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**MISSIONARY WORK FOR 1957**

INFORMATION GLEANED from the General Conference Report on missionary activity given by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, new assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES was listed at the close of the year as 5,387 in foreign fields and 11,130 in stake missions.

CONVERTS during the year numbered 28,531 in stake and foreign missions. Friends, relatives and teachers were responsible for another 1,598 baptisms making a total of 30,129 for the year.

GAIN EACH YEAR during the past four years has been 25 per cent. "If we keep up this momentum we shall have brought into the Church in a period of only five years, enough people to constitute a new community with a population equal to this Salt Lake Valley," Elder Hinckley said.

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ANNIVERSARY

President Stephen L. Richards celebrated his 79 birthday June 18, 1958.

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FRENCH SCRIPTURES

The translation of the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price into the French language has recently been completed.

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STAKE ORGANISED

The 264th stake of the church was organised recently in Auckland, New Zealand, the first stake south of the equator.

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PRESIDENT MCKAY RECOVERS

President McKay has made a rapid recovery after an operation to remove a cataract from his right eye.

SUSTAINING— LEADERS

EDITORIAL

GENERAL CONFERENCES are always held to take in the date of April 6. This is done to include the anniversary of the organisation of the Church. Frequently it is on this date when the names of the general authorities and officers of the Church are presented to the membership for their vote.

Many people suppose that this vote is perfunctory and without meaning. In this supposition they cannot be right.

But they say, no one ever votes against the brethren. It is hoped of course that there always will be such unity among the Saints and such devotion on the part of the leadership of the Church that there will be no need for opposition of any kind.

And yet, at times, particularly in the smaller units of the Church, opposition votes are cast. Occasionally it is suggested that a branch be discontinued, or that it be merged with another ward or branch. Never is action taken to effect such a proposal without first submitting the matter to the vote of the people concerned.

THIS VOTING is no rubber stamp procedure. There have been times when the proposals have been turned down by the people, and the change has never been made. And this has been done without any prejudice on the part of the presiding officials.

It is inherent in the organisation of the Church that its work shall be done by the revelation of the Lord.

The principle of loyalty is inherent in our sustaining the authorities of the Church, not merely loyalty to those men as leaders, but to the entire gospel plan, that for which those leaders stand and work.

"He that receiveth my servants receiveth me," said the Lord, "and he that receiveth me receiveth my Father, and he that receiveth my Father receiveth my Father's kingdom; therefore all that my Father hath shall be given unto him". (D. & C. 84: 36.)

The opposite is also true, for the Lord also taught that whosoever is not for him is against him.



ON THAT DAY of the organisation of the Church the Lord gave a revelation now known as Section 20 of the Doctrine & Covenants. In it he directed that the officers of the Church should receive their appointment from the presiding officials subject to the "vote of the Church to which they belong."

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LEADERSHIP HERITAGE

INSPIRED leaders with the courage of their convictions led the Saints to their haven in the West, in spite of their many discouragements and advice to do differently.

On the twenty-first of June 1847, the Mormon Pioneers met Major Moses Harris, a noted scout and trapper, who told them that the Salt Lake Valley was "sandy and destitute of timber and vegetation except for the wild sage", and advised them to go to Cache Valley where nature would favour them more.

The forenoon of the twenty-eighth of June the Mormon Pioneers arrived at the point where the California and Oregon trails branched off.

Taking the left hand route the Pioneers crossed the Little Sandy River where they met the great Western scout, Jim Bridger of Bridger's Fort. With two companies he was on his way to Fort Laramie, where his traders had gone with robes and skins to fill a contract.

His account of the Great Salt Lake Valley was as discouraging as that of Major Harris. He deemed it extremely unwise to bring a large company of settlers into the Great Basin until it could be proven that grain could be proven that grain could be grown and would ripen there. He felt so



sure of his judgment in this important matter that he made a standing offer right there to pay one thousand dollars for the first bushel of corn successfully grown and ripened in Salt Lake Valley.

To listening Mormon ears he told many extravagant tales of travels and conditions among the savage Indians out there where the mountains bordered the Great Salt Basin. A great copper mountain was there and lead ore shot through and through with silver.

After supper with Jim Bridger and his redoubtable companions, the Pioneers retired to their own wagons, reserving opinions as to the veracity of Colonel Bridger's stories, until they had seen for themselves.

There were undoubtedly some of the Pioneers who had doubts creep into their minds, but who followed Brigham Young because they knew he was a Prophet of the Lord, a man of vision and wisdom.



Your Question Answered

by President Glen G. Fisher

Will you please answer the following questions on the Administration of the Sacrament?

QUESTION: Who prepares the Sacrament table?

ANSWER: The Sacrament table should be prepared well in advance of the time set for services. This duty belongs to the Aaronic Priesthood who act under the direction of the Branch Presidency. It has been recommended that the Teachers' Quorum be assigned this task.

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QUESTION: Who officiates at the Sacrament table?

ANSWER: Whenever possible Priests should be appointed to administer the Sacrament. This is a specific duty belonging to their Priesthood. If Priests are not available, men bearing the Melchizedek Priesthood may, of course, officiate.

Deacons should be assigned to pass the Sacrament. If Deacons are not available, then Teachers, Priests and Melchizedek Priesthood bearers may be appointed to perform this office.

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QUESTION: In administering the Sacrament is it right and proper for both Priests to kneel at the same time while giving the blessing?

ANSWER: It is customary for only the one Priest to kneel at a time, the other Priest remaining seated.

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QUESTION: Is it permissible to use brown bread for the Sacrament?

ANSWER: It is recommended by our Authorities that white bread be used. The crust should be removed.

QUESTION: In preparing the Sacrament table, is it proper to break the bread and pour the water?

ANSWER: The breaking of the bread is a part of the Ordinance and should be done in view of the congregation.

The water should be poured before the services commence.

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QUESTION: If we run out of water before all the congregation is served and an additional supply has to be procured from the tap, what is the procedure?

ANSWER: If this is a frequent occurrence, then it is well to have a surplus supply on the Sacrament table. A pitcher or a regular sacrament water container may be used. However, if you do not have a surplus, then following the pouring of the water the Sacrament prayer is repeated.

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QUESTION: While saying the Sacrament prayer is it permissible to kneel on one knee?

ANSWER: No. When we kneel before the Lord in prayer, whether at the Sacrament table, in family prayer, or in the privacy of our rooms we should in humility bend both knees.

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QUESTION: Is it proper to partake of the Sacrament with the left hand?

ANSWER: No. It has always been customary to use the right hand in performing ordinations and partaking of the sacrament.

The right hand is a symbol of righteousness and we have numerous scriptures indicating its use in making covenants. It is interesting to note: the right hand or side

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*I*F it were possible to compile the many testimonies given to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, many hundreds of volumes would be filled. Some of these testimonies are thrilling to read and perhaps a preview of a few will remind us all that we too have experienced similar feelings in relation to this Great Book.

