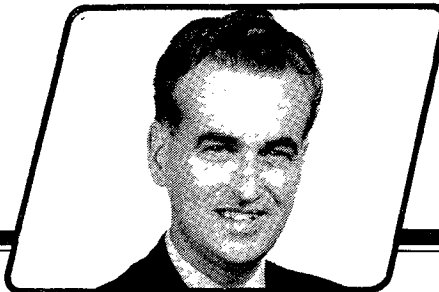
We must mention Pastor Cyril Bender, who was sent as a missionary from the Good Hope Conference to Dar-es-Salaam in the Tanzania Union. He was a most successful evangelist and enthusiastic worker. Unexpectedly he was called upon to lay down his life in his prime. The results of his work there have been far reaching and will long remain. His widow, Veronica, is now serving in Blantyre, Malawi.

(In the next issue we will deal with the opening of the mission stations in South Africa before crossing the Limpopo. If you have any pictures or experiences pertaining to our history, kindly send them to me at Box HG 100, Highlands, Salisbury, Rhodesia. J.D.C.)



# MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

DESMOND B. HILLS, Youth Director.



THE WATCHWORDS for the Missionary Volunteer Department are REVIVAL and EVANGELISM. The youth directors of the Division, union and local conferences and fields have challenged the youth and juniors to live and share their faith. The challenge of the cross and Christian service has been presented in

- Daily contact with young people
- Weekly MV and JMV society and Pathfinder Club meetings
- Sabbath visitation to local churches
- Monthly MV magazines
- Quarterly regional leaders' training courses
- Annual camps, rallies and evangelistic campaigns.

The full response of the youth can never be calculated but the facts and figures in this quadrennial report are a guide as to the spiritual pulse of the youth and their evangelistic fervour.

The Trans-Africa Division youth director during the four years covered by this report was Pastor B. E. Jacobs. Although I have not had the privilege of meeting Pastor Jacobs I have heard many good reports of his ministry. It is evident that the enthusiastic leadership given by him has been a tremendous blessing to your people and youth leaders. Along with the youth directors of the unions and local conferences and fields, Pastor Jacobs is to be commended for all that has been done.

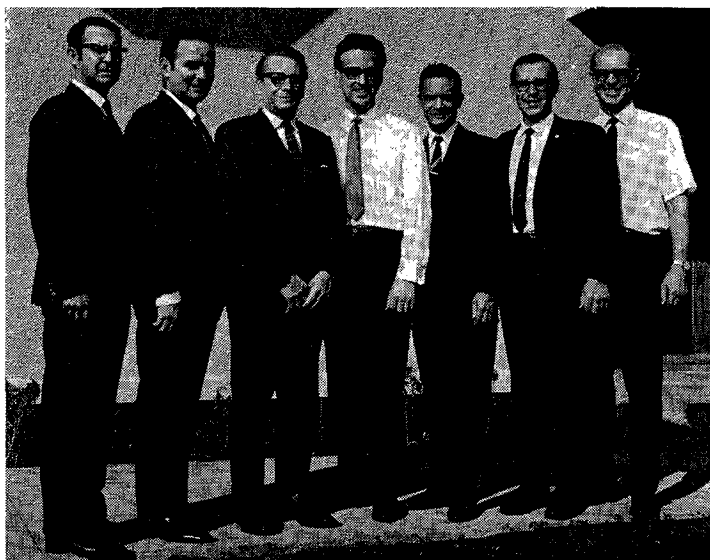
The young people of Trans-Africa were ON TARGET with their part in the world "MV TARGET" project. Figures released at the General Conference Session reveal that the youth of this Division led the world field in MV Target 100 000. Adventist young people in this Division reported having a part in the baptism of 53 820 people. The total for the eleven world divisions was 163 115. The Lord has abundantly blessed the

evangelistic activities of the young people and those who have associated with them in influencing men and women for the kingdom of heaven. The youth directors of the Church believe that our young people can accomplish still greater achievements and hasten the return of Jesus, the young people's Champion.

