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DR and MRS ARNOLD RAUBENHEIMER (top) left for England recently where the doctor will continue his studies in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology. He recently completed his South African examinations qualifying him as a specialist in this field, doing his specialist training at Grootte Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. The examination is such a stiff one that entrants are permitted to rewrite five times. Dr Raubenheimer passed the first time. After completing his course of study in England in about a year's time, he will set up a denominationally-sponsored practice in a centre somewhere in South Africa. Their three children are continuing their studies at Helderberg College during their absence.

PASTOR and MRS ALBERT C. LE BUTT were married on May 23, 1912, in England. Seven years later, in 1919, they came to South Africa where Brother Le Butt studied at old Spion Kop College near Ladysmith, Natal, and entered the colporteur work. Later he assisted in the evangelistic campaign conducted by Pastor John McNeal in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. Thereafter he spent the next four years in mission service in Zaire (then called the Belgian Congo) and Bechuanaland. He was then called into pastoral and evangelistic work in South Africa. He and Sister Le Butt have spent 53 years in denominational service. For eleven of these years Pastor Le Butt served as president of the Good Hope Conference and for four as director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. Even after he went on sustentation he served as pastor of various churches, and latterly at Sunnyside Lodge where they reside. Two children blessed their home. Their daughter Winifred died in 1942. Their son Leslie is a well-known organist in the Cape Peninsula.

We extend our congratulations to the Le Butts on their 60th wedding anniversary and wish them every blessing in the days to come.

PASTOR and MRS V. R. BROWN (centre) of Helderberg College, and their daughters, left recently to return to their homeland in the United States of America, after completing their term of service in Africa. Pastor Brown was head of the theology department at the college. He plans to continue his studies at Andrews University before accepting a new appointment. The first engagement of the Brown family will be a happy one—they will attend the wedding of their eldest daughter who is marrying Gordon Doss, son of Pastor and Mrs Norman Doss, formerly of the South-East Africa Union of our Division.



HELDERBERG STAFF MEMBER HONOURED

The accompanying picture, which was published by Cape Town's English and Afrikaans newspapers, shows "three outstanding students at Stellenbosch University's graduate business school receiving gold medals," to quote "The Argus." The man on the right is Brother Bernard Ficker, who teaches in the business department at Helderberg College. The press reported that "he is the first Masters graduate in business administration and management." We congratulate Brother Ficker both on receiving his Master's degree, and the gold medal for meritorious scholarship.

DR and MRS DANIEL WALTHER (bottom) of Helderberg College are also returning to the U.S.A. shortly. Dr Walther has served in the theology department and Mrs Walther has taught French. Before coming to Helderberg the Walthers were at Solusi College where the doctor served as principal. During his distinguished career as an educator, Dr Walther has served, among other things, as principal of the French Adventist Seminary in Collonges, our college in France, as the first dean at Southern Missionary College, U.S.A., and on the faculty of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Dr Walther is Swiss. Sister Walther is the grand-daughter of O. A. Olsen, who was president of the General Conference from 1888-97.

At their farewell in the college dining hall, Dr Walther delighted his audience with a violin solo, in which he was accompanied at the piano by his wife.



Self-supporting Volunteer Lay-Missionaries in Trans-Africa

DESMOND B. HILLS,
*Public Relations Director,
Trans-Africa Division*

LOUIS THAYER of Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., has supervised the construction of new buildings on the campus of Gitwe College in the Republic of Rwanda. This is not the first time Brother Thayer has laboured overseas on a voluntary, self-supporting basis. To date, he has worked in Japan, Borneo, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Cuba, Jamaica and Hawaii.

The buildings at present being erected at Gitwe College are the ones financed by the 13th Sabbath Offering Overflow for the 3rd quarter of 1971. The new buildings include additional classrooms, science laboratory and administrative offices.

A linotype operator and building contractor, Louis Thayer has visited over a hundred countries in the course of his self-supporting mission service.

During the twenty years he has been engaged in building contracting in the United States of America, he has also built eight nursing homes, a conference office, a school dormitory and numerous other buildings.

While travelling, Brother Thayer has collected at least 20 000 postage stamps. The large stamp albums go with him everywhere. He finds stamp collecting not only an interesting hobby but also a good way to make friends.

Laymen like Louis Thayer, along with student missionaries, are playing an important part in the proclamation of the three angels' messages. Here is a volunteer army of workers who not only give their money but also their talents and their time to hasten the coming of our Lord.



Volunteer layman, Louis Thayer (left) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., laying sun-dried bricks for the new classrooms and administrative buildings for Gitwe College in the Republic of Rwanda.



