

God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church yould have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings great and small, for these houses of worship.

Adventist Home, p. 482

"Freely Ye Have Received . . .'

by Lewis A. Shipowick

To all Sabbath School members across the Dominion of Canada I say a special "THANK YOU." You have given liberally through Sabbath School missions. Thus you have extended God's kingdom of grace into the lives of tens of thousands of people around the world.

At the close of this year – 1979 – we have so much to be grateful for. God has given us another opportunity to do something extra-ordinary for Him. While the world is spending millions on self-gratification we, the sons and daughters of God, have the blessed opportunity of giving sacrificially for the salvation of multitudes. Let us give a real love gift to Jesus in appreciation for what He has done and is doing for us.

Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8.

Euro-Africa Anticipates Liberal Offering December 22

From Berne, Switzerland a cordial greeting to all of our dear fellow members and friends in Christ from the Euro-Africa Divsion.

Sabbath School is one of the foremost tools in soul winning in the Euro-Africa Division. Our headquarters are in Switzerland, a country famous for its political neutrality. This is particularly important because we are responsible for several socialistic and communistic countries in eastern Europe (Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia and the German Democratic Republic) and now even in Africa, (Nozambique, Angola, Madagascar, etc.). Our territory also comprises most parts of western Europe-France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland and many African fields like the North African Mission which comprises Morocco, Algeria, parts of West Africa, Senegal, Cape Verde Islands; parts of Central Africa like Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Angola, Mozambique and the islands of the Indian Ocean like Madagascar.

Just a few weeks ago I returned from an itinerary through the Indian Ocean and the Central African fields. You will certainly remember that one of our projects is on the island of Madagascar. It is the Andapa Hospital. It is a newly built medical institution which is in a densely populated area in a valley in the northern part of Madagascar.

I had the privilege of meeting the dentist of the station, Brother Dawson, an Australian. He brought us most thrilling news. A few years ago the 13th Sabbath offering overflow was assigned to the Andapa Hospital. It was the first stage of opening this institution. Since then good progress has been made. The project for this quarter is once more completion of our Andapa Hospital. Brother Dawson told me that he worked among the heathen population in the valley of Andapa. He has sixty persons who have expressed their desire to be baptized. The Madagascan Mission is sending an evangelist into this territory to have these people baptized. This is rewarding news! We can see that by our financial support we can really assist the soul winning program of this very poor country.

Several thousand miles west I became acquainted with the Sabbath School members in Cameroon. The official language of Cameroon is French but the different tribes have their own native tongues. I travelled with Ernst Pala, the President of the North Cameroon Mission to an Elementary School and Dispensary for a Sabbath School Convention. Forty five delegates from the different churches of the district had assembled. It was very interesting to get acquainted and to talk with these people who are living out there in the bush. I tried to encourage them to daily study their Sabbath School guarterly. One of the Sabbath School directors of a bush church got up and he told me his church has 80 members and he is the only one who can read and write. So how should they study a quarterly?

Josue Medjo, the Sabbath School Secretary of the West Central African Union Mission told of a similar bush church where a lot of our members can't read and write and in spite of being illiterate, several of these members were still Sabbath School teachers. They formed the habit of meeting at 5:30 a.m. and spending 15 minutes to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour studying the Sabbath School lesson with the pastor.

I met a member who was in charge of the missionary's garden. He was illiterate too,

but he could recite all the Bible texts from the last four years of Sabbath School lessons. He had all of these texts in his memory. Illiteracy is not a sign of a primitive mind. It's only a sign of a lack of the appropriate education. For this reason we have our school in Porto, Portugal as a project during this quarter. Here we educate our young people of Portugal properly in the Lord's cause.

There are still some countries which are very, very difficult to evangelize. I would like to ask you to remember Chad in your prayers. If the political unrest settles down and it's safe enough, we plan to open our evangelistic centre in N'Djamena, the capital of Chad. Up to now this has been nearly impossible. Our missionary in N'Djamena risks his life each time he goes into the city. A few days ago he returned to his house which he had to leave before the rebellion of a few months ago. He found his house empty. It had been stripped of everything. No doors. No windows. No furniture. Nothing at all. His library and personal property had been stolen. He really needs our prayers.

Let me express the gratitude of our dear and devoted members in the Indian Ocean, Cameroon and also in Portugal by saying farewell and goodbye, and may the Lord bless you and guide you when you are giving liberally for His cause.

Like the wise men of old, you may offer to God your best gifts and show by your offerings to Him that you appreciate His Gift to a sinful world. Set your children's thoughts running in a new, unselfish channel by inciting them to present offerings to God for the gift of His only-begotten Son. Adventist Home, p. 481

One Step Further Toward Goal of Higher Education in Canada

In a statement made on the floor of the Alberta Legislature, November 15, 1979, Alberta Advanced Education Minister Jim Horsman committed his government to introducing legislation in the spring of 1980 that would fulfil the long cherished desire of Canadian Union College to prepare students for fully recognized baccalaureate degrees.

Quoted below is the report of his statement as circulated by the Canadian Press:

Edmonton (CP) – Private colleges in Alberta will become eligible next year to grant baccalaureate degrees, Advanced Education Minister Jim Horsman said Thursday.

In a statement to the legislature, Horsman said legislation will be introduced next spring to allow private colleges to recommend that universities with which they are affiliated grant baccalaureates to graduates of the private colleges.

The program will let students at private colleges gain degrees but at the same time maintain program quality, Horsman said.

Three Alberta institutions have asked for the right to grant degrees: Canadian Union College near Lacombe, Camrose Lutheran College, and Concordia College in Edmonton.

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Upon receiving this news, a spirit of thanks to God for His gracious leading was most evident on the CUC campus. Dr. N.O. Matthews, Canadian Union College president, has requested that Adventists all across Canada join in grateful praise to God for this assurance of His leading, and in earnest petition that the promised legislation will be enacted with the most favourable conditions for the education of Seventh-day Adventist youth in Canada.

Indication of the interest that the Government of Alberta has for Canadian Union College's concern in this matter is very

evident. Before making the statement to his colleagues in the Legislature, the Minister instructed his deputy minister to phone Dr. L.R. Callender, CUC's vice-president for academic affairs, giving us the advance information even before it was announced to the House of Assembly.