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NICHOLAS G. SMITH, a former President of the South African Mission relates this incident.

One day I was invited by the Dean of Religion of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles to come to his Church and listen to him preach, and he asked to borrow a copy of the Book of Mormon.

One of the Missionaries handed him his copy. It was all marked and underlined in red.

The Minister stood up before his congregation, and with myself and some of our missionaries present, he held the Book of Mormon up to his congregation and said, "I have here a volume of scripture which has been in our midst for over one hundred years, and we haven't known anything about it."

He then opened the book and read page after page of the underlined passages.

Then as he finished he said to his congregation, "Why can't we fellowship a people who believes in such beautiful things as I have read to you out of this volume of scripture?"

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THE TEMPLE SQUARE MISSION received a letter one day from a Methodist Minister who had a few months before visited Salt Lake City and the Temple grounds.

In the letter he said: "I have



been a Minister for 37 years and in that time I have spent four thousand pounds building a library of the choicest books I could find. I have now in my library one book worth more than all the others because it is a volume of 'Holy Scripture', and he named it as the **Book of Mormon**.

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APOSTLE CHARLES A. CALLIS related this stirring incident. When the prophet Joseph Smith received the plates he got down on his knees before the Lord, and said, "O, God, what will the world say?" And the voice of God came to him, "Fear not, I will cause the earth to testify of the truth of these things."

Recent discoveries bear witness to the literal fulfillment of this revelation from the Lord.

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LeGRAND RICHARDS, former Mission President and now an
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President Louw was baptized in May, 1933, in East London. His first office in the church was 2nd Counsellor in the Branch Sunday School. Shortly after his removal to Springs in 1934, a branch was organised with Brother Louw serving as 1st Counsellor in the Branch Presidency and also as Sunday School Superintendent. In 1935, he was set apart as Branch President, which office he held for fourteen years. He was ordained an Elder in 1936. From 1944 to 1948 he served as 1st Counsellor to N. G. Muir in the Transvaal District Presidency, and in 1950 was called

to this same office to work with Brother George Ganter. He was appointed District President in 1952, which office he held until his call to the Mission Presidency, April 6, 1958.

At the M.I.A. convention in December, 1957, Brother Louw was presented the Honourary Master M Men award in recognition of his service to the youth of the church through the years.

His wife is the former Mavis Futter, and they are the parents of four children, all of whom are actively engaged in church activities.

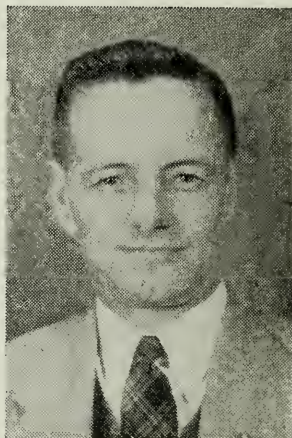
Labour

IN Moroni 9: 6 we read that Mormon writing to his son, Moroni, said, "And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labour diligently; for if we cease to labour, we should be brought under condemnation."

As leaders we have a great responsibility to continue to labour with the members of His kingdom. Leadership in this church is as great an honour as can come to any man on earth, but it requires constant prayer and supplication. We need the guidance of the Lord at all times.

Upon sound leadership the salvation of many people rests. How we lead may be the means of bringing many inactive members back into activity, or it may also result in people losing their testimonies. Leadership requires one to do constantly the things that are right. It requires tolerance, forgiveness and patience with those who are weak.

It is a commandment of our Father in Heaven that, wherever possible, those holding the Holy Priesthood should be the leaders. Priesthood is the power given to man to act in the name of God. So when we have to direct the affairs



of the Lord we must use the method of the Lord; tolerance and love.

We must always set the example and be prepared to take the disappointments as well as the successes; the insults as well as the praises. It is the great example set by the prophets in the latter days that has been a great influence on the Church members. Joseph Smith set the example of sacrifice in order to bring the gospel to us.

and so on right down to President McKay who has set the example of love and tolerance: all have been outstanding examples to us.

In whatever we do we should ask ourselves the question: Am I doing the right thing; am I an example to those over whom I preside? Can I expect the members to benefit if they follow in my footsteps? President Brigham Young was very emphatic about the leaders in the church living the gospel in its fullness. He said, "If there are any leaders in the church who feel that they cannot uphold the principles of the gospel, by living the gospel,

The test of faithfulness comes to the leaders of the church as well as the lay members. We are not immune to the temptings of Satan, as were the three Nephite disciples. To us may come the choice of paying a full tithing instead of meeting a pressing financial obligation. Then comes the test of our faith in the promise the Lord made to us.

The choice also comes to us when we should attend a weekly meeting in the chapel, and a friend invites us to attend some other function: can we show them that obedience to the commandments of

Diligently

by I. C. Louw

then they must relinquish their offices and make way for those who will."

It is the duty of all Sunday School, M.I.A., Relief Society and Priesthood leaders to check on themselves and see whether they are worthy leaders. How can we ask members to do the things pertaining to their salvation if we as leaders don't do them ourselves? How can a leader who does not pay tithing expect the members in his branch to pay tithing? How can a Branch Teacher tell the members to attend sacrament meeting if he himself seldom attends?

Leadership in the home is just as important as leadership in the Church, especially in the Latter-day Saint home. The Lord has chosen us to be leaders in our homes — leaders in example as well as in precept. How often has it been proven that the children whose parents take them to church turn out better members when they grow up, with a stronger testimony, than the children of parents who send their children? If we don't set the proper example, the day will come when our children will point their fingers at us, and retribution will be our reward.

the Lord means more to us than their friendship? So often we are confronted with the test of worthiness as leaders in the Lord's Church. How do we measure up? I believe that even the Prophet of the Lord is faced with a test of his worthiness. We know that he is equal to it because of his great faith and obedience to the gospel of our Father in Heaven. So also can we be equal to withstand any temptations if we follow the example of our beloved leader.

We believe in a pre-existence, during which time we not only developed various characteristics, showing our worthiness and ability—or lack of them—but were also observed in our progress. We were chosen there to have responsibility here on earth. We read in Abra-



ham 2: 2-3 in the Pearl of Great Price how Abraham was chosen (Continued on page 162)

SERVICE THROUGH TEACHING

by President Glen G. Fisher

THERE are three major phases of activity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1. Service at home, in Districts and Branches.

2. Missionary Service.

3. Genealogical research and temple work.

Perhaps it would be difficult to say which is the more important, but certainly, service at home could very well lead the list.

When you consider the great army of people who officer the various organizations throughout the Church, including general, stake and ward authorities, and in missions; district and branch officials, together with the various auxiliary workers in each, it can quite safely be concluded that this group is very much larger than the other two. The quantity of service is therefore greater in this phase of activity.

It would be interesting to compile figures in relation to the number who serve in the various positions in what we have termed work at home, but I believe I am quite safe in saying that the great majority are teachers.

