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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

CHAPTER I

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made. In him was life, and the life was the light which shined in darkness. No man comprehended him, for he came into the world as a man sent from God. There came John for a witness, that he might testify of the Light, that all men might believe on him. And these things were done in Bethsaida of Galilee.

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The Sense of God's Presence

[Pastor E. D. Hanson needs no introduction to OUTLOOK readers. During his forty-one years of mission service in Africa not only were our workers and believers blessed and uplifted by his ministry but the work was benefited by his wise counsel and far-seeing vision.—ED.]

by ERNEST D. HANSON



It was deep dusk on Sandy Boulevard in Portland, Oregon, in the days before white lines and traffic lights. I had alighted from the bus beyond 82nd Street and was stepping beyond the bus to cross the street when I was stopped suddenly as though pushed back by an unseen hand. At the same instant I felt a strong gust of wind as a dark unlighted car whizzed by, almost grazing the bus, and vanished in the darkness.

As I stood there with a churning in the pit of my stomach, I sensed the fine line between time and eternity and the instantaneous nature of God's providence. As I have pondered on the nature of God's presence in human affairs, I have always come back to the experience of Moses and David.

Generations of slavery had dimmed Israel's sense of God's presence and the relationship that God designed should distinguish them as His chosen people. When Moses killed the Egyptian he had not only missed God's time table for deliverance by forty years, but he had misunderstood the nature of God's presence in the day-to-day experiences of each individual. God used that 40-year error to teach Moses His plans for Israel. Now Moses understood; but how could Israel be taught the reality and meaning of God's presence?

The first demonstration was when Israel was trapped by the mountains, the Egyptian army, and the Red Sea. Their fear that the Egyptians would follow them had come to pass (Exod. 14:12). But Pharaoh didn't want to kill them. They were too valuable as slaves. The loss of a million slaves was damaging to the Egyptian economy. In this crisis God demonstrated the reality of His presence. Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord . . . for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever" (Exod. 14:13). At three o'clock in the morning one million Israelites with their cattle and sheep and all of their belongings marched dry-shod through the Red Sea, and by the light of a new day they saw the bodies of their pursuers washed up on the sandy shore.

Already God had given them the cloud

by day and the fiery pillar by night. Now He performed a series of miracles to make plain His concern for both the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Every physical provision was tied to a spiritual lesson.

As proof that He would dwell among them, God revealed His glory in the cloud that hovered over the tabernacle, and there Israel could see Moses talking with God (Exod. 33:9, 10). As they cowered at the foot of Mt Sinai, they heard God speak. For forty years they ate manna which David called "angels' food" (Ps. 78:25). God tied this gift to the Sabbath rest, and Paul commented in 1 Corinthians 10:3 that they "did all eat the same spiritual meat". Likewise God gave them water, and again Paul reminds us, "They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" 1 Cor. 10:4.

Even when Israel worshipped the golden calf and Moses broke the tablets of stone, God solemnly promised Moses, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" Exod. 33:14. The key words in that verse are "presence" and "rest." Every experience that came to Israel in the wilderness was designed to emphasize the importance of these two words. God's purpose was to destroy the image of magic and malignancy which permeated all heathen religions, and to reveal a practical, personal, protective God who was trying to set their feet on the road back to Eden. On the road from slavery to freedom He was trying to teach Israel the true meaning of freedom in a world enslaved by sin, and to give rest to their souls.

The highest freedom is freedom from anxiety, guilt, hatred, and selfishness; and this freedom comes only by complete surrender of the heart and will to Christ, and complete acceptance of the only way of life that makes eternal life possible. The record of Israel's murmurings and rebellions is a sad commentary on their failure to truly sense the nature of God's presence and the rest that He promised. God's promises, which travelled on a two-way street, were both positive and practical. Had they walked with God as He wanted to walk with them, they

would have been protected not only from temptation, but also from their enemies and from sickness.

"Men were to co-operate with God in restoring the diseased land to health . . . Canaan would be to them as Eden if they obeyed the word of the Lord."—*S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 1, page 1112. Their wealth would end poverty in Israel and their wisdom would make them the centre of world culture. These were down-to-earth promises, but Israel would not pay the price. Listen to God's heart-rending lament as revealed to David in Psalm 95:10, 11: "Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, . . . Unto whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest."

Even David had to learn this lesson by bitter experience. When he cast lustful eyes on Bathsheba and caused the death of Uriah, his faithful soldier, he forgot that the invisible recording angel was witnessing every shameful detail. He treated God like a busy policeman instead of an ever-present Protector. But David confessed his sin and became a re-converted man. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" Ps. 51:10. God became to him an ever-present Counsellor and Protector. Listen to him: "Every moment, You know where I am! Ps. 139:3, (Living Psalms). You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe" Ps. 139:16, (Living Psalms).