A Revolving Fund Testimonial

A little over a year ago the St. John's church had the wonderful opportunity of purchasing a fairly new modern church at half the price it would have cost to build it. But at \$250,000 it would still have been beyond our reach had it not been for the Revolving Fund. By not having to borrow at the regular interest rate we are saving well over \$11,000 in eight years and we have our new church. You can understand why we thank God for the Revolving Fund.

> D.C. Uffindell, Pastor St. John's, Nfld.

At right is Aldershot Street Seventh-day Adventist Church - a modern facility serving the St. John's, Newfoundland congregation.



Reaping What We Have Failed To Sow

by G.D. Strunk Adventist Health Ministries

It has become a practice to conduct a 5-Day Plan to stop smoking or a cooking school just before an evangelistic campaign hoping to carry the audience from the health program into the religious program. This is

wrong, wrong, wrong! It reveals a great lack of comprehension of the breadth of health ministry. That's excusable if we have had little experience with its dynamics. But if we have had much experience at all in soul winning we should know human nature better than that. One can get away with such tactics in some parts of the world but not with sophisticated audiences of North America.

Very, very few will proceed directly from a 5-Day Plan into an evangelistic campaign; so few that it produces disappointment and we question the value of conducting health programs. Who wouldn't? But that is a misuse of the health and temperance programs. It would be more profitable to use those evenings and preparation time visiting homes right down the street and especially more profitable visiting backsliders and known potential interests for evangelistic meetings than conducting the health programs with this quick-transition motive. In fact, spending the whole week before the meetings in prayer would be of more value. WHY?

Most people who attend a smoke-free plan are interested in stopping smoking not in getting religion. Most of them are a very secular audience. They are still smoking, drinking and dancing on Saturday night and sleeping in on Sunday. (Some beautiful exceptions of course.) And five nights with the 5-Day Plan as it is presently written does not provide enough opportunity to build the kind of confidence needed to carry them; especially if they have not been visited in their homes and prayed with. Our smoking cessation plans should really be 2-3 month programs where we give the people the longterm support they need.

To try to bridge the gap from a stop smoking plan to the spiritual, a vegetarian cooking school has been thrown in. But is this reasonable? What relationship is there between stopping smoking and vegetarianism? The smoker wishes to stop smoking. He has no interest in vegetarianism. A few weeks or months from the time he stops smoking, if we have had continual contact, he will be interested in learning about additional steps to good health, like exercise or weight control or stress control. One program should have a reasonable relationship for progression to another if a carryover of attendance is expected.

We need a much broader understanding of the mechanics and the timing of mingling with men as one who desires their good, of showing sympathy for them, ministering to their needs in order to genuinely win (deserve, earn) their confidence so that we might bade them "Follow Me." *Ministry of Healing*, pg. 143. They don't mind trusting us with their bodies but most are not yet ready to trust us with their souls. The intimacy of such an exposure is too threatening.

We may have the best of intentions but lack wisdom as skillful fishers of men. If our attempted transition is abrupt it becomes an obvious "c'mon" or "hook." Nothing wrong with a hook but if it is unskillfully baited it may frighten the catch away and never be able to lure them back again. They might even feel conned. They might begin to suspect that our interest in them was not from genuine love. I sure hope they aren't right.

When the Lord tells us that "Health talks will be given ..." and that all who want light "will advance step by step to receive the special truths for this time," *Testimonies*, *Vol. 6*, pages 376, 379, it should not be thought that those steps can be taken in just a few days.

It takes many days and many weeks when recovering uncultivated soil to break up fallow ground, to prepare a seed bed and then to plant the seed. After that it must be vatered, weeded and nurtured, working and yearning patiently until maturity and time of harvest. It takes weeks of gentle visits to the field of labour, hours of prayers and a supplying of what each individual plant needs. It is intensive husbandry!

The one-talented man accused the Lord of being "a hard man reaping where you did not sow." Matthew 25:24 NAS. The Lord was not guilty of this false charge, but are we? If as a church or a worker we are get-richquick artists then we are not developing the soil but are violating the land. "He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6 NAS. And if there is not much to harvest perhaps by definition there hasn't been much seed sowed. Playing church doesn't mean we are planting seed.

Those who wish quick results (and who will get quick losses) should not intrude into the arduous domain of health ministry. It is true ministry! *Medical Ministry*, pg. 240. It is a long protracted process. The transition from the health emphasis to the spiritual is made only at the rate that the audience itself is able. This is learned and accomplished more by personal visits in the home than by public lecturing although both are needed.

It is slow because the health programs reach into the community and bring people who have little experience with formal religious worship and vocabulary. Evangelical religious cliches should be weeded from our speech. Religious concepts must be redescribed in the language of the people, not the language of first century AD, until the Biblical concepts and vocabulary can be defined. The average man on the street is scripturally illiterate and he must be taught as a native from the bush; slowly, lovingly, patiently until the spark of comprehension brightens the eye.

Some people can become aware of the spiritual needs within a brief time depending upon their background and the structure of the health program. Most people in this part of the world take one to three months, again depending upon the amount and nature of contact afforded during that time. But they still aren't ready for a traditional evangelistic meeting with all its sawdust trappings.

The emotional appeal of music can be frightening and must be introduced gradually. If preaching more than teaching is the format the secularist will become defensive. Truth should be presented quietly, slowly and tactfully so that the listeners are charmed with its beauty and relevance to the 20th century.

The gospel medical missionary work is Cont. on page 6



Welcome Back, Boss!

W.J. Clemons, Communication Director Ontario Conference

Thursday, November 1, was a day the Ontario Conference staff had looked forward to for a long time. During the morning, Beverly Penner, secretary to the president, Elder E.C. Beck, announced that her "boss" would be coming in soon. This would be the first time many had seen him since his serious auto accident at Sault Ste. Marie on the 15th of September.

When Elder Beck appeared, accompanied by his wife, he was met in the foyer where the office group sang to him, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Some of the secretaries had prepared a welcome for him, including refreshments. His secretary had placed on the wall behind his desk, a sign which read, "WELCOME BACK, BOSS." Elder Beck expressed appreciation for the many prayers, visits and get-well wishes he received while in the hospital and since, from friends far and near.