Teaching has ever been an honored position in the Church, and it is to this distinguished group that I would like to direct a few thoughts. I am mindful also of parents and day school teachers. In fact, all who have a love of teaching in their hearts. Aristotle, in a few well chosen words, placed teaching in its true perspective when he said:

"All who have meditated on the heart of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends upon the education of youth".

President David O. McKay in contemplation has made clear, not only the importance of educating youth but he has placed the responsibility squarely, on first parents and then teachers. These are challenging words:



"Teaching is the noblest profession in the world. Upon the proper education of youth depends the permanency and purity of home, the safety and perpetuity of the nation. The parents give the child an opportunity to live; the teacher enables the child to live well. That parent who gives life and teaches his child to live abundantly is the true parent-teacher. In the ideal state, the teacher would be the parent's ally, training the mind, encouraging worthy habits and fostering noble traits of character, inculcated by wise parental teaching and example". Unfortunately this harmonious relationship does not always exist; for too often the entire responsibility is shifted to the teacher, and then his task becomes doubly hard.

If these things be true, and they

surely are, then our need for teachers is great, and it is little wonder that President McKay and in fact prominent religious leaders all down through the ages have designated teaching as the noblest and most rewarding occupation in the world.

The Saviour, himself a master in the art of teaching, gave the office of a teacher important status when after His crucifixion He sought out His disciples who had returned to their fishing, and after cooking an early morning meal and they had eaten, said to Peter, the Chief Apostle, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter answered him, "Lord thou knowest that I love thee?" "Feed my lambs", Jesus directed. Jesus said to him the second time: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" And again Peter said: "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." The Lord replied, "Feed my sheep." He said unto him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, "Lovest thou me." And he said unto him, "Lord thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my sheep."



This charge to watch over and feed the lambs and the sheep is just as applicable to-day as it was in the time of Peter.

In effect every teacher in the Church has been given the commission to feed "my lambs" and "my sheep". The growth and strength of this great kingdom that we are endeavouring to establish rests squarely on the shoulders of our teachers. To you Sunday School, Primary, M.I.A. Relief Society teachers, also Branch Teachers and in fact all who have the assignment to teach throughout our mission, I would like to direct this question: Could there possibly be a more important mission in the world than the work you have been called to do?

You are in a position to exercise great influence in the lives of youth. I again repeat the words of our beloved President; no man in this dispensation has manifest greater insight and perception concerning this matter of teaching than has President McKay —

"Of all who wield an influence in society, parents excepted, the teacher has the greatest opportunity to direct the lives of the young. The religious teacher has the added privilege of inspiring children and youth to seek the most precious of all gifts. This most valuable of all possessions is named by Jesus, the 'Pearl of Great Price', to purchase which, the merchant man sold all he had. To lead a child to desire the approbation of the Lord, to cherish truth, to get a proper perspective of the true aims and purposes of life — this is an ideal worthy of the noblest instructor in the land."

Not only does this apply to the teaching of youth, but to those young in point of time in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yes, teachers your work is important — no one has ever been able to measure the "motivation for good" established in the hearts of men by a teacher.

As I look back on my own life, and particularly to the time of my youth, the people who stand out in my memory as my greatest benefactors, those who influenced and

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FAITH BUILDS SERVICE

by Sister Ivy Fourie

FAITH is the key stone to religion: it governs our lives. We walk by faith, for none of us has seen God, yet we say our prayers. Without faith that our prayers would be answered, there would be little use in praying.

If we desire to dwell with our Father in Heaven, we will show it by our actions. Repentance of wrong doing is essential, after which one must enter the waters of baptism as did Jesus. The Gift of the Holy Ghost which follows will help us to live a life leading to the fulfillment of our desire.

To keep our faith intact and to strengthen it, we must be actively engaged in service in the Church. Service to our fellow men is service to our God.

When we tell ourselves that it will be alright for us to shirk an assignment because someone else can do it, we should keep in mind that the same thought might occur to them. Dependence on others to fill our responsibilities often results in the failure of that project, and thereby we have missed the opportunity for the experience to increase our faith. In no other way can we obtain this joy which comes from the cheerful acceptance and completion of a task within the Church.

At times we are confronted with problems which try our faith, but if we are strong enough to con-

tinue to live the gospel and serve the Lord in our callings, these problems will become stepping stones to greater faith.

It profits us nothing to say that we have faith when we do not use our talents and means in the service of the Lord.

Supposing today were your last day on earth.

The last day of the journey you've trod;

After all your struggles, how much are you worth?

How much can you take home to God?

Don't count as possessions your silver and gold,
Tomorrow you leave these behind;

And all that is yours to have and to hold,

Is the service you've rendered mankind.



From the President's Desk

Apostle relates two interesting incidents. These experiences have been duplicated many times in the lives of missionaries.

We had a missionary come to us in the South, who said, "I had a hard job to make up my mind to come on my mission. My professors told me it would be a waste of time." He was a college student. He said, "You know, I am a very practical sort of a fellow. I like to be able to walk out in a garden and pick the pears off the pear tree, and then I know it is a pear tree." "Well," I said, "My boy, I wouldn't worry too much about that if I were you. Pears grow on our tree, too. Now you take the Book of Mormon, and you apply all the analysis you can to it from every source; how it could have been written; who could have put in it the information that is there save God the Eternal Father, or someone to whom he gave that in-

formation."

Well, I sent this boy out into Alabama. A few weeks later I went over to attend a conference, and I said to the district president that I would like to hear from that young man down there. He called on him. He bore a magnificent testimony. I walked up to him after the meeting. I said, "You have found some pears on the pear tree." And he said, "Oh, President Richards, forget it."

My wife was in company with me one day when we met a boy we had helped rear and who had learned about twelve languages and had a Ph.D. She turned to him and said, "What do you think is the greatest evidence of the divinity of the Book of Mormon?" "Why," he said, "every page in it! No human being could have written that book of himself. No knowledge in this world could have written it, save it was from God."

Your Question Answered

is called the dexter and the left the sinister. Dexter is defined as something favourable; sinister, something unfavourable or unfortunate.

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QUESTION: Is it ever considered permissible to hold the Sacrament tray with the left hand while partaking of it with the right hand and then pass it with the left hand to the person sitting beside you?

ANSWER: Yes, it is permissible. There is no set rule on this procedure.

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QUESTION: In passing the Sacrament is there a set rule on who receives the emblems first?

ANSWER: Yes. In order that we, and particularly the youth, might receive an object lesson on

respect for the Priesthood, the procedure has been adopted that the specified highest Priesthood sitting on the stand should receive the Sacrament first. One man only is involved and after the Sacrament is passed to him, the person sitting beside him receives the emblems next regardless of Priesthood standing, and so on down the row.

In other words there should be no skipping from one authority to another after the one specified receives the Sacrament.

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The Sacrament is a simple yet impressive ordinance. The Church has avoided ceremonializing the Sacrament, yet a few established rules become essential in order that there might not be confusion and thus lose the spirit of the occasion.