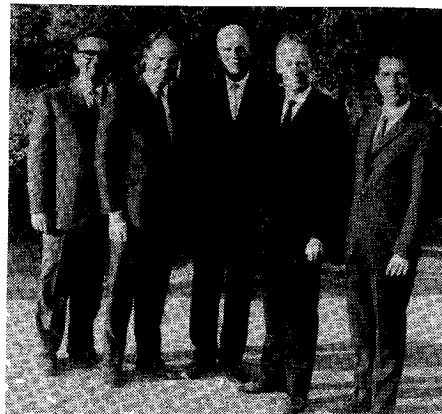
In addition to the ten student missionaries at present serving in the Trans-Africa Division, there are a number of Advent Volunteer Service Call workers. One of these self-supporting laymen at present in the Division is Frank Hagar, APO San Francisco, California, U.S.A. Brother Hagar is assisting with maintenance and construction work at Gitwe College in the country of Rwanda. The photograph of Frank Hagar using a power-saw to cut up a log was taken on one of the hillsides near Gitwe College.





ORDINATION

PASTOR JANNIE VAN ZYL (extreme left), minister of the Helderberg College church, was ordained to the gospel ministry at the recent Cape Conference camp-meeting at Hartenbos. Pictured with him after his ordination are his parents, centre, and his elder brother, Pastor Nico van Zyl on the right. Inasmuch as Brother and Sister van Zyl, Sen. have just these two sons, they have the privilege of having their entire family in the gospel ministry! This is a fitting tribute to the consistent, dedicated lives of these godly Transvaal laymen. Both their sons are at present in service at Helderberg College— Jannie as pastor, and Nico as dean of men and theology teacher.



THE MEN FROM BENONI

BENONI in the Transvaal has given eight men to the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church! Five of them were together at the recent Cape Conference camp-meeting at Hartenbos. They are from left to right, Nico van Zyl, dean of men at Helderberg College; Alfred Birch, president of the Cape Conference; Walter Böhme, Lay Activities leader of the Cape Conference, Kosie Gebhardt, pastor of the Tygerberg district; and Jannie van Zyl, pastor of the Helderberg College church, who was ordained at the camp-meeting. Two others who were not present were Gideon Breedt, Youth and Lay Activities leader of the South African Union Conference, and Marthinus Malherbe, a pastor in the Transvaal Conference. The eighth was Denis Baird, a former president of the Cape Conference, now in private employ.

A SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENT PROJECT

BROTHER P. D. AVIS of East London has a practical and profitable Sabbath-school Investment project. Whenever he travels on the train, whether to camp-meetings, Conference business sessions, or other appointments, he always takes with him a supply of *Signs of the Times* which he sells to other passengers. He devotes the net proceeds of his sales toward his Sabbath-school Investment fund. He first makes friends with and secures the goodwill of the conductor, and then goes right down the train offering his magazines to everybody on board. He tells them that he is selling his magazines for missionary work. In this way he has raised a considerable sum for missions, while scattering the printed page at the same time.



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A Visit to Sunnyside

FROM A SMALL establishment with only a few residents, *Sunnyside Lodge*, the home for senior citizens operated by the Cape Conference in South Africa, has grown to a thriving community with 67 residents and a large and competent staff. There is a waiting list of 89 persons who are looking forward to their turn to join the community.

