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### True and False Reform—I

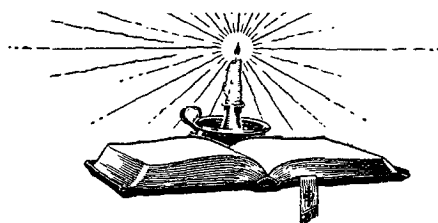
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**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS** have ever been conscious of the fact that they not only expound prophecy as a part of their Bible-based message but that they are also fulfilling prophecy. The Lord's messenger wrote, "Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 148. (Italics supplied.)

John the Baptist held a similarly dual relationship to the prophetic word. He proclaimed the advent of the world's Redeemer and thus became the herald of the first Advent message. When asked for his credentials he replied, "I am the voice . . . as said the prophet Esaias" (John 1: 23). He thus proclaimed prophecy and also fulfilled prophecy.

Throughout the years that the Spirit of Prophecy was manifested among us in the person of Ellen G. White, the Lord's messenger was instructed not only to counsel and guide God's people but frequently to warn and reprove them. This has ever been part of the prophet's "burden," as the Scriptures reveal. Paul reminded Timothy to "convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2, R.S.V.). But the reason and motive behind all this reproof is clearly stated by the Lord to the Laodicean church: "Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten" (Rev. 3:19, R.S.V.).

Unfortunately, these loving exposures of human frailty and sin are singled out by misguided and extreme minds and used for very different purposes. God sends His reproofs to warn, win, and save the individual and the



movement; men with fanatical or extreme spirits use them to condemn and destroy.

No one can deny that there is need for repentance, reform, and revival among the people of God today. Thus it has ever been and probably ever will be to the very end. But the reform and revival that are needed are personal rather than collective. Fifty years ago Sister White wrote: "God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children."

"A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices."

"Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *The Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1902.

This is a clear and concise statement, defining the nature of revival and reformation and their basic relation to each other. Revival is born of the Spirit and affects the heart and the inner springs of human personality, while reformation, equally born of the Spirit of truth, affects the mind, the thinking, and beliefs of the individual. This is a fundamental difference that should be carefully observed and understood.

The messenger of the Lord has warned us of the danger of confusion and deception regarding this important matter. Sister White wrote that "the truth that God has given for His people in these last days should keep them firm when there come into the church those who present false theories. The truth that has stood firm against the attacks of the enemy for more than half a century must still be the confidence and comfort of God's people."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 69, 70.

I have several copies of a paper that is obviously modeled after our *REVIEW AND HERALD*. Its title features the word "reformation," and it uses freely the writings of Sister White to bolster up its charges of apostasy against the denomination and its claim to be a divinely appointed agency to reform the movement. This is no new claim, as the past history of the church records. Repeatedly the church has been subjected to open attacks and infiltration movements, and we have had inspired counsel against them. Wrote the messenger of the Lord:

"Let none entertain the thought  
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## ON THE Religious Front

[These news items are taken from Religious News Service, Ecumenical News Service, and other sources. We do not necessarily concur in statements made in these items. We publish them simply to give our readers a picture of current religious developments.]

### Christianity Penetrates India's Upper Classes

✓ Christianity is beginning to reach the upper classes of India, according to an American who has spent 30 years in that country. Dr. Martin L. Kretzmann, president of Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, said this is due in part to the "living example" by Indian Christians who have come from the depressed classes. The impact of modern life also has made some upper class Hindus "disillusioned" with their own religion, he said. Despite the new "break-through," only 3 per cent of India's population is Christian and the general population is growing much faster than the church's membership, Dr. Kretzmann reported.

### Colombia Protestants Report Gains

✓ A 1960 census by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia shows 33,156 Protestant church members in this country, nearly triple the 1953 figure and representing an annual growth rate of 16 per cent over the seven-year period. The six largest denominations, according to the confederation, are the Seventh-day Adventist, 11,866 members; Colombian Baptist Convention, 3,422; United Pentecostal Church, 3,000; Presbyterian Church of Colombia, 1,684; Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1,571; and the Four-Square Evangelical Church, 1,524.

### Nazarenes Reach 1,800,000 in Evangelistic Campaign

✓ A four-month "Try Christ's Way" program (ending February 1) brought 10,792 new members to the Church of the Nazarene, the denomination's international headquarters reported in Kansas City, Missouri. The crusade began with a church-wide prayer-and-witnessing campaign in which 1,800,000 persons—or six times the denomination's membership—were contacted and invited to church. The Church of the Nazarene, Dr. Edward Lawler, secretary of evangelism, said, is one of the larger Protestant denominations "standing for scriptural holiness in the Wesleyan tradition."

### Bill Would Bar Nun's Garb in Public Schools

✓ Public school teachers in Texas would be forbidden to wear religious garb under a bill offered in the legislature. Sponsored by Representative Leon Thurman, of Anson, the measure is aimed at situations such as that at Bremond, where Roman Catholic nuns teach in religious attire in a public school. Penalty for violation would be loss of State school funds. Early in January a group of 17 Protestants, including several Bremond citizens and church leaders, filed an appeal with the State Board of Education from Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar's ruling that he has no authority to make nuns wear non-ecclesiastical garb.

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# • EDITORIALS •

## The Rejected Advertisement

A recent issue of *Life* magazine included two double-page advertisements for cigarettes and single-page advertisements for cigarettes, tea, beer, and whisky.

But—and this seems inconsistent to us—less than a year ago *Life* turned down an advertisement for chorus girls, submitted by a hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. *Life* rejected the advertisement because “we are a family magazine, and we do not feel an advertisement soliciting the employment of chorus girls is in the best public interest.”

It is not surprising that the executive director of the hotel wrote to *Life*, in part: “The attitude of *Life*’s advertising department is indeed mysterious. . . .”

We approve of *Life*’s decision to turn down the chorus girl advertisement. What we find “indeed mysterious” is why this journal considered this advertisement more objectionable than one for liquor, a product that has destroyed more happy homes, ruined more successful men, and killed more people on the highways than almost any other element in the world. If the objection was based on the seminude condition of the girl illustrating the hotel advertisement, the mystery grows even deeper, for in a late issue of *Life* an advertisement for lingerie is illustrated by an equally lightly clad model.

If *Life* wants to be a genuine “family magazine,” it should remove the blind spot in its conscience with regard to both liquor and tobacco. Christian people would welcome a general housecleaning of objectionable advertisements not only in *Life* but in all other so-called family magazines.

K. H. W.

## A Sane Voice Among the “Ecumaniacs”

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake’s headline-making proposal in San Francisco last December, that four major Protestant denominations in the United States unite as a step toward the eventual union of all Christians, was widely hailed as the boldest proposal made thus far by ecumenical-minded churchmen. In the nondenominational *Christian Century* for February 8, however, Dissenter Gerald Kennedy, Methodist bishop of Los Angeles, takes an iconoclastic stance with respect to the current trend toward more and bigger church mergers. “The notion that the elimination of our denominations would be all profit and no loss is nonsense,” he says, and proceeds to back up his thesis with arguments the “ecumaniacs”—his epithet for advocates of church union—must sooner or later answer.

Bishop Kennedy laments the popular mood in ecumenical circles which takes it for granted that any move toward unity is a good move. “No one asks whether this is the way forward,” he complains, “and no one raises the possibility that we might find more questions than answers on this route.” He repudiates the position that organic union is an end in itself, one toward which Christians should strive without first considering the problems such a step would involve, or whether it would actually produce more and better results.

## A Large Church Has to Be Authoritarian

Some of the worst in-fighting Bishop Kennedy says he has observed has not been between leaders of different denominations, “but between leaders of the same denomination.” Organization is necessary to the operation of a church, he observes, and comments that the bigger the church the more machinery is necessary: “Let us face it: the only way an ecclesiastical institution the size of the Roman Catholic Church can function effectively is to be authoritarian. Is this our goal?”

Our age is one of conformity and merger, notes the bishop, and then chides his fellow Protestants for deploring this trend in newspapers and business but applauding it among the churches. A big church, he says, tends to rule the society and state of which it is part with a heavy hand. He cites Spain as a prime example of a country where a state church so dominates the scene that, for every practical purpose, it is the only church in existence. The bishop doubts that Protestant domination of the United States would be any better. “Organic union,” he concludes, “is neither an ultimate aim nor a desirable one.” He would prefer healthy competition among the churches, in the sincere conviction that it would have as salutary an effect there as it has in business and industry. Bishop Kennedy will have no part in the monopolistic spirit that characterizes the political, economic, and religious life of large areas of Europe, and that now essays to take over American Protestantism.

## A Voice in the Ecumenical Wilderness

To Seventh-day Adventists it is of more than passing interest that Bishop Kennedy envisions the same result from a united Protestant church in the United States that, on the basis of Revelation 13, they have been warning their fellow Christians against for nearly 100 years. Of particular moment is his observation that the larger an ecclesiastical institution becomes the more authoritarian it must, of necessity, be. This reminds us of the Revelator’s prediction that, eventually, the beast with two horns like a lamb will speak with the voice of a dragon and exercise all the power of its predecessor.

Bishop Kennedy’s voice is that of a minority prophet crying out in the ecumenical wilderness of our time. The fact that the “ecumaniac” majority take it for granted that any and every church union is a good thing, indicates the direction of contemporary Protestant thinking. The relatively cordial reception accorded Dr. Blake’s merger proposal in most quarters last December is a good index to the climate of Christian opinion on the subject.

A falling religious barometer indicates that we are well on our way toward the situation foretold by the prophet of Patmos two millennia ago. Those who keep abreast of current Protestant thought need not be told that American Protestantism is already aspiring to much of “the power of the first beast” before it. Current events also reveal a Protestant tendency to begin to cause “the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” The careful student of Bible prophecy cannot fail to be impressed with the evidence that these prophetic words are beginning to come true.