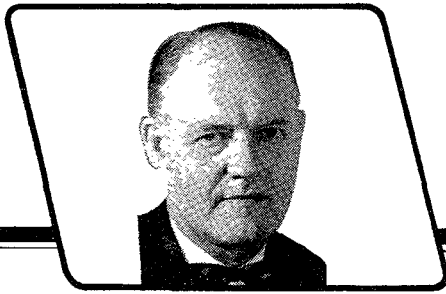
At the end of the quadrennium there were 112 342 young people and juniors enrolled as members of JMV and MV societies. During the four-year period membership increased by 18 822. These young people are not "cloistered." They move in the main stream of humanity. However, there is one outstanding difference between these young people and their counterparts. They are young people with a purpose. They have felt the drawing power of the Lord Jesus Christ and they have purposed in their hearts to live consistent Christian lives and to be ready for the return of their Saviour. It is thrilling to note that 40 563 young people were baptized during the period under review.

**PATHFINDER CLUBS:** In the year 1963 there were eight Pathfinder clubs with 350 members in the eight unions that constituted the territory of the Division. This number has increased at an impressive rate until we now have 44 Pathfinder clubs and almost 1,000 members. The youth directors in council in March, 1970, on the occasion of Pastor John Hancock's visit here voted to give greater emphasis to this program. Pathfinder Counsellor Training courses will be conducted in each union and youth leaders will endeavour to establish Pathfinder clubs in local churches where there are sufficient juniors of Pathfinder age group.

The Lord has abundantly blessed the youth and their leaders throughout this Division. The youth department of the church is fully committed to the task of taking the GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION.



MV and L.A. leaders: From the left, Ivan M. Piercey, Zambesi Union; Gideon J. A. Breedt, South African Union Conference; Henry W. Peterson, Trans-Africa Division; Desmond B. Hills, Trans-Africa Division; Caleb Bru, Central African Union; John G. Evert, Southern Union; and Perry Parks, South-East Africa Union.



## MEDICAL and

DUNBAR W. SMITH, M.D., D.N.B., D.T.M. & H., M.P.H.

IN THE OLD pioneer cemetery at Solusi is the grave of Dr A. C. Carmichael who died 72 years ago after only two years and seven months of service. He was a 60-year-old bachelor physician from California, and on arriving in Africa, trekked 600 miles with the Tripp and Anderson families from Mafeking to Solusi by ox-cart. Early the next morning the doctor began seeing patients, many of whom had been waiting for him since long before dawn. Thus, almost the first missionary work at this first mission station was the "entering wedge." In March of the following year when the missionaries had to flee to Bulawayo to escape from the Matebele impis, Africans who had been kindly treated by Dr Carmichael protected their cattle and personal treasures.

But this was not the first medical work done in this Division. George James, a London concert violinist and Battle Creek-trained Seventh-day Adventist missionary arrived in Malawi in 1891. He was the first in our ranks to take medical aid to the indigenous peoples of Africa. Although self-supporting, he preached the mes-

sage, played on his "box that could sing" (his violin), and healed the sick. His bones lie buried in an unmarked grave on the banks of the Zambezi River.

How thrilled George James and Dr Carmichael would be if they could know that from their service the medical work has gone forward until during the quadrennium under review there were 106 950 hospital admissions, 1 252 895 hospital outpatient treatments, and 1 583 150 dispensary treatments.

TALRES, a unique and specialized service of rehabilitation of lepers, now includes six mission hospitals, and to these hospitals Dr Ray Foster pays regular visits. Our Flying Doctor service is widening to include, along with Dr Jack Harvey of Malamulo, its pioneer, Dr Wilfried Muller of Kanye, Dr Charles Wical of Yuka, Dr Don Ross of Songa, Dr Lewis Hart of the Blantyre Clinic, and Dr Ben Nelson, our dentist missionary in Blantyre.

Two Church-owned, full-time city medical practices with the physicians on the denominational wage scale are located at Ficksburg in South Africa and Blantyre in Malawi, while Dr

J. S. le Roux is operating a clinic at Babanango, our first in Zululand. City practices have been authorized for Lubumbashi in the Congo, and Maseru in Lesotho.

Our plans for the future are overlaid with our determination, under God, to press forward with the upgrading of our medical institutions and the training of African physicians and nurses. We wish to establish more dispensaries and more denominationally-owned medical/dental practices. We wish to encourage the use of medical launches and hydroplanes on the great lakes and rivers, and with the use of our mission planes to speed the work of the medical ministry. With the help of the Lord these objectives can be accomplished and redound to His glory.