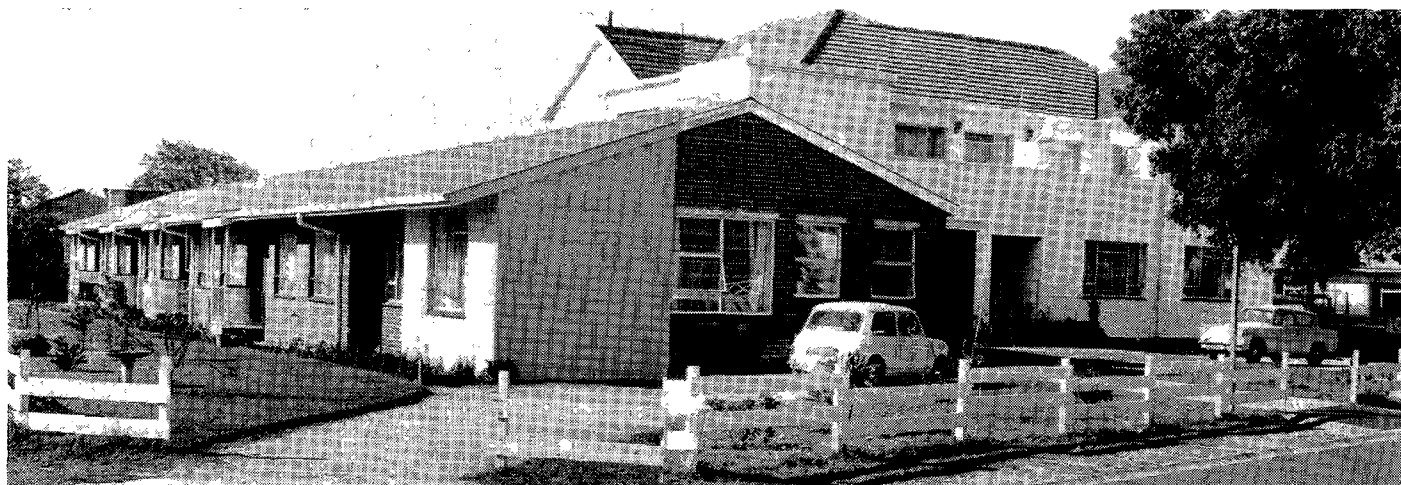


“Sunnyside” is well named. It provides its residents with a comfortable and happy home in which to anticipate their eternal home—a little heaven in which to wait for heaven.



The staff spare no efforts to make the atmosphere happy for the residents. The matron, Mrs Jackson, has a friendly chat with four members of her staff, Miss Wentzell, Sister Toerien, Mrs Jordaan and Mrs Glass (the wife of Pastor George Glass).

A large double-storey residence (right of picture) was originally acquired to house the first group of residents. Later a new wing was added (left) which created facilities for a large number of new residents. Since then three additional properties have been purchased which are used as annexes. The providential way in which the funds have become available for these extensions is nothing short of miraculous.





The erection of the first new official blue-and-white metal highway sign in the city of Bujumbura, Burundi, marks the commencement of a union-wide church identification campaign. The Education Secretary of the Central African Union, Pastor M. Mugemancuro with his wife and daughter examine the new road sign on the street in front of the union headquarters.

CHURCH IDENTIFICATION CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION

DESMOND B. HILLS,
Public Relations Director, Central African Union

As a part of a church identification program in the countries of Rwanda and Burundi, many new official blue-and-white highway signs are being erected. The first sign was recently put in place on the road in front of the Central African Union Headquarters in Bujumbura. (See photo above.) The attractive all-metal sign is patterned after the highway signs recommended by the General Conference Public Relations Department. To save customs and freight costs, the signs are being produced in Burundi. The Public Relations Director of the Central African Union, Brother Jim Wood, is personally painting the signs and supervising the church identification campaign.

The Central African Union Committee has voted to identify all churches, offices and institutions and erect the blue-and-white metal highway sign. The Executive Committee has followed through this action by setting up a budget to provide funds for the signs.

There are almost 90 000 church members in the Central African Union and the Seventh-day Adventist Church is well known in these small but densely populated countries in the heart of Africa. Frequently, I have heard government officials and businessmen in Rwanda and

Burundi name the churches in these countries in this order of importance: Roman Catholic, Adventists and Protestants. Once a young immigration official at a lonely border station changed on my immigration form the words, "Seventh-day Adventist Missionary" to "Protestant Missionary." A senior official noticed the alteration and changed the words back to the original. The young man said, "Why did you change the entry back to Seventh-day Adventist Missionary? He is a Protestant, this is more important. Anyhow, both titles are the same." "No," said the senior clerk, "they are not the same titles, this man is a Seventh-day Adventist and that's important."

The present public relations campaign to identify all buildings and to erect the blue-and-white highway signs in Rwanda and Burundi will further help to clearly identify the remnant church as a distinct church. Although some may say it does not matter whether we are identified or not, time has proved the truthfulness of the statement made by Howard Weeks, author of the public relations book, *Breakthrough*, "For every person who turns you down because they know you are a Seventh-day Adventist, there will be one hundred who will turn you down because they don't know who you are."



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Above: A small section of a large crowd of over 4 000 people who gathered on the campus of Gitwe College for an MV Rally recently. Most of those in attendance were young people and juniors. Almost 70 000 church members in the Central African Union are young people. Thousands of young people are baptized each year, and each year they help to win many thousands for the Lord Jesus Christ. Last year 1 066 were baptized on MV Baptism Day. The date for MV Baptism Day this year is June 17.