He was no longer hiding from the invisible hand of retribution. "You both precede and follow me, and place your hand of blessing on my head" Ps. 139:5, (Living Psalms). His converted heart welcomed the continuous and instantaneous presence of God as a protection from physical danger and the temptations that so easily beset him. God offers us the same protection and guidance and victory as He gave David.

In 1946 we were returning to Africa from furlough. For some mysterious reason our entry permits for South Africa were delayed. Flight accommodation was at a premium because the country had not yet recovered from the war. Every cancellation meant getting new reservations for four people. The second time we cancelled our flight they told us that another cancellation would terminate our priority. The day before our third scheduled flight I received a cable from our Division headquarters in Cape Town that a permit had been granted. The British consul in New York had no word of this. I asked permission to speak on the phone to the ambassador in Washington. He said, "No permit has arrived." I told him that I had received word directly from South Africa that the permit had been granted. This led to a search and the permit was found. I had two hours to get a Portuguese and a Congo visa. This normally took at least three days, but the Lord went before me and I got the final visa with only minutes to spare.

When we arrived in South Africa our workers were much surprised, for they supposed we were on the preceding flight, and this plane had crashed without survivors. "You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest! Every moment you know where I am!" Ps. 139:3 (Living Psalms).

I was asked to speak to a large congregation in Cape Town, and had carefully outlined what I wished to say. I am not normally sensitive to impressions that would cause me to discard what I have worked hard and prayerfully to prepare. But when I stood before that large congregation with notes before me, and opened my Bible to read the text, I was moved by an over-powering impression to change to another subject that had not been in my recent thinking. Putting my notes in my Bible and closing the Book, I started to speak on this new subject, and to my amazement I spoke readily and convincingly without a single reminder. "You know what I am going to say before I even say it" Ps. 139:4 (Living Psalms).

Not only does God foresee what I am going to say, but David declares, "You know my every thought" Ps. 139:2 (Living Psalms). Isn't that wonderful? He knows when we are tempted to think wrong thoughts, to watch wrong things and to indulge in forbidden pleasures.

If we really sensed that God is reading our thoughts and our motives, would we be so positive in rationalizing our attitudes towards borderline practices of the world? If our eyes were opened and we saw the angel standing with pen and notebook in hand, would it make any difference? Here is your answer. "As a shield from temptation and an inspiration to purity and truth, no other influence can equal the sense of God's presence."—*Education*, page 255.

But take courage. God's presence is not designed to frighten us into obedience, but to assure us of protection and guidance. "Only the sense of God's presence can banish the fear that, for the timid child, would make life a burden."—*Education*, page 255.

Our sense of the presence of God should be as real as the electricity that lights our homes and turns the wheels of industry. How quickly we react when the lights go out and the power fails! How careful we are not to break the laws of electrical energy, even for a moment. But how prone we are to act as though God cannot see us when we are hidden from the sight of man. How often our thoughts wander into forbidden paths of lust, greed, and hatred, when we think nobody knows. How often we challenge the devil to tempt us by rationalizing our desires and drawing wide fuzzy grey lines instead of a sharp black line between right and wrong. Why should we give the devil the benefit of all our doubts when he tempts us with a marginal movie or book or magazine? Would we do it if we really sensed the presence of God? Would we do it if we fully sensed that at any moment we might be catapulted out of time into eternity? The coming of Christ is no farther away than our last breath.

But let's be positive. Christ preached

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand." That is still His message—the kingdom of heaven within. God still offers us a little bit of heaven to go to heaven in. It is in the atmosphere of heaven that God performs His miracles of grace and protection. If we don't learn to love heaven's standards here, we would be most miserable where no other standards exist. When we accept God's presence as a positive aid to Christian living; when we welcome that Presence as a cherished Friend and Protector; when we really become as clay in the hands of the Potter; we are then ready for the most electrifying experience we have ever imagined.

When Christ prayed to His Father, He continued until "His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that connected humanity with divinity."—*Education*, pages 80, 81. When all of the loose connections have been tightened, when all insulating selfishness has been removed, when the switch has been closed, we will have no doubt about the current that is flowing through our conscious and subconscious mind. We will have peace, assurance, and victory here and now. We will have a power for witnessing that will become our latter-rain experience. That power will flash like the lightning in a tropical storm and spread the latter rain in abundant showers on parched thirsting souls. Then our lives will be as shining lights growing brighter until the day when we shall exchange the garments of mortality for the garb of eternal light.

Do you want power today? Do you want victory now? Do you want peace and assurance? Do you want to get rid of your doubts and know what God would have you do? You can have all of this and eternal life too. Walk with the sense of His presence and enter the outer portals of heaven here.

RADIO CEYLON OPENS TO RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

After a silence of more than 14 years with respect to religious broadcasting, Radio Ceylon has again offered time to Seventh-day Adventists for their broadcasts. Prior to the hiatus the Voice of Prophecy in Southern Asia operated an effective broadcast in many languages from Ceylon. Large numbers of people have been influenced favourably towards the message from this program. Even today the Voice of Prophecy draws large audiences for rallies and graduations.