President Powrie, along with his wife Philippa, was baptized on September 10th, 1950. His active service to the church began with his appointment as Krugersdorp Branch Clerk in 1951, only ultimately being released from this office two months ago. He was called to be 2nd Counsellor to the Branch President in 1952 and 1st Counsellor in 1954, in which capacity he served until April of this year. He was ordained to the office of an Elder on February 6,

1955, and at the organisation of the Elder's Quorum, he was called to serve as class leader and secretary of the Krugersdorp Group. On April 6, 1958, he was appointed Transvaal District President to succeed President I. C. Louw.

He has retained Johannes P. Brummer and Daniel Paterson as his counsellors, and Tex Smith as District Clerk.

Brother and Sister Powrie are the parents of four fine children.

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LEADERSHIP

THROUGHOUT history the pattern of life has decreed that certain men and women should be set up as leaders of their fellows, some through the line of heredity, some by the very force of their inherent qualities which automatically caused them to rise to the top, even as a bubble does to the surface of water.

These leaders, think of them for a moment; perhaps a Churchill, Washington or Moses, or even a Desraeli, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Smuts or Hitler — some leaders in the cause of good, some in the cause of evil. What was the vital quality which united them in this select, limited fold of the leaders of the world? Was it their birth-right — not all of them, for some came of the humblest stock; their intellectual brilliance — in some cases, yes; their stature — not necessarily; their personality — mainly yes, for others were invariably attracted to them and would naturally want to imitate and follow them; their dedication to, and belief in, a cause—without exception, yes; their qualities of leadership—again, yes, for all of them led in some way or another and other men and women followed. They all became leaders because they **could** lead and be-



By C. KENNETH POWRIE

cause they **wanted** to lead others towards a goal which was to them an ideal, a flaming, inspiring light in their lives.

Not all of us are privileged to enjoy this glorious emotional experience of dedication to a great ideal and the ability to sweep others along with us, with the fire of our enthusiasm and our innate powers of leadership. We can,

however, every one of us, develop and cultivate certain of these precious characteristics, which are gifts from God by virtue of the very nature of our creation. Remember, we were given dominion over "the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" and so, automatically, as a birth-right, even as the line of succession in monarchical institutions, we have been granted the right of leadership over certain of the creations of the world.

We are all then, in a sense, leaders, but to many of us will come the greater responsibility of

firstly being taught how to follow, of leading in smaller undertakings, of being given power, of learning to use it in righteousness, of developing confidence, strength, courage, enthusiasm, and from it all emerges the personification of the promise, "as God is, man may become".

A leader must be strong enough in purpose and courage, never to waver in the face of adversity, to have sufficient reserves of strength to share liberally with his followers, yet tender and humble enough to think and feel with the weakest of them — to stand out ahead of them, yet be indivisibly one of

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leading and directing the affairs of certain of our fellow men; to show them the way towards the goal set before us and make it our work and pleasure to reach that goal together in joy and happiness. On the other hand we may choose the negative objective and achieve leadership in the more dubious paths of life.

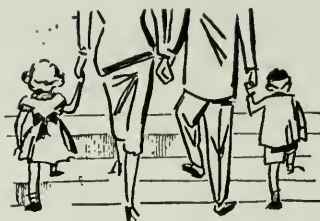
We who are professed members of the Church of Jesus Christ, have the immediate advantage of being keenly aware of the right goal for which we should strive. It is a good and wholesome objective, well worth attaining and certainly worth sharing with those to whom we wish goodwill.

The goal having been defined and our desire to reach it affirmed, how shall we lead others there? Again we are fortunate in that this Church of ours is undoubtedly the greatest institution for the development of the qualities of leadership on the earth today. From the earliest years of every person within its fold, the lessons of leadership are instilled into the very soul—of

them. A selfish leader may storm out ahead, forgetting the slower pace of his followers, only to find very soon that he is no longer a leader, for the very simple reason that he is now alone and has no followers, having left them far behind.

Perhaps one of the greatest lessons of leadership is to be found in the 23rd Psalm—the picture of the shepherd leading his flock. What is a shepherd but a leader, and what greater lesson could we learn in leadership, than in the many references by the Saviour, the greatest of all leaders, to shepherds and sheep—leaders and followers? The good shepherd guided and protected his sheep, ministered to their needs, thought for them and with them, rejoiced in their joy and suffered with them in their hardships. The true shepherd is all that a leader should be.

Nor are the lessons of leadership confined to Church activities alone. In our everyday work, in the home, office, farm or factory, we can
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by Elder M. D. Caldwell

BRANCH Sunday School Superintendents: Are you holding your Branch faculty meeting?

The faculty meeting is a Branch Sunday School Officer's meeting with the Superintendent in charge. This meeting should be held once every month. It has a two-fold purpose:

1. It is a teaching improvement meeting for teachers in service. The Superintendent should make arrangements for the faculty meeting lesson to be given by a member of his faculty. The improvement of teaching in all departments is a major concern. The faculty meeting should help teachers by:

- A. Keeping them mentally alert on teaching methods.
- B. Presenting the latest ideas on teaching aids.
- C. Stimulating interest in better lesson preparation.

D. Making teachers realize that students compare them with their regular day school teachers.

2. The second purpose of the meeting is to deal specifically with problems concerning the welfare and conduct of the Sunday School. Attention should be given to attendance, the Sacrament service, music, two and one half minute talks, parental co-operation, enlistment, greeting people as they enter, punctuality, order, and reverence. Attention to all of these matters in the faculty meeting is essential to the realization of the Sunday School objectives.

Further information about faculty meetings can be found in the Sunday School handbook on pages 52 and 53.

CORRECTION: The Improvement Era can be ordered for £1-1-6, not £1-6-6 as stated in last month's C.S.M.

APPOINTMENTS

Elder L'Dean McCue as Associate Editor of C.S.M., replacing Sister Kriste Miller.

Elder Kenyon Blackmore as Mission Secretary, replacing Elder L'Dean McCue.

Sister Natalie D. Fagan as Secretary to President Fisher.

Sister Jean McGill as Mission Recorder, and Y.W.M.I.A. Super-

visor.

Elder James Gillette as Supervising Elder of the West Rand.

Elder Ray Stevenson as Supervising Elder of Port Elizabeth District.

Elder Heber Beazer as Supervising Elder of Pretoria.

Elder David Le Baron as Branch President of Welkom.



ALL growing things, vegetables, grains, and fruits, are dependent to a large extent on climate. Consequently a great effort is sometimes made to modify climate and thus encourage growth. Tender shoots are started in hothouses. Smudges are kept going to protect citrus fruits against unexpected cold weather. Clouds are "seeded" to overcome drought. While all of this undoubtedly helps, all growers know that none is "Sure fire".