The Youth Directors of the Central African Union have 70 055 youth and juniors in 1 273 MV and JMV Societies. During the year 1971, these men saw 10 526 of their young people baptized and 8 789 people baptized whom young people helped to win. Pictured above are the five Youth Directors of the country of Rwanda. There are also two Youth Directors in Burundi. In the centre of the picture on the left is Pastor C. Brû, Youth Director of the Central African Union, and on his right Pastor D. B. Hills, Youth Director of the Trans-Africa Division. The picture was taken after a youth rally held on the campus of Gitwe College. There were over 4 000 people present, mainly young people and juniors.



Left: Pastor and Mrs A. K. Phillips on the campus of Gitwe College, Rwanda, prior to their departure on permanent return after 18 years of dedicated service to Africa. Saying farewell is the newly appointed Youth Director of the South Rwanda Field.

Faculty of Kivogo College in Burundi, Central Africa. From the left: Principal and Mrs Daniel Gutekunst and family; student missionary William Frank Clayton (back row); Brother and Sister J. Stratford and baby; Pierre Gallis (back row); Miss F. Winand; Brother and Sister Roger Couty and son.

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Our Health Work: "Right Arm of the Message"

FIVE-DAY PLANS BREAK DOWN PREJUDICE

by DUNBAR SMITH, M.D., Secretary,
Departments of Health, Temperance & World Foods,
Trans-Africa Division

TWO FIVE-DAY PLANS were recently held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, by David de Waal, Cape Conference temperance secretary, and the writer.

Among those attending the first session in Feather Market Hall was a young lady reporter assigned by the *Evening Post*. She let it be known that she had not come to stop smoking as she enjoyed her cigarettes, but she did stop—that first night!

As a result of her graphic reports, many wrote in stating they had stopped smoking, and all but one on the editorial staff also stopped, without attending a meeting.

In response to many urgent requests a second clinic was held two weeks later at Grey's, a prestigious preparatory school for boys. Over 450 enthusiastic boys packed the auditorium. One young man at the close expressed a desire to join the church.

Port Elizabeth church members declared that never in the history of our work in that city have Seventh-day Adventists had so much publicity—over 700 column inches, with pictures and many favourable comments about the church.

The "right arm" does break down prejudice.



Here's Proof!

BROTHER WILLIE RETIEF of Franschhoek, Cape, who is 73 years of age, became a practising health-reformer over thirty years ago—a fact to which he ascribes his radiant health. As an artist he still puts in eight hours of hard work a day in his studio. His sight is good, his mind clear, his hand steady and he is as straight as a post! He runs three miles every morning to keep fit. His doctor says that his constitution is as strong as that of a man half his age. He thanks God for His goodness to him, and especially for bringing to him the light of health reform.



New Health Venture

BROTHER B. MATTISON and family of Cape Town recently opened a vegetarian restaurant in the fast-growing suburb of Claremont. A vast multi-million business complex is being developed in this area.

This is the first Seventh-day Adventist-operated establishment of its kind in South Africa. We wish Brother Mattison every success and much of God's blessing in this important venture. The restaurant is not being operated or sponsored by the organization, but is being financed and run by laymen as an independent undertaking. We pray that many like it will spring up all over. In Australia and New Zealand we have many church-operated health restaurants which exert a tremendous influence for good in their communities. South Africa is years behind in this aspect of the work. May Brother Mattison's pioneer venture be duplicated throughout the land.

The accompanying picture shows a friendly corner of the restaurant. When visiting Cape Town, enjoy a wholesome vegetarian meal at Mattisons, in the Better Living Centre, Vineyard Road (off Main Road), Claremont. Write down the telephone number: 69-4082, Cape Town.

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Visitors to Our Division

WORD FROM THE F. G. REIDS

VISIT OF EDUCATIONIST

AMONG the distinguished visitors at Helderberg College recently were Dr and Mrs John T. Hamilton from Collonges, France. Dr Hamilton is director of an organization called Adventist Colleges Abroad (A.C.A.), with headquarters at Collonges, which studies the needs and fosters the interests of various overseas Seventh-day Adventist colleges. A.C.A. was established in 1966. Dr Hamilton is on loan to A.C.A. from Loma Linda University, U.S.A., of which he is a member of the faculty.



DR and MRS ERNEST S. BOOTH of Loma Linda University recently spent a month in our Division. Dr Booth is not only a professor of biology and a professional photographer, but also editor of *Outdoor World*, a lovely nature magazine illustrated with superb colour photographs, which reflects the creationist philosophy of Dr Booth. It is one of the

finest nature magazines printed.

Dr Booth spent his time in Africa preparing a series of teaching films for TALRES and also a documentary on the leprosy control rehabilitation services of the Trans-Africa Division.

The accompanying pictures show Dr and Mrs Booth entering the airport, and Dr Booth in action with his camera.



