During the 52nd General Conference session, presidents were elected for the ten world divisions. Five were re-elected, and five are new. The new presidents are Charles D. Watson, Enoch Oliveira, Edwin Ludescher, W. T. Clark, and W. R. L. Scragg.
It began last Sabbath—this day of mine. For it was then that the whole purpose of General Conference struck me, really hit me for the first time, though I have worked in at least four previous sessions.

Sitting on the edge of my comfortable chair in the press box of the first balcony in Vienna’s Stadthalle, I watched them all—missionaries and nationals representing 193 countries in which the church works. Peering into the spotlighted darkness, sometimes through binoculars, I thrilled at the sight and sound as Brad Braley at the organ “ad libbed” appropriate music for each country.

These were my brothers and sisters. The music formed in my mind and has been repeated as a broken record since: “I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God.”

Who are they, these others of God’s children?

Peter and Revel Papaioannou on their four boys, aged 7 to 14, left this morning, returning to their pastorate in the district of Berea and Thessalonica. (Those Bible names are real, and they work there!) They were not delegates because their union does not have enough members to allow for a full delegation. But it was their first opportunity to attend a General Conference, so they came on their meager savings.

They have made me uneasy today. While I have rested in a comfortable hotel (though it is 28 kilometers from the Stadthalle) for a few hours each night, the Papaioanouss have slept on the floor of one of the ten Adventist churches here in Vienna.

I wondered how they had prepared meals. But it’s simple when the family can live on what would be luxuries at home. During the past ten days (they came for the ministerial pre-session), Peter and Revel and their boys have eaten 65 kilos of bananas (you really need to see the light in Peter’s eyes as he tells me and hear Revel’s melodious pronunciation). “We never have bananas at home,” she tells me, “but since they are affordable here, we hope to fill up the boys so they won’t beg so hard at home.”

Imagine the family’s eating 150 pounds of bananas in ten days. With only bread and butter and honey.

But they received what they came for: a look at the family of God and a share in His blessing.

Leslie Hardinge, pastor of my home church in Glendale, California, whispered in my ear after a picture-taking session for the Pacific Union delegation, “Wouldn’t it be nice to give them $1.00 for posing for each picture? They could use it in their work.”

Why hadn’t the Lord told me before when we used Mosies Condori, pastor of the Julicata, Peru, church. And Harun Kija Mashigan, president of the South Nyanza Field, Tanzania. And Elsia Okeyo, principal of the Ikizu Seminary, the largest in Tanzania. And Henning Jacobsen (you know to pronounce that with a Y sound, don’t you?) and Walder Hartmann from Denmark. All had let us take pictures, though the latter Danes were not in a “foreign” costume.

Hurry to our communication office and taking some traveler’s checks from my purse, I ran down do the exchequer. Crashing the line (and believe me Europeans really know how to cue up), I charged $390 unassigned from this month’s second tithe to schillings for Peter to use in these cities where it is more difficult to work now than when the apostle Paul visited.

Dr. Hardinge took my schillings to the book sales room in a nearby school where Mollie, his wife, was buying Sabbath school helps for them. It may be that the Hardinges have an unusual interest in Peter and Revel since they had them as students at Newbold College several years ago, but I felt an extra warm glow myself when Peter came, took my hand in both of his, tears at the ready, and whispered, “I only asked you to come to Macedonia and visit us, not help us.”

He works this year on only his salary, for the union has been hard hit by inflation and a consequent cut in budget.

Michael Kulakov, a pastor from the U.S.S.R., also happened by during our photo session. This is his first meeting with God’s family from the various parts of the world. How do his fellow delegates feel? One, hand clasped over his heart, exclaimed, “All there is left to do is die.” Being here was his foreseen of heaven.

Walter Arties’ song last night, as well as the one going through my mind, described what’s happening at the session. “There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.”

I first heard Walter sing nearly six years ago at the funeral of F. L. Peterson, the church’s first Black vice-president. “All He Wants Is You” was the appeal of that song, and I rejoiced last night that so many of God’s family are hearing His appeal to be ready for His new kingdom.

Contemplating that first song of Walter’s, I heard reports from Africa and Australia—and was reminded of a tribute to Elder Peterson. Dozens of ministers rejoiced there because he had led them to a Christian education. Feeling compelled to go to public school, these many workers throughout the world heard Elder Peterson remind them there was no excuse in saying there was a lack of funds. “My Father is rich,” he used to say.

And they seem to be knowing that our Father owns the world as well as “the cattle on a thousand hills” on these two continents of Africa and Australia better than some of the rest of us. Both reports credited Christian education with a major part of their growth.

“Africa’s new disease is a...
"Review" photographers noticed that campers in West Wien II are a resourceful lot. Laundry hung on tent ropes was a common sight.

desire for education," Principal Okeyo explained to me. Last year they had 2,000 applications for their 8th grade which can accommodate only 80!

Elder Mashingan described their mission's program for "Extra Lift." Southern Tanzania has a waiting list for "Extra Lift"—laymen waiting for office permission to move from their homes into a "dark county." Seven families have already resettled with the $500 gift from the mission to help them build a house and begin a garden. Within a year's time they have become self-supporting.

Since the inception of this program during the past quinquennium, 2,000 have been prepared for baptism by these laymen and another nearly 5,000 are in baptismal classes. The lay workers and Africans here are prominent agriculturists, working only at their gardens and soulwinning education.

What a project for the Adventure in Faith offering—Project Extra Lift! With laymen from every division moving to areas where God's children do not yet know whose they are!

Nine Aircraft

Nine aircraft help the leaders in Australasia to tie together the 305 schools with more than 22,000 students, this network of education scattered over 24 million square miles! Both vocational and professional classes are offered in the seven colleges of the division.

In Africa and Australia and around the world, are teachers who once sat at the feet of Natelkka Burrell. Still in the classroom of Andrews University at age 80, Dr. Burrell is a delegate to this General Conference. In addition to the teachers under her influence, our students the world over are studying from reading textbooks which she helped to prepare for the Department of Education over a period of 14 years. (She told me she retired from Oakwood College in order to work for the General Conference on the textbook assignment.)

Christian education. What a privilege! What an extra bond between members of God's family. And what a preparation for the finishing of His work.

Yet here is 81-year-old Charlotte Greiner who thinks it must already be finished. When I asked her what the Weltkongress (that's the German translation of World Congress) meant to her, Sister Charlotte's eyes opened wide as she exclaimed, in German-colored English, "When I saw all those Seventh-day Adventists on Sabbath, I thought at long last we have enough people ready to go to heaven!"

Holding hands over her heart, eyes glowing toward heaven, Charlotte continued, "This is an absolute blessing." She had stood to tell me that when I found her resting in the main exhibit area. Then before she sat again, she confided, "This is my Moses cane." And there before my eyes, her aluminum cane curled at her feet.