R. F. C.

# "A Hand That Will Never Let Go"

Even strong Christians acknowledge that at various times in life they have been almost overwhelmed with discouragement and have been tempted to give up the struggle for perfection of character, and immortality. After they have been tripped up and have disappointed their Master by yielding to temptation, Satan has said to them, "You've tried to obey God and have failed; why don't you abandon your efforts to be a Christian? Why not throw the whole thing over and enjoy what this world offers? The way things are going, you'll be lost anyway, so why not have a good time during your few remaining years?"

If we poor mortals were without a wonderful Saviour we would have little hope indeed. If we were to be judged strictly on our own merits we would be in despair. If we had no Mediator to plead for us in the heavenly courts we would have slight chance of ever setting foot on the golden streets of the Holy City.

But when we make mistakes, when we fall into sin, when we misrepresent our high and holy calling, let us not forget that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Let us remember that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). We may be terribly ashamed of our failures, we may be thoroughly discouraged over our feeble attempts to do right, but let us not on that account stay away from Christ. Like the prodigal son, let us come to the Father just as we are, trusting in the everlasting goodness and love of Him who said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee" (Jer. 31:3). As often as we truly repent, God will freely forgive. He will not chide us for our weaknesses, but will fill us with new hope and will remind us that we can be victorious if we rely upon His power, not on self. He is able to keep us from falling (Jude 24).

One of the most beautiful Spirit of Prophecy passages on this question is found on page 182 of *The Ministry of Healing*. It says: "Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. By prayer, by the study of His word, by faith in His abiding presence, the weakest of human beings may live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold them by a hand that will never let go."

Are you one of the "weakest of human beings"? Christ will hold you with "a hand that will never let go." If you are willing, Jesus will carry you through to the end. Regardless of Satan's attacks, regardless of his efforts to discourage you, you can conquer. You can have an eternal home in the earth made new. You can someday stand on the sea of glass. You can be in that throng who shall exclaim with voices choked with emotion, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13).

K. H. W.

## The Rebirth of Hebrew

Citing "growing interest" in the language, the Albany, New York, Board of Education is adding a ninth-grade course in Hebrew at that city's Hackett Junior High School. It is expected that 20 students, including at least some Christians, will take the course. Current interest in the study of Hebrew is said to arise from the fact

that it is a modern, living language, as well as the language of archeology, the Bible, and religion.

Whether the action of the Albany Board of Education will mark the beginning of a new trend we cannot say, but it is a matter of record that Hebrew was a regular part of the curriculum in English public schools as long ago as 1541. Educated English men and women of that day took satisfaction in being able to converse in Hebrew. Although, at the moment, it would be rather unrealistic to expect so popular a rebirth of interest in it, we do sincerely believe that those who still esteem the Bible as God's voice speaking to man and who choose to enter into a serious study of the Old Testament would find a knowledge of the rudiments of Biblical Hebrew most rewarding. Certain it is that no one who seeks to understand the Old Testament can afford, at the very least, to ignore what others have learned about its message as it appears in the tongue of Moses and the prophets. To do so would be only at the grave risk of mistaking his own presuppositions to be the Word of the Lord.

## Greek and Hebrew Sparked the Reformation

It is a matter of historical record that a neglect of the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures went hand in hand with the loss of the pure gospel of the apostolic age and contributed in no small measure to the great apostasy of the early Christian centuries. Recourse to the Scriptures in their original tongues would have unmasked errors in traditional teachings the church had based on mistakes in the popular translations of the day. The death of Jerome in A.D. 420 left the Western Church for more than a thousand years without a single person able to read the Hebrew Old Testament. In time the Greek New Testament suffered a similar fate. It is also a simple matter of history that the revival of interest in the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament gave birth to the Reformation of the sixteenth century. This led to the rediscovery of the great truths of the gospel. It was as Martin Luther meditated on Romans 1:17 in the Greek, for instance, that the meaning of the vital principle of the Reformation—justification by faith—burst upon him. He was the first to maintain that every Bible translation should go back to the original text, and every Protestant translation since his time has followed this principle.

## A Lesson for Our Day

For centuries after the Reformation—until recent decades, in fact—Protestants gave increasing attention to the value and importance of Bible study in the original languages. This interest is reflected in the 400 or more Hebrew grammars that have been published by Protestants since Reformation times. It is worthy of note that recent decades have witnessed a general trend in Protestant theological seminaries away from the study of Hebrew and Greek. This trend is symptomatic of the departure of modern Protestantism from the fundamental principles of the Reformation, and the decreasing importance of the Bible in Protestant thought.

Those who still recognize the Bible as the Inspired Word of God and the Christian's rule of faith and practice will continue to appreciate the importance of studying it in the original languages wherever possible, and guard against the tendency to minimize the importance of such study in ascertaining its true meaning. Let us not forget the lesson of the past in this regard. Truth sets us free from error, and the most diligent study of Scripture, especially in its original tongues, will enable us to proclaim God's Word to men in our day with greater clarity, certainty, and convincing power.

R. F. C.

# Mercy Work and Sabbath Reform

By C. A. Holt  
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**I**N THE fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah is found an earnest appeal for Sabbath reform. Besides this appeal there is a call for practical assistance to the needy.

We must go back at least as far as the sixth verse of the chapter to begin the message. Here starts a majestic progression. "Loose the bands of wickedness." "Undo the heavy burdens." "Let the oppressed go free." "Break every yoke." Then in verse 7 we read: Deal bread to the hungry; house the poor and outcasts; clothe the naked; do not hide from suffering flesh.

The Spirit calls God's people to go out to the hurt, the victims of misfortune, those who are doing their best under heavy overloads.

It is from the ranks of the compassionate that Isaiah sees the workers go forth to build successfully "the old waste places." From verses 6 to 11 of chapter 58 we see these builders advance through works of mercy, through light that breaks "forth as the morning," through the experience of answered prayer, through continuous divine guidance, through satisfaction of spirit and ceaseless refreshing, into triumph as finishers of the work.

All this is the ramp that leads into the "high places" where the full meaning of Sabbath reform and delight in the Lord is realized. The prophet links deeds of mercy with a reform in Sabbath observance. Are we preaching a complete message if we declare the Sabbath truth, accompanied inadequately or not at all by exhibitions of mercy?

Purely from consideration of greater success in our work, these admonitions and promises of scripture are worth thinking about. But who can put such slight value on them as this? When Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful," He did not add that the blessing would appear in swelling statistics indicating expanding success. He did promise mercy, which might seem to be a way of saying that those who love mercy will find in mercy itself its own best reward. Heaven's currency, it appears, is different from that which even God's people esteem on earth; but Isaiah assures us that great rewards will follow if the counsel is translated into loving ministry.

Let me illustrate the results that accompany ministry for others.

One night at an Air Force base in Texas a message was received telling of the death of the father of a patient in the base hospital. A Seventh-day Adventist chaplain was asked to pass on to this patient the news of his father's death.

At the same time, the head of the Red Cross Social Service assigned to the base called to see if the patient might need the help that her organization could give. As this woman and our chaplain met in carrying out their missions, she said: "When I have finished here, chaplain, I should like to talk with you, if you can wait."

"I'll be glad to wait," our chaplain replied.

Coming up to him a few moments later, the woman said, "Am I right in thinking that you are the Seventh-day Adventist chaplain here on the base?"

"That's right. I am."

"Well, then, I want to tell you something I learned about your people. I was sent to Florida to help in the disaster situation that followed hurricane Donna. I saw the work done there by your people, and it was really good."

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## Over Yonder

By Margaret Locke

You have heard the wondrous story:  
How He's coming—Christ in glory—  
To deliver all the faithful from this  
darkened world of sin;  
And there'll be no pain nor sorrow  
In that glorious tomorrow  
When the pearly gates are opened, and  
the ransomed enter in.

As you read the Word and ponder  
Of the riches over yonder,  
Of the crystal river flowing, and the tree  
of life so fair,  
Is your spirit in you burning  
To proclaim your Lord's returning?  
Is your heart with love all glowing? Are  
you longing to be there?

Drinking in the beauties splendid,  
Burdens gone, all heartaches ended,  
Viewing scenes of thrilling grandeur,  
listening to the angel choir,  
Reveling in the joys supernal,  
Knowing they will be eternal,  
Praising Him whose love has given freely  
all your heart's desire.

"Well, I'm glad we were able to do a little to help."

"A little! It was the best work done there. Your people were the first into the area. They were kind and intelligent and unstinting in their efforts. The packages they gave were practical, well chosen, with nothing useless, and their contact with the people was so courageously understanding that it helped morale almost as much as their material gifts. It was a pleasure for me to work with them. I've been wanting to tell you about this for some time, and tonight I just couldn't let it go any longer."

## Johnny's Story

Johnny Lack was an alcoholic, far advanced, but he was intelligent, from a good family. One of his brothers had a yearly income of more than \$100,000. Johnny's wife ran a post office in Arkansas, and he had a daughter in Oklahoma City training to be an air line hostess. Johnny wanted to see his wife and daughter but he couldn't, for they had written him off as a hopeless alcoholic. They had made it clear that they never wanted to see him again.

When Johnny came to our Servicemen's Center in San Antonio, Texas, he was shivering in winter cold, and had not eaten sufficiently for a number of days. He didn't ask for food or clothes but for work. We told him we paid very little for doing odds and ends around the center. He said, "Anything, at any price." So we put him to work about the grounds, and he did so well that his service stretched on into more than two weeks.

I mention Johnny because of a story he told us. He said he was caught in the Feather River flood in California, when Yuba City and other parts of that valley were suddenly overwhelmed with water from heavy rain and melting snow. He was looking for work, he said, when the flood came. He got to ground above the water but was marooned till the muddy tide receded. Then he was caught in a roundup of all able-bodied men to help dig out the drowned city.

He found himself with teams of Adventists, some of them students from Pacific Union College and Lodi Academy, he thought, and men from other church areas. He was impressed because the dirtiest and most disagree-



able work was undertaken cheerfully. Not by tone or facial expression was any feeling ever conveyed that anyone helped was a recipient of charity, but each was taken into a circle of warm fellowship. He heard no swearing, no complaining. There was no smoking or drinking. He saw no shirking or slighting of needed effort. He said it was the nearest he had ever been to working with a crew from a better world. It was this as much as anything that led him to seek out Adventists in San Antonio.