AAN ONS AFRIKAANSSPREKENDE LESERS

Uit briewe wat ons kantoor af en toe bereik, blyk dit dat sommige van ons lesers die nuwe reëling in verband met die OUTLOOK en die LANTERN nog nie heeltemal duidelik verstaan nie. Onder die ou reëling was die LANTERN, lyfblad van die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie, 'n tweetalige blad en die OUTLOOK, lyfblad van die Transafrika-Divisie, is in twee afsonderlike uitgawes—Afrikaans en Engels—uitgegee. Daar is egter onlangs besluit om die LANTERN in twee afsonderlike uitgawes—Afrikaans en Engels—uit te gee en om die OUTLOOK net in Engels uit te gee. Alle lidmate in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie behoort die LANTERN dus in 'n Afrikaans of Engels te ontvang. Dit hang af watter taal hulle verkies. Die OUTLOOK sal hulle egter net in Engels ontvang. Die OUTLOOK word aan ons lidmate in Suid-Afrika gestuur en ook aan lidmate in Rhodesië, Zambia, die Kongo (tans Zaire), Malawi, Burundi en talle oorsese lande. Maar dit word net in Engels gedruk. Ons sal streef om dit so interessant en leersaam moontlik te hou en vertrou dat ons lesers orals, ongeag wat hulle huistaal ook mag wees, die voorstelling van ons werk in die hele Transafrika-Divisie sal geniet en dat dit vir hulle tot seën sal wees.

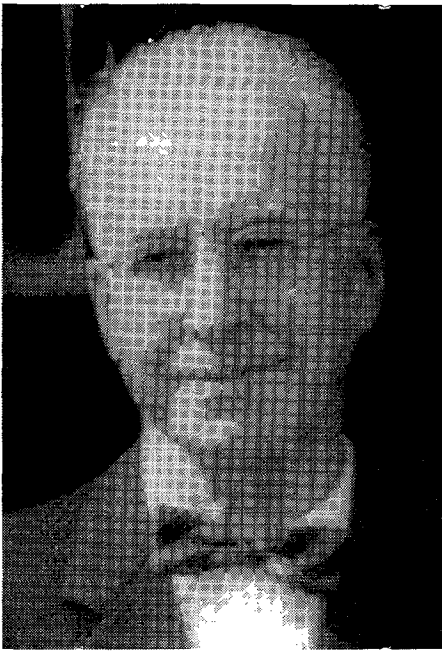
UNTIL THEY RETURNED to their homeland, the United States of America, Pastor F. G. Reid was president of the Zambesi Union, and Mrs Reid taught in our Bulawayo church school. We publish below extracts from a recent letter from them. WE WOULD WELCOME SIMILAR LETTERS FROM OTHERS OF OUR OVERSEAS READERS WHO AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER HAD CONNECTIONS WITH OUR WORK IN THE TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION! Pastor Reid writes:

"We are happily settled in Babylon, of all places. Babylon is on Long Island, about fifty miles from New York City. We are very thankful for those fifty miles! I am pastoring the local church of 152 members and Mrs Reid is teaching in our three-teacher church school. We have been here just over a year. So far 14 have been baptized in our Mission '72 program. The converts don't come in by the thousands over here!

"Dorothy finished her junior year at Atlantic Union College this month. She is majoring in English. She was reader in the English Department the second semester and has been asked to be editor of the *Lancastrian* (school paper) next year. Margaret graduates from the Academy this week-end at Fletcher, North Carolina. We are going down for graduation. She will start nurse's training at Southern Missionary College in September. She has been young people's Sabbath-school superintendent for two years, is secretary of her graduating class, is in the choir, on the girls' tumbling team, won the temperance debate (oration) for the academy, was chosen courtesy princess and also earned most of her school expenses in the X-ray Department of the hospital on the campus.

"After returning to the States we spent the first nine months at Andrews University, sort of getting back in touch with things after our long stay abroad. I got my M.A. and Mrs Reid made a good start on her M.A. in Elementary Education. She will finish this summer. I had completed all the work for an M.A. except for the thesis many years ago but never got back to meet that requirement. The credits were too old to count so I worked in a different field this time.

"We pray for the work in Africa every day and look forward to that day which can't be too far off when the work will be finished everywhere and the Lord's people can all be together in that better land."



F. G. CLIFFORD

Life Sketch

CLIFFORD.—Francis George, was born to devout and godfearing parents on April 16, 1899, in a country village near Bath, England. Their home was in the country, and he early learned to love nature and nature's God. The family life was a busy one, and he and his brother and sister were expected to be industrious and frugal.