Mrs. Jean Bothe, conference office receptionist, read a poem, "The Extra Thanksgiving Day," she had finished writing just minutes before Elder Beck arrived.

Elder Beck is gradually gaining in strength. He is happy to be alive and getting into his work again. He wants to thank all those who have remembered him during his time of recovery.

Dennis Heintz, pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie church, who was in the same accident, is recovering from a broken arm. He also extends appreciation for the prayers and many get well wishes of his friends everywhere.



Elder Ed Beck smiles as his secretary, Beverly Penner, joins the office staff in applauding their "boss."

Loma Linda offers a Masters of Public Health Off-Campus Degree Program in the Ontario Conference

This off-campus degree of Masters of Public Health is geared to the needs of ministers, physicians, dentists, nurses, and other professionals desiring to become qualified to organize health programs and to engage in health ministry and other public health work in his/her own profession.

The Ontario Conference is pleased to have Loma Linda offer this degree program in Oshawa in January, 1980. The applicant must have a bachelor's degree or be working towards one from an accredited college. Typically, one class yielding three units of credit will be taught each quarter. The course content and instruction is identical to classwork given on the campus of Loma Linda. The number of contact hours in each course is the same.

The cost of this course is:

Tuition per unit — \$90.00 U.S.

Accommodation is extra, depending upon the length of stay. The usual length of each course will be two to three days.

The next course being offered is of longer duration than usual being scheduled for January 13 to January 18, 1979 and will cover three units on the course:

PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS — By Grenith J. Zimmerman, Ph.D., School of Health, Loma Linda University.

Cost of textbooks: Statistics Step by Step – \$20.65 How to Lie with Statistics – \$2.95

> For futher details on courses and registration, write: Gary D. Strunk, MPH Co-ordinator Adventist Health Ministries Box 520 Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7M1

Update recent happenings in the conference

The Kenora Seventh-day Adventist Church is seeking to reach people with its special services. One very effective method is through the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Sixteen people quit smoking recently with the help of Lloyd Seidel and Pastor Jack Milmine. More families are needed in the Kenora area to take up the challenge of evangelism in unentered areas.

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The Hamilton East Seventh-day Adventist Church has planned to allocate about twelve literature reading stands throughout the eastern section of the city of Hamilton. This means that we will need thousands of copies of clean Signs of the Times, These Times, and Liberty magazines for this very important ministry. Without cost you can invest in this project.

Please send us your *clean used Signs, Liberty and These Times.* Mail to: Seventhday Adventist Church, Box 3668, Station C, Hamilton, Ontario L8H 7N1.

Thank you for your assistance in this missionary endeavour.

M.D. Coleman, Pastor

New Frenda Evangelism

How would you like to send your child to a live-in evangelistic program? During this one week a Christian witnessing team of 34 college-age young people would devote their entire time to making the message of Jesus come alive for your youth. One of these dedicated youth ministers would live with your child for one week and teach him methods of daily devotions and group sharing and set aside quiet periods to answer any Bible questions he might have. Over two hours a day would be dedicated to a public week of prayer meeting especially designed to make Bible truth practical and appealing. An hour each day would be set aside for trained teachers to give direction in a study of God's second book - nature. Contained in this package is a well rounded physical exercise program designed to meet the interests of your participants. This spiritual week comes with a guarantee that even your boy or girl will completely enjoy it. How does it sound? Would you want your youth to attend?

This summer, the Ontario Conference Adventist Youth Department, offered NINE separate weeks of the Youth Evangelism and over 590 young people from 7-16 years of age attended. This totally spiritual program was not only accepted but enjoyed so fully that many stayed for a second and third week. Pastor Gordon Pifher, the Youth Director, believes that this kind of summer evangelism will do more to keep youth close to Christ than any other one program now offered throughout the year.

This Youth Evangelism not only strengthens our Adventist young person's spiritual committment, but also opens an entirely new perspective for others in attendance. Over 300 of the 590 were not from Seventh-day Adventist homes. How do these youth respond to this spiritual approach? Many in this group stayed for *more* than one week! One family invested over \$1,350.00 for their three children to spend a combined total of nine weeks in this atmosphere.

Summer Youth Evangelism was certainly alive at New Frenda this summer. If you want more information about next year's program, contact the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Youth Department, Box 520, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7M1.



"It's easier to arrive at Frenda than it is to leave"

Seven Baptized at Kendalwood

Satan "well knows that there is no other class that can do as much good as young men and young women who are consecrated to God." *Messages to Young People*, pg. 25

The Whitby Kendalwood Church rejoiced to see seven young people consecrate their lives to God in baptism.

On Sabbath, October 20, Pastor Dan Hogan baptized Allison Hensley, Kathy Vasas, and Paul Vasas and welcomed them into church fellowship.

Sabbath, November 10, was another high day as Pastor Hogan baptized Christine Piper. Elder Don Godsoe joyfully baptized his daughter, Laureen Godsoe. Pastor Tim Gay conducted his first baptism, baptizing his nephew and neice, Daniel and Ruth Gray.

> Mrs. L. O'Connor, Correspondent Whitby-Kendalwood S.D.A. Church



Left to right back row: Pastors Tim Gay, Dan Hogan and Don Godsoe; middle row: Kathy Vasas, Daniel Gray, Laureen Godsoe, and Paul Vasas; front row: Ruth Gray, Allison Hensley and Christine Piper.

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rivaled only by the publishing work at breaking into virgin territory. But it is a soil preparation and seed sowing work. I have yet to see a flower, a full ear of corn or a field of grain ready for picking 5 days after the seed was planted.

The use of such symbolic analogies is not meant to judge harshly. But the grand potential of the healing ministries and of health education for the salvation of souls is being stunted and maligned when these ministries are being exploited for quick results.

Properly and continually employed as a ministry from the local S.D.A. church, our membership would begin to grow in an exponential crescendo. But until it is we will fall short of God's expectation and the privileges awaiting us. *Testimonies, Vol. 6*, pgs. 370, 371



Rosthern Church Dedicated

The weekend of August 18 and 19 was special for members of the Rosthern Seventh-day Adventist Church. Former members and visitors joined the Rosthern congregation for the dedication of their church home. Approximately 200 heard Pastor A.N. How of the Canadian Union Conference give the dedication address, emphasizing the rededication of each member to Christ as well as the dedication of the church building. Pastor Djkowich read the Act of Dedication.