Then there is the story of the Adventist pastor in one of the Mississippi Valley churches who took up offerings in his church until some money had accumulated. The home of a poor family burned and the people were left destitute. This pastor heard of it over the radio and was at the scene almost before the ashes cooled, with a check for \$100. He said to the father, "This isn't much compared with your loss, but it may help for a few days. It comes to you from the Seventh-day Adventist church with our sincere feeling for you in your trouble. As you get started again getting your home together, we would like to stand by and share a bit with you in your efforts as we can."

Similar instances of disaster were met with quick help from the Adventist congregation. It was not long until word of this got about. The intelligent, selective demonstration of compassion in action displayed by this church opened many doors and many hearts.

### Changes Needed

There are changes to be made so that more of us will address ourselves to the work of helping the suffering around us.

First, we must get close enough to people to feel with them and for them. There are two instances in my life that I recall with particular sorrow and distress. The first was the death of a child. Across the street from us in a northern city a baby froze to death one night. The young couple had gone off to a dance and left this infant alone. When they returned just before daybreak, the baby was dead. This was a tragedy due to incredible neglect, yet if we had been close enough to these people to know what was going on, might it have been different?

The other instance occurred on a mountain road. I drove along this road in a blinding rain and completed the journey without mishap. But some days later I picked up a paper and read that a man had been driving the same grade two days before I did, missed the road, and was trapped in his car for five days before

he died of exposure. He had written a sketchy diary as time went by. It told of hearing cars pass on the road above and not being able to signal because his horn was dead. When I think of this I wonder whether he heard my car, for I had driven along as he lay there trapped. How close tragedy can lie beside us and we pass by in complete ignorance!

Yes, if we are to be ministers of mercy we must get close enough to know where mercy is needed. We must feel for sufferers and victims of tragedy and do what we can for them. Advantages to the church from ministry of this kind appear in many ways, and we rejoice in these, but the real

objective of mercy is to bring deliverance to the ox in the pit, and medicines and care to the stranger who has fallen among thieves.

What good is salt all in one place? What good is yeast that is not distributed throughout the lump? What good are we in a huddle, warming ourselves in the pleasures of church circles and luxuriating in being ministered to? Is this the way Christ intended that the Great Commission should be accomplished?

Do we not agree that the labors of mercy which some are doing must be greatly extended? Must not these labors be known and accepted as characteristic of Adventists everywhere?

### Divine Revelation—2

## God Speaks Through Scripture

By F. E. J. Harder

**G**OD reveals Himself in the existence of the universe, and since He is a personal God, it is to be expected that He will reveal Himself in a more personal way. Indeed, the fact of a general revelation demands the reality of particular revelations. Last week we noted that the revelation in nature brands men sinners, but it does not save them; it is available to all men, but not all receive it; those who do receive it are enabled to do so because another revelation has been given.

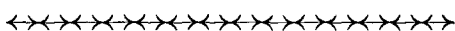
This additional revelation is neither desired by all nor is it given to all. When Israel was confronted by the self-revealing God at the mount of the covenant "the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die'" (Ex. 20:18, 19, R.S.V.). In reply, the Lord said to Moses, "'They have rightly said all that they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet

like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him'" (Deut. 18:17, 18, R.S.V.).

During the centuries that followed the giving of this promise God revealed His will through selected individuals who spoke and wrote for Him. Before the invention of writing, those who had communication with God passed their knowledge from one generation to the next by word of mouth. Then, beginning with the events relating to the Exodus movement and continuing to the close of the apostolic age, divine revelations were put in written form and embodied in an inspired book. The legal, ritual, biographic, historic, poetic, and prophetic literature of the Old Testament preserves much of what was thus divinely revealed.

The New Testament presents a unique revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. By this personal revelation the New Testament writers interpreted all other revelation. The revelation of the Son was the substance of their faith. It was this revelation that gave unity and fullness to all the fragments of God's revelation, both special and general.

"In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature" (Heb. 1:1-3, R.S.V.).



### A Wintered Heart

By Virginia Vess

A wintered heart may find its spring  
More beautiful than nature brings  
To earth's cold crust of frozen clay.

For there a prayer will grow the pure  
And sainted blossoms that endure  
Beyond the death of mortal day.

From early times prophets were recognized as divinely appointed teachers. Some experienced "direct inspiration" and communicated to others the messages they received from God. Others, though "not so directly inspired," served as teachers of the people. For the preparation of such teachers the schools of the prophets were established. Likewise, the apostles received the divine revelation for their time, lived the truth in their own lives, and committed to writing the divine knowledge they received. Through the Written Word which they left, God reveals Himself to us. Every truth is a fresh disclosure of His character and of His will. "It is the medium of communication between God and man."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 69. In the truths recorded in the Old and New Testaments is to be heard the voice of God speaking to man. He is speaking to each one individually, as directly as if His voice could actually be heard. In the words of Scripture, those who live in close connection with God "shall hear His voice in loving entreaties and warnings" (ELLEN G. WHITE in *The Review and Herald*, Oct. 27, 1896).

God's action in history is made known in the Bible. Two factors make Biblical biography and history unique: (1) The writers wrote under guidance of the Holy Spirit; (2) this Influence counteracted the human biases that often cause biographers to gloss over derogatory facts about their heroes and present only partial truth. By inspiration Bible writers were lifted above such partiality; they told the simple, naked, literal truth with the stern forbidding facts about their subjects. In this way a correct record is given of the spiritual experiences of unusual characters.

Anything less than a true record would not reveal the acts of God. Any coloring of an individual's personality, any slanting of facts or omitting of unfavorable ones, might enhance the appearance of a man's character but it would not reveal God's character through that life. Only the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth can do this.

To enable biographers thus to write, the influence of the Spirit of God was brought to bear upon them. Through the dealings of God with men whose lives are so recorded in Scripture, God speaks. Through their struggles under discouragement, through their failure in temptation, through their victories by the grace of God, the divine character and works of redemption are revealed.

God's Word reveals all truth, but the extent to which it is seen depends

upon the searcher. Reading the Word is not sufficient. It must be studied diligently and in the attitude of prayer. It must be received if it is perceived. It must be believed as it is revealed. It must be acted upon as it is learned. Its truth must become an integral part of the life, and be exemplified in the character.

He who waits for some compulsion to act for God will never do anything. He who waits for some external voice to tell of God's will waits in vain. God has spoken in his Written Word; His voice and words are plain. This is His appointed means of guidance. He who diligently searches the Scriptures, with a determination to obey the truth as he learns it, will come to a knowledge of God's will for his life, but God will not work miracles to compel people to see His truth.

Mere time and mental application are not sufficient. The reason many theologians lack a clearer understanding of scriptural truth lies not in any lack of intellectual power but in the absence of an earnest longing for righteousness. Prayer and the action of the Holy Spirit as well as careful scholarship must be depended upon to prevent the wresting of profound truths and to impress the importance

of simple truths. It requires divine action to prepare the human heart for a comprehension of God's Word so that this Word will charm by its beauty, admonish with its warnings, animate and strengthen through its promises.

The Word of God should be studied critically, albeit prayerfully and reverently. No man or class of men is qualified to pronounce judgment upon the relative inspiration of various portions. "When men, in their finite judgment, find it necessary to go into an examination of scriptures to define that which is inspired and that which is not, they have stepped before Jesus to show Him a better way than He has led us."—*Selected Messages*, vol. 1, p. 17.

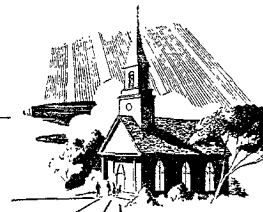
### Effect Is Twofold

The effect of the revelation of God's Word is basically twofold and is typified by the revelation at Sinai. The majestic display of divine power and glory that accompanied the giving of the law impressed the hearers with their sinfulness and helplessness in the presence of the Holy God who was demanding holiness from them. This was followed by a revelation of the symbolisms of the tabernacle services and priesthood which were to

## SUNDAY AGITATION SPOTLIGHTS SABBATH

By M. E. Loewen

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### Fined—One Cent

Mrs. Sylvia Wilcox kept her store open in Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday because other stores in her neighborhood were open. She knew she might be arrested but wanted to test the "blue law."

In court Mrs. Wilcox had an opportunity to tell the jury that she sold milk and "small items" in her place of business. Her testimony revealed that she had consistently kept her store open on Sunday and that this was the practice of the stores in her neighborhood.

In his instructions to the jury Judge Eugene Carter stated that if Mrs. Wilcox was found guilty, the jury could set her fine at from one cent to \$100. After deliberating 20 minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty and set the fine at one cent.

Since there was a blue law requiring Sunday closing, and Mrs. Wilcox admitted opening her store, it was apparent to the jury that she had broken the law,

and they accordingly returned a verdict of "guilty." But their sympathies evidently were with her, the victim of the blue law. Technically, this can be considered as a rebuff to the advocates of Sunday legislation.

Sunday blue laws do not have as broad support as their advocates claim. Generally a small, active, militant group is able to present its plan to protect Sunday sanctity in such a light that law-making bodies readily enact Sunday-closing laws. Frequently the majority of the citizens are indifferent or apathetic to the existence of Sunday laws, until an attempt is made to enforce them. Then it is revealed that many Americans are not in favor of legislating a religious rest day.

To Seventh-day Adventists this situation presents a challenge. A work of education in all communities can alert many leading citizens to the implications of discriminatory Sunday laws.

point the way to forgiveness and to teach men how to obtain power to live according to the demands so fearfully made by the voice of God. The Biblical revelation is to bring about the transformation required whenever depravity is confronted by holiness.