In August, 1919, after a term of service in World War I, he began the 43 years of service which he gave to the Lord, whom he loved, first as a colporteur and then in evangelistic and departmental work. In 1923 he received a call to South Africa, where he worked for 36 years. They were fruitful years in bringing the truth to many people. He held various responsibilities in the South African Union including that of president for six years. He served as secretary of the Trans-Africa Division for eight years. In 1954 he was elected president of the Australasian Division, which office he held until his retirement in 1962. This was necessitated by ill health, and he returned to South Africa where his children were in service and made his home on the South Coast of Natal and later at Adventhaven among the hills.

His heart was ever in the work of God and there his interests lay.

Pastor Clifford leaves his wife and three sons to remember his love and devotion. Roy, secretary of the Trans-Africa Division; Gerald, academic dean of Avondale College in Australia; and Bert, medical superintendent of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in Australia. He leaves also a sister, Alice, in England, and Ethel Edmed, a sister-in-law in Africa, and a sister-in-law in England. There are also many brethren and sis-

ters in the faith, not only in South Africa and Australia but also in other parts of the world, who will remember him as a friend and brother, from whom they learned the truth under his ministry.

Even during his long and painful illness, which he patiently and courageously bore, he always encouraged those who visited him.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor M. L. Mills and associated with him were Pastors P. J. v.d. Merwe, L. J. Cherry, H. W. Stevenson, W. du Plessis and J. J. B. Combrinck.

Pastor Clifford rests among the peaceful hills of Sedaven awaiting the glorious resurrection morning and the welcome of his beloved Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21.

—W. du Plessis.

A TRIBUTE

THERE ARE SOME MEN whose lives are an inspiration and the memory of whom is a benediction. One such man was Pastor F. G. Clifford. He will be remembered by all as a prince in the pulpit, for his wisdom and vision as a statesman, for the brilliance of his intellect, for his eloquence as a debater, for his warmth and gentleness as a person, but above all else for his consistency and saintliness as a Christian.

Some memories never fade. Three of the memories that have etched themselves indelibly into my consciousness, involve this great man of God—at three different stages of his life; one in his prime as a preacher, another at his peak as an administrator, and the last shortly before he died.

When I was a lad growing up in a small-town church, Pastor Clifford paid us a visit for a week-end of regional meetings. At that time he was MV Secretary of the South African Union Conference. During the course of the week-end he made a call and invited us youngsters to sign decision cards. I joyfully responded and was among those who handed him a commitment to Christ. To my great surprise and delight, a week or two later I received from him a personal letter, telling me how glad he was about the decision I had made, and encouraging me to persevere and keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. For years I kept that letter in my Bible, and needless to say, from then on he was my hero for life.

As a young worker I attended a Conference business session at which there was a great deal of tension and strife. Pastor Clifford was present as secretary of the then Southern African Division, as its representative. During the deliberations, a worker made a scathing personal

attack on Brother Clifford, who was sitting in the front row of chairs with his back to the audience. When the speaker had emptied his sack of all its venom, Brother Clifford slowly rose to his feet, turned around and faced us. I wondered what brilliant arguments he was going to advance in defence of his position. After a moment of impressive silence he said, with heart-felt sincerity: "Brethren, I'm sorry," and sat down. It was the most eloquent speech I had ever heard, or have ever heard since.

A few weeks ago I was conducting the spiritual emphasis week at Sedaven High School. Knowing that Brother Clifford was nearing the end of his pilgrim journey, I was resolved not to leave without seeing him for a few minutes. But the young people kept me pretty busy all through the week, and by the closing Sabbath I hadn't yet seen him. So I decided to miss the class period during Sabbath-school and go and say hello to him before the service. His home at Adventhaven, just off the Sedaven campus, was in easy walking distance. As I walked up the path to his door I heard him in his frail, broken voice singing a hymn of praise to his God. I was so filled with reverent awe, that for several minutes I could do no other than to stand outside his window and listen. And I thought to myself, As a man lives so will he die. Then, as I visited with him he had only one interest: How was the work going? What could I tell him about the progress of Mission '72? He had been following the progress of the spiritual emphasis week with deep interest, and rejoiced at the reports of God's blessing that were brought to him from day to day. His heart glowed at anything I could tell him regarding victory for the cause of truth.

For this he had lived, to this he had dedicated his tremendous talents, to this he and his wife had given their three sons. And with rejoicing in his heart that God had permitted him to have a part in this glorious work, he fell asleep in Jesus. He will share in the triumph of truth in which he had such unwavering confidence.

G.E.G.