A brief history was given by Victor Lehmann. The Lehmann family formed the nucleus which eventually became the Rosthern company. Two charter members were present.

Following a dinner for everyone and an afternoon of fellowship, a program of music and meditation was presented by Pastor Bob Lehmann of Stettler, Alberta.



Update – recent happenings in the conference

Weyburn and Estevan churches joined to bid farewell to Pastor Alan Atkinson and family. A dinner and the presentation of a gift will long be remembered by the Atkinson family.

On the same day, Charles Eddy was baptized after attending Sabbath services for a year. Local members happily welcome Charles into the church family.

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The Moose Jaw church members rejoiced with the angels of heaven on October 27, when two precious souls joined the family of God by baptism. Mrs. Inez Froelich and her daughter, Mrs. Teresa Bruce, had studied Bible truths and attended church services for some time prior to their baptism. Their joy was made complete when friends from Saskatoon were present to witness their rebirth.

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Community Relations Day was held October 20, in the Moose Jaw church. The day proved to be a blessing to all as many visitors were in attendance for the 11:00 a.m. service and fellowship dinner.

The honoured guests were city Police Chief Gordon Crawford and his wife. During the service Chief Crawford was presented with a Community Service Award for his contribution to the community.

Pastor Rudy James presented the award on behalf of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists, while Mrs. Crawford received a corsage in appreciation of her support to her husband through the 14 years of his service to the city.



Pastor Rudy James presenting award to Police Chief Gordon Crawford.

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Pastor Rudy James of Moose Jaw conducted another Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking October 14-18, 1979.

Dr. Razvi, obstetrician, was guest lecturer emphasizing the harmful effects of smoking upon the unborn child.

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Over 300 members and friends of the Beaver Creek, Macrorie, Mount Royal and Saskatoon Central churches met together Friday evening through Sunday, October 19-21, in Saskatoon for a special weekend of church fellowship to celebrate the end of a bountiful prairie harvest and the beginning of the fall Week of Prayer.

Guest speaker Friday evening and Sabbath was Hans K. LaRondelle, professor of theology, at Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. LaRondelle spoke on "The Timeliness of the Three Angels' Messages." A Harvest Festival was held on Sunday beginning with a thanksgiving worship service in the Central Church. Guest speaker for the service was Bob Hossack, pastor of the Regina church.

Following a dinner prepared by the social committees of the Saskatoon churches at Saskatoon Junior Academy, a thanksgiving praise service was held. Musical selections were provided by Ian and Pat Pong; Terry Hyrchuk; Ruth, Lynda and Theresa Ginther; and Jason Hetland.

Many persons who attended the weekend session recommitted their lives to finishing God's work in Manitoba-Saskatchewan so that the last great harvest can be completed and Jesus will return.

> Correspondent Saskatoon Central Church



Dr. Hans K. LaRondelle, Professor of Theology, Andrews University, speaks at Saskatoon thanksgiving service.



Thrilling Report From The Northland

Thrilling things are happening in British Columbia's mission field way up north in the Yukon. These past few months have especially shown how God is blessing our labour for souls.

In mid-May Elder Lawton Lowe conducted a four-week series of evangelistic meetings in Whitehorse. As a result, two people were baptized – not a large harvest, but hard won in an area where rough-andready independence is a prevalent characteristic. We pray that others who attended will be impressed to search further for truth and life. Only Christ's methods of evangelism will bring success, we know, and we are thankful for the growing circle of friends in this community.

At Hope camp meeting in July, the momentum of events continued pushing forward. Bob Brand, whose wife became a member last November, followed his Lord in baptism the last Sabbath night. During this same evening meeting spontaneous financial pledges gave the Yukon one year's coverage with Signs of the Times.

Also in July, Bible Study Guide requests were mailed to each home in Whitehorse. Six more folks are now receiving lessons as a result.

It seems each week brings a victory, however small, or an indicated interest from someone new. An Ingathering contact led to a study appointment with Pastor Les Anderson. We are praying that this one evening will be the first of many.

The Northland presents a challenge. More folks are needed who are interested in doing mission work in unentered areas, folks who will leave the comforts of urban life for the opportunities of this vast wilderness. We invite you to accept this challenge and come to help us. In September we began a small church school in the basement of the church which has already brought blessing and encouragement to our members. Mrs. Bonnie Walker is the teacher. Her husband is doing literature evangelist work in the area. Realizing that our children deserve the best training possible we want to assure you that Christian educational opportunities are available for any who wish to make the Yukon their home.

On the first of November Pastor Anderson started a series of studies from Daniel and Revelation. We are confident God has a blessing in store for us as we share His Word. Please pray that the residents of Whitehorse will be impressed to discover for themselves the revelation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

> Mary Lane Anderson, Correspondent Whitehorse S.D.A. Church

Whites Return From Volunteer Service in Zambia

Having been raised in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I have read and heard mission stories from Africa all my life. As a child I wanted to go to Africa as a missionary, and Bill and I have often talked of going as volunteer helpers, but didn't know where a builder would be needed. Last February Dr. Gus Hoehn urged Bill to go to Mwami Hospital, Zambia, where a building project was to start and help was needed. Herb and Ruth Goertzen were also going for one year. We left May 16 and stayed until August 1 (75 days).

Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia) has much beauty in its hills and flowering trees and shrubs. Mwami Hospital is located among the low hills. There are not many of the foods that we consider necessities available in Zambia, so we are thankful to get to Malauie to shop. (Prices were astounding.)

The diet of the Zambian is mainly sheema dipped in relish, (cabbage or rape, onions, tomatoes and oil). The relish is good but it takes a while to get used to sheema.

Bill kept busy building cabinets which intrigued the Zambians, as they live in mud huts (mostly) with no windows, no furniture, no stoves, and they were thrilled to see the cabinets. They were installed in duplexes built for nurses and other helpers coming. Because of termites the buildings are built with cement blocks with cement floors. Materials are extremely short which makes it frustrating at times. The hospital also needed



Edythe and Bill White

cupboards so Bill did not run out of work.