At the 1971 Autumn Council a cable from W. H. Mattison high-lighted the need for U.S.\$10,000 to commence broadcasts in Urdu, Hindi, Malayalam and Telugu in addition to Tamil and English already planned. Within days M. E. Kemmerer, under-treasurer of the General Conference, had a visit from a lady who wished to donate money according to the wishes of her deceased husband. The amount? \$10,000.00! And so the money goes to Southern Asia to re-establish the Voice of Prophecy outreach to that sub-continent.

COVER PICTURE:

"The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever." 1 Peter 1:24, 25. In this issue we pay special tribute to the Bible. See pages 5-8.

Special Report

THRILLING START TO MISSION '72

TOTAL ATTENDANCE at all campaigns thus far reported at time of going to press was 20 000! This report reflects only a relatively small number of the campaigns that were launched in the South African Union Conference on February 27. When all reports are in, the total attendance will probably be closer to 30 000. Glory be to God!

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In PRETORIA Pastor A. M. Wessels and his team launched their campaign with four sessions accommodating 10 000 listeners.

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In BLOEMFONTEIN Pastor Jim Cherry and his associates held four sessions in the City Hall with a combined attendance of 4 000.

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Thrilling news from EAST LONDON indicates that Pastor Cederic Wallace opened his series in a small cinema and needed to conduct four sessions to accommodate the 1 800 listeners. This is spectacular when one realizes that Pastor Cherry last year held a major city-wide onslaught on East London and this present effort is a follow-up series. Pastor Wallace already has four sessions fully booked up for his second meeting and three sessions booked up for his mid-week meeting.

Even more thrilling is that the ultra-modern Guild Theatre has been made available to him for the whole of the month of March. Brother Cherry had tried unsuccessfully to secure the use of this theatre last year. Now, in the providence of God, two live-theatre performances were suddenly cancelled and the theatre was offered to Brother Wallace. Pastor Wallace reports a phenomenal spirit of intercession among the members of the East London church. Prior to the opening of the campaign the members engaged whole-heartedly in a 24-hour Day of Prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit. God is obviously honouring their petition.

From GRAHAMSTOWN comes the good news that Pastors Ron Thompson and Stan Edwards launched their series with three sessions and a total attendance of over 1 500. God is at work in this conservative university frontier city.

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In SOUTHFIELD Pastor D. H. Swanepoel assisted by Brother Graham Bingham, is conducting a series in the brand-new Southfield Civic Centre. The hall was filled to capacity for the opening meeting and a repeat performance on the Monday evening following the opening night, drew another full house. The hall has been fully booked out for the second Sunday night.

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The fast-growing town of DURBANVILLE to the north of Cape Town has never had the public witness of the Advent message before. On February 27 Pastor J. J. Gebhardt afforded the people of Durbanville this opportunity when he launched his campaign in the Durbanville Town Hall. The hall was filled to capacity and has been fully booked out for the second meeting. A significant feature of the opening meeting was the large number of professional people in attendance, including several doctors and professors.

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In PORT ELIZABETH Pastors M. C. du Plooy of the Cape Conference and Pastor J. M. Niekerk of the Good Hope Conference are busy with campaigns and both evangelists have a substantial interest.

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In the LAVISTOWN campaign being conducted by the Good Hope Conference, Pastor Willem Marais, director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, who is the speaker, reports an excellent opening meeting. At the second meeting on Monday night he had even more people than at the opening meeting on Sunday.

In UPINGTON Brother Abrahams of the Good Hope Conference has been given the use of a local cinema every Sunday night for nine months FREE OF CHARGE!

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In KUILS RIVER Pastor Tom Gunston, head of the Theology Department of Good Hope College, with his theology students as his team, were blessed with such a good attendance at their opening meeting that many people for whom there was neither seating nor standing space had to be turned away. The territory had been thoroughly prepared beforehand by a systematic tract-distribution programme in which the students and staff of Good Hope College whole-heartedly participated. The harvest will be correspondingly as abundant as has been the seed-sowing.

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Not all campaigns could be launched on February 27. Owing to local circumstances several others are due to be launched in the course of the next few weeks or later in the year. For instance, Brother J. van Zyl who has only just taken up his heavy responsibilities as pastor of the Helderberg College and Strand churches, could not commence a series of evangelistic meetings at this time but plans to conduct a series in the Strand during the course of the year. We can look forward to good reports from this and other centres throughout 1972.

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Reader, are you praying for the blessing of God on these campaigns? Are you interceding with God for a harvest of souls? Even more important, are you willing to permit the Holy Spirit to do in your life what He is doing throughout the length and breadth of our land during 1972?