DEATH OF

PASTOR E. J. STEVENSON

As we go to press, word has just reached us of the tragic death of Pastor Ernest J. Stevenson in a motor-car accident in the U.S.A., where he was living at the time of his death. No further details are available. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Stevenson and her six sons and their families. A life sketch will appear later.

NEARER TO GOD

by a Grateful Member of the Rhodesia Conference

It was a little camp-meeting with a big message, and I was reminded that Gideon's band was also small. In the opening meeting of the Rhodesia Conference camp-meeting over Easter weekend, Pastor J. B. Cooks, our Conference president, presented the theme and challenge for these meetings, that by whatever process the Lord might deem essential, we might each one draw "nearer to God." Together we read the words from the prophet Hosea, "Come and let us return unto the Lord. . . . After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up and we shall live in his sight." And we prayed that this might be our experience.

The health messages for our time, as Dr Smith presented them from the Spirit of prophecy, found many of us weighed and wanting. The lukewarmness of Laodicea fell away, and many, stirred and smitten in heart, realized that if we are to be ready for the final outpouring of the Spirit, for the time of trouble such as never was, and the coming of the Lord Jesus, the work of preparation in our own hearts must be done now, and quickly. Decisions were made, and fervent prayers ascended that God might strengthen His people to do His will, and be ready for the tremendous events that lie ahead.

To balance the spiritual with practical instruction, a series of workshops were held. On two different afternoons, special classes and demonstrations were conducted by the MV, Publishing, Lay Activities, and Sabbath School Departments, while Dr and Mrs Smith each held classes on health, and the ladies on the campus attended a cooking demonstration. With this large variety of subjects, covering Christian endeavour and Christian homemaking, there was help available for everyone; the only complaint being that as some of the workshops ran concurrently, everyone was not able to attend everything.

On Sabbath afternoon, colporteurs and active lay members combined in a sym-

posium of personal experience in witnessing and soulwinning. In the audience were persons who had come to camp-meeting as a result of these experiences, and those who had not attempted personal witnessing, were encouraged to do so.

It is not often that a baptism is conducted at camp-meeting, but owing to the fact that this was the one occasion when families and friends of the candidates could all be together in one place at one time, it was a joyous experience to witness the baptism of four teen-age students from Anderson School, and an adult member of the Gwelo community. Our hearts were touched as Pastor Zork led out in the baptism, one of the candidates being his own daughter, and with them, we were constrained to renew our own vows of loyalty and love to God.

"After two days will he revive us. . . ." On Sabbath, Pastor H. Carl Currie, president of the Zambesi Union, presented in humility but with great power, the message of God for this day, "Christ Our Righteousness, and Justification by Faith." The Lord's people were refreshed and revived as they drew nearer to God, and He to them.

In evidence of their love and gratitude, the little camp-meeting gave a big offering for evangelism—a total of R\$3 177,50. As a result of the revival and the offering, we look forward to a gathering of souls into the kingdom during Mission '73, praying that God will accept the dedication of this little conference, will keep us near to Him, and make us a faithful Gideon's Band.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

JULY 1972

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	5.50	5.54	5.58	6.03
Johannesburg	5.30	5.33	5.36	5.40
East London	5.14	5.18	5.22	5.27
Port Elizabeth	5.22	5.26	5.30	5.35
Bloemfontein	5.31	5.34	5.37	5.41
P'maritzburg	5.11	5.15	5.18	5.23
Durban	5.09	5.13	5.16	5.21
Windhoek	6.19	6.22	6.24	6.28
Bulawayo	5.39	5.41	5.43	5.46
Salisbury	5.32	5.34	5.36	5.39
Gwelo	5.33	5.35	5.37	5.40
Lusaka	5.41	5.45	5.47	5.48
Blantyre	5.21	5.23	5.26	5.27
Lubumbashi	6.00	6.02	6.04	6.04

AUGUST 1972

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	6.08	6.13	6.18	6.22
Johannesburg	5.43	5.46	5.50	5.52
East London	5.32	5.36	5.41	5.45
Port Elizabeth	5.40	5.45	5.50	5.54
Bloemfontein	5.45	5.49	5.53	5.56
P'maritzburg	5.27	5.31	5.35	5.38
Durban	5.25	5.29	5.33	5.36
Windhoek	6.31	6.33	6.36	6.38
Bulawayo	5.49	5.51	5.53	5.55
Salisbury	5.41	5.43	5.44	5.46
Gwelo	5.42	5.44	5.45	5.46
Lusaka	5.49	5.50	5.51	5.52
Blantyre	5.29	5.30	5.32	5.32
Lubumbashi	6.05	6.06	6.06	6.06