Charlotte became an Adventist in 1913 during a tent effort in Bratislava and entered denominational work two years later. With the same enthusiasm that many of our youth today exhibit, she became first a colporteur for two years. For the next three years she did Bible work, raising up four churches. "And they're still all in existence," she added proudly. (Could it be that the question of women's ordination is totally irrelevant? Perhaps God has in mind everyone's dedication to using his or her own gifts as He has bestowed.)

In 1920 Charlotte was called to be treasurer in the Hungarian Conference, where she served 40 years—the last 18 as union treasurer.

As I clasped her hand to leave, Charlotte stood with me. "There again we shall shake hands together," were her parting words.

This 52nd Weltkongress to me is people, all God's children. I see them as I walk the halls, greeting one another with a kiss on each cheek.

Four Wilsons is a teacher now in Dongoro, but I knew her when she taught for us in the Oregon Conference. Tears well up in her eyes as she relates the thrill it is to be here from her little school isolated in Ethiopia. So eager were they to be here that she and two of her friends are camping in West Wien II.

We drove out there, review photographers and I, to discover dozens of others in the same location. They tell me "all" of the Scandinavian ministers and families are there, in tent city—and it's raining.

We met President Jacobsen of the East Denmark Conference. He, his wife, and daughter Anne Marie like camping anywhere. They look comfortable here. And so do the Hartmanns. (Their is the first tent I have seen with draw drapes in the living area!)

And over there are the Jens Madsens; he's West Nordic Union president. And the Thorvaldssons; he's a pastor, non-delegate. And that's where Sonja Danielson, an Icelander married to a Dane, sleeps. Her husband, Jens, from the Faroe Islands is a ministerial student.

All were so determined to be here that they have camped out to do it; and there are those who just like to camp!

Irmgard Thorvaldsson and Sonja Danielson are two of the hostesses at the main exhibit in the Stadthalle. Others are Alice Bakke from Denmark where her husband is in charge of the Bible Correspondence school; Ruth Hansen from Newbold College where her husband is food service director; Dorothy Emmerson, Anita Kohler and Maria Nigri whose husbands are in General Conference administration.)

These girls give 7 A.M. till 10 P.M. coverage at the booth which is turning out to be a contemporary religious art show for

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—NO. 7

[Presented and accepted at the twelfth business meeting, Thursday morning, July 17.]

General Conference

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Associate Directors, Youth Department:

R. W. Bates

L. S. Ranzolin

Clark Smith

Northeast Europe-West African Division

Secretary Ministerial Association: George Knowles

Correction to Earlier Reports

Report No. 2, under General Conference, should read Lay Field Secretary: Walter Ost

Report No. 5, under South American Division, should read: Director, Temperance and Youth Departments: M. V. Viana

Report No. 6, under Inter-American Division, should read: Director, Temperance and World Food Service: Marcel Abel

(Corrections are italicized)
Sonja work together, Dorothy gives the English, Spanish, and Portuguese tour while Sonja speaks German, French, and a Danish which all Scandinavians can understand.

And God’s family includes Karl Poglitsch, a Vienna businessman who has helped us buy the things we’ve needed; Marcella Sultan, Monica Hangan, Lydia Agustoni, Sheila Masters, secretaries in division and local offices who came in to help us in the communication department prepare news for the local and back home media. And Ruth and Erwin Kilian who helped us understand the local customs. (He’s communicated director for this host union.)

What kind of people are we, I’ve wondered as I’ve looked at J. D. Douglas has been with us all week, a Presbyterian minister from Britain assigned here by Christianity Today. We’ve appreciated his observations regarding our friendliness, even his mild scolding that we paid no notice to July 16, the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Ellen White who felt we’d be in the kingdom long ere this.

Moreover, that led me to wonder, how could we who sit below the “Now Is the Time” motto day after day and continue in business sessions to refer items of Church Manual revision to “the next session in 1980.” Should not we be conducting business with the urgency that this might be the last General Conference? God’s family needs to go home.

Local Police Marvel

Local Polizei told us what kind of people we are too. Mrs. Heinz Hopf, wife of the German speaker for the Voice of Prophecy (Voice of Hope, here in Europe), answered the phone the other day to hear an officer tell of one of our delegates at headquarters who reported a lost brief case “with many bank notes.” Was it possible it could be in “Lost and Found”? Learning his name, Mrs. Hopf looked through the items and found it.

“I never had anyone return anything before,” he answered incredulously.

And then she was confronted by a tearful Hungarian lady who described her lost train ticket that she had purchased from her savings for a full year. A man in line behind her, overhearing the conversation, asked how much a return ticket would cost. “Oh, too much,” she said, and then gave the sum of $30. In less than a moment, he had put the money in her hand and vanished before she could thank him.

That’s the sweet spirit of this place where the family of God is in session.

There are other youth here beside those I have described in detail. Most are musicians—the Nabes, Per and Monica, the Portuguese choir from Setubal, Portugal. Composed of laymen and youth, these 25 choir members rented a bus, and sold tickets to others who wanted to come to earn their way. All camped each night en route. (This choir, by the way, won first place in the music contest of the Southern European Union. While most can’t read music, they are directed by a young man with a great deal of natural ability in the field of music—Joao Pablo Trindade.)

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Nominating Committee Report—No. 8

[Presented and accepted at the thirteenth business meeting, Thursday afternoon, July 17.]

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General field secretary: Louis B. Reymolds
Director, Health Department: Erwin A. Crawford
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(Recommended that other personnel be included in the Health Department be referred to the General Conference Committee for action.)

Director, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department: W. M. Adams
Director, Archives and Statistics: Don Yost
Director, Temperance Department: E. H. J. Steed
Associate director, Youth Department: D. B. Hills

General Conference Committee


Afro-Mideast Division

Field secretaries: D. K. Bazaar Bekele Heye

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Director, Sabbath School Department: H. C. Pak
Director, Stewardship Department: W. L. Wilcox
Director, Youth Department and National Service: Ray James

[The nominating committee recommends that the one remaining associate director position in the Department of Education be referred to the General Conference Committee for appointment; and that prior to making the appointment, study be given and a plan developed for integrating into the work of the Department of Education the activity of the existing Board of Higher Education for the North American Division, and the proposed Board for Elementary and Secondary Education in the North American Division.]
God has entrusted the members of the remnant church with the greatest, most important preaching program this world will ever witness. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Rev. 14:6, 7). This urgent, worldwide preaching program is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. It is God's last desperate bid to save some from a world that is sweeping toward self-destruction. The message will produce a remnant who amid the moral pollution and rebellion of the last days will "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (verse 12).