GOD'S HOLY WORD—

“The Man of Your Counsel”

“By knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”



The Bible as an Educator

by Ellen G. White

The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come. And these principles may be understood by all. No one with a spirit to appreciate its teachings can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, 'here a little, and there a little' (Isa. 28:10).

"When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another. Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, every prophecy an explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth. . . . Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion. . . .

"As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined. The greatness of its themes, the dignified simplicity of its utterances, the beauty of its imagery, quicken and uplift the thoughts as nothing else can. No other study can impart such mental power as

does the effort to grasp the stupendous truths of revelation. The mind thus brought in contact with the thoughts of the Infinite can not but expand and strengthen.

"And even greater is the power of the Bible in the development of the spiritual nature. Man, created for fellowship with God, can only in such fellowship find his real life and development. . . . He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God's word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought in touch with its Author; and, except by his own choice, there is no limit to the possibilities of his development. . . .

"The central theme of the Bible, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the redemption plan, the restoration in the human soul of the image of God. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, 'They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.' (Rev. 22:4) the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme—man's uplifting—the power of God, 'which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Cor. 15:57).

"The science of redemption is the science of all sciences. . . . This is the highest study in which it is possible for man to engage. As no other study can, it will quicken the mind and uplift the soul. . . .

"He who through the word of God has lived in fellowship with heaven, will find himself at home in heaven's companionship."

—*Education*, pages 123-127.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 15 *Literature Evangelist Rally Day*
 - April 22 *World Evangelism Day and Offering*
 - May 13 *Disaster and Famine Relief Day and Offering*
 - May 20 *Spirit of Prophecy Day*
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The Word of God for



"Light" for blinded eyes.

Give Me the Bible

*Give me the Bible—
holy message shining,
Thy light shall guide me
in the narrow way.*

*Precept and promise,
law and love combining,
'Till night shall vanish
in eternal day.*

—Priscilla J. Owens



Dead Sea scroll jar. Jars such as the one pictured here were especially made in antiquity as storage containers for scrolls stored in caves. The scrolls were wrapped in linen before being placed in the jars. The Dead Sea scrolls and many jars are now housed in the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem.

God has said

*"What I want from you is
your true thanks; I do not want
promises fulfilled. I want you
to trust me in your time of
trouble, so I can rescue you,
and you can give me praise."*

Psalms 116:10-12
The Living Word

*"Reverence for God is the
man deep strength."*

Proverbs 9:10
The Living Word

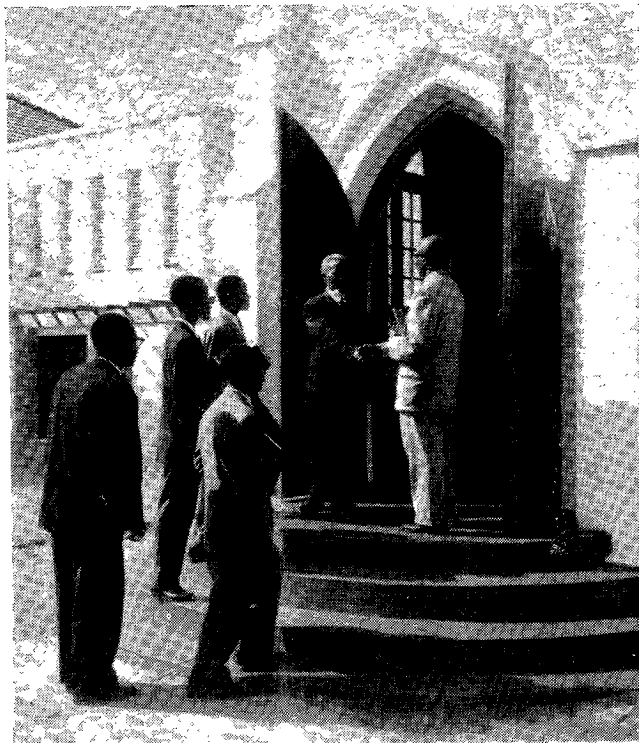
*"A man's conscience is his
Lord's searchlight exposing
his hidden motives."*

Proverbs 20:27
The Living Word

II People



At prayer,
study,
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and recreation,
the Word of
God showers
its blessings,
enrichment,
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NEWS AND VIEWS

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United Bible Societies

Operation Portion

This was the name given to a special Scripture distribution scheme in Montevideo (Uruguay), at vacation time. One hundred thousand Gospels were distributed by a team of some 150 volunteers who were recruited for the purpose. Fifty thousand of the Gospels were distributed in parks and squares, and the other fifty thousand on the beaches. The beach was divided into sectors, and the different denominations involved, some eleven in all, were each responsible for a particular section. The cost of the operation was met from funds specially given in Uruguay.