"In the Bible the will of God is revealed. Through all time this book is to stand as a revelation of Jehovah. To human beings the divine oracles have been committed to be the power of God. The truths of the Word of God are not mere sentiment, but the utterances of the Most High. He who makes these truths a part of his life becomes in every sense a new creature."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *The Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1904.

Written by prophets and apostles to whom God especially revealed Himself, the Bible is the primary medium of communication between God and man. Therein the acts of God in nature and in history are interpreted aright to those who by intellectual application, accompanied by fervent prayer, diligently search its pages and personally accept its truths as the

guide for life. Above all, within it is to be found the gospel revelation which "is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith" (Rom. 1:16, R.S.V.). The attainment of character perfection is not possible without a searching study of the Written Word.

An acquaintance with the history of the Redeemer points up the difference between His life and that of the learner, and it indicates the latter's defective character. At the same time, this Word taken to heart has power to animate and sanctify the life after the order of the life revealed therein. The scriptural revelation of God carries with it the power of God to perfect the character of him who receives it in faith. He who is thus transformed from the wickedness revealed by natural revelation into the righteousness revealed by the scriptural revelation is assured ultimate salvation. "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live'" (Rom. 1:17, R.S.V.).

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within his own family. He also complained of the "professional jealousy" of another physician in the same town. I felt sorry for him, because he had not received the reward of happiness to which a medical training should have entitled him.

Another person with whom I am acquainted has followed a way of life that has made him well known as a scholar. He has studied in some of the best universities in the United States and Europe. He holds high degrees. He has contributed to scientific literature and has received many professional honors. But as he now comes to the time of life when he must take things easier, I observe that there is an element of resentment in his attitude. It is as though his attainments as a scholar have not carried with them the personal satisfaction that makes him feel that his life has been worth while.

### Some Who Are Happy

I could list others who have followed different ways of life and who do not experience the personal happiness they fully expected to enjoy. But rather than recite more cases of those who are unhappy, I will turn to those who have followed ways of life that have provided abundant rewards of genuine happiness.

First I am thinking of Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell who have spent the productive years of their lives ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the underprivileged people who live along the banks of the Amazon. Elder and Mrs. Halliwell have retired from their duties in South America and have returned to the United States to live.

Elder Halliwell spoke in our church several months ago and told the inspiring story of their long period of service on the Amazon. The many hardships through which they had passed faded into insignificance as he told of the joy he and his wife had experienced in their service to those in need. Tears came to the eyes of all who listened as he described how hard it was for them to leave their post of duty when the time came for them to retire. The Lord has abundantly fulfilled His promise to the Halliwells—"He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he" (Prov. 14:21).

I am thinking next of a former student of mine, now a physician, who with his family recently returned for a furlough at the end of a term of foreign medical missionary service. Having known him before, I was much impressed with the degree of happiness he and his family members now enjoy. Even though they had passed through many rigorous experiences, his conversation was laden

Handbook to Happiness—6

## Happiness, the Product of Service to Mankind

By Harold Shryock, M.D.

IN GIVING thought to the question as to what makes a person happy, I have wondered whether the way of life a person follows determines, to a great extent, the degree of one's happiness. I have recounted the experiences of many persons with whom I am acquainted, and of others of whom I have read, to see if I can find what way of life brings the greatest happiness.

I have a friend whom I have known since we were boys in academy. He is industrious, intelligent, and ambitious. He completed the medical course and took additional training in surgery. He then established his practice in a thriving little town where the services of a well-trained physician were needed.

A few years ago I visited this former schoolmate and spent several hours in conversation with him and in making casual contacts in the town in which he lived. He was proud to tell

me of the success he had enjoyed. He measured his success, however, by the amount of money he had earned. He told me of his investments in real estate and of his plan to retire from active practice while he was still young enough to enjoy the income from his property holdings.

I talked to an elderly patient of his who remarked, "Doc came here to get rich, and he has done what he came for." Another patient complained because, "Doc asks how I am going to pay my bill before he takes care of me."

After my visit I meditated on what I had seen and heard. My friend had used his medical training to make money, and he had succeeded in his attempt. He had taken good care of many persons who were ill, but he did not seem to be loved in his community. His own conversation indicated that he was not happy. He told me of unhappiness that had developed



with evidences of his genuine pleasure in having ministered to the needs of the underprivileged.

Some of this doctor's classmates had made professional and financial advancement while he had been engaged in mission service. But his conversation gave no hint of jealousy or disappointment. Rather, he talked in terms of his soon return to the mission field. It is there that he and his family had found the happiness they craved. It is there that their services are needed and appreciated.

Sometimes we wonder why persons are willing to follow simple ways of life which to the casual observer seem uninviting and unrewarding. But on closer examination we often find that these unheralded stations bring degrees of happiness not usually found in the limelight of the world's notice.

A few years ago Capt. Paul Cronk, then Commander of the United States Coast Guard cutter *Bibb*, made a simple speech at a banquet in his honor. In it he told the secret of the happiness he had found in his way of life and his crew had, four days after he effected a most remarkable rescue during a storm on the *Atlas* persons aboard the *Bern Queen*, a transatlantic plane, been forced down in mid-ocean because of a depleted fuel supply.

Captain Cronk, being a Christian, was devoted completely and unselfishly to the life of a coast guard cutter. It did not make a long oration packed into his few words a complete statement of the way in which happiness is attained. His eyes focused on him as he said, "I can say that we are happy to help. There is no happiness than pulling people out of the sea. I don't know how it, but I don't think you can find happiness making money."

In principle, this is the way in which ministers and gospel workers find genuine happiness in the life they follow. We all find ourselves surrounded by a sea of sin. Millions are about to lose their lives. We find our greatest source of personal happiness in lending a helping hand to those who desire to be rescued from the sea of sin. Just as Captain Cronk discovered the formula for happiness, so we can find true happiness as we engage in Christian service on behalf of those who need our help.

The name Christian implies a desire to follow the example of Christ. Christ well stated His mission on earth when He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the

brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4: 18, 19).

### The Criterion of Unselfish Service

The ultimate in happiness will be experienced by those who are accounted faithful in the day of judgment and who are therefore included among the redeemed. As the Judge of the universe rewards the faithful with eternal life, and thus with perfect happiness, He will consider the evidence of a personal record of unselfish service to mankind.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked,

and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25: 35-40).

There is practical self-sacrifice in the good of others, in the love of the neighbor, in the love of God, and wherever we may be, whether in our profession, we are

not Christians."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 504.

Thus it is that the Christian, regardless of his station in life, finds that genuine, personal happiness is the product of unselfish service in harmony with the Master's example. The Christian missionary enjoys happiness because he has spent his life in ministering to the needs of the underprivileged. The gospel minister experiences happiness in helping others find their way to Christ, the Source of all happiness. The Christian husband and wife enjoy the kind of happiness that God ordained in the Garden of Eden because they are unselfishly devoted to each other and to each other's welfare.

The Christian parent and homemaker experiences happiness as a result of a primary devotion to the physical and spiritual interests of the children in the home. The Christian doctor and nurse find their highest reward in the happiness that comes from generous and considerate ministry to those who suffer. The Christian teacher finds happiness in helping boys and girls advance toward spiritual and intellectual attainment.

In conclusion, happiness is a foretaste of a heavenly experience which God grants most abundantly to those who follow the pattern of Christ's example by devoting themselves in unselfish service for mankind.

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in South America—Part 2

## The Start of a Long Journey

By O. Montgomery

Full years had slipped by since our trip into the heart of the Amazon, where we caught the vision of the purpose of our mission to the Amazon to open that region for mission work. With our suggested program from one year's end to another, it had been quite impossible to find a time to make the Amazon trip. However, we resolved that the time had come to make the attempt. We would be at Lima, on the west coast, in the spring of 1920, attending the general meeting for the Inca Union Mission, and it would be a great saving of time, we thought, to go down through the jungles and reach the headwaters of the Amazon instead of going around to the other side of the continent and traveling up the Amazon River. In due time we arrived at Lima with our

hearts fully set on making the trip through the jungles.

When the general meeting in Lima was over I was free for several days to scout about and make diligent inquiry from every available source concerning the possibility of our being able to get through to the Amazon. I spent some days talking with men of authority and responsibility in the Peruvian Government, officers of the army, merchants, traders, and travelers who were well acquainted with the Chanchamayo district through which we would have to pass. The prospect seemed very discouraging. I was not able to find a single person who was willing to encourage us to make the attempt. All were unanimous in advising against such an adventure.

Some told me that we would never



A cable bridge across the Chanchamayo River. These bridges are only six feet wide with no side rails or wires.

get through, that it was impossible; others said that we would be taking our lives in our hands, that the dangers were altogether too great. Still others told us that only a few months before, the savage Indians in the territory through which we must pass had gone on the warpath, massacring several families along the Pichis trail, and were still in an ugly mood. I was told that we would be very unwise to venture through such dangerous country unless we had a large body-guard. One of the officials told me that we ought not to think of going with less than 12 to 15 in our party, and all should be well armed.

Another serious difficulty, we were informed, was that the recent rainy season had resulted in many landslides that had swept away the narrow bridle trail in many places. In other sections the heavy tropical growth had entirely obliterated the trail. But after much study of the maps, and prayer and counsel, we finally decided that we would make the attempt and go as far as we could. If we couldn't get clear through, we could turn around and come back.

#### Guarantee of Safe Conduct

I visited the American ambassador, the Honorable Mr. Gonzales, and laid our plans before him, asking him if he would kindly write to the president of the republic requesting a letter of guarantee of safe conduct to carry with us on our trip. The ambassador was much interested in our plan and the purpose of our trip, for he knew a great deal about our mission work in Peru and was acquainted with some of our missionaries.

At the end of three days the ambassador smilingly handed me a letter from the president of the republic

addressed to him and to which was attached a letter signed by the director of government. Both of these letters instructed the Peruvian authorities all along the route to facilitate our journey in every way possible and to provide us with the fullest guarantees of every kind.