The world's greatest need today is a spiritual one. Nothing else can save man from the apparent disaster he faces. The late Dag Hammarskjöld said, "We have tried so hard and failed so miserably. Unless the world has a spiritual rebirth in the next few years, civilization is doomed." For this crisis hour God has a preaching program. It is tailor made for the last great struggle between Christ and Satan. The proclamation of this message must, more than anything else, absorb the attention, the finance, and the manpower of the remnant church.

The time factor of this worldwide preaching program is arresting. When the time was right God sent Noah with a message for his day. At the appointed hour John the Baptist proclaimed a message predicted by the prophet Isaiah. When the time for the great judgment had come God raised up the remnant church to bear His appointed message to the world.

The details of God's judgment-hour message to this world are found in the book of Revelation. But it is in the book of Daniel that a graphic description of the judgment scene in heaven is given and also its place in the stream of time.

**Vision of the Judgment**

In Daniel chapter seven we read what the prophet saw take place: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened" (verses 9, 10). Verse 13 describes Jesus Christ coming into the judgment scene. There He stands before the Ancient of days, God the Father, and the open record books of heaven. Why is He there? He is there to claim the subjects of His kingdom and to reveal to a universe the justice of God in giving eternal life to some and denying it to others. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

When that heavenly assize has completed its work the kingdom of glory is set up. "And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). This kingdom is that for which millions have prayed, "Thy kingdom come." This kingdom is a focal point of Scripture. This is the kingdom that shall know no end; over which Christ reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Under the symbol of four beasts, representing four great kingdoms (verse 17) Daniel sees the oppressive powers of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The prophecy then portrays the dividing of the empire of Rome. Explaining the ten horns on the head of the fourth beast, the angel says, "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise" (verse 24). Marvelous has been the fulfillment of this prediction made a thousand years in advance. Historians record that the last act in the breakup of the westward Roman Empire took place in 538 A.D.

Now in the "pipeline" of time the prophet sees the rise of the great religious apostasy under the symbol of the "little horn" that comes up among the other ten after the breakup of the fourth empire. This is explained in verses 8 and 24. For 1260 years its career continues. Many students of prophecy recognize that from A.D. 538 until A.D. 1798 this great time prophecy of Daniel 7:25 was fulfilled in the experience of the popular church, which drifted away from the faith of Jesus and the commandments of God.

After 1798, the closing date of the great apostasy, the next event that attracts the prophet's attention is the awesome judgment scene in heaven, described in verses 9 and 10. (In the eighth chapter of Daniel the year 1844, the closing date of the 2300-day prophecy, is shown as the exact year when the judgment takes place.)

What an amazing scope of events presented in advance. First the four great empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Then Rome divided; the 1260 years of papal power; the great judgment and the kingdom of glory. Of that kingdom the prophet says: "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him" (chap. 7:27).

**Revelation Complements Daniel**

While Daniel shows what would take place in heaven after 1798, the prophet John shows what would happen in the earth after 1798. When the time came for the great judgment to convene in heaven then God's last urgent preaching program began to be proclaimed to the world and will continue until the coming of Christ.

How appropriate is God's last-day preaching program for the world of today? If ever there was a time to call people back to the commandments of God it is today. When one thinks of the increasing frequency of murder; the popularity of bombings as a means of payback; the petty and professional stealing, lying, and covetousness that go on in the financial spheres; the immorality and divorce of this permissive age; the religious apostasy, oppressive confederacies, rebellion, and strife; when one thinks of all these, how timely is the message of Revelation 14. This is time's most awful hour. The servant of the Lord says: "Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation... They [rulers and statesmen] observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the
world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.”—Education, p. 179.

Because of the world’s tragic plight and because its greatest need is spiritual, we are driven to conclude that the preaching program of the remnant church is the greatest and most solemn task ever assigned to man. No other people have been entrusted with a weightier responsibility. Sister White says: “The Lord designs that the presentation of this message shall be the highest, greatest work carried on in the world at this time.”—Evangelism, p. 18. In actual fact the members of the remnant are engaged in big business. Nothing in this world is to eclipse the importance of their work. All heaven is astir. The universe is watching with intense interest the progress of this preaching program of the remnant church.

There is one great danger that the remnant church faces in this time of the judgment hour, and that is that we shall lose sight of the fact that the remnant is made up of a special people, with a special message, for a special hour of earth’s history. The servant of the Lord says: “I have been instructed to trace words of warning for our brethren and sisters who are in danger of losing sight of the special work for this time.”—Ibid., p. 217.

Is the Church Fulfilling Its Mission?

Realizing that we have been entrusted with the most solemn message of all, let us ask ourselves several pointed questions. Is the fire of our soul-winning evangelism matching the rising tempo of today’s mighty hour? Is our dedication, as a church, to the task of proclaiming God’s judgment-hour message commensurate with the world crisis? Are we channeling the wealth of this church into the actual preaching of our distinctive message more than into other phases of our organization? Are we better known for our educational, medical, and welfare activities than as preachers of a crisis-hour message? If there is one thing the world should see in Seventh-day Adventism, it is this: here is a church stirred to its depths, crying as a voice in the wilderness, bent on telling the world that this is earth’s last hour—Christ is coming. Nothing else will keep the remnant church vibrant, healthy, and alive than her total occupation with this preaching program. To fail here will result in a flabby institutionalized churchianity such as may be seen in the religious world of today.

Over the years of my public preaching of this message, I have observed that in discovering this truth men and women find the story of the cross and the plan of redemption coming into sharp focus more than ever before. In this judgment-hour message they find solid rock upon which to stand. In it they find a light to guide them through the religious fog of today. In the judgment-hour message the death of Christ becomes meaningful. His ascension and priestly work fall into place. His appearance before the record books in that heavenly assize brings hope to the judgment-bound sinner. The return of Christ and the coming kingdom of glory assume reasonable reality. From my personal experience nothing puts the everlasting gospel in greater brilliance than the truths embedded in the message of Revelation 14.

No other message does the world need more today than that which God has entrusted to the remnant church. As ministers and church leaders we must seek to lay upon the heart of every church member a sense of his need to participate with us in this God-given program of calling men and women back to the faith of Jesus and the commandments of God in preparation for the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords.
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Fifty-second Session, July 10-19, 1975
Eleventh Business Meeting

July 16, 1975, 4:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: W. D. EVA

C. D. BROOKS [platform chairman]: Many important resolutions are going on around the world, but I think this is the most important meeting on earth, for this meeting in a special way has the attention of heaven. Leading in this business meeting, we have Charles E. Bradford, associate secretary of the General Conference and Charles E. Bradford, associate secretary of the General Conference.

PRAYER: Mrs. A. S. Wagner, pastor's wife from Petersburg, Virginia, U.S.A.