The Man in the Wire Cage

Among those honoured at a luncheon inaugurating the 31st annual National Bible Week in the United States of America was Claude L. Fly, an American soils scientist from Fort Collins, Colorado. He had been kidnapped by rebels in Uruguay and held captive for seven months. Five men wrapped him up in a sack and carried him to an unknown location, where he was imprisoned in a wire cage roughly 6' by 4', cut off from daylight and with no clock or radio. He lost all sense of time, and feared that he was going insane. He begged his guards for books to read. He was given a small light. After some pleading they gave him a copy of the New Testament, *Good News for Modern Man*, published by the American Bible Society.

During the time he remained in confinement he analysed the Bible for directions about what people should do and what they should not do. He wrote down

For centuries the Samaritans were neighbours and sometimes enemies of the Jewish race. Pictured here is a Samaritan high priest displaying the scrolls of the Law (Pentateuch) in Samaria, ancient city of a district of the same name between Judea and Galilee. Today, Samaria is part of Israel.



the verses under their different headings on pieces of paper, and so divided them into categories dealing with family relationships, the Christian in business, and so on. He hopes to publish the result of his labours as a book which will be entitled *The Christian's Check Book*, 'because it will show a man what he is doing, where he is performing well, and where he isn't.'

His behaviour won for him the admiration of his captors, and when he suffered a heart attack he was taken care of with great concern and finally released.

Something the police sergeant did not know

Visiting the Roman Catholic mission station at Lamat on Malekula Island (New Hebrides, Pacific Ocean), the Rev. David M. S. Cohen, who has special responsibility for the Bible Society in the French-speaking South Pacific, was introduced to the local sergeant of police, who happened to be an Anglican, the only one of that denomination in his area. When he was asked which part of the New Hebrides he came from, the sergeant replied that he had come from the north of Pentecost Island where the Raga language is spoken. Mr Cohen then asked him if he had read the latest book that had appeared in his own language. The sergeant replied: 'There are no books of any kind that have ever appeared in my language!' With great joy Mr Cohen took from his bag a copy of John chapters 18 to 20 in Raga which had just been published and is in fact the first book ever to be printed in that language. Forgetting that anyone else was present, the sergeant sat down at once, gripped by the Easter story in his own language. This is only the first of several Scriptures planned in the Raga language.



From the lands of the Bible came God's Holy Word, and in old Jerusalem walked the Saviour of men, exemplifying its teachings. The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem is thought by some to have been the burial place of Jesus.



ON VIRGIN SOIL IN BEAUFORT WEST

CECIL BRITAIN, *Evangelist, Good Hope Conference*

ON FEBRUARY 20 four men travelled 600 miles from Cape Town to Beaufort West and back to share the good tidings with people who were happy that at last somebody had come to visit them and bring them spiritual encouragement. They rejoiced to see living representatives of the Bible lessons they had been studying. The four brethren were S. Francis, who supplied the transport, L. Hunter, A. Botha and the writer.

Brother Botha, our colporteur, had made our task much easier, as he had been canvassing in that area for several months and had delivered many books as well as making many friends. Many of

the Voice of Prophecy students we met had finished one or two courses and were eager to receive more lessons. Brother Hunter had brought a box of literature with him and we were able to leave copies of *The Marked Bible, Steps to Christ, Children's Bible Stories, Signs* and tracts with these dear people. A number of others were enrolled for Bible lessons.

About 50 miles from Beaufort West we visited an old couple and some children to whom Brother Botha had brought our message. How glad they were for the spiritual encouragement our visit gave them. The conditions under which they live are several decades behind the times in comparison with the more up-to-date Beaufort West.

There are great possibilities for starting work in Beaufort West and its environs. Please pray for us as we erect an altar for God there.

Window on the World Field

GOOD NEWS FROM MADAGASCAR

A SERIES of religious lectures presented in Tananarive, Malagasy (the island of Madagascar), by S. F. Monnier, recently elected president of the new Southern European Union Mission, has resulted in almost 500 people stating their decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Groundwork for the campaign was laid by members of the 12 churches in Tananarive, capital of the republic, as they witnessed during Laymen's Year 1971. During the course of their witness early in the year they used 5 000 Bibles in carrying out their Bible-in-Every-Home plan. These Bibles, with study outlines, were left at homes where an interest was shown, and then the laymen returned to the homes week after week to help and encourage the students.

As a follow-up, Pastor Monnier was invited to present a series of lectures. As the message was being presented 200 members gathered in prayer groups outside to solicit an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each evening the attendance grew.

Additional meetings were held in the largest hall in Tananarive. These were announced on national radio, and the country's foremost newspaper gave favourable coverage to them.

The crowd, estimated to average 2 000 persons, was remarkably attentive. The response to appeals made by the speaker surpassed the most optimistic estimates. More than 800 people asked to be visited in their homes, and 495 new believers have signified their intention to be baptized.