But there is another kind of "Climate control" arranged and planned by our Heavenly Father for his children. This climate control prescribed in the scriptures and used by inspired leaders can be completely successful. It is brought about through the overseeing eye of executives who watch physical conditions—light, air, cleanliness,

pleasant arrangements — but who above all have an attentive, devoted attention to promptness, preparation, cheerfulness, and true warmth of spirit. Added to this over-all care is, of course, the high heavenly morale of all leaders who know that the message of the Church and calling of the M.I.A. is to the individual, to the one lost sheep, to the one lonely Gleaner, the one unhappy Mia Maid, to the one awkward, noisy Scout, to the one timid but serious investigator who may come to Mutual, or to the one new member of the Church who needs special acclimatization.

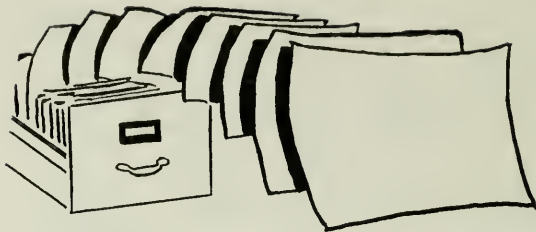
Remember that we are all missionaries in this great Gospel Plan and by showing special interest and friendliness towards the investigators who attend your M.I.A. you can show them the true spirit of the Gospel.

LEADERSHIP ... FOR GOOD OR EVIL

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apply these elements of leadership. The dedicated cause — our work, our homes, our interest in them and our desire to succeed in these fields; our leadership therein will manifest itself accordingly to our ability to emulate the good shepherd in our relations with our fellow workers or our families and in ministering to them they will

raise us up as their leaders as naturally as day follows night. As a Personnel Director once remarked to a rising young executive who was having trouble with human relations, "the success of those working under you is synonymous with your own, as you will never rise any higher than those under you, will lift you".



From Our Files

BAPTISMS

LOUW, Pieter (Mowbray); b. Merlin D. Caldwell, c. Theo. Rayner, May 25, 1958.

PIETERSEN, Richard Gordon (Mowbray); b. Merlin D. Caldwell, c. Nicolaas J. Goosen, May 25, 1958.

ANDREWS, Jean Innes (Mowbray); b. Merlin D. Caldwell, c. Glen G. Fisher, May 18, 1958.

SHARPE, Carol-Ann (Ramah); b. Norman G. Muir, c. Gordon R. Dell, April 27, 1958.

NELSON, Veronica Elizabeth (Ramah); b. Gordon R. Dell, c. Clarence W. Muir, April 27, 1958.

HUBERT, Paul Wyndham (Ramah); b. Donald E. Harper, c. Kenneth Sutherland, April 27, 1958.

HEFER, Gesina Maria Susanna (Ramah), b. Gerald H. Layton, c. Gerald H. Layton, April 27, 1958.

HEFER, Louis Philippus (Ramah); b. Gerald H. Layton, c. Gerald H. Layton, April 27, 1958.

HOWDEN, James Alexander (Ramah); b. Edwin Orr, c. Edwin Orr, April 27, 1958.

HOWDEN, Audrey Cynthia (Ramah); b. Edwin Orr, c. Edwin Orr, April 27, 1958.

MUIR, Herculina Louisa Jonson (Ramah); b. Norman I. Muir, c. Norman G. Muir, April 27, 1958.

FERREIRA, Jeannette Aletta (Ramah); b. Donald E. Harper, c. Edwin Orr, April 27, 1958.

BIBB, David Anthony (Pretoria); b. John C. Scheltema, c. Tex W. Smith, April 27, 1958.

JANSE-VAN VUUREN, Mary Ann (Pretoria); b. John C. Scheltema, c. Gerald H. Layton, April 27, 1958.

ROSSOUW, Wessel Jacobus Cornelius (Pretoria); b. John C. Scheltema, c. John C. Scheltema, April 27, 1958.

HUMAN, Elizabeth Jean (East London); b. Clement G. Human, c. Clement G. Human, January 4, 1958.

BAKKER, Leon Colin (Durban), b. John D. Oviatt, c. Grant L. Fisher, May 18, 1958.

WIBLIN, La Verne Faye (Durban); b. Harlan B. Doller, c. Grant L. Fisher, May 18, 1958.

WILKENS, Cecilia Francina (Durban); b. E. Dale le Baron; c. E. Dale le Baron, February 2, 1958.

BLESSINGS

ALEXANDER, Raymond Findlay (East Rand); b. William Balmer, April 6, 1958.

ALEXANDER, Carol Ann (East Rand); b. Carlos Smith, April 6, 1958.

ALEXANDER, Gloria Jeanne (East Rand); b. William R. Bennett, April 6, 1958.

CLIFFORD, Danielle (East Rand); b. William R. Bennett, April 6, 1958.

HEYDENRYCH, Martin John (East Rand); b. Douglas J. Henderson, May 4, 1958.

BRUMMER, Werner (Out of Branch); b. Leo. D. Anderson. May 4, 1958.

BOSMAN, Johann Philip (N'Dola); b. Jacob S. Whitehead, May 25, 1958.

BOSMAN, Hendrikus Lambertus (N'Dola); b. James R. Whitehead, May 25, 1958.

TYLER, Derek Roy (N'Dola); b. Douglas Charsley, May 25, 1958.

VAN HEERDEN, Christoffel Wynand (Springs); b. John C. Troskie, April 23, 1958.

SANDERS, Walter Edward (Pretoria); b. James B. Gillette, May 4, 1958.

PELSER, Janet (Durban); b. Alan Harker, May 4, 1958.

EK, Gayle Eleanor (Port Elizabeth); b. Havelock Trollip, May 25, 1958.

HOWDEN, Patricia (Ramah); b. Donald E. Harper, June 1, 1958.

HOWDEN, Atholl (Ramah); b. Donald E. Harper, June 1, 1958.

DEGENAAR, Henrietta Elizabeth (Krugersdorp); b. Deryck V. Vice, June 1, 1958.

HALL, Laurita Nan (East London); b. Merrill T. Whitehead, June 1, 1958.

WEWEGE, Bernard Graham (East London); b. Ritchie G. Whitehead, June 1, 1958.

ORDINATIONS

HUTTON, Ralph George Addison (Springs); ordained a Teacher, April 27, 1958, by Douglas Hulbert.

JUBBER, Eroid (Springs); ordained a Priest, April 27, 1958, by Ronald C. Louw.

ARMSTRONG, Wynne Henry (Springs); ordained a Priest, April 27, 1958, by Kenneth S. Armstrong.

HUGO, Jan Gysbert (Springs); ordained a Teacher, April 27, 1958, by Henri de C. Hugo.

GREER, Harry (Krugersdorp); ordained a Priest, May 11, 1958, by Larry K. Anderson.

WRENCH, Ian Sinclair (Ramah); ordained a Deacon, April 27, 1958, by Wilfred S. Wrench.

GARTSIDE, Peter Stuart (Bulawayo); ordained a Priest, May 15, 1958, by Melvin Lawlor.

FOURIE, Francis James (Mowbray); ordained a Deacon, May 25, 1958, by Glen G. Fisher.