W. D. EVA: First of all we will listen to a report from the North American Missions. C. H. Lauda is executive secretary of the Association of Privately owned S.D.A. Services and Industries, and in charge of North American Missions. Elder Lauda, we will listen with interest to your ten minute report.

C. H. LAUDA: It is a pleasure to bring you a report of North American Missions. The North American Division has responsibility for a little United Nations. English is not the only language used in North America. We are conducting work in at least 22 other languages: Chinese, Czechoslovakian, Eskimo, Estonian, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, American-Indian, Indonesian, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Yugoslavian. [A condensation of Elder Lauda's report will appear in a later Bulletin.]

We want to introduce Bud Joe Haycock—Sister Haycock is in at least 22 other languages: Chinese, Czechoslovakian, Eskimo, Estonian, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, American-Indian, Indonesian, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Yugoslavian. [A condensation of Elder Lauda's report will appear in a later Bulletin.]

We want to introduce Bud Joe Haycock—Sister Haycock is dressed in the garb of a beautiful Navajo lady. Bud Joe is dressed in a combination garb of all Indians. The Haycocks are representing millions of people in North America who are waiting for the gospel.

W. D. EVA: Thank you, Brother Lauda. I have been impressed again at this session that we are being carried by wonderful ties of truth in Jesus Christ our Lord and are moving forward in faith together. This message is going to every corner of the world—into the highways and byways; and we are seeking the lost in Africa, in Asia, in Europe, in America, in the Indian reservations—wherever men are, there we go with God's wonderful message of truth. Thank God, there are always wonderful responses.

We go with God's wonderful message is going to every corner of the world—into the highways and byways; and wherever men are, we are going to work with them in detail here on the session floor. As we understand it, it was not the original intention that every detail of Church Manual changes should come to the General Conference; we are here in the session floor to allow for revisions like this. Maybe B. E. Seton could correct that working.

B. E. SETON: The reference to whether the chairman has referred to the quotation from the REVIEW AND HERALD Bulletin of June 14, 1946, and the quotation reads: "All changes or revisions of policy that are to be made in the Manual shall be assembled at the General Conference session..." The General Conference session has observed and will be authorized by a General Conference session. We have concluded that it was never intended that every word in the Church Manual should be set in eternal cement, unless, of course, except by a vote of such a body as this. The General Conference in session is authorized to change or revise "policy," but when it comes to merely editorial, linguistic matters, the substitution of the word "the" for "a" or something that is purely of a literary concern it must be done by the Church Manual committee.

Before we adjourn there is a report from the nominating committee. The nominating committee presented its report. It was voted. The report appears in Bulletin No. 6, page 3.

W. D. EVA: You move it, Brother Scrugg.

W. R. L. SCRAGG: Brother Chairman, included in the report from the nominating committee regarding the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, there is a resolution that is important to us as a division, and we would like it to be carried by this body if possible. We ask that this body refer to the division committee on nominations and report in favor of that resolution. We would like to move that, Brother Chairman.

W. D. EVA: Thank you very much. Brother Grant, would that be acceptable to you as the second?

LORENZO GRANT: Yes, that would be adequate.

W. D. EVA: Now, would someone like to place that motion before us? [Moved by R. F. Waddell and seconded by Melvin Adams. Voted.]

We have been given some material entitled Church Manual Revisions, numbered from page 53 to page 69. We would like you to read these pages. They represent only editorial changes and are not intended to change the meaning and intent of the Church Manual. Tomorrow after you have read these, we would like to authorize the General Conference to effect those changes. We will be dealing with them in detail here on the session floor. As we understand it, we were sent the original intentions that every detail of Church Manual changes should come to the General Conference; we are here in the session floor to allow for revisions like this. Maybe B. E. Seton could correct that working.

R. F. WADDELL: [Moved and seconded by W. R. L. Scrugg.]

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W. R. L. SCRAGG: I would like to move that, Brother Chairman.

W. D. EVA: Is there a second to
Twelfth Business Meeting

July 17, 9:15 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: M. S. Nigrí
SECRETARY: L. L. Bock.

M. S. Nigrí: This is Thursday morning and we will have much work to complete in this session. Our program this morning includes a 10 minute report from the Temperance Department. E. H. J. Steed is the secretary of the International Temperance Association and I request that he update us on the Temperance Department.

E. H. J. STEED: Thank you, Brother Chairman. We want to praise the Lord this morning for the success that we have seen in souls saved and contacts made through the temperance message to reach those in need. I'm not going to take this time this morning because of the shortness of the period to read the report that I have written out in your hands and I trust each one will read it. The report will appear in a later Bulletin. I want to call your attention to one experience. Before doing that, I want to introduce my associates and say a word of thanks. [G. J. Bertochini, A. V. Pinkney, M. C. Sawvel, and C. D. Watson, were presented.]

I would like to present a family who have been a practical way what it means to live a life of temperance and to share it with others. Dr. and Mrs. Jean Pinet of France have accepted the burden of telling their story, a young people in particular, that there is a better way without alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. And you might tell me, Mrs. Pinet, because your husband speaks French and we are speaking English in this session, how long have you been doing this?

MRS. PINET: For five years.

E. H. J. STEED: How many have come to your farm?

MRS. PINET: In one year, 2,000 people.

E. H. J. STEED: You have a farm on which you ask these young people to come and work and study with you. And you have told me that you have had 30 of these young people become Seventh-day Adventists? You have your husband and yourself and your family. This is your niece and other members of your family. You are working as a family project. We are so glad that, as you have indicated, you have brought some young people. These are five of the 30 young people who were once addicted to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Could you tell me just a word about these young people?

MRS. PINET: Yes. These three came from Holland and visited us two years ago. At the beginning their absorbing interest was the farm, but later they became interested in studying the Bible and left their former habits. After they were baptized, they stayed with us to help with agriculture and our temperance work.

E. H. J. STEED: And so this young man and this young lady are workers with you to help other people overcome these habits. We are happy to have these young people work here.

Brothers and sisters, it is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another. It is like the servant of the Lord has said that we are to love and look after one another.

L. L. BOCK: Mr. Chairman, I believe we should have an explanation on this from Elder Eva, the chairman of the Church Manual committee.

M. S. Nigrí: Brother Eva.

W. D. EVA: Mr. Chairman. When we dealt with this matter yesterday, we agreed that we present our session to refer the matter back to the Church Manual committee and I requested certain of the speakers yesterday to meet with the Church Manual committee. This being Thursday already, we are afraid we may not satisfactorily complete this. So during the evening some of us worked with some of the brethren involved in yesterday's session and we have come with some suggestions that we trust will be acceptable. We also discussed this matter this morning in a meeting of the General Conference officers. We suggest that we not put this statement into the Church Manual at this time. I think most of us will recall that Elder Beach, in his speech, yesterday, recommended that we should try the plan for five years before, as we start doing it in concrete in the Church Manual.