During Pastor Monnier's ministry to Madagascar, audiences were arranged with a number of government officials, including Philibert Tsiranana, president of the republic. President Tsiranana reads his Bible every day and holds in high regard the work of the Adventist Church in Madagascar. After an exchange of the usual greetings, the workers presented him with a copy of *The Great Controversy*, a set of Arthur Maxwell's *The Bible Story* books, and a Bible. During the conversation that followed the presentation, President Tsiranana suddenly said: "I have something for you. To show my interest in your plans for a hospital in Tamatave, I wish to be the first to contribute. Here is my personal cheque for 50 000 French francs [US\$9 000; R6 700]. And there are many people in Madagascar who are richer than I! They should contribute more than I have." —*Review and Herald*

TOLD AS IT IS

A. R. MAZAT, *Pacific Press Publishing Association*

A FEW MONTHS ago, a teen-ager wrote the following letter:

"When I was 15 a 'friend' introduced me to 'pot.' It gave me a lift and a chance to 'escape' from reality for a little while. I enjoyed the 'high' and happy feeling it gave me, but the trouble started when I kept wanting that 'feeling' more and more often.

"Finally the same 'friend' got me to try heroin. That was the greatest! Total escape! By the time I was 17, I was really hooked. And I mean really hooked.

"I won't tell you how low I sank to get the stuff, but you'd better believe it was LOW. It was expensive and I needed more and more as time went on. I had to involve other kids to go my route, which is something I will never be able to forgive myself for.

"Then I realized all I could think about was getting the stuff and I tried to kick the habit, but couldn't. I attempted suicide. I failed, and woke up in a hospital where I spent many months in the psychiatric ward. That saved my life, because there I started to learn all about who I really was and why I couldn't relate to society.

"I am not 'cured' yet, but I am on my way."

This is not an isolated case. A commission survey indicated that 1 444 000 of New York's 18 000 000 residents use marijuana [dagga]. The survey revealed that approximately 361 000 persons use barbiturates on a regular basis, and 10 per cent of these drugs are obtained WITHOUT a legal prescription. Most startling however, was the fact that 203 000 people have used LSD in the past six months, and about 45 000 people use it on a regular basis.

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Secretary, Department of Health, Trans-Africa Division.

OVER 150 church members enrolled in the three ANSA training programs organized in the Cape Town area, which began on January 30. Guiding these programs are Brother Dudley Honey, Cape Conference secretary of Health, Pastor P. H. Coetzee, executive secretary of AMS (Adventist Medical Services), and Nursing Sisters Florence Faro and Bridget Potgieter. Two classes meet on Sundays at the Good Hope Conference Riverside auditorium in Athlone, and at Hillcrest Secondary School auditorium in Mowbray, while the third class meets on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at Hillcrest.

This training program has a three-fold objective: (i) to instruct church members in the principles and practice of healthful living; (ii) to prepare them to fulfil the Lord's directive as recorded in *Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 62: "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work"; and (iii) to qualify members to participate in this form of ministry.

Upon completion of the training an ANSA agency office will be located in Cape Town and the services of those trained as Home Health aides, as well as the services of the nursing sisters, will be made available to the public. There is great need for competent and properly trained men and women to care for the sick and aged in their own homes. Here is a golden opportunity, not only to fulfil Isaiah 58:6-8 (medical missionary verses) in walking in the footsteps of Christ, the great Medical Missionary, but also to earn a little remuneration, for the workman is certainly worthy of his hire.

Eighty years ago in a letter to Dr John Harvey Kellogg about medical missionary work in the cities, Ellen G. White wrote: "In every large city there should be corps of organized, well-disciplined workers; not merely one or two, but scores should be set to work. But the perplexing question is yet unsolved, how they will be sustained."—*Medical Ministry*, page 300.

Now that a way of sustaining these workers is available, we are taking advantage of the opportunity.

To get the program off the ground the writer and Mrs Dunbar Smith of the Trans-Africa Division office, spent five weeks in Cape Town counselling and teaching some of the courses. Mrs Milton Krause, a qualified Home Economics teacher, is in charge of the nutrition and cooking classes, and Drs Walter Birkenstock and Keith Gunston have shared in teaching, as have several of our nurses. Pastor Alfred Birch, Cape Conference president, and other ministerial workers have presented devotional studies.

ANSA was developed by the writer and Mrs Dunbar Smith, the latter a quali-

fied S.R.N., and Mrs Carrie Carbone, B.Sc., R.N., as a pilot project in New York City some years ago. It has been approved by the General Conference and over a thousand members were trained, with more than 300 now gainfully employed in the ANSA project there.

The General Conference Department of Health issues certificates to all who complete the 60-hour 10-session course. It is envisaged that the course will be repeated from time to time in the future and it is planned eventually to have an ANSA organization in each of the larger cities of South Africa.