Thanking the ambassador heartily for his kindness, I withdrew from his office. As I stepped out into the patio to take my departure, I was met by a young man who came forward and introduced himself as Harry L. Foster, saying that he was a correspondent for the *Brooklyn Eagle*, *Harper's Weekly*, and the *West Coast Leader*, an English paper published in Lima. He stated that he very much desired to make the trip down through the jungles to the Amazon, that he had been waiting for three months to find someone who was going through with whom he could travel. While waiting he had been employed as a stenographer in the American embassy. He earnestly requested the privilege of joining W. H. Williams and me on the trip. He assured me that he would do everything in his power to make the trip a success and would cooperate with us in the fullest manner. He was true to his promise.

The last few days in Lima were spent in making every preparation that we knew how for our plunge through the jungles. It was our first experience in that part of the world, so we resolved that we would go well prepared. We knew that in all likelihood we would meet swarms of mosquitoes, so we provided ourselves with large pieces of a strong bobbinet screen about four by six yards square, something like mosquito netting but much stronger. This would serve as a tent under which to sleep at

night. We bought some cheap wide-rimmed Panama hats. Then we bought several yards of old-fashioned, closely woven veiling.

We had some of our North American sisters in Lima hem our netting for us and make large tubes out of the veiling with rubber cord puckering strings at the top and bottom. This we drew over our heads, the elastic at the small end fitting tightly around the bands of our hats with the rim of the hat turned down and the larger end snapped closely around our shoulders so that no mosquitoes or gnats could reach our faces or necks. We thought it would be impossible to take much baggage, so we contented ourselves with a small suitcase apiece.

Dr. Johnstone, who at that time happened to be in Lima, and Brother Jack Elwin, who was a trained nurse, helped us make up an emergency medical kit. We spent about 30 or 35 soles for medicines, bandages, instruments, et cetera, that these medical men or we ourselves thought we might need in case of accident or illness en route, and with which we might be of some help to the sick and suffering along the way.

Nor did we forget to provide ourselves with food. The best information we were able to obtain led us to conclude that we would be one day on muleback and perhaps about the same length of time in an Indian canoe. Then we expected to be down to the Rio Pichis, where we could get a steam launch. So we provided ourselves with food to last about three days, to be used after we got away from civilization.

We took a train from Lima, Peru, at 6:40 A.M., July 16, and ascended the western slope of the Andean mountain range on the Central Peru Railway. This is a wonderful piece of engineering skill. The mountain is so steep that the only way possible by which the train can make the ascent is by a system of switchbacks, as they are called—or we might say zigzags—up the side of the mountain until we had reached an altitude of 15,865 feet. The railway then runs through a tunnel and descends to the great plateau on the other side of the western range. From this tunnel it is only a short run to La Oroya, a junction point where one branch of the railway goes south to Huancayo and the northern branch runs north to the interesting mining town of Cerro de Pasco.

We left the train at La Oroya in the late afternoon. La Oroya has an elevation of 12,178 feet. From there we took an automobile over the eastern range of the Andes and down to Tarma, which has an elevation of

10,105 feet. We reached there that evening and spent the Sabbath at Tarma. It was at this point that we were to obtain mules for the plunge into the jungles.

Tarma is a beautiful little city amid eucalyptus groves and alfalfa

clover. It is just at the timber line, and as it has splendid irrigating facilities with plenty of water, it is a very productive little valley. On Sabbath we met with the little company of believers in the city of Tarma.

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## A Genuine Reformation

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that we can dispense with organization. It has cost us much study and many prayers for wisdom, that we know God has answered, to erect this structure. It has been built up by His direction, through much sacrifice and conflict. Let none of our brethren be so deceived as to attempt to tear it down, for you will thus bring in a condition of things that you do not dream of. In the name of the Lord I declare to you that it is to stand, strengthened, established, and settled. . . . Then let everyone be exceedingly careful not to unsettle minds in regard to those things that God has ordained for our prosperity and success in advancing His cause."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 27, 28.

It is always easier to point out the defects in a movement and criticize its people than it is to put right the wrongs in one's personal life. The Spirit of Prophecy books were written to save us from spiritual pride and complacency, but these so-called reformers write to confuse and to lead souls away from the church. Even in the days of the apostles there were men imbued with the spirit of schism who brought sorrow and concern to the hearts of the Lord's servants. Paul exposed the real intent of these when he said that they would speak "perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them" (Acts 20:30, R.S.V.).

It is of interest to note the use made by Sister White of this text. "God has not passed His people by and chosen one solitary man here and another there as the only ones worthy to be entrusted with His truth. He does not give one man new light contrary to the established faith of the body. In every reformed men have arisen making this claim. Paul warned the church in his day: 'Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.' The greatest harm to God's people comes through those who go

out from among them speaking perverse things. Through them the way of truth is evil spoken of."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 291.

In the counsels of the Lord the methods of these "reformers" are laid bare, and it is interesting to note that they operate true to type. There are seven basic ways in which they promote their attacks. These I will take up next week.

We may well reject the messages of the "reformer" as spurious or unbalanced, but let us consider whether we may not personally need to mend our ways. Satan is seeking to destroy our faith and character. We have this appeal: "It is only as Christ abides

in him by living faith, influencing his desires and strengthening him with strength from above, that man may venture to face so terrible a foe. Every other means of defense is utterly vain. It is only through Christ that Satan's power is limited. This is a momentous truth that all should understand."—*Ibid.*, p. 294.

So while we may with confidence proclaim the truth, while we may cherish the deep conviction that our faith is grounded in the more sure word of prophecy, it is only by a personal living trust in the indwelling Saviour that we can overcome Satan and gain eternal salvation. "No matter who you are or what your life has been, you can be saved only in God's appointed way. You must repent; you must fall helpless on the Rock, Christ Jesus. You must feel your need of a physician and the one only remedy for sin, the blood of Christ. This remedy can be secured only by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Ibid.*, pp. 218, 219.

Those who are enjoying an abiding fellowship with the Lord Jesus, and are led of the Spirit will be well protected from the fiery darts of Satan and the specious attacks of any who would seek to draw them away from the truth of God. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 91:1).

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## I Would Be Like Jesus

By HAZEL PHILIPS TREIBLE

I would *speak* like Jesus—

Words so kind and sweet and true,  
Words to cheer the sick and lonely,  
As life's journey I pursue.

I would *walk* like Jesus—

In the humble walks of life,  
Helping those I see around me  
To forget their path of strife.

I would *work* like Jesus—

Any place that I might be,  
Never weary in well-doing  
Humble tasks that fall to me.

I would *teach* like Jesus—

Those who need to learn the way  
To eternal life and gladness  
E'er shall come the judgment day.

I would *give* like Jesus—

Good measure pressed and running o'er

Of my time and goods and talents;  
O that they were only more!

I would *pray* like Jesus—

Coming with a humble heart  
To the Source of power and wisdom,  
Asking strength to do my part.

I would *love* like Jesus—

Love so deep and so divine  
That though all the world should scorn  
me  
Not one enemy were mine.

I would *die* like Jesus—

With a trust and faith in One  
Who will give me life eternal  
If I love and trust His Son.

I would *be* like Jesus—

Work and teach and speak and love  
With a heart full of compassion,  
Pointing to the God above.



# OUR HOMES

HOW TO KEEP THEM  
HAPPY  
AND HEAVENLY

CONDUCTED BY PROMISE JOY SHERMAN

## A Present Help

By Beatrice S. Stout

**W**HENEVER the people of God throughout history have neglected to heed the Lord's counsel, they have suffered loss; they have missed a great blessing. "O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee?" (Micah 6:3). Today, as in times past, there is danger that Adventist parents will not take full advantage of the wealth of special instruction on child rearing given this people in the *Testimonies to the Church*.

We may well tremble over the responsibility that is ours. The tangled threads of our own weaving can bring despair to us and ruin to our children. But God has not failed to give us instruction in the vitally important field of child training. If we care enough to search diligently we will find the help we need.

There is no magic way of building character in the hearts and minds of children. God gives us fertile soil to cultivate, but we must cultivate it—constantly and persistently.

He has set before us His purpose: "That our sons may be as plants . . . ; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Ps. 144:12). He who keeps covenant and shows mercy to a thousand generations will listen to our needs and enable us to produce fruit that will represent the character of God.

"He desires that the families below shall be a symbol of the great family above."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 290.

Yet surely such results are not a matter of chance, nor are they lightly attained. They can be achieved only if we faithfully search out and follow the inspired counsel of the Lord's messenger. It is a well-defined track of light to the earnest seeker. "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion" (Micah 4:13).

In a day of low moral standards it is important to know the effects of wrong diet habits. Are we awake to the fact that certain food "excites the

animal propensities to increased activity"? If we are not, it is possible that we may reap the bitterness of failing to teach our children health habits, habits that might guide our children throughout life.

"Children are allowed to eat flesh meats, spices, butter, cheese, pork, rich pastry, and condiments generally. They are also allowed to eat of unhealthful food at irregular hours and between meals. These things do their work of deranging the stomach, exciting the nerves to unnatural action, and enfeebling the intellect. Parents do not realize that they are sowing the seed that will bring forth disease and death."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, pp. 78, 79. As a deformed young tree ever remains a crooked tree, so the habits of youth may be carried into adult life. On the other hand, we may lay a foundation of habits that will be a blessing in after years.

Are we alert to the hidden and incalculable dangers that lie in what our children read and in what they see and hear on television? Bad reading and television are potential sources of untold mischief. "Their poison is like the poison of a serpent."