Our suggestion today, Mr. Chairman, is that we present to you a few revisions; that these revisions be adopted by the General Conference session which gives the statement considerable authority, though authority short of the Church Manual. We would then use it during the next five years, polish and perfect it during this pe- riod of experience, and then put it into the Church Manual if we are so disposed, in 1980.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if this means we are in a sense bypassing the Church Manual, I assure you which we referred the matter yesterday I think we would need the consent of the business meeting. The business session would need to reverse its decision of last evening somehow and bring this proposal back to the floor and deal with it as we have suggested. If we do that, I would then like to make a brief explanation before we bring the revision before you.

N. S. NIGRI: How do you wish to proceed?

L. L. BOCK: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we rescind yesterday's action and take up the proposal to adopt the revision or a suitable statement. [Voted]

W. D. EVA: Mr. Chairman, just a brief background. The problem that we face is to try to get the church administration or institutions better together in serious matters of discipline and take care of a situation that exists where a person is a member of the church and employed by the church either in a conference or in a church institution.

Church membership is not controlled in our church by the top administrative group or, if you like, by the hierarchy. Church membership is controlled strictly, and we keep to it, so local church itself, it accepts members or disfellowships them and we want to leave that as it is.

However, this means that if a member who is also an employee has conducted himself in a manner so that he no longer be employed, then the church may take cognizance of it, whereas if the employment is controlled strictly, and we keep to it, so local church itself, it accepts members or disfellowships them and we want to leave that as it is.

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Student missionaries attending the session included John Cress of Walla Walla College, going to Irian Jaya; Walter Sharp of Walla Walla College, returning from Tehran, Iran; Wendy Billington of Pacific Union College, returning from Pakistan Adventist Union College, returning from Athens, Greece; Stanley Seery of Southwestern Union College, going to Kanye, Botswana, Africa; and Kathy Runge (seated) of Pacific Union College, returning to the U.S. from northern Thailand.
A between-meeting diversion for delegates was a concert by the Vienna Band on the Stadthalle patio.
Recommendations from the Church Manual Committee

If he has been once ordained as a deacon, and has maintained his church membership, it is not necessary for him to be ordained again, even though he has transferred to another church. When the term for which he was elected ... his ordination as minister or elder covers this office. 90:16-21 The duties of the deacons.—The deacons have responsibility for the care of the church property. This also includes also being responsible for seeing insuring the church work is cared for or the church board may authorize the deacons to employ a janitor. Church board authorization should be obtained for all major repair expenses. All bills for repairs, as well as for water, light, fuel (reprints et cetera), are referred to the church treasurer for payment. Deacons should assist at baptismal services, insuring that the baptismal water is prepared and that male candidates are cared for both before and after the ceremony.

Another important duty belonging to deacons is that of visiting church members in their homes. In many churches this is arranged by a distribution of the membership by districts, assigning a deacon to each district, with the expectation that he will visit the families at least once a quarter. (See also under deaconesses, p. 93:30.)

At church services, the deacons are usually responsible for welcoming members and visitors as they enter the church, and for assisting them, where necessary, to find seats. They also stand ready to cooperate with pastor and elders for the smooth functioning of the meetings conducted in the church. In the performance of their duties, for example, the deacons return the plates to the elder or minister, who then serves the deacons. If two ordained persons (ordained as minister or as elder) are officiating, they may partake together. If two ordained men (ordained as minister or as elder) are officiating, they shall be seated and offer silent prayer while the bread is eaten.

The duties of deacons include functions under the direction of the minister. Conducting the communion service is one of the most sacred duties that a minister or elder is called upon to perform. After a short exhortation to faithfulness in the service, the deacons return the plates to the elder or minister, who then serves the deacons. Then the elder or minister, followed in serving the wine. After serving the people, the deacons from serving the congregation, the minister or officiating elder serves them; then one of the deacons, taking the plate, serves the minister or the officiating elder. Each person should retain his portion of the bread until the officiating minister or elder has been served, so that all may partake together.

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High Lights of the Departmental Reports

Communication

By WALTER R. L. SCRAGG, Director

Inform

To Listen. A poll taken in the U.S.A. in 1970 showed that 35 per cent of the people did not even recognize the name Seventh-day Adventist. The church listened as Mr. Gallup revealed things old and new. We discovered that what we tell our friends is still the most important way the church has of communicating.

The Department of Communication puts out sensors to catch the nuances of public opinion. To listen means to hear, within the church, as well as without. For we must understand each other as well as know what the world believes about us. It is from what the church hears, as well as what it says, that intelligent communication initiates.

To Know. To share the special insights given to God's people, the department produces a newspaper column, "Healthwise." Helen Andrew, a former General Conference Public Relations staff member, writes the column. Editing is by the departments of Health and Communication. Several divisions utilize the service in English, and it is currently being translated into Spanish.

The film Arrow of Prophecy, produced by the department, in English and Spanish, has had phenomenal success. The film shows Ellen White as health reformer and interpreter of current events. It is Written's television program, "She Never Owned a Crystal Ball," draws the second largest mail of any of its programs. First place in mail response goes to their program on vegetarianism.

To Share the Knowing. Miles of press clippings, excellent photojournalism, and numerous feature articles indicate the fact that Adventists make news and that they are skilled in its preparation and release. Much of the credit goes to local church communication secretaries.

Besides their own involvement in the release of news, conference and mission communication directors spend much of their time training these lay workers and providing them with the tools for their assignment. Our church's communication department is the envy of many other churches.

Participation

To Reach Out. In July, 1973, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Adventist young people made their spiritual convocation a time for community goodwill. Roses given to all patients in the city's hospital, a parade emphasizing the role of Christian youth in the nation and community, and a presentation of a statue of the Ten Commandments for one of the city plazas heralded to the nation the concerns of Adventist youth.

Part of our reaching is through services to, and cooperation with, communities. While E. W. Tarr was secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations a news service for pastors and local churches called Dateline Religion began. Provided in both script and tape form, the service gives news of all faiths, international and local. Even the smallest Adventist churches may thus come to the attention of their communities, and pastors may become the recognized religious newscasters of their community's churches.

In Southern California a television version of Dateline Religion is aired. In Southern Asia more than a hundred newspapers regard the print service as their prime source of Christian religious news.

To aid in fairs and exhibits, Faith for Today is cooperating with the department to produce low-cost fair displays that can be purchased by churches. The World's Fair in Spokane, Washington, had its Adventist exhibit that drew a million visitors.

In many cities the church cooperated with community projects, participating in local parades, community celebrations, and other functions where appropriate.