Mwami is a 150-bed hospital with Dr. Jack Hoehn as Director and Dr. John Rogers in charge. They make all their own decisions as there is no one else to consult with, also do their own x-rays. There is a budget for a third doctor but, so far, no one is available. Their wives are real missionary wives. There are no complaints. They love their work and find it hard to understand why other young people are not interested in mission work. Most of the nurses are Zambian but there are some Europeans who also enjoy their work.

None of the workers consider it a sacrifice, but rather a privilege to work for the Lord and the people of Zambia. We made many good friends at Mwami. We are very thankful to have been able to spend this short time there and would like to do it again.

The needs of Mwami, as other mission stations, are many. Many of our so-called necessities become very insignificant when we think of their needs. Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Jesus is coming soon. Have we done our best for Him or are we more interested in our own wants than we are in finishing the work? Let's work and pray till Jesus comes.

Edythe White



One of the Mwami hospital gardens with head gardener in a field of rape and cabbage. Rape is one of the staple foods used in making relish. It is similar to spinach.

Update - recent happenings in the conference

The accompanying pictures show recent baptisms in the Armstrong and Grandview churches.

Three of these members were contacted by our literature-evangelist, Pat Settle, who then continued to visit and study with them. Two others were first introduced to Adventism by faith-sharing neighbours. The elderly man became interested through the friendship of a young couple who visited him in the rest home where he resides.



Left to right: Jim Pryor, Bill Petricko, who assisted with Mr. Pryor's baptism, Franz Van den Heuvel, his daughter Ellen Van den Heuvel, Darlene Pedersen.



Left to right: Donnie Froh, Sheila Barnes, Pastor W. Bergey, LaRee Buckler, Ken Cunnington.



Al and Veronica Dribenki with their children.



Richard and Cheryl Petersen.





This year several members have been added to the Prince George congregation. Pastor Bob Bradley welcomes Murray Maxwell into fellowship by baptism, as well as Judy Benson, Peggy Shaw and Dorothy Shaw. Fred Lennox (not pictured) joined the church on profession of faith.

The Evangelistic team of Herb Larsen, Alf Lennox & Steve Petr, has just completed a four-week "It Is Written Seminar" in the green heart of British Columbia, at Chilliwack.

The large Auditorium at the Little Mountain School was packed for 5 nights a week. 45 regular attenders were on our prayer list and also 15 names of those who participated only occasionally. Nine precious souls were baptized on November 10, and many others will follow soon. The good Lord has blessed the hardworking team as well as the local church in many ways during these public meetings.



Left to right: Pastor S.H. Petr, Alfred Greaves, First Elder, Blair Durie, Peter Odehnal, Mary Tommy, Laurie McIlroy, Nellie Kammerer, Randy Kammerer, Pat Falrick, Lee Hantelman, and the lecturer, Elder H. Larsen. We are sorry that Wilfred Snowden is not in the picture.

Anthony Kaytor Joins Christian Record



"I believe this is medical missionary work of the highest order."

With this statement and a deep concern for the work of the blind, Elder Anthony Kaytor, though retired from full-time denonimational service, has

Elder Anthony Kaytor

joined the Christian Record Braille Foundation as a part-time special representative in Canada.

Kaytor has served as president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta Conferences. He has also been administrator of North York Branson Hospital in Ontario.

"I have a deep burden for the visually impaired and those less fortunate than myself," Kaytor says. "I feel in order to perfectly emulate the life of Christ, it is imperative for us to be involved in this type of service."

Kaytor described the work of Christian Record in Canada as very challenging and rewarding. "The Canadian people are most sympathetic with our work and are willing to support us."



Update recent happenings in the conference

The Cradle Roll-Kindergarten Division of the Sherwood Park Church wants a classroom of their own in place of the Nursing Home lounge they now use on Sabbath morning.

Under the guidance of teachers Lorrayne Wasylyshen, Muriel Huguenin, and Airlie Fowler, the children have been bringing in their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars, and have eagerly watched their model church being built. When the model is completely covered, the funds will go for equipment necessary for use in the rooms of the real church.

Good progress is now being made in construction of the latter and the Sherwood Park Church family is hopeful of worshipping in it by Christmas.

The 54-member congregation wishes to sincerely thank their province-wide church family for the generous offering given almost one year ago in support of the building project.



Ingathering at Loyalist was completed in two weeks this year, October 9-18, with a fellowship supper on October 21. Lay Activities Director, Murray Sankey, reports that people seemed more responsive during the pleasant fall weather we had at this time.

Beauvallon Church Passes 60th Milestone

On Sunday of the Beauvallon camp meeting held this past summer, a special program was presented to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the organization of the Beauvallon Church on August 2, 1919. Three charter members were recognized at this service; namely, Sister Pearl Tym, Sister Mary Tkachuk and Sister Agnes Topolinski.

A beautiful two-tier cake was displayed with a replica of the Beauvallon Church on the cake. Pastor Don Melashenko, from the B.C. Conference who served as pastor in this area several years ago, showed slides of the church activities during the "yester years" with a narration. A fellowship dinner was served for over 400 people attending the services of the day.

A host of former members from different parts of Canada and the United States attended the weekend "Homecoming services." A number of the original choir members, along with others provided the music, under the direction of Pastor P.E. Uniat.



Shown in the picture seated are, from left to right – Sister Pearl Tym, Sister Mary Tkachuk, Sister L. Willinger who is 99 years young, Sister Agnes Topolinski and Sister Kettner, former Mrs. George Soloniuk, standing. The Soloniuks laboured in the local area during the time the Beauvalion Church was first organized.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Honoured at Festive Occasion

Relatives and friends from near and far gathered at the Beauvallon Seventh-day Adventist church auditorium on Sunday, August 19, 1979 to join in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Marian of Two Hills, Alberta when a buffet dinner was served.

John Dudar was Master of Ceremonies of the occasion and presented a plaque of congratulations to the couple on behalf of the local county. Congratulatory messages and certificates were received and read from the Prime Minister of Canada, and other government officials.