FOURIE, Ivan Francis (Mowbray); ordained a Deacon, May 25, 1958, by Merlin D. Caldwell.

DOLLER, Neville Richard (out of Branch); ordained a Deacon, May 30, 1958, by Glen G. Fisher.

LION-CACHET, Jan (Pretoria); ordained an Elder, April 13, 1958, by Johann P. Brummer.

PIENAAR, Zacharias Johannes (Pretoria); ordained an Elder, April 13, 1958, by Lionel C. Bibb.

KUNITZ, Ronald Alfred (Durban); ordained an Elder, April 20th, 1958, by J. Melverton Jakins.

PELSER, Hendrik Jacobus Martienus (Durban); ordained an Elder, April 20th, 1958, by Glen G. Fisher.

FOURIE, Trevor Francois (Bulawayo); ordained a Priest, May 15, 1958, by Calvin K. Lybbert.

MARRIAGES

RAUTENBACH, Christine to Charl Hendrik du Plessis (Pretoria), April 4, 1958.

FOURIE, Maria Johanna Stander to David Johannes Jansen (Kitwe), April 3, 1958.

DEATHS

JACOBS, Sarah Johanna (Johannesburg), May 25, 1958.

FUTTER, Edward Lewis (Springs), May 12, 1958.

PIRIE, Johanna Jacobs (Cape Town), April 23, 1958.

Definition of a Pioneer.

"A person who does the impossible."

OUR MISSIONARIES TRANSFERRED

Name	From	To
Darryl Sherwood	Durban	Cape
Jay Oler	Cape	Bloemfontein
Heber Beazer	Cape	Pretoria
James Gillette	Pretoria	Johannesburg
Robert Milne	Cape	Gwelo, S. Rhodesia
Ray Stevenson	Welkom	Port Elizabeth
David Le Baron	West Rand	Welkom
Clarence Hunter	Natal	Port Elizabeth
Rex Anderson	Bloemfontein	Natal



. . . . SAILING FOR HOME

This month brings another mass exodus of missionaries. In bidding farewell, we wish the choicest blessings of our Heavenly Father to be with them.

MERLIN DELYNN CALDWELL, Cardston, Alberta, laboured in the West Rand, Welkom, Pietermaritzburg, Northern Rhodesia and Cape Town. He served as Branch President in Welkom, Mission Supervisor of the Sunday School and M.I.A. and Second Counsellor to President Glen G. Fisher.

ALAN B. HARKER, Magrath, Alberta, laboured in the West Rand, Cape Town, Natal and Port Elizabeth.

JOHN R. HICKEN, Raymond, Alberta, laboured in Port Elizabeth, East Rand, Natal, Cape Town, and West Rand. He served as Mission

Secretary and as supervising Elder of the West Rand.

DEAN A. HUNT, Picture Butte, Alberta, laboured in the East Rand, West Rand, Cape Town and Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia.

NORMAN JAY LAW, Magrath, Alberta, laboured in Pretoria, East Rand, West Rand and Cape Town. He served as Mission Commissary clerk.

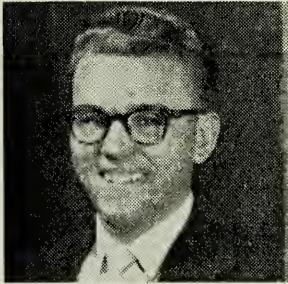
ROBERT L. NELSON, Welling, Alberta, laboured in the East Rand, Natal, Cape Town, Pretoria and Port Elizabeth. He served as Supervising Elder of the Port Elizabeth District.

CARL R. PICKLES, Taber, Alberta, laboured in the East Rand, West Rand and Northern Rhodesia.

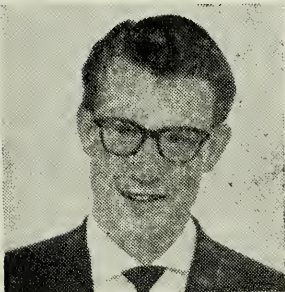
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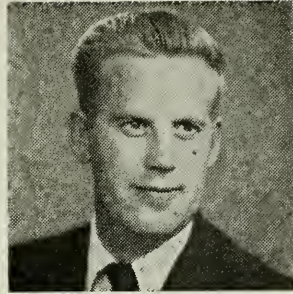
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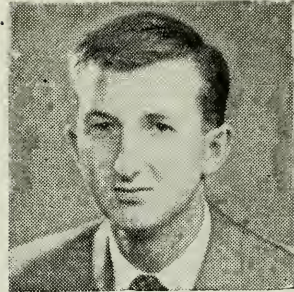
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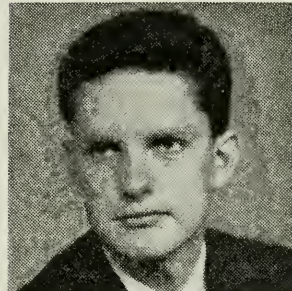
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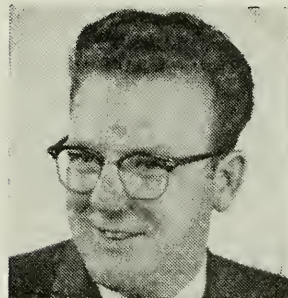
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VOYAGE

SERVICE THROUGH TEACHING

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guided me through those difficult periods are my teachers, my Primary teacher, my Sunday School teacher and my teacher in M.I.A. Some of these teachers have long since passed to the other side, but their teachings and their influence lives on and because of them and my dear parents, for they were great teachers too, I am what I am.

As a parent I honour the teachers of my children. To them we owe a great debt of gratitude; their example and influence, together with the seeds of truth they have sown in the hearts of those we love cannot be measured by any standard of worldly possessions. May God bless our teachers throughout the mission. Some of you may feel your task is unimportant, but it isn't so — we honour and love you for the interest, and the many hours of preparation and time spent in feeding "the lambs" and "the sheep". You hold the key that unlocks the door that leads to the great library of truth that will eventually overcome armies and navies and the destructive forces that threaten our civilization.

Adam S. Bennion, speaking to teachers, put it this way:

"You are dealing with a power

greater than atomic energy, the power of the human soul — a part of and related to the power of God."

Could we possibly have greater incentive?

I speak personally to each and every teacher in this great mission and declare in all soberness: your task is clear, your responsibility great and the service you render will be rewarded with blessings from "Him" whose cause you serve. We are happy and proud to serve with you in helping to bring about the purposes of our Saviour and Redeemer wherein he said, "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and Eternal life of man."

As a concluding thought I give you a few lines from the writings of Daniel Webster:

"If we work upon marble, it will perish;

If we work upon brass, time will efface it;

If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;

But if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of the Creator and love of fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten eternity."

LABOUR DILIGENTLY

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and so were we chosen according to our ability. If we fail in our responsibilities, we not only disappoint those who appointed us to these offices, but we grieve our Lord and Saviour. After all, it's His work we are neglecting to do, not the Mission or Branch President's.