THE VALUE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

AT THE GOODWOOD SHOW in Cape Town last year *Home and Health* conducted a stall at which the magazine was placed on display. Hundreds of people had the opportunity of being introduced to the magazine for the first time, and availed themselves of the opportunity to subscribe.

Several months later one of our student canvassers from Helderberg College was selling books in the Fish Hoek area to earn his scholarship. At a certain home his prospect immediately asked him who the publishers were of the books he was

selling. When he told him that they were Sentinel publications the man responded enthusiastically, "I visited your *Home and Health* stall at the Goodwood Show and the lady who spoke to me made such an impression on me that I'm satisfied your books must be of a very high quality. I'll take all you have." Without further ado he wrote out a cheque for over R100 in cash payment for a complete set of all the books our student had to offer him. Who can estimate the value of the influence we exert on people as we come into contact with them!

HOW TO HEAR

*Adventist
World Radio*

by WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

RESPONSES and inquiries from all over the world have been received at the General Conference, seeking information about the Trans-Europe outreach of Adventist World Radio. AWR broadcasts in the 31 metre band on 9670 kiloHertz. Though the signals originate from the Atlantic coast of Portugal they have been heard in Russian Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, Africa and North America.

Languages and times at which they may be heard are as follows. (All times are Greenwich Mean Time.) This schedule applies from April 1, 1972.

ENGLISH	Sunday, 08.30 Saturday, 12.00 noon
GERMAN	Sunday, 07.30 Saturday, 16.00 Tuesday and Thursday, 21.00
FRENCH	Sunday, 9.00 Thursday, 12.00 noon Monday and Friday, 21.00
RUSSIAN	Monday and Tuesday, 16.00
UKRAINIAN	Wednesday, 16.00
GREEK	Wednesday through Friday, 16.45 Wednesday and Friday, 21.00
ITALIAN	Sunday, Friday, 12.00 noon
SLOVENE	Thursday, Friday, 16.15
SERBIAN	Monday, Tuesday, 16.45
CROATIAN	Wednesday, Thursday, 16.30
MACEDONIAN	Friday, Saturday, 16.30
HUNGARIAN	Monday, Tuesday, 16.30
RUMANIAN	Thursday, Friday, 16.00
ARABIC	Sunday, 9.30

Funds for AWR are provided by the gifts of our church members through regular channels and by the international radio appropriations made by the General Conference to the Euro-Africa and Northern Europe-West Africa Divisions. The initial cost of the project will be U.S.\$1 000 000.00 over a three-year period.

Responses during the first three months of operation indicate a wide-spread and interested audience. Reports from both Western and Eastern Europe show that the message is reaching the millions of these countries and encouraging them to write for Bible courses and other special offers.

At Rest

NDWANDWE.— Victoria Constance (née Mngama), was born on April 4, 1906, and died at the Edendale Hospital on February 7, 1972, aged 65.

She was the daughter of a Methodist minister and accepted the third angel's message under my labours in 1927. Shortly after our marriage in 1928 we moved to old Spion Kop College and later to Solusi College where we lost the only son we ever had.

As a proof of her Christian devotion to the message she worked for R3.00 a month for more than ten years. When we retired from church work she worked as a staff nurse for R93.00 a month until she collapsed on duty. She quickly recovered from this experience but on December 25, 1971 while attending a church quarterly meeting far from home she had a relapse from which she never recovered. She was also a part-time colporteur, and her work resulted in many people joining the church.

She leaves her husband, children, grandchildren and children-in-Christ to mourn her passing.

—Ernest Ndwandwe.

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OUTLOOK

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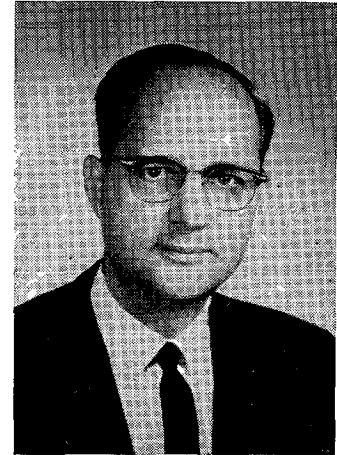
SUNSET CALENDAR

	APRIL 1972				MAY 1972			
	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Cape Town	6.34	6.26	6.17	6.10	6.02	5.56	5.51	5.48
Johannesburg	6.01	5.54	5.47	5.42	5.36	5.32	5.29	5.26
East London	5.57	5.49	5.40	5.33	5.26	5.20	5.15	5.12
Port Elizabeth	6.06	5.58	5.49	5.42	5.34	5.28	5.23	5.20
Bloemfontein	6.06	5.59	5.51	5.45	5.39	5.34	5.30	5.27
P'maritzburg	5.48	5.40	5.33	5.26	5.20	5.15	5.11	5.08
Durban	5.46	5.39	5.31	5.24	5.18	5.13	5.09	5.06
Windhoek	6.45	6.40	6.33	6.28	6.23	6.19	6.17	6.14
Bulawayo	6.00	5.56	5.50	5.46	5.41	5.37	5.35	5.38
Salisbury	5.50	5.46	5.41	5.37	5.32	5.28	5.27	5.26
Gwelo	5.51	5.46	5.41	5.37	5.32	5.30	5.29	5.28
Lusaka	5.57	5.32	5.48	5.45	5.42	5.41	5.40	5.39
Blantyre	5.37	5.33	5.29	5.26	5.21	5.18	5.16	5.16
Lubumbashi	6.09	6.06	6.03	6.01	5.56	5.54	5.53	5.53