In *Testimonies*, volume 2, page 236, Sister White says: "The young

## Holding Daddy's Hand

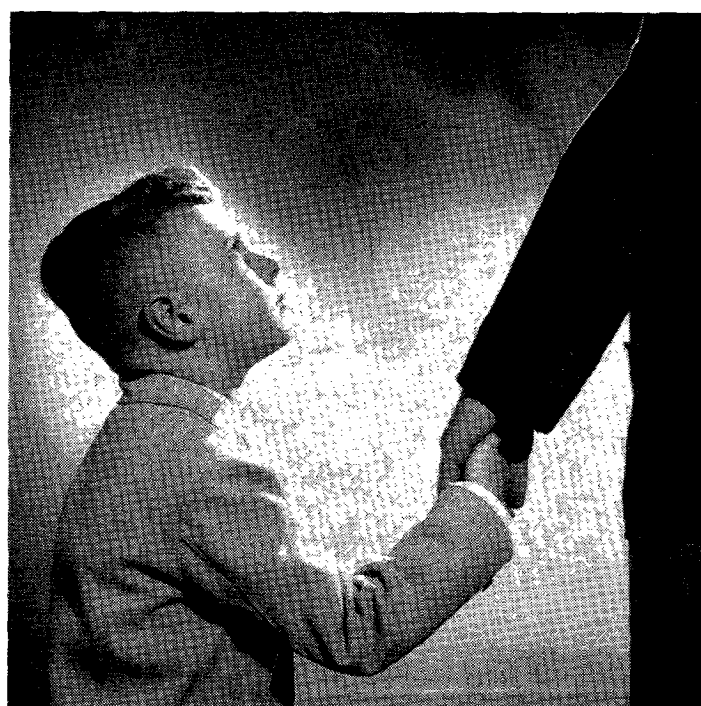
By Jessie Wilmore Murton

If we should meet a dog, or bear—  
Daddy and I—I wouldn't care;  
And I'd not be afraid to stand  
Right there, aholding daddy's hand.

And I'm not scared to go upstairs  
To bed at night. I say my prayers,  
Then daddy holds my hand; and he  
Is not afraid of dark, you see.

My daddy says the stars at night  
Are only just God's candlelight.  
And daddy says—and so it's true—  
That God is holding *his* hand, too.

From *The Shining Thread*



J. BYRON LOGAN

are in great danger. Great evil results from their light reading." Our children may think us too strict when they are small, but they will rise up and call us blessed when they reach years of experience.

The greatest battle ever fought in the human breast is the battle against selfishness. It is at the root of all sin. How better can we plant the seeds of unselfish living in the hearts of our children than to heed this instruction: "In every home there should be taught lessons of self-denial. . . . Encourage them to save their pennies for missionary work."—*Child Guidance*, p. 131. A self-denial box in the home is suggested. With the cause of God dependent on unselfish giving, and the people of God in need of self-discipline, who can estimate the blessing to be gained from this?

Throughout the years, as we endeavor to cultivate the maximum development of each child, we are bringing a sheaf of the first fruits unto the Lord. Let us ever prize God's abounding store of help and guidance. The choice lies with each parent. Will we be a broken reed or a sheltering tree to our children? When we have done our best, we may leave the final results with God. "For he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor" (Micah 4:12).

"Dear Lord, when I stand with the reapers,

Before Thee at set of the sun,  
When the sheaves of the harvest are gathered,

And life and its labors are done,  
I shall lay at Thy feet these my children.

To my heart and my garments they cling.

I may not go forth with the reapers,  
And these are the sheaves that I bring."

—LIZZIE CLARK HARDY

## Being a Stepmother

As Told to Cora M. Silvius

WHEN I married Joe Stutzman I was pitied by all my friends, not because of Joe but because of his "unruly" son. I felt sure that no one understood him. I knew that his father did not. I was aware that the aunt with whom the two had boarded did not. I did not understand him myself, but I intended to do the best I could. Of course, the only way to succeed with him permanently would be through an understanding that would win his confidence, but that would take time. At first some formal regulations would be necessary.

My idea was that they all expected

the boy to act like a grown man, and I was sure that Harry was one of those boys who mature late.

As soon as we were settled in our own home, Harry came to stay with us. The first thing I did was to give the boy a key to the front door.

I explained to Harry, in quite a businesslike way, that I desired his co-operation. We agreed on an hour at which he should be in his room every night, unless, by mutual consent, he stayed out later. I tried to use tact, and when I read him authorities on how much sleep a boy of his age should have, when he did the sort of work Harry was doing, I made my comments impersonal. When I mentioned health rules, I did it indirectly, leading him to supply illustrations from the boys he knew. I suggested calling him at a certain time each morning. Together we tested it out in order to see just how much time he needed to bathe and dress properly, eat his breakfast without hurrying, and walk to his work.

Later our family of three drew up a few rules that would help us all to enjoy our home to the full.

On Tuesday or Thursday, we agreed, Harry could have a friend in to dinner; on Wednesday and Saturday nights it was his father's privilege; on Monday or Friday I was to have my friends. Harry was allowed to dine out any time he wished, without question, provided he gave timely notice of his intention, and we approved of the place. If, however, the invitation should be impromptu, he was asked to abide by our decision.

I gave him the large room that Joe had wanted for a spare room. I fixed it as nicely as I could with my little knowledge of his tastes, angling as adroitly as possible for his suggestions. He was expected to keep it in order, to hang up his clothing, and open the bed to air each morning.

I refused to have him turned into an errand boy, although I did ask both him and his father to attend to certain duties for me.

All our friends predicted trouble. I was too lax, they said. One had to be firm with a boy like Harry. He would take advantage of kindness. Too much leeway was bad for boys. Oh, they said any number of things. But they were all wrong. Harry was on his honor, and never once has there been any trouble.

I have also learned to understand him to a great extent, and he gives me a large share of his confidence. I am waiting for him now. He wants me to go with him to call on a girl to see if I think she is the type for him to marry.—*National Kindergarten Association*.

## THE Children's Story

### Back to the Boats

By Arthur S. Maxwell

By this time the Passover ceremonies were ended for another year. Thousands of people were streaming out of Jerusalem, eager to get back to their homes.

All were chattering excitedly. Never had they had so much to talk about.

Though the priests had hoped to get rid of Jesus of Nazareth by crucifying Him, His name was now on everybody's lips. Some talked about the way He had overturned the tables of the money-changers in the Temple; others about His trial and the grim procession to Calvary; others of the darkness at the cross and His last loud cry of agony.

But the story that gripped all hearts was the one about the empty tomb. Here was a mystery of the first order. Who had taken His body? The priests, the soldiers, or the disciples? What had been done with it, and why?

While everybody was arguing this way and that, the rumor flew along every highway out of Jerusalem that Jesus wasn't dead after all. He had actually walked out of His own tomb at the time of the great earthquake!

Was the rumor true? Nobody could say. But on and on it went, the most exciting rumor in a thousand years.

As for the disciples, they were glad to be going back to Galilee, and they couldn't get there fast enough. Had not Jesus told them that He would meet them there?

Seven of them walked the whole way together—Peter, James, John, Thomas, Nathanael, and two others. All were pleased to be leaving the ugly memories of Jerusalem ever farther and farther behind them.

It was terribly lonesome without Jesus. The last time they had traveled this road—not many days before—He had been with them, their Leader, their Teacher, and their Friend. Now they were on their own.

By and by they came to the brow of a hill from which they could see the lake they loved so dearly. It was as beautiful as ever, so calm, so peaceful, and quite unchanged by all that had happened.

Now their minds turned to the question of what to do next. Peter settled it for them all.

"I'm going fishing," he said.

"We'll go with you," said the others.

So they found their way to the old wharf, and there were the dear old boats, just as they had left them. What a thrill they got looking them over, baling out the water, finding the oars, and getting the nets ready!





*If I Were Young Again...*

Fifth in a Series

## I'd Aim for Maturity

By Taylor G. Bunch

**I**F I WERE young again I'd make growth to maturity in character development the chief aim and purpose of my life. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless he was born again he could not see or enter the kingdom of God, and Peter said that the new birth comes "by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). He said further that all who have been born again should, "as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

The apostle Paul declared that when Jesus ascended He "gave gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:8); then he named some of the most important of the spiritual gifts and declared that they were given "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:12-15).

This character growth and development is to continue from birth till "we arrive at full maturity," as stated in several translations. Physical birth and growth are used to illustrate character development from childhood to full maturity. Again the apostle wrote: "When I was child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways" (1 Cor. 13:11, R.S.V.).

Paul did not mean that as he grew to manhood he put out of his life all childlike traits of character, but that in certain respects he ceased to be childish; then he named some of the things that should be discarded as

early in life as possible, as an evidence of growth.

In answer to the question of His disciples "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called to Him a little child and then said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3, 4).

Character growth, therefore, demands that we retain even in old age many of the noble traits of childhood—such as innocence, honesty, sincerity, truthfulness, meekness, humility, the desire for knowledge. We all love babies and little children as long as they are growing normally toward maturity. We can patiently put up with any of their undesirable ways as long as they are experiencing normal development. The mother who says "I wish my baby would never grow up" doesn't really mean it, for if it should happen, as it does occasionally, it would be a tragedy.

In growth as in all things Jesus is

### About the Author

Born in Myrtle Point, Oregon, November 18, 1885, Taylor Grant Bunch attended public school, Gravelford Academy, San Fernando Junior College, Benke-Walker Business College of Portland, Oregon, and took a course in law through the La Salle Extension University of Chicago, Illinois. Elder Bunch's 50 years in the ministry have been about equally divided among four lines of work—pastoral, evangelistic, teaching, and executive. His pastorates have included churches such as North Seattle, Portland Central, Portland Sunnyside (which was built under his direction), New Orleans, College View, Battle Creek Tabernacle, South Lancaster, and Sligo (in Takoma Park). Besides evangelistic work in several local conferences, Elder Bunch was union evangelist of the North Pacific and Southern unions. His teaching experience included six years in the Loma Linda division of the College of Medical Evangelists, five years in the Bible department of Atlantic Union College, and a short time in the Seminary, or Andrews (Potomac) University. He was president of the Southern Oregon Conference, the Southern Idaho Conference, and the Michigan Conference. Elder Bunch has written 18 books, among which are *Behold the Man*, *The Shepherd Psalm*, *Prevailing Prayer*, *The Perfect Prayer*, *Love*, *Bible Paradoxes*, *The Seven Epistles of Christ*, *The Ten Commandments*, *Secrets of Godly Living*, *Secrets of a Happy Marriage*, *Valiant in Fight*, and *The Road to Happiness*. Now retired in Lodi, California, with his wife (the former Linea Carlson, whom he married July 12, 1921), Elder Bunch continues to keep busy preaching.

the perfect example. Of Him we read: "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:40, 52).