Gordon Stanley, son-in-law, of Kelowna, B.C., proposed the toast to the honoured couple. Following the meal a musical program was presented by the grandchildren and some of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian have two sons, Lovyl of Beauvallon and William Jr. of Edmonton; and two daughters, Lillian Uniat of Edmonton and Violet Stanley of Kelowna,



B.C. The Marians have nine granddaughters and two grandsons.

On behalf of the Marian children, Lovyl paid special tribute to his parents and William, Jr. presented the gift, a walnut grandfather's clock, on behalf of all those present.

Mrs. Josephine Marian, Correspondent Beauvallon, Alberta

Congratulations are in order to Elder and Mrs. E.A. Lemon on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on October 5, 1929. They were married in London, Ontario by Elder H.N. Williams. Both are graduates of Kingsway College.

They spent their first term of service in Newfoundland and subsequently were called to evangelism in unentered areas in Tennessee and Arkansas.

Although retired in the United States, the

Lemons Celebrate 50th



Elder and Mrs. E.A. Lemon.

Lemons are faithful supporters of their alma mater, Kingsway College, and of the work of the church in their native land.

To celebrate their fiftieth anniversary they travelled with Elder and Mrs. Philip Lemon to St. John's Newfoundland on the Trans Canada highway which was only a dream fifty years ago.

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It was with joy in our hearts that many of us saw a long-awaited dream come true with the opening of the Rivervalley church school in Fredericton.

At the present time the thirteen children attending the school are meeting in the redecorated basement of the Fredericton church. However, plans are for amalgamation with a second church school in the district and the building of a centrally located school.

It is the first time that Christian education has been established in the capital city for the Adventist families living in the Fredericton, Zealand and Minto areas.

Debbie Christenson is the first Rivervalley church school teacher.

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Five students of the Saint John Seventhday Adventist Elementary School recently raised sixty dollars very quickly by picking apples and selling them door to door in the Saint John area. Thus the students purchased an aquarium for their classroom and have funds for Christmas baskets for the needy.

The baptism of Rose Berton and Rene Bourgeois took place on November 3, 1979 in the Fredericton church.

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Rose is an *It Is Written* contact. Rene was studying to be a priest, but his decision changed when he was invited by a friend to join a Bible study class. Rene is now studying psychology, and, both he and Rose look forward to the soon coming of Jesus.



Rose Berton, Pastor Ladd Dunfield and Rene Bourgeois at the time of their baptism.



At Moncton recently the congregation rejoiced to witness the baptism of Mr. Lew Kierstead by Pastor Bruce Atkins.

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Trudy Morgan and James Marks were each awarded first prize in their divisions in an essay contest sponsored by the Newfoundland Status of Women Council. Principal Alex Garland presented the awards and a cash prize of \$50.00. Another student, Mildred Hamlyn won third place in a national temperance poster competition sponsored by the Christian Women's Temperance Union. Congratulations!



Alex Garland presents awards to James Marks and Trudy Morgan.

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Seventy believers assembled in the South Stukely Town Hall for the Regional Meeting of the Eastern Township churches. Those present from the South Stukely, Abercorn, Waterville and Sherbrooke churches were joined by friends from Cornwall, Oshawa and Oakville, Ontario and from the United States.

Leadership in the program was provided by Pastor J.H. Whalley and Pastor G. Saintus.

TELEVISION AND THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Here is a balanced review of the pros and cons of TV in the Christian home, particularly in the home where young children reside. The author deals with selection of programs, the effect of certain program material on children of varying ages, the question of

how to deal with young children and teenagers in the matter of TV addiction, the holding of a family conference in which TV viewing guidelines are established, and much more.

Author Marvin Moore was born to missionary parents in Lima, Peru—living also in Argentina and Cuba. He attended Union College, Andrews University and the University of Dallas. He is a professional freelance writer at present, living in Keene, Texas, with five books published and more on the way.

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by Marvin Moore

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November Sees Cornerstone Ceremony; Roofing Now On New Ladies' Residence

Mrs. Hope Frisby Jacobson, Canadian Union College Dean of Women, 1943-1945 officiated at the November 4 cornerstone placing ceremonies for the new ladies' residence now under construction. Others participating in the event were Sharon Cliffe, Dean of Women, Mrs. Renetta Devnich, Assistant Dean of Women, Mrs. Mildred Clark, Dean of Women 1953-1955, and Dr. N.O. Matthews, President of Canadian Union College.

Former deans of women present for the occasion formed an honor guard while the stone was being set in place. They included Belinda Bader, and Mrs. Jennie Nickel.

Lois Dudar, college freshman, expressed appreciation on behalf of the girls. After sharing the anticipation of moving from Maple Hall, where 180 girls line up to use facilities intended for 150, Miss Dudar concluded, "Yes, the ladies of Maple Hall watch the construction of these walls with joy, excitement, and deep appreciation, as we look forward to moving into our new residence hall. A place where we will continue to know Christ, and make Him known."

Later, over light refreshments served in the college cafeteria, Denice Bennett sang "The Cornerstone" in fitting tribute to Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone.

Progress can be seen daily on the construction. Work began in September, and walls were partially completed in time for the November 4 cornerstone ceremony. By the time of writing, November 15, the roof is being completed on both four-story wings. In the centre section, foundations are showing above ground level.

Vern Langill, Adventist builder, projects that the new dormitory will be ready for use in August, 1980. When the young ladies move to this new facility overlooking Lake Barnett, the men will occupy Maple Hall, used by the ladies since its completion in 1949.



The water storage tower at Canadian Union College reached its full height of 72 feet on November 15, 1979.



Vern Langill, Canadian Union College builder, assists while Mrs. Hope Jacobson applies mortar to the cornerstone just set in place at the CUC new ladies' residence construction site.



Canadian Union College ladies' residence under construction, as it was on November 15, 1979.

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FINCH-Francis Clifford Finch passed away on October 22. He was 93. He was born in Sarnia, Ontario. He was an "indispensable fixture" for over 50 years at Rest Haven Sanitarium. Because of health problems he was forced to retire at the age of 85 when he was still working 30 hours a week. Brother Finch was predeceased by his wife

He leaves to mourn, four sons: Douglas, of Portland, Oregon; Arthur, of Creswell, Oregon; Curtis, of Hixson, B.C.; Sidney, of Victoria, B.C.; one daughter, Mildred Powell, of Lund, B.C.; 20 grandchildren and a host of friends.