Let us follow the admonition of Mormon and carry on doing our best to carry forward the assign-

ments that are given us, despite any disappointments that may come our way. Let us set the example of endurance, love, tolerance and faith in the Lord. Let us so conduct ourselves that we can always have a clear conscience that we have done our duty, that we may rest, assured that we will be blessed with the choicest blessing from on high.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

reported by Madge McHugh
Farewells were said to Elders Webster and Blackmore who were transferred. Before they left, however, we saw them, along with Elders Tagg and Nelson, playing basketball against a local team. Unfortunately they were beaten, but Elder Blackmore was specially mentioned for his ball handling.

We welcome Elders Harker and Bullock who replaced them.

A baptismal service was held at which Brother and Sister Milne were baptized.

Several members have been in fashion, catching the flu, but are recovered now.



FROM BRANCHES FAR AND NEAR

EAST RAND BRANCH

reported by Ann Coetzee

Relief Society is in recess but the sisters enjoyed a social evening in the form of a "Stork Shower" for Sister A. Cleote on June 3rd. Baby gifts, from toys to soap, with rhymes attached made the evening a pleasant surprise for Sister Cleote.

Our M.I.A. is now meeting in a hall on Friday evenings. Attendance is good considering the cold weather. Ball room dancing lessons serve to brighten the programme, and everyone thoroughly enjoys stepping on each others toes.

The evening service on 1st June was directed by the Sunday School.

We are happy to welcome Brother and Sister Fourie from Northern Rhodesia to our Branch, and hope that their stay will be long and happy. We also congratulate Sister Ann Whittle and little Gloria Alexander on their baptism. May the Lord's blessings be with them in their righteous endeavours.

PRETORIA BRANCH

reported by Martha Lion Cachet

The Sacrament Service on 25th May was under the direction of the Aaronic Priesthood. A most interesting programme was presented. On the 8th June the Sacrament service was under the direction of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The programme was well organized and the speakers presented their talks very smoothly.

Branch Conference was held here on June 15th with the District Presidency in attendance. The speakers were Elder Layton and Brother Tex Smith.

The M.I.A. held a progressive games evening on the 19th June. Everyone present enjoyed themselves thoroughly with the poem readings and criticisms. It was also the birthday of Sister McArthur, one of our missionaries. She was presented with a small gift, after which cool drinks and cakes were served to end a most enjoyable evening.

A Kitchen Tea was held on the 7th June for Sister K. J. France-

Brotherton who was married on the 14th June to Mr. H. F. Buys.

We wish to congratulate Brother C. C. Coetzee who was baptized on the 22nd June, 1958.

NORTH WESTERN BRANCH

reported by Bertha Wagener

On May 20th a very successful farewell party was held by the Relief Society for Elder Whidden who has laboured with us for the past eleven months. We wish him every success in his new field of labour.

We welcome Elder Henderson into our midst, and hope that he will be happy with us.

Our new members are showing great interest, and we trust they will continue to do so, for they will surely be blessed.

Sister Maartins and Brother Folkschenk are still on the sick list, and we wish them a complete and speedy recovery.

Relief Society is now in recess, so we hope during this period to get a lot done for our bazaar at the end of the year.

SALISBURY BRANCH

reported by Peter Houghton

The Salisbury Branch is continuing to progress. The M.I.A. has been started under the direction of Brother Fred Matthews. Our first open night, on Friday, June 20th, features a short sketch, "Catstummy Capers", produced by Brother Houghton.

Various changes have been made in the Branch officers. Brother Hugh Hodgkiss is now 2nd Counsellor to the Branch President and Brother Peter Houghton is 1st Counsellor in the Sunday School.

All organizations are continuing their good work and considerable progress is being made in the Genealogy group. Altogether, the recent months have been happy and progressive ones for the Salisbury Branch.

The Branch now has its own magazine, "Fiat Lux", which we hope to make representative of the Church in Rhodesia.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

reported by Beatrice Smith

We welcome Brother Peter Louw and Richard Pietersen to full membership in the Church.

Good luck to Sister Sparg and Peggy who left on the Stirling Castle on the first lap of their long journey to Canada. May the Lord bless them in their travels and bring them safely back to us.

Before going into recess, the Relief Society sisters and their partners held a party on 5th June. The evening got under way with a demonstration of bread making by Brothers Bobby Smith and Alvin Park. The demonstration was followed by a debate on the resolution that "Juvenile Delinquency is caused by Delinquent Parents." This was introduced by Sisters Edith Wiid and Beatrice Smith. Brother Bob Smith acted as Chairman. Defending the motion were Mr. Ernest Dallender and Sister Nelly Geldenhuys, with Sister Veronica Dallender and Brother Clyde Geldenhuys in opposition. After some strong arguments from both sides, the resolution was upheld by twenty-eight votes to nine.

There has been considerable illness among our members. Sister Lena Park has undergone an operation but is making a quick recovery. Sister Vigus has been ill, but is improving also. We pray that Brother Bernard Milne will be healed of his ailment.

The evening service on 1st June was under the direction of the Sunday School. The theme was "Reverence", and all participants fulfilled their task of showing the importance of this characteristic in Mormon life.

On 8th June the Sacrament meeting was devoted to commemoration of the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The choral items added to the beauty of the service. The two speakers, Brothers Theo Rayner and Keith Hubert, made many points clear to all of us.

Music has certainly been the theme of the month. At the

M.I.A. music festival on 17th June, there was talent brought to light which we had not guessed at before. The young people acquitted themselves admirably, and Brother and Sister Geldenhuys' duet was a real treat. Brother Ernest Osman earned a rich round of applause for his portrayal of a tramp. We congratulate the artists on the effectiveness of their back drop. It would be wonderful if we could have more of these entertainments during the year.

DURBAN BRANCH

reported by Joyce Wahlburn

On the 13th June the M.I.A. staged a most successful concert, with which was incorporated the M.I.A. Music Festival, "It's a Grand Night for Singing." The Festival alone would have made a delightful evening, so well was it presented.

The Primary Cake Sale in Woodlands was quite well supported.

On the 7th June, the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood held a party at the Chapel which was enjoyed by all.

The Branch Presidency seem to have had a priority on illness this month. President Jakins underwent a successful operation, and Brothers Wilson and Erasmus have also been indisposed during the month. Sister Jakins has had a bout with bronchitis and Sister Rosemary Sharpe hasn't been too well. Sandra Fisher was in hospital for a short while.

The Fisher family have said good-bye to make their home in Rhodesia. We wish them much happiness there.

Brother Duncan and Brother Sharpe caused minor sensations here during the month when they came out in their new cars.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Harry Spear and family of Bloemfontein here on holiday, as also the Fouries and Huberts from Cape Town.

We congratulate Brother and Sister Moloney on the birth of Pamela Ann on the 22nd June.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

reported by R. H. Corrigan

We were sorry to bid farewell to Elder Thomas and we wish him God speed wherever he is called to labour. We welcome Elder Merrill Whitehead and hope that he will be very happy working with his brother.