To Assist. Many pastors eye the broadcast media with longing. Many have been able to accept their challenge by using the Pastor's Script Service. Begun during James J. Atken's leadership of the Department of Radio and Television, the service has achieved international significance. One division uses it as the basis for its international broadcasts over 60 stations.

To Uplift in Love. The world grows old. More and more people are affected by the terrible disasters that afflict their countries. Communicating the needs of these stricken ones and working with the Lay Activities Department to enlist church and public support is an example of the kind of service the Department of Communication gives.

In Europe, South America, Australasia, and North America various forms of telephone evangelism have shown the way to answers for those seeking help. Begun as Dial-a-Prayer, these services now assist ex-smokers, alcoholics, teen-agers, and budding vegetarians. Information on Bible doctrine, stories, and music are "on dial." In Adelaide, Australia, the conference processed more than 1,500 requests for Bible lessons in one year from telephone evangelism outreaches.

Invitation

To Attract. Neat and tidy church plants and signs showing the location of the church speak of the message of love. In production now is a brand-new kit of materials and an audio-visual presentation to aid churches in evaluating their community image. Listings of our churches in motel and hotel directories, newspapers, and telephone directories also show our concern for community needs.

In Trivandrum, India, the local Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School decided that it would see how many were listening to the Malayalam broadcast. The school offered a picture of Jesus Christ. More than 10,000 requests flooded the office in the first week. The school had allowed for 500!

One hundred and forty Bible correspondence schools received 8.75 million applications for lessons. Of these 2.75 million began the course. In South America and Inter-America the missionary mailmen program uses new and shorter courses. A 1974 graduation in São Paulo honored 5,000 graduates.

New broadcast facilities have been built in Angola, Argentina, and Tanzania. Audio-visual production centers for film, slide, and cassette, now operate in Paris, Darmstadt, Beirut, Buenos Aires, Sydney, Poona, and Johannesburg.

To Welcome. To expand its welcome to whole areas of the world where our witness is limited, the church leased broadcast facilities in Portugal, and on October 1, 1971, began operating Adventist World Radio. AWR has now grown to 15 languages, a large share of the 50 broadcast languages used by the church. Plans call for use of facilities in Malta and Kigali, in addition to those in Lisbon.

Radio takes an in-depth stance in the community when it becomes a denominationally owned station. The church now operates 12 stations in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, and Indonesia.

To Win to Him. From the monthly journal of communication, TELL, to the letters written, the literature published, the broadcasts made, the whole emphasis of the Department of Communication is to give the saving message of these last days through all possible means.

We see tangible success. Look at the French-Canadian telecast, Il Est Ecrit, which produced 10,000 requests for literature in 1974, and contributed largely to the baptism of 150.

Yet, important as these direct results of a strong communi-
carnation program may be, there are intangibles that also contribute in a major way. The climate in which the church operates, the atmosphere of opinion and attitudes, are vital to a successful completion of the divine commission. Through wise use of communication skills the Department of Communication seeks ever to influence the public’s understanding of our message in such a way that it will not only reflect accurately what we are and what we believe but also make the Adventist Movement a desirable alternative. We want the world to know. We want it to understand. But above all else we want people to accept our Lord and join us in preparing for His return.

Education

By WALTON J. BROWN, Acting Director

The Lord has blessed His schools throughout all the world divisions during the past quinquennium. There has been an 11.4 per cent increase in the total enrollment, and a 7.6 per cent increase in the number of teachers. The number of schools has diminished 7.5 per cent, mostly in the elementary sector, and this owing possibly to an increased movement toward consolidation in certain densely populated church areas, and also because some schools that were practically public schools were eliminated from the records, or were taken over by some governments.

The figures relating to the number of students baptized in the schools underline the importance of Christian education. Baptisms of students accounted for 9 or 10 per cent per year of the total number of members baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 75 per cent of these were in elementary schools, and almost 22 per cent in secondary schools. By the time young people reach post-secondary age their major spiritual decisions have been made, and the die is cast, so that under 3 per cent of the baptisms were found on this level.

A demonstration of the Lord’s guidance was evident in the college in Mexico. Unexpectedly, as the result of a request for information, the government granted it a charter to operate as Montemorelos University, including authorization to operate a medical school. When it begins operation next September it will become the second medical school operated by the church. It will supply its first doctors to the Spanish field in 1981 if all plans are fulfilled.

Opportunities for more advanced studies also have been made available. Newbold College, in England, has worked out a plan whereby European students may do more than half their work toward a Master’s degree on its campus, and then complete the requirements for their degree at Andrews University. Andrews University has initiated a doctoral program for ministers and for educators. Loma Linda University has added a Doctor of Health Science program to its curriculum. A theological seminary is gaining strength in the Far East Division, and Philippine Union College is growing into full university status.

Experimentation has been carried on in various instructional fields. Of special note is the development of new textbooks for use in Seventh-day Adventist schools. At the present time work has been completed on the four secondary Bible textbooks, and six of the eight elementary Bible textbooks. A special campaign among North American Division students has been launched to make these Bible textbooks available in other languages.

The work program continues to be a large factor in the carrying on of the educational system. North American Division schools reported that 88.8 per cent of boarding-school secondary students were working, with a smaller percentage, 65.1 in post-secondary schools, and were earning 49.9 and 34.2 per cent of their expenses, respectively, in that way.

Possibly the most outstanding development among Seventh-day Adventist schools during this quinquennium has been the great increase in actual soul-winning evangelism, not only in the universities and colleges but also in the secondary and elementary schools.

Public evangelism by students and teachers is becoming a way of life in many schools throughout the world. The following serve as illustrations:

Colombia-Venezuela Union College students held two series of meetings in 1972, leading to preparation for baptism of 72 persons. Three more series were held in 1973, with a net of more than 500 souls.

During 1971-1972 Antillian College students held 20 evangelistic efforts. Thirteen more campaigns were held in 1972 that resulted in 108 baptized. It was reported that during the two years of 1972 and 1973 the students and teachers in this college saw 1,100 baptized as a result of their efforts.

The efforts of the faculties of two language schools in Korea resulted in 71 persons baptized in 1972.

Possibly one of the highest rewards in soul-winning was obtained at Mountain View College in the Philippines. The ministerial seminar together with teachers and other students baptized 281 in 1971. During the following school year evangelistic series and Bible studies were presented in 36 barrios, and another 283 persons were baptized. Almost 500 baptisms were added to the list the following year. But God gave the greatest results in 1974 when, as the result of many missionary and evangelistic activities, 15 new churches were formed, with a total of 1,143 baptisms. This brings the grand total of churches started by students within a radius of 100 miles to 45 with more than 2,200 baptisms.