Interment was in the Royal Oak Burial Park, Saanich, B.C. We look forward to the resurrection morning when we can all be reunited with the bloom of eternal youth. H.E. Dawes, Pastor

Rest Haven S.D.A. Church

VALLIERES-T. Roland Vallieres passed peacefully to his rest at Berrien Center, Michigan on October 10, 1979. He was born at Wotton Hill, Quebec on July 24, 1909.

In 1922 Roland moved to Oshawa with his family where he attended Kingsway College. It was during this time that he met and married Minnie Wilson.

Most of Roland's life was spent in Oshawa except for his later years. After his two children, Yvonne and Wayne, were grown, Roland moved to Berrien Springs where he enrolled at Andrews University, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree and subsequently entered the teaching profession. Mr. Vallieres had a brilliant mind and was a successful businessman as well as a loving husband and father and a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

His family, as well as many friends. are eagerly awaiting the resurrection morning. They are: his loving wife, Minnie, daughter Yvonne Chamness, son Wayne, four grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Services were held October 14 at the Berrien Springs Adventist Church and interment was in Rose Hill Cemeterv.

STANSAL-Carolyn Lee Bertha (nee Cormier) and Benjamin Glenn Earle Stansal died together on October 15 in a tragic accident at Sidney, B.C. Carolyn was born in Saint John, New Brunswick on October 6, 1948. Blessing her husband Glenn with over 12 years of companionship and devotion and her friends with warmth and love, she will be greatly missed.

Benjamin was born May 29, 1978 in Saanich, British Columbia and now rests in the arms of his mother until that glad resurrection day. Husband and father Glenn together with daughter Cherie and son Emory have made a covenant to meet their two loved ones at the glorious return of our Saviour and together share a mansion in the new earth

Also left to mourn are Carolyn's father, Arthur Joseph Cormier, brother Arthur Douglas, both of Saint John, N.B.; her mother, Bertha Cormier and sister Linda Mattison, both of Toronto, Ontario; and brother Constable Daryl Cormier of Carberry, Manitoba.

Services were conducted at Resthaven Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sidney, B.C. on October 22 with Pastors Ken Corkum and Gordon Pifher officiating

The angels have marked a very special resting place in Royal Oak Cemetery near Victoria, B.C.

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Glenn Stansal

ERNSTBERGER-Mrs. Linda Ernstberger (Atha) was born March 9, 1947 and died peacefully June 23, 1979 in North York Branson Hospital, Willowdale, Ontario.

Linda showed undaunted love for Jesus, and admirable courage during her painful illness. Left to cherish those comforting memories while awaiting the resurrection moment are her husband Heinz and daughter Leanne; her father and stepmother, Jack and Jean Atha; sisters, Mrs. Beverly Ernstberger, Mrs. Judy Barkley and Mrs. Cathy Barkley; and brothers: Gary Atha of B.C., and Jonathan Atha of Kingsway College, Oshawa. She was predeceased by her natural mother nineteen years ago.

Funeral service was held June 26 at Orton Funeral Home, Scarborough, Ontario with Pastors Arthur Zaft and Gerhard Christiansen officiating.

Ruby Carrington, Correspondent Toronto Maranatha Church **BLAKEY**—Mrs. Susan J., was born in 1880 at Uxbridge, Ontario and died on November 3, 1979, at the Durham Nursing Home.

Mrs. Blakey was baptized in her 90th year at the Oshawa College Park Church.

Surviving are her children: Robert, of Maxwell, Ontario; Mabel Brewer of Oshawa, Ontario; Herb of Collingwood, Ontario, John of Wareham, Ontario; Gorley of Abbottsford, B.C.; Howard of Nipawin, Sask; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Dorothy Johnson was born in Kiev, Russia on July 12, 1895 and immigrated to the United States of America in 1902 with her parents. In 1911 she came to Canada and resided in Moose Jaw, where she married Andy Johnson in 1925. About five years later, with her husband, she was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Seventhday Adventist Church of which she remained a faithful member until her death.

Following two weeks of illness, Sister Johnson fell asleep in Jesus on October 24, in the Rockglen Hospital, Saskatchewan.

Anticipating their blessed reunion at the resurrection of the just is her beloved husband, Andy. Others left to mourn her death are three brothers, one sister, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Rockglen United Church by the writer with interment in the Rockglen cemetery.

> Rudy James, Pastor Moose Jaw Church

PADDOCK-Martha E. Paddock was born September 2, 1892, in Indiana and died at Loma Linda, California. on November 5, 1979. She was the wife of Charles L. Paddock, now deceased, who worked in our publishing program for many years in Canada and the United States. The last location of active service was at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. She leaves two sons: Robert L. Paddock, M.D. of Los Altos, California, and C. Leonard Paddock of Florida. After retirement Martha Paddock and her husband moved to Bellingham, Washington. Interment was in Bellingham where she awaits the resurrection beside her late husband.

W.J. Blacker

WATTS—Kathleen Morfatt Watts died in Vernon, B.C. on October 2 at 82 years of age. Funeral services were held from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grandview Flats on October 8.

Mrs. Watts was born in England and had lived in Alberta before coming to Grandview in 1936.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar, two sons and two daughters: Arthur of Riverside, California; Linden of Moab, Utah; Mary Peterson and Phoebe Watts, both of Armstrong.

Walter E. Bergey officiated. Interment was in the Grandview Flats Cemetery. Arrangements were with Mountain View Chapel.

Mrs. Watts awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Mrs. Hawes, Correspondent Grandview S.D.A. Church

McMILLIN—Lawrence Charles McMillin of Cold Lake, Alberta was born in Lansing, Iowa on July 29, 1896 and passed to his rest on October 12, 1979 in Cold Lake.