On Saturday the 7th June a Branch party was held at the Corrigan home. It began with a braaivleis followed with indoor games. There was a good turnout and everyone had an enjoyable time.

We are sorry to report that little Diana Human and Brian Corrigan have measles, and trust they will soon recover and be able to attend Sunday School.

SPRINGS BRANCH

reported by N. C. van Niekerk

On the 23rd May the Sunday School held a braaivleis which realised the sum of seven pounds for the organ fund. A Relief Society Cake Sale brought in another nine pounds on the 24th for this fund. The proceeds of all functions will go to this fund until the organ is installed.

Sunday, May 25th, President I. C. Louw visited the Sunday School in his official capacity.

The Mia Maids and Explorers held a fireside after the evening service on the 25th at the home of Brother and Sister George Hutton.

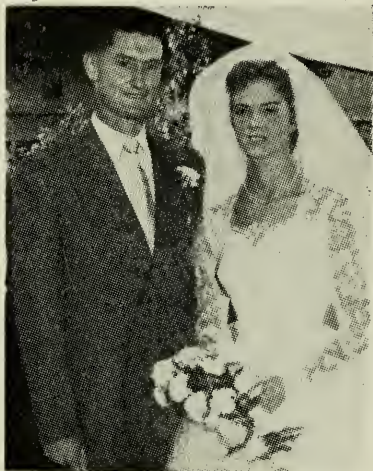
On June 1st, the Sunday School took charge of the evening service. The theme was "Service", and the speakers were all in their teens. These fine young people proved once again the infallible worth of Solomon's famous proverb.

After thirteen months of diligent labour at Springs, Elder Jack Holt has been transferred to Bloemfontein. We pray that he will be happy there. We also welcome Elder Whidden into our midst.

We warmly congratulate Sister Phyllis Armstrong who is now a champion twice over. She carried

away the Ladies' Singles Championship at Daggafontein Mines.

On the 8th of June, Sister Grace Ann Campbell, youngest daughter of Brother and Sister James Campbell of Luanshya, was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Geoffrey Gilfillan Dodge, by Brother N. G. Muir in the Springs Chapel. The bride was an exquisite picture of loveliness.



A special programme commemorating the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood was held on the 8th June. The speakers were Brothers Kenneth Armstrong and Ronald Louw. Both delivered their talks with power and authority.

The adult class of the M.I.A. held a fireside at the home of the home of Brother and Sister Tony Harris on the 15th after Sacrament Service. Elder Barfuss delivered an academic discourse on Brigham Young University.

We congratulate the Harris family on the arrival of a fine daughter on the 30th May. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

President I. C. Louw and a party of Missionaries toured Kruger Park for a week beginning June 23rd.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

reported by Joyce Morrissey

During the past month we have said farewell to three of our missionaries. Elder Lyons sailed for home on the 28th May, and Elder Orr and Elder Goetz were transferred to new fields of labour.

Elder Paul Vance has come to labour with Elder Hunter. We pray that both of them will be happy labouring here with us.

Sister Kriste Miller and Linda Tolley visited from Durban and both of them spoke at Sacrament meeting.

We held a very successful cake sale on the 14th June.

Brother Walter Randall from Durban spent a week in Maritzburg recovering from an attack of asthma.

Many of the branch members are suffering with colds caused by the recent cold snap.

RAMAH BRANCH

reported by Sylvia Milne

We are proud to announce that our Primary is making steady progress. The attendance has gone far beyond our expectations, and the enthusiasm of the children is wonderful. Sister Gloria Taylor has been doing a wonderful job, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless her and our Primary.

The Autumn Leaf Ball, held at Ramah, on the 30th May, under the direction of the Special Interest Group of the M.I.A., was a grand success. The hall was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves. A dance exhibition by Mr. and Mrs. Vicano was enjoyed by everyone.

The garden, as a result of our recent cold spell, is a rather miserable sight. Arrangements have been made for next summer's gardening, and we look forward to being able to boast of having a splendid garden.

The Relief Society is in recess, but the sisters are getting ready for starting again in August.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

reported by Jeanne Charsley

Our heartiest congratulations to Sister Grace Campbell on her marriage to Mr. Geoffrey Dodge on June 7th.

Sister Georgina S. Spear has been ill for some time but is now recovering.

We are glad to welcome Sister Aletta Terblanche back from her holiday down south.

During the past month Genealogical and Priesthood classes have been started in the branch.

It was a great pleasure to see Sister Hilda Lorraine Pickisson enter the waters of baptism on June 22nd. May the Lord bless her in the gospel.

A successful cake sale was held by the Relief Society during the month.

WELKOM BRANCH

reported by Hugh D. Campbell

We are pleased to announce that the two Bricknell boys, Colin and Ceril have been ordained Deacons, and also that Sister Sharon Rose was baptized on the same day.

Recent visitors here were Brother and Sister J. J. Campbell of Launshya, who were in the Union for the marriage of their youngest daughter Grace Aan in Springs. While passing through Welkom, Brother Campbell was prevailed upon to speak to us.

A "Tickey Evening" was held at the home of Brother and Sister Beldon for the Sunday Schol fund, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

The flu has been "at it again" and to all those who have contracted it, we wish a speedy recovery.

SUSTAINING LEADERS

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And then he said, "No person is to be ordained to any office in this Church where there is a regularly organised branch of the same without the vote of that Church." (D. & C. 20: 65.)

The Book of Mormon gives a valuable lesson on this point. King Mosiah taught his people: "Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right; therefore this shall ye observe and make it your law — to do your business by the voice of the people." (Mos. 29: 26.)

But there is more than voting to the system the Lord has instituted by which we "sustain" the officers of the Church. There is an expression of determination of purpose in it likewise. There is the token of covenant.

AS WE VOTE to sustain our

Church officers we permit them to act and officiate in their callings; but we also pledge our support of them, which means that we will follow their inspired direction, we will co-operate in carrying forward the programme of the Church, and willingly accept assignments of responsibilities from them.

The work of the Church is not confined to a few men only. Every person in it must take part. Every one must "work out his soul's salvation," by participating in the programme of the Church. Each assignment accepted and fulfilled means further soul development, added skill in activity, deeper faith and testimony.

Sustaining the authorities of the Church is as much a principle of the gospel as baptism or the resurrection. Without the co-operative effort which is permitted by it, there would be chaos. (Deseret News, April 6, 1957.)

Please don't pack your bags as yet,
But keep this date in mind.
A convention's in the making.
It's a great new fangled kind.

The time will be at Easter
In the Autumn of next year.
Start saving pennies early
So you can all be here.

Ramah is the place to come,
The same as it was last.
The place is undecided
But the folks will come in mass.



But President Fisher's made a date
With the L.M.'s and Elders too,
They're coming to Cumorah
To bid the year adieu.

An agenda will be planned,
The best that can be done.
'Twill include the newest methods
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