### Ten "Childish Ways"

Let us notice some of the "childish ways" that should gradually disappear with normal growth and character development.

1. Paul declared that with growth to manhood he stopped talking like a child, or using baby talk. It is unwise for parents and teachers to use baby talk in dealing with children, for it will retard their progress. How can they put away childish talk as long as parents and teachers continue to use it, as some do for several years?

2. Feelings in little children are very pronounced, as they are by nature sensitive and emotional. Their feelings are easily hurt and they shed many tears, crying over trifles, the slightest pain, and many other little things, including delayed meals. Nothing is too small to upset their little world. Every little hurt assumes the proportions of a major calamity. But what a tragedy it is that so many people retain this childish weakness through life!

3. Children are selfish by nature. Their hurt feelings are mostly over something personal, and their tears are seldom shed over the sorrows of others. To them little troubles are more terrible than a world war.

Selfishness is never winsome. It is childish and even obnoxious, and yet it is one of the greatest sins of the modern world among persons of all ages. "Lovers of their own selves" is listed first among the sins that make "the last days perilous times" (see 2 Timothy 3:1-5). This is the first fruit of the entire harvest of the "works of the flesh."

4. Another childish characteristic is the desire for attention. Many people retain this trait throughout life. They must occupy the center of the stage or they refuse to play or work. Too often they feel that they are born leaders, and when they do not get their own way they pout and sulk. This is the trait that produces dictators who upset nations and sometimes the world. It is also one of the chief causes of marital disturbances.

5. Closely related to the desire for attention is the constant craving for appreciation. This is another evidence of perpetual infancy. Parents naturally applaud when the baby takes the first step and utters the first word or cute saying, but this must stop as soon as the child begins to say and do things to draw attention and



praise. While this craving is a natural characteristic, it must be held in check or it will do untold damage in every realm of life. Such grown-up babies cannot make others happy.

6. Children also like to be amused and entertained. It is easy to make them either laugh or cry, and if the craving to be entertained is fostered by parents and teachers, it can easily injure them throughout life. Many grownups are not happy unless they are entertained, even in church, and in Hebrews 5:12-14 we are told that these babes must be fed with spiritual baby food, or the milk of the Word, rather than the strong meat of the Word. They want to be fed with stories and emotional appeals rather than with the deep and profound truths of the Scriptures.

7. Many children also have little sense of gratitude, and accept every gift and blessing as something they deserve. It takes years for them to learn to say Thank you. Mother may walk the floor or sit up all night with a sick or spoiled child without receiving the slightest word of appreciation. There are few more obnoxious signs of perpetual infancy than a failure to say Thank you to both God and man for the innumerable benefits bestowed upon us.

#### Sense of Obligation

8. The lack of a sense of obligation is another human trait that has its roots in childhood. Children have no thought of paying for what they get, or showing appreciation by doing for others in return. Only by special and continuous effort can this situation be changed through growth. Children who feel that the parents owe them a living, and everything they want, will in later life believe that the world owes them a living.

9. A child is also unreasonable by nature. Paul said he stopped reasoning like a child when he grew to manhood. The reasoning of immaturity can hardly be expected to be reasonable because it is based on selfish desires rather than experience. Even a child's prayers are self-centered and immature. It is a true saying that "before a child is old enough to reason he must be taught to obey."

10. Irreverence is another evidence of immaturity. Little children are wholly unconscious of the fact that they disturb a religious service by crying, laughing, playing, or running about. Happy are the children whose parents by example, precept, and discipline teach them to reverence God and His sanctuary. This lack of early discipline is largely responsible for the unbecoming conduct of so many men and women in the house of God.

Growth is the most basic and funda-



mental law of life. In the realm of nature, growing things never become static or fossilized as long as they are alive, and the same should be true in intellectual, spiritual, and character development. Growth should continue as long as there is life in the body.

When we meet the conditions of growth, progress is natural and normal. It requires no anxiety or effort to grow apart from the partaking of the elements that produce life and growth. Normal growth is one phase of perfection in both nature and character development. We are instantly made perfect through justification, which takes care of all the sins of the past life, while through the lifetime work of sanctification we grow to full spiritual maturity in Christ.

Our subject is beautifully summed up in the following statement from *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 65: "The plant must either grow or die. As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the development of the Christian life. At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continuous advancement."

## Junior Talks

### Four White Tigers

By D. A. Delafield

Mahani Rewa is the name of a rare white tigress from India that was added to the zoo in Washington, D.C., late last year. According to the newspaper the name Mahani Rewa means "enchantress of Rewa." This beautiful creature is one of four white tigresses in the world and is valued at \$10,000. The "enchantress" is two years old and healthy, but not

particularly gentle, though she may be the beautiful queen of the animal world.

The enchantress is the first white tiger ever to be brought out of India. She was raised in captivity by the Maharaja of Rewa, about 250 miles from Nepal. This remarkable creature was brought to birth by what is called selective breeding. This is the first white tiger ever to be seen in the Western Hemisphere.

The enchantress is different from usual tigers in that instead of having black stripes on a tawny hide, the hide is white and there are dark-looking stripes.

Well, juniors, the tiger may be white but that doesn't change the nature of the animal. A big picture of the beast appeared in the *Washington Star* of December 1, 1960. And oh, such a snarling brute she is! While it is true that she is white, she and her brothers and sisters are still wild tigers.

Years ago Mr. Gay, the famous lion trainer, tried an experiment with eleven young lions on his large lion farm in El Monte, California. He wanted to discover whether it was possible to modify the nature of wild creatures by changing their environment. One day he put the lions in their cages and starved them for a couple of days. Then he rolled into an arena an old model T Ford in which four or five dummies were sitting. At a given signal the doors of the cages were opened and the hungry animals were set free. What do you think the hungry lions did? Why, they did what all hungry lions would do. They charged the Ford, turned it over, and tore the dummies to shreds. I'd hate to think of what would have happened if those dummies had been living human beings.

You see, juniors, those lions were still lions even though they were raised in captivity. They had not lost their animal nature simply because they were brought up in civilization. And they remained lions until they died.

Human nature is sinful and weak. And the only person who can change it is Jesus Christ. We may whitewash the outside, but unless we are washed inside by the blood of Christ we will not be any different. The white tiger may look different from other tigers, but she is a tiger still.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." We must be changed from the inside out. This represents a supernatural work that only God can do. So let us pray the prayer of David: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:10).

# A Filipino Valedictorian Triumphs in Christ

By Angelina Domingo

**M**Y STAUNCH Catholic parents sent me to a Catholic school to get my education. It was there that I learned to accept blindly whatever the priests did in all matters of religion. I thought that priests never make mistakes. Then I came in contact with the Holy Bible and discovered that God's Word is the only sure foundation of truth and salvation for all men. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

Going back a few years, I recall that when I was in the second grade, my grandmother became a Seventh-day Adventist. One time she visited us and told us about her new-found faith. Grandmother had been a member of the Catholic faith.

I was very much impressed by the way she talked about the Lord Jesus' second coming. I wondered how she could tell us many things that were not taught to us in the Catholic school. I asked her, "Are you a prophetess, Grandmother?" "No!" she answered. Then she opened the Holy Bible and began to read many passages that clearly describe world conditions today. I decided to give up my undesirable habits.

One Sabbath morning grandmother invited me to attend Sabbath school with her. This was my first opportunity to observe the Adventist people at close range. I was now convinced that the Holy Bible must be the source

and authority for all our beliefs. I told mother about it and urged her to study the Bible with me. She seemed perplexed and did not give me a satisfactory answer. Later I learned why. She was afraid I would lose my free scholarship, received for being valedictorian every year.

Two years passed, and religion was not seriously discussed, but grandmother kept coming and telling us more about the love of Jesus and the danger of delaying to accept the truth. Grandmother prayed hard for us that we might respond.

## Mother's Conversion

In the last week of April, 1959, mother became sick. She was confined in the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in Pasay City (Manila). At first I was troubled and sad for fear of losing the person dearest to my heart. In the hospital she was comforted and prayed for by visiting ministers, doctors, nurses, and others. Before she recovered she responded to the gospel truth. I was so happy.

When grandmother was preparing to leave for Hawaii, she brought along Mrs. Calion R. Zarate, a record librarian at the hospital, to continue giving us Bible studies. In turn, Mrs. Zarate later brought along her husband, who organized a Bible class that lasted for five months. Four days a week we studied for an hour after school.

At the end of the five months Brother Zarate announced that he would be leaving for Baguio City, where he is connected with the Lord's

work, and would return after two weeks. From Baguio City, he mailed us the book *Bible Readings*. Before he returned we had almost finished the book. "Surely, this is the truth!" we gasped. My mother, my two sisters, and I surrendered our hearts to our dear God in heaven.

We were waiting for Brother Zarate to ask us to be baptized, but he was waiting for us to tell him that we wanted to be baptized. Every so often Brother Zarate would give us a Bible study, but he never asked us to be baptized. So we discussed among ourselves how we should be baptized, and when.

The day came when Brother Zarate visited us again one afternoon. We urged mother beforehand to tell him of our intention to be baptized. The subject of our Bible study was "Faithfulness in Upholding the Doctrines of the Church."

Brother Zarate asked mother how soon she would be getting rid of her pig. Mother replied instantly, "This afternoon!" Two hours later three men came to take the pig. The sale had been made a week before, however. Then Brother Zarate discussed with us children the problem of school attendance on Sabbath.

On that memorable day of December 26, 1959, my mother, my two sisters, and I gave our hearts to our dear God in heaven. We promised Him that we would keep His Sabbath day holy and would not attend any school activities on Sabbath. We asked the help of Pastors Romulo, Vitto, and Zarate, but circumstances prevented them from assisting. We felt incapable

of handling the situation ourselves.