Remembering him are: his wife Mabel; 5 children – son Ron of Cold Lake, and daughters, Mrs. Tony Gonie of Pierceland, Mrs. Eugene Demeriez of Cold Lake, Mrs. Bob Solway of Grand Centre, and Mrs. Al Behuncik of Broden, Ontario; 2 brothers and 2 sisters as well as 19 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted by Pastor D. Friesen. Interment was in the Lake View Cemetery.

Dave Friesen, Pastor

BIRTHS

BUROTTO—Felix and Milca thank God for the safe arrival of their Karina Vivian, born September 12, at new Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

LAAN—To Dennis and Lisa Laan (nee Marttinen) a son, Michael Ian, born in Huntsville, Ontario, September 13, 1979.

MAATTANEN—A son, Jussi Poika, was born May 21, to Hannu and Leena Maattanen at Branson Hospital, Willowdale, Ontario.

OTTO—Cliff and Joanne (nee Anderst) Otto are proud parents of a son, Jeremy Clifford, born July 15, 1979.

KNIGHT—To Chris and Lynda Knight (nee Erickson) a daughter Karrah Reed, on August 25, 1979.



WEDDINGS

SMITH - DONESKY

Donna Jean, daughter of Elder and Mrs. D.J. Donesky of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and David Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Smith of Salisbury, New Brunswick, were united in marriage, June 17, 1979, in the Niles Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church, Niles, Michigan, in a ceremony conducted by the bride's father.

The bride was attended by Rose Marie DaSilva, as maid of honour, and Pat Denslow and Janet Gallant as bridesmaids.

The groom was attended by Edward Noseworthy, as best man, with Allan Smith and Grant Donesky serving as groomsmen.

Following the beautiful service, family and friends gathered for the reception at the Niles Holiday Inn. David and Donna are wished God's blessings in their newly established home, in the Berrien Springs area. D.J. Donesky, Pastor Thunder Bay Churches

HUMENNY - MARCHUK

Walter Humenny and Anna Marchuk exchanged marriage vows on October 21, 1979 at a quiet home wedding attended by close family members. The bride and groom were attended by long-time friends, Sophie Hrycan and Andrew Capcara.

Walter and Anna's many loved ones and friends wish them much happiness as they make their home in Saskatoon. Kenneth Schander, Pastor Saskatoon Central Church

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Canadians tend to take the liberties they enjoy for granted. This may be because they did not have to fight a revolution to assert their freedom. Perhaps, it is because they have never suffered any serions deprivation or denial of their human and civil rights on a national scale as in some parts of the world. As a result, an attitude best described by the phrase, "it can't happen here," has characterized the Canadian response to any expressions of concern about a possible loss of personal liberties.

Of course, some of us remember with shame the injustice perpetrated during World War II upon our fellow Canadians of Japanese ancestry. Nor will we soon forget how frail is the fabric of freedom when we reflect on the circumstances that permitted Canadians to accept complacently the threat to their personal liberties with the imposition of the War Measures Act a few years ago, accompanied by almost unanimous applause from coast to coast. Only months and years later did we realize how easily individual rights can be curtailed in an atmosphere of fear and hysteria bereft of the countervailing protection of a sense of public outrage and concern when individuals suffer at the hands of overzealous authorities who feel that in an emergency, personal liberties must always give way to the interests of national security.

Naturally, individuals who have been denied advancement or promotion in their work, or even their right to earn a livelihood because of their refusal to violate their conscientious convictions and work on the Sabbath or by their refusal to join a trade union, know at first hand how precious Strue freedom of conscience s. But, for most of us, we take comfort in reflecting on the liberties we enjoy and each time the frontiers of freedom are extended a little further.

Certainly, we must not underestimate the widening horizons of religious liberty. that we have witnessed in Canada in the years since the last World War. Greater tolerance and appreciation of the nature. of our multi-cultural society has shown itself in some areas: by the removabor modification of religious instruction in the public school system, the Canada Law Reforms Commission's call for the repeal of the the Lord's Day Act, the creation of provincial and federal Human Rights Commissions that have in many instances come to the defense of individuals who have suffered religious discrimination, amendments to labour laws exempting the conscientious objector from compulsory union membership and/or the payment of union dues as a condition of employment.

But, every occasion when government action, deliberate or unintentional, curtails or restricts the legitimate work of the Church, such as restrictions on immigration or limitations do the ownership and use of land by a church, or the use of tax laws to dictate how the church is to use money given to it, or licensing requirements for the set of religious literature or the collection of funds for the church, or the application of customs regulations in a manner clearly calculated to impede or even stop absolutely the work or programmes of the church that have been carried on for many, many years, we are jolted to the realization that freedom of conscience, if it is to continue and grow, requires eternal watchfulness on the part of every single citizen who cares about religious liberty. Certainly all Seventhday Adventists must practice such vigilance, having regard to the special insights their study of the Bible and its great prophetic messages afford them.

We cannot leave the responsibility to local church pastors and religious liberty secretaries, nor to diligent and hardworking conference directors of religious liberty who faithfully and consistently work at cultivating the understanding and concern of legislators and government leaders on the provincial level. Surely the Canadian Union Religious Liberty Department by itself, cannot fight the good fight of freedom of religion on every front, individual, municipal, provincial AND national. So—what is the alternative?

Well, first of all, we can all use the occasion of the annual Religious Liberty Week and Sabbath, January 12, 1980, renew our personal commitment to the principles and practice of religious liberty. This we all can and must do!

Secondly, we each can give generously be sur local conference Religious Liberty Offering fund. This will furnish the sorely needed funds for your Conference to sponsor *Liberty* subscriptions to provincial government officials, judges, Crown Attorneys, civil authorities and prominent "thought leaders," in the community. *Liberty* magazine can be used as) a potent educational tooled influence the moulding of public opinion, knowlegeable and sympathetic to the issues of freedom of religion.

Finally, we must all develop an awareness of, and a sensitivity to, public developments in our communities, our province and country that could conneivably have an impact on our freedoms and communicate bur concerns the triendly and persuasive manner to the leaders of our municipal/fies, or province and country, as the case may be. We will all be able to do this, if we have first made friends of these leaders and won and earned their respect and confidence in the sincerity and consistency of our devotion to freedom of religion, not just for ourselves, but for everyone. Make freedom of religion a real Fact, not Fiction, or a myth, during the Week of January 12-19, in the New Year.