Needs and Objectives

What are some of the greatest needs, and what are some of the objectives of the Department of Education as it faces the latter half of the 1970’s? Surely the basic need of all is a still greater degree of consecration and commitment on the part of Seventh-day Adventist educators, whether engaged in field work or working in direct contact with the children and young people in the classrooms. These educators pray that in the attainment of this objective they will be joined by other church workers, as well as by the parents and their children, in a combined effort to make Christian education a vital force within the church.

Coupied with this there should be still greater efforts to make of the quality program, and this without necessarily equating quality with quantity. To make this possible, significant plans need to be made to upgrade professionally the educational personnel. This is especially necessary in some areas of the world to provide greater acquaintance with the essence of Seventh-day Adventist educational philosophy.

While doing this the Department feels that a much more determined attempt should be made to lower the cost of education to parents and students by such methods as the reduction of duplications of specialized courses in various schools, the elimination of unnecessary advanced courses, and the paring down of excessive overhead expenses wherever this may be possible.

Another need is that of stimulating a stronger desire on the part of all the educational personnel and on the part of the school constituencies to maintain a strong Seventh-day Adventist influence in the entire school system, from the smallest elementary school to the largest university. The goal should be that of making Seventh-day Adventist education more complete and different from secular education.

This means that the Word of God should occupy a still larger part in the classrooms, and form the basis for all activities in every department of a Seventh-day Adventist school. It would ensure that even in schools where the enrollment is predominantly non-Seventh-day Adventist the impact of the three angels’ messages would be felt in a very definite way. It would also mean that a stronger program would be carried on in teaching children and young people to win others to Christ, and this not only in theory but in practice.
The most vital element in the growth and expansion of the Advent Movement is a dedicated, dependable, and witnessing laity. Like a mighty army moves this living church of God.

During the past quinquennium (1970 through 1974) 453,528 new members were added to the church whom laymen helped to win by personal witnessing and lay evangelism. This is a gain of 318,036 over the achievement of the preceding five years (1965 through 1969), when laymen led to Christ and prepared for baptism 135,492 persons.

To achieve such an evangelistic success our laity made a daily average of 270,000 contacts for Christ through personal visits, literature distribution, correspondence school enrollments, Community Services, and other relief help. They gave at least an average of 24,500 Bible studies every day and they helped more than 26,600 individuals in need daily during the past five years.

Training our laity has played a very important role in this program. The men and women in our churches have shown great interest in witnessing. Participation in training courses on church and conference levels has more than doubled during the past five years.

Visitation and Literature Distribution

Maurice T. Battle, world coordinator of literature production and distribution in the General Conference Department of Lay Activities, reports that traditional tried-and-tested literature distribution concepts have been improved and enlarged. Some of these programs are: systematic leaflet distribution, utilization of missionary magazines, the missionary Book of the Year, the maintenance of tract racks, and the program of mailing literature into unentered areas.

Several new concepts for literature distribution were inaugurated during this period. One of these is "The Season's Special"—a small booklet containing Spirit of Prophecy comments on the first Advent. Members are encouraged to use it instead of Christmas cards during the Christmas season. Travel Book Service, the Literary Book Service, Vacation Travel Packet, and Executive Literature Packet are some of the other distribution methods now in use.

From 1970 to 1975 nearly 252 million pieces of literature were distributed around the world. This is 26 million more than during the previous quinquennium. These figures, however, represent only the work of 45 per cent of the total church membership who reported during the period under review.

Community Services

C. E. Guenther, the world Community Services leader, notes that during the five years ending December, 1974, our church membership reported 64,245,727 pieces of clothing and bedding distributed, and the gift of $31,246,039.99 in food and cash to 48,711,750 persons. This is an increase of 5 million more individuals helped than during the previous quinquennium. The great army of volunteer workers in the Community Services program gave personal service totaling 64,979,244 hours—nearly a 10-million-hour increase in five years.

The reported hours of voluntary service are equivalent to 1,484 people each working 24 hours a day, seven days a week for five years.

During this quinquennium the church observed the centennial of Seventh-day Adventist Community Services. The first Dorcas Society began in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1874. Now there are 10,794 such societies serving the needy in all parts of the world. In addition, 1,773 Adventist Men's organizations are involved in Community Services programs.

To make services more accessible to the public, 1,733 Community Services centers are being operated by volunteer workers.

A very significant change in Adventist Community Services has been the shift from the commercialism of sales to a complete dependence on voluntary contributions by church members and total church financial support.

Bible Evangelism

Personal evangelism, witnessing for Christ and leading others to the Lord of life, is the major concern of the church and the main assignment of the Department of Lay Activities. L. A. Shipowick, director of Bible evangelism on the general staff, reports that during the past quinquennium the 16,295 lay preachers in the Inter-American Division held 76,658 lay efforts, gave 12,945,120 Bible studies, and won 100,120 souls. These 16,295 lay preachers reported a total of 543 new congregations raised up by their efforts.

In January, 1975, a new program, Witnessing for Christ, was introduced and is presently being field tested. Upon release of a new witnessing manual, plans will be laid for a training program in every church. The new Bible Evangelism film, It's a Great Family, presents the urgency of becoming an active witnessing Christian.

Disaster Relief

Howard D. Burbank, executive secretary and manager of SAWS and a member of the lay activities staff, directs the Seventh-day Adventist World Services operations. "When your brother cries, we listen and act," he says, in reporting about our involvements in disaster areas.

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Personal evangelism, witnessing for Christ and leading others to the Lord of life, is the major concern of the church and the main assignment of the Department of Lay Activities. L. A. Shipowick, director of Bible evangelism on the general staff, reports that during the past quinquennium the 16,295 lay preachers in the Inter-American Division held 76,658 lay efforts, gave 12,945,120 Bible studies, and won 100,120 souls. These 16,295 lay preachers reported a total of 543 new congregations raised up by their efforts.

In January, 1975, a new program, Witnessing for Christ, was introduced and is presently being field tested. Upon release of a new witnessing manual, plans will be laid for a training program in every church. The new Bible Evangelism film, It's a Great Family, presents the urgency of becoming an active witnessing Christian.

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Health
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The Department of Health functions as a catalyst, designed to provide its members, as well as the total organization, with information and tools to help God's people finish the work entrusted to them.

Health Education
Your staff has been active during these past five years in bringing health education to our churches and to the communities in which they are situated. Members of the healing team, physicians, dentists, nurses, technologists, administrators, chaplains, dietitians, and other health-care workers have participated in countless programs designed to bring about behavioral change as a means of providing a better way of life. They have participated in such programs as weight-control clinics, stop-smoking classes, heart-beat programs, physical-fitness drills, coronary-prevention seminars, cooking schools, maternal-and-child-health demonstrations, and a number of other related activities designed to promote better living habits and maximal levels of abundant health.