**Dedicated medical missionaries: from the left, Dr Ray Foster, TALRES; Dr Keith Gunston, Maluti Hospital; Dr R. Jack Harvey, Malamulo Hospital; Dr Richard Carlson, Mugonero Hospital; Dr Don Ross, Songa Hospital; and Dr Dunbar W. Smith, Trans-Africa Division.**



# TEMPERANCE

“HE (Satan) came to this earth, and entered upon the work of conforming all things to himself. He sought in every way to deface the divine image in man . . .”—E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 16, 1901.

Lucifer, the master chemist, has produced not only spiritous liquors, but mind-bending drugs such as LSD. He is also the greatest plant wizard and geneticist and has corrupted earth's vegetation. Tobacco, tea, coffee and marijuana are tares developed by Satan to degrade man and drug him into spiritual insensibility. How well his hellish genius has succeeded! Today's rebel earthlings are rapidly conforming to the pattern that brought destruction on the antediluvians.

During the quadrennium under review the Trans-Africa Division has made forward strides on the temperance front. Temperance societies have been organized including six national societies: the Bantu, Malawian, Rhodesian, Congolese, South African, and Zambesian. An Institute of Scientific

Studies was held in Johannesburg when Pastor Ernest H. J. Steed of the General Conference was in attendance. Temperance oratorical and poster contests have been promoted in our schools, and thousands of pieces of temperance literature have been distributed.

Temperance has been featured at agricultural shows and other fairs with demonstrations of Smoking Sam, and the showing of films at many schools and to civic groups has been strongly promoted. Nearly 100 000 members have enrolled in our temperance societies, and Five-day Smokers' Withdrawal Clinics have been held in many places.

For many years our temperance magazine, *Think*, served adequately and usefully, but the day came when a change seemed necessary, and now *Home and Health* carries the temperance message on its printed pages.

For the future we are planning towards having viable national temperance societies in every nation in this Division, seeking the support and co-operation of national leaders

to strengthen this program. The conducting of Institutes of Scientific Studies in the vigorous young nations of Africa is a good step forward, and the holding of Five-day Plans is high on the list of priorities. We want to continue to use every opportunity to show our temperance films, to distribute literature widely, and to have displays at agricultural fairs. We want to co-operate with governments and other agencies and temperance-minded groups.

And finally it is our determination during the coming quinquennium to “take up the temperance question . . . and drive it home to the hilt.”—*Temperance*, page 240. We know our time is short and we must work diligently before Babylon falls again and men and women, enslaved by pernicious habits, are swept away forever.



Pioneer medical missionary rests awaiting the Great Physician.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

### MARCH 1971

5      12      19      26

Cape Town	7.18	7.10	7.01	6.49
Johannesburg	6.35	6.28	6.21	6.13
East London	6.40	6.31	6.23	6.11
Port Elizabeth	6.50	6.42	6.33	6.21
Bloemfontein	6.44	6.37	6.29	6.19
P'maritzburg	6.28	6.20	6.12	6.02
Durban	6.26	6.18	6.10	6.00
Windhoek	7.17	7.10	7.04	6.56
Bulawayo	6.29	6.23	6.18	6.11
Salisbury	6.17	6.11	6.07	6.00
Gwelo	6.26	6.19	6.08	6.01
Lusaka	6.30	6.22	6.12	6.06
Blantyre	6.01	5.57	5.53	5.47
Lubumbashi	6.29	6.27	6.23	6.18
Nairobi	6.48	6.47	6.46	6.43
Mombasa	6.38	6.36	6.34	6.27
Kisumu	6.58	6.56	6.55	6.52
Kampala	7.05	7.05	7.03	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.42	6.39	6.36	6.30
Tabora	7.07	7.04	7.02	6.59

### APRIL 1971

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Cape Town	6.40	6.32	6.23	6.15	6.08
Johannesburg	6.06	5.59	5.52	5.45	5.40
East London	6.03	5.55	5.46	5.38	5.31
Port Elizabeth	6.12	6.04	5.55	5.47	5.40
Bloemfontein	6.12	6.05	5.54	5.49	5.44
P'maritzburg	5.54	5.46	5.38	5.31	5.25
Durban	5.52	5.45	5.37	5.29	5.23
Windhoek	6.49	6.44	6.38	6.31	6.27
Bulawayo	6.04	6.00	5.54	5.48	5.44
Salisbury	5.54	5.50	5.45	5.39	5.35
Gwelo	5.55	5.50	5.44	5.39	5.35
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Tabora	6.54	6.51	6.49	6.48	6.45