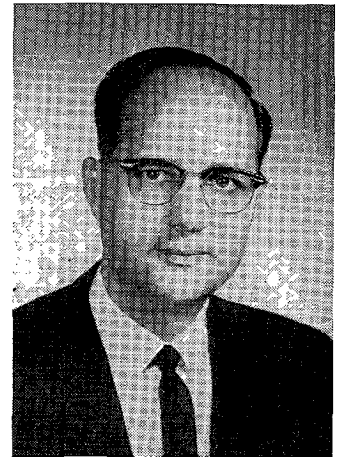
DEATH OF TWO HELDERBERG STUDENTS

We have just received the shocking news of the death in a motor accident of Bruce Pearson and Juanita de Beer, two of our Helderberg College students. Our hearts go out in sympathy to their parents and the members of their families.

TRUE GREATNESS

by MERLE L. MILLS,

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AT SOME TIME or other in life most of us have indulged in the fantasy of becoming great. The odds are that we will never attain to such a position. But though we may never receive the applause and acclaim of our fellow-men, does this mean we will be considered failures and that our lives will have been lived in vain? Perhaps it would be well to inquire what the hallmarks of true greatness are.

One thing the Lord requires of us is humility. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8. Position, power or skill give us no pre-eminence over others. Nationality, tribe, wealth or achievement do not commend us to God. The wise man has stated that "man hath no pre-eminence above a beast." We have all come from the dust of the ground and to dust we shall return. Never should one fail to remember he is but a speck of cosmic dust in the vast universe in which he lives. We are only one heart-beat removed from death. Our existence is dependent upon God. By virtue of this circumstance, should we not remember the origin from which we have come and recognize and honour Him who sustains us day by day? If there is one thing God hates it is a proud heart. He who exalts himself above others and thinks himself superior to his fellow-men will be banished forever from God's presence.

Another evidence of greatness is the ability to keep oneself under control at all times. This involves the whole man,—body, soul and spirit. He who loses control of his temper, appetite, emotions, and allows his imagination and thoughts to run riot is both a spectacle of pity and a menace to society. The apostle Paul said: "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when

I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" 1 Cor. 9:27.

An evidence of true greatness is seen when one remains calm in the face of ridicule, taunts and provocation. The wise man has said: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" Prov. 16:32. One who has control of self will not retaliate nor speak any harsh or angry words. He will turn his eyes and ears from real or imaginary evil. He will exercise his will-power in avoiding over-indulgence. He will refrain from becoming morose, disheartened or fretful despite the trials and tragedies of life.

When unjustly criticized, abused, misjudged, misunderstood, cheated or maltreated, what should be our response? Will we follow the law of the jungle—fang and claw? Holy Writ admonishes that we should return good for evil, but we must go even further. We must be possessed of a forgiving spirit. It matters not how often we have been wronged, we must forgive. "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him" Luke 17:3, 4.

We are to forgive even when forgiveness is not sought. Christ forgave His tormentors and assassins though such forgiveness was not elicited. So it must be with us. To remain estranged from an enemy, to indulge a desire for revenge, or to harbour a grievance is reflecting an unforgiving spirit which can only result in anxiety and distress of soul and will alienate us from God. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" Matt. 6:15. The servant of the Lord has said: "Nothing can justify an unforgiving spirit. He who is unmerciful toward others shows that he himself is not

a partaker of God's pardoning grace." "He who refuses to forgive is thereby casting away his own hope of pardon."—"Christ's Object Lessons, pages 251, 247.

Christ has warned us that His philosophy will not be popular. To be a true follower of Christ will bring us into opposition with the world. One's loyalty and fidelity to Christ will subject him to the enmity of his friends and relatives. At times, we will find ourselves standing alone. This will not be easy. It is not normal to enjoy isolation, ostracism, inconvenience, discomfort and persecution. To refuse to compromise principle and to defend Christian standards will call for a determination and bravery as surely as a soldier confronted with a deadly enemy. Whether it be in the office, or shop, in the committee room, the business meeting, the legislative assembly, or the community, in the light of day or under cover of darkness, or in the presence of friends or enemies, we must stand like a rock for what we know to be right.

The chances are that most of us will never achieve fame in the arts and sciences. We may never become rich or excel as authors, musicians or leaders. Greatness is not to be equated with what we do so much as what we are. Our names may never be associated with the great, or near great, to be recorded on the pages of history or inscribed in the halls of fame. But humility, self-control, a forgiving spirit and courage reflected in the life make a man truly great. These are the qualities that must be possessed by all whose names will be associated with the truly great throughout eternity.

Friend of mine, will your life reveal a touch of greatness today?