SUCH AS I HAVE

MERLE L. MILLS,

President, Trans-Africa Division



HAVE YOU ever wished you were rich and could give large sums of money to needy people or worthy causes? Seldom is this wish granted but this should not discourage you. Each one of us has been entrusted with various gifts that are far more valuable than money, which make life worth living and the world a much better place in which to live. This fact was demonstrated, many centuries ago, at the temple gate in Jerusalem during the days of the Apostles. Peter and John were on their way to worship at the temple. They passed by a despicable but familiar individual, who, for years, had made it his practice to take his position daily at the temple gate and beg alms from those who passed by.

The disciples responded to the importunate request for help by this beggar whose body had been so wrecked and deformed through the years that he was not able to walk. He did not realize that Peter and John had more to offer than money. Then it was that he heard the words of Peter who said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee . . . rise up and walk." Acts 3:6. These brethren were quick to hear the cry of this despairing and indigent soul, and without hesitation responded to his earnest appeal.

Immediately the cripple felt a surge of power going through his body and he was healed. The surcease from suffering and the miracle restoration of health far exceeded his hope for receiving alms. So it can be with many today. Though we may not be able to impart material gifts and make large donations to people and causes, we have all been given certain intangible gifts similar to those given to Peter. These must be imparted to others, thus sharing with despairing humanity that which is so desperately needed today to bring new hope and life to a hopeless world.

One such gift is empathy. This involves the capacity of entering into

the feelings and experiences of others. It is placing oneself in the position of another, enabling him vicariously to see, feel and respond to situations which otherwise he could not do. Understanding and sympathy are first cousins to empathy and it is essential for one to possess these if he is to develop a sensibility to the needs, frustrations, sufferings and problems of other people. There are many emotional and spiritual cripples today who are in desperate need of help as verily as the beggar who appealed to Peter and John at the temple gate. Will you give them the empathetic consideration that can bring them the healing they need? They may have made a serious mistake or suffered a moral defeat. They could have encountered a tragedy or an unspeakable sorrow. A willingness to see their viewpoint, share their feelings and understand their situation can mean the difference between victory or defeat, hope or despair, peace or war. "Such as I have give I thee." Empathy involves no money but as an attribute we can all use it to brighten the hope and bring relief to others whose lives have been affected by the complexity and perplexity of the distraught and chaotic world which swirls about us.

Another valuable gift is that of joy referred to by the apostle Paul as one of the fruits of the Spirit. While it is true that many of the conditions in the world cause sadness and tragedy, if we look for the rainbow and sunshine beyond the storm clouds we will find them. Life is a fretwork of light and darkness, gladness and sorrow, hope and despair. So long as this pattern exists, we must adapt to it. The Christian philosophy, which gives us the expectation of a better world and enables us to enjoy peace and security because of the indwelling presence of Christ in our lives, gives us a joy and a happiness that cannot be experienced by the non-Christian. Where Christ dwells, there is no gloom or despondency, only joy and peace.

Christians will not dwell upon their sorrows and personal problems but will radiate a cheer and a joy that will bring healing and restoration of mental and spiritual health to the cripple who sits at the temple gate.

"The life in which the fear of the Lord is cherished will not be a life of sadness and gloom. . . . But Christ dwelling in the soul is a wellspring of joy. For all who receive Him, the very keynote of the word of God is rejoicing." — **Christ's Object Lessons**, page 162. It is displeasing to God for us to recite to others our problems, sorrows and disappointments. These we can freely take to the Lord in prayer but we have a positive duty to develop an optimistic and cheerful outlook on life, thus exerting an influence that will develop an atmosphere of confidence and hope which is so essential to the well-being of both soul and body. "Such as I have give I thee." You may have no money to give to the downtrodden and depressed about you but, by a smile, a word of cheer or the sounding of an optimistic note, you can impart to others that which is so desperately needed today. You can help those with whom you come in contact and lift them out of the depths of despair, inspiring them to successfully fight the good fight of faith until the battle is won.

Friend of mine, you have much to offer those you pass by—empathy, cheerfulness, kindness, love, loyalty, appreciation. Will you be niggardly and indifferent, refusing to share these virtuous gifts with others or will you, like Peter and John, impart these gifts and say "Such as I have give I thee"?