The department's goal has been to hold at least one home nutrition instructors' training program in each union of the North American Division and in as many as possible of the other divisions of the world field before the 1975 General Conference session. This goal has not been entirely met, although both nutrition instructors' programs have been held both in North America and in several world divisions, with many more planned for the immediate future. Those attending the instructors' programs have been the wives of ministers, teachers, nurses, and other interested individuals who seek training for conducting cooking schools in their own churches or communities. Thousands have been certified as home nutrition instructors, and hundreds of cooking schools have been held.

Health Evangelism
Large health-oriented evangelistic efforts have been held in the Philippines, in Australia, in various cities of North America, in Africa, and elsewhere. The results of these programs have been astounding. Community acceptance has been far beyond expectations. Those attending have come largely from the middle and upper socio-economic strata. Many have stated their convictions, have given up their evil habits, and have declared their intentions of joining God's remnant church. Those attending such meetings have been largely non-Adventists, who would probably never have come in contact with our church and God's plan for their lives in any other way.

Century 21 and Full Life material has been prepared by the department in cooperation with the Ministerial Association. Pilot programs have been conducted with great success. This material has been sent out and is being used by ministers and physicians. It has been accepted enthusiastically and has proved to be an answer to many problems. It helps to win confidence and establish men and women in the truth. Better Living Centers have been opened in a number of the world's larger cities.

Hospital Health-Care Programs
At the present time Seventh-day Adventists operate 402 health care centers around the world. Some of these are large general hospitals, 500 beds and more. Others are small jungle dispensaries, mobile clinics, medical airplanes, leprosaria, and various types of facilities designed to meet felt needs of the church and the communities they serve. During the past five years our institutions have ministered to the needs of people through 22,042,525 patient visits, 2,265,061 hospital admissions, and countless thousands of others who have felt the tender touch of God-fearing nurses, dentists, physicians, various health workers and laymen in Seventh-day Adventist health centers.

Transistorized headsets are provided for those who speak languages other than English or German. All meetings, except the business sessions, conducted in the auditorium are in English and German.

The church's healing ministry is through people. Health-care institutions are devised only as a method of bringing dedicated and skilled people into contact with mankind. These contacts may take many forms, but will relate to the practices of a given time and place, and to the needs of humanity. The important thing is that people meet people with a desire to do good with sympathy, skill, love, and compassion.

Current trends in health care have brought about certain problems in the church's operation of hospitals and sanitari-ums. Costs of care have accelerated during recent years as equipment, personnel, and procedure requirements have become increasingly sophisticated. Many of our institutions are located in under-privileged areas of earth, where the general population lives on an economic level that does not permit a fee-for-service type of reimbursement.

As a means of increasing efficiency and providing greater expertise in administration various types of Adventist Health Service consortia have been developed. Several health-care institutions in a single union have formed a corporation so as to effect greater economy and to be in a more favorable position to deal with government and health-insurance organizations. This has been done in Southeast Asia, in the Pacific Northwest, in the Pacific Union, the Southern Union, and elsewhere.

A large number of proposals have come to the church, asking that we take over the operation of community hospitals or hospitals belonging to other denominations. We have reviewed these very carefully and accepted a few. Decisions to accept or reject have been based upon the church's ability to
staff the institution, whether or not it would be representative of the church’s standard of excellence, and whether or not it possessed potential for success, both financially and in fulfilling the objectives guiding the operation of Adventist health-care institutions.

The church’s largest hospital in the Southwest is now under construction. It will be known as the Hugley Memorial Hospital in memory of Dr. Herbert Hugley who left his estate for the erection of an Adventist hospital in his city.

Dental Ministry

During recent years the healing ministry of the church has been greatly enriched by an increased emphasis on dentistry. In addition to the 1,374 Adventist dentists carrying on private practices, 44 are currently serving overseas. This type of healing ministry has contributed significantly to the impact of the church and may prove to be a most appropriate means of establishing an Adventist presence in parts of the world and in metropolitan areas where we are not known at the present time.

Nursing Education and Nursing Service

The nursing profession provides Seventh-day Adventist hospitals and other health-care facilities with the bulk of their career employees.

The church operates various types of nurse-education programs. Curricula are developed to meet the needs of the church and the community it serves in accordance with guidelines and controls of government and Adventist education.

Seventh-day Adventist nurses have organized an approved association known as the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses. It has a membership of approximately 2,000 with headquarters in the General Conference building and chapters throughout North America. We are looking forward to having associations, in addition to those in Europe and Inter-America, wherever there is a nucleus of Adventist nurses. Plans are being formulated for the development of an International Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses. These professional associations will provide arrangements for acceptable continuing education programs for nurses, particularly those who have been or are away from their homelands.

The need of Adventist health-care institutions for training professional nurses is one of the church’s greatest needs. At the present time the church’s colleges and hospitals graduate approximately 1,115 registerable nurses annually.

Recruitment and Placement

During the past five years the church has sent 373 health-care workers to posts away from their homelands. Many of these return after furlough for additional service.

The denomination’s deferred appointee program has proved to be a tremendous benefit to Adventist men and women studying medicine or dentistry on the Loma Linda campus. Selected students, who have dedicated themselves to church service and expressed their intention of entering overseas health ministry, are given deferred appointee status. At the present time there are 36 deferred appointees in the school of medicine and 16 in the dental school. In addition to these, graduates of other schools are recruited and assisted.

A recruitment program of all types of health-care personnel has been active for several years. The ratio of Adventist workers in our hospitals has been gradually increasing owing to the relentless efforts of our dedicated recruiters and the positive planning of our administrators in the development of dynamic personnel policies.

Loma Linda University

In 1909 Sister White addressed the General Conference in session relative to the work at Loma Linda by stating, “Make it especially strong in the education of nurses and physicians.”— Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 174. “The light given me is, We must provide that which is essential to qualify our youth who desire to be physicians, so that they may intelligently fit themselves to be able to stand the examinations required to prove their efficiency as physicians. . . . The medical school at Loma Linda is to be of the highest order.”— Medical Ministry, p. 57. Loma Linda University is a God-given institution, one of which the entire church can justly be grateful. It is the source of many of the church’s physicians, nurses, dentists, and technologists. It has long emphasized nutrition and physical therapy in its schools. Designed to be a “school of the prophets,” it is the church’s fountainhead of dedicated physicians, dentists, and nurses, trained for leadership in its healing ministry. As time goes on, it is believed Loma Linda will increasingly emphasize church service as its chief objective and will continue to hold high the soul-saving purpose for which it was established.

Conclusion

God has counseled that “The work of health reform is the Lord’s means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church.”—Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 112, 113. This gives health workers a dichotomy of purpose, namely as healers and teachers. As these two functions are united in a life paralleling that of our Saviour, the worker assumes a heavy responsibility as a colaborer with God.