# GRADUATION AT SOLUSI

by Desmond B. Hills, *Public Relations Director, Trans-Africa Division*

"SOLUSI COLLEGE has many high days but graduation week-end is the highest of all days." This statement was made by Pastor H. H. Mattison, head of the Department of Theology at Solusi College, on the occasion of the Commencement Service, Sabbath, December 5, 1970. The faculty, graduates, students and visitors present for the graduation exercises readily concurred with this sentiment.

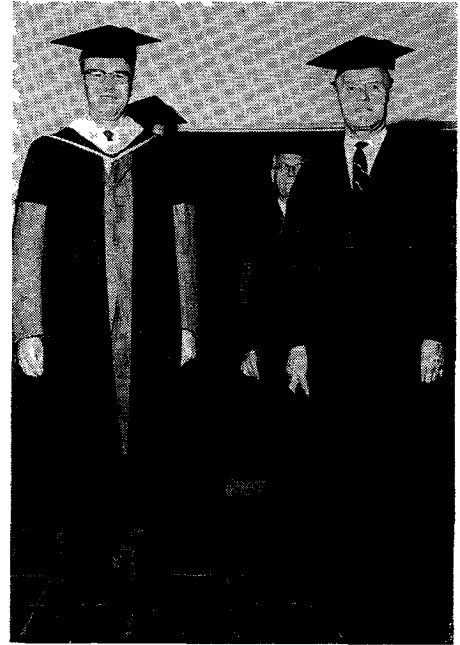
Solusi College is almost a family word in Adventist circles for it stands as a memorial to the commencement of the mission work of the Church in the Trans-Africa Division. As the visitors walked on the Solusi campus they considered they were on holy ground. All associated with Solusi College believe this campus is well known in the courts of heaven. From this base missionaries under the leadership of Pastor Harry Anderson pushed into the interior of Africa and since the days of the pioneers students of Solusi have continued to pass on the torch of present truth.

Although the graduating class of 1970 was comparatively small in number, it was pleasing to note that most of the thirteen graduates completed ministerial courses. Three young men received B.A. degrees in Religion and six completed certifi-

cates for the two-year Ministerial course. The remaining four graduates received diplomas in Commerce.

Over the years the crying need at Solusi College has been for abundant water supplies. Until a few years ago the college relied on its own dam, filtration plant, and pump for its water. Recently, however, the government has completed a large dam and as a result of a Thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow, pipes were run from the dam to the college campus. There is some water in both dams but there is a real need for torrential rains so that the reservoirs will be full for the future. Three weeks prior to graduation week-end rain fell on the 8 000 acres and green grass and foliage on the trees was evident for the first time in months.

Although there may be a shortage of rain from time to time on Solusi's spacious campus there is certainly no lack of spiritual blessings. On the Friday evening the graduates testified to the privilege of attending this Christian college and it was evident they loved their school. Solusi College is, as it were, a light set on a hill and it continues to play an important part in the training of workers to help take the gospel to Africa in this generation.



Leading the graduation procession are Principal Timothy V. Gorle, (left) and Dr Dunbar W. Smith, Secretary of the Medical Department, Trans-Africa Division. Pastor H. H. Mattison can be seen at the right rear, and Registrar Milton R. Siepman is hidden on the left.



Graduates and their teachers: Back row from the left, Peter T. Nyathi, Joram Ndaba (class secretary-treasurer), Stephen V. Nyoni, Hezekiah Mafu, Japheth Moyo, Henderson N. Mikanda, Enos Mlotshwa (class pastor), Elijah Munetsi, Harold Regie Dube, Rassam B. Mtungwazi, Janton H. Mambala (class president), Ernest A. Mambala. Absent: A. Koboko. Front row from the left, A. Stembridge, H. Chapman, B. C. Moyer, Principal T. V. Gorle, Registrar M. Siepman, Mrs M. R. Siepman, H. H. Mattison, and A. L. Moore, (class sponsor).