Sabbath was fast approaching. I was much troubled when an announcement was published asking all Girl Scouts to attend the meeting on Saturday. I didn't know what to do and what to say to my teacher. I knew I ought to be there, since I was president of the Girl Scouts organization of the school.

I prayed God to help me, then I went to my teacher and explained to her about the Sabbath day of the Lord. She was surprised and told me

Please exempt us from our activities on Saturdays."

In our religious class period the teacher noticed that I was always absent. It seemed that the entire school noticed a change in the attitude of us three sisters, Rebecca, Milagros, and myself. We felt that we must stand firmly for the truth. One day in class the Sabbath of the Lord was the subject for discussion. I stood up and told the class about the true Sabbath, and quoted texts from the Bible. The teacher said, "You are misled." I sug-

did not tell mother about it, for I knew that she would worry and that she might require me to attend the classes lest my grades deteriorate.

Sabbath came, but I did not attend the class. Instead, I went to Sabbath school. The following school day all my classmates, as well as my teachers, excitedly asked, "Where were you when we had our review last Saturday?" I simply said, "I went to church last Saturday, for it is the Sabbath of the Lord, and the whole world should keep it holy according to the commandment of the Lord."

Some students and teachers were sympathetic, but others were not. My physics teacher, for instance, said, "Your religion is very selfish. It does not give you freedom at all." But, thank God, I know the truth. I know in whom I believe.

Being the president of different organizations, I was occupied by many activities. Because Saturday is the day of most activities, I was expected to preside over these many functions. I knew I would have some hard decisions to make, especially those involving my free scholarship and religious principles—in short, I must either decide for or against the world. God helped me to make the right decisions. I chose to follow my Redeemer Jesus Christ instead of worldly honor. And I know that my Christian friends prayed for me. This helped bring victory.

Despite what my teachers, friends, relatives, and my mother said about forfeiting my honor and free scholarship if I didn't continue with my activities on Saturdays, my mind was made up. Mother knew that since we could not afford to finance my college studies, my only chance for an education was by maintaining my grades. I knew that mother and I were in the battle together, and that she was on my side. But I gently told her that my decision was made—I would follow Jesus. Mother stood motionless, and a few minutes later she said, "Then you are not likely to continue your college education."

The day came! The bureau of education furnished the examinations. A few days after, the teachers announced the valedictorian of the class of 1960. To my surprise, I was named! Even more amazing, I was awarded two gold medals for being an outstanding student, and a bronze medal for being the best speller of the year. My youngest sister, Milagros, was awarded a gold medal for being the top student of her class. We were very happy.

Satan tried us, but Jesus Christ gave us victory. Dear brothers and sisters, let us put our trust in the Lord. He will never forsake us.



"Where were you when we had our review last Saturday?"

that it had been agreed by the teachers that I was to be selected as the "most outstanding Girl Scout of the year," and therefore was to receive a gold medal.

I was startled, but I remembered my promise to the Lord. In response to my teacher I said, "Madam, I am very willing to serve the Scout movement even if I will not receive the honor.

gested that perhaps she and I could compare Bibles in order to prove that there is no great difference between the Catholic Douay Version and the King James Version.

Before February, a note was posted requiring all seniors to attend Saturday classes for one month in preparation for an examination to be given by the department of education. I

# News From Home and Abroad

## Remarkable Conversions in Southern Asia

By Duane S. Johnson  
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OUR leaders from the forward areas of Southern Asia gathered at Poona from December 12 to 20 for the division committee. Medical and educational councils preceded this meeting. W. E. Murray, T. R. Flaiz, and Richard Hammill from the General Conference brought spiritual blessing and help. Interesting and inspirational experiences were related by leaders from the growing edges of the work.

G. Gurubatham of the South Tamil Section told of a barber who was recently baptized in Tamilnad. He came into the message through the efforts of one of our ministers who talked of Christ's love and soon coming while the barber cut his hair. The barber enrolled in the Tamil Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, attended meetings, and was soon coming to Sabbath school and church.

After his baptism a minister of another church who had been his customer for five years sat down in his chair for a haircut and remarked, "How is it you have become an Adventist? I have been your friend for a long time and you didn't indicate you had any interest in Christianity."

The barber responded, "For five years you came to my shop, but never spoke of Christ's love for me or invited me to study the Bible." This barber is now interesting others in Bible study.

Nurse Zill, wife of the principal of our Narsapur High School in West Godavary District, was giving an injection to a caste Hindu woman who had come to the dispensary for treatment. She noticed a charm tied around the woman's arm. As she gently massaged the arm she questioned, "Why do you wear that on your arm?"

"It protects me," she replied. Sister Zill looked at her doubtfully and the woman continued, "It is my god."

Our sister said simply, "If you worshiped my God you would not need this charm." To which the Hindu quickly replied, "If I knew your God I might worship Him."

"Next Sabbath afternoon some of our students and a teacher will come

to your home to tell you of our loving God," Mrs. Zill volunteered. The offer was accepted and each Sabbath afternoon the missionary band from the girls' dormitory conducts a branch Sabbath school on the veranda of this village home. Others have joined the class and there is a good response. The teachers and youth in our schools have a powerful influence upon the educated classes who are restlessly searching for a better life.

Ernest Scott, the headmaster of our Bangalore school, related the experience of Younas Sait, a Moslem young man who attended our school there for many years. He learned his Bible well, but as he became older he tried to ignore the promptings of the Spirit of God. Finally, in defiance of religious things, he tore to shreds and burned before his classmates the Bible that spoke to him of his duty to serve God. Younas joined the street gangs and fell into every kind of cor-

ruption and evil. His classmates did not desert him, and often invited him to MV and other church programs. Many a night he argued with his Adventist friends, and finally bought another Bible to meet them on their own ground.

One of our young men invited him to the MV camp, and this was the turning point in his experience. He gave up smoking, refrained from evil language, and enrolled in the baptismal class. On a recent Sabbath, with the other youth, Younas came forward in church, signifying his desire for baptism. Youth are reaching youth with the truth.

Though opposed by relatives and a strange culture, there are many in Islam like Younas Sait who will respond to an invitation to a meeting, a camp, or to discuss the Bible. The torch of truth is being handed along the line even into the remotest areas of the earth.



### Rice Distributed to Needy in Philippines

The South Philippine Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists has been entrusted with the distribution of rice that has been provided as a gift from the American people. The picture shows a

group of needy people receiving help at one of the distribution areas near the headquarters of the union.

V. M. MONTALBAN, *President*  
*South Philippine Union Mission*



Our Bandung Mission Hospital (Rumah Sakit Advent) in Java, Indonesia.

## The Rumah Sakit Advent of Indonesia

By D. N. Holm, M.D.  
Medical Director

The medical program of Seventh-day Adventists in Indonesia is relatively new. Prior to World War II there was no organized medical work in the then Dutch East Indies except for an obstetrical clinic and a small orphanage operated by Adventist nurses. In 1949 the writer began work as the first Adventist doctor in Indonesia. It was thought at that time that it would be necessary to work for the Government Health Service for at least three years before we could obtain permission to open our own medical work.

But through the providence of God permission was given immediately in answer to a special request. With a feeling of thanksgiving mingled with humility, we opened an outpatient clinic in the suburbs of Bandung, Java, in March of 1950; and in October of the same year we opened a 20-bed hospital.

The Bandung Mission Hospital was originally opened in a remodeled house, which has been repeatedly enlarged and remodeled until at the present time it contains 106 beds and ten bassinets. The heavy load of approximately 40,000 outpatients annually, combined with the surgical and inpatient services, is difficult for one doctor to encompass; in fact, it would be impossible were it not that nurses are able to take many of these duties and lighten his load.

The hospital was fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Jess Holm from 1953 to 1958 and Dr. and Mrs. E. Garcia in 1958 and 1959 to bring their strong support and assistance to the medical

program. Since March, 1960, Dr. Neil Thrasher has been carrying the heavy responsibilities of the institution alone. In a few months Dr. R. Haan and family will be coming to join the staff. Their vigor, initiative, and skill will be a great asset to the institution.

In 1952 a nurse's training school was begun. It was small and inadequate at first, with poor facilities and only six students. Soon after this, Miss Mote came to help with the nursing school and nursing service, and then Wilma Leazer came and reorganized the school to its present status, with an enrollment of 55 and improved facilities. Nursing education has great possibilities in Indonesia.

### A Critical Shortage

Because of the very critical shortage of doctors, nurses are permitted to carry a major responsibility in caring for the medical needs of the population. Government clinics are operated largely by nurses, and in the same way it is the plan that graduate nurses from Rumah Sakit Advent will be sent out to operate a chain of clinics throughout the archipelago. In fact, during the past two years two of these clinics have begun operating—one in Pontianak, Borneo, and the second in Makassar, Celebes.

Work is now progressing on a new hospital building, where it is hoped that medical care can be given more acceptably, and where the training program can be enlarged and improved. The prayers and assistance of Adventist believers everywhere are needed, that the medical program in Indonesia may continue to develop until the influence of Adventist doctors and nurses is felt in every city and island.

## Sogwala Paramount Chief Baptized

By J. D. Harcombe  
President, Southern Rhodesia Mission

One Sabbath early last year I held a special consecration service at the Sogwala church, 50 miles from Gwelo, the Southern Rhodesia field headquarters. The head chief of Sogwala attended the meeting and heard the message of Christ's soon coming. Ten persons responded to the pleading of the Holy Spirit to accept Christ, and joined the Bible class. The chief appeared very interested in the message but did not outwardly respond.

After the meeting I was impressed to have a heart-to-heart talk with him. I went over and engaged him in conversation, eventually inviting him to accept Christ fully as his Saviour. I mentioned that it would be profitable for him to study more of the important truths of the Bible. I added that it would not be prudent for him to join the young people in the baptismal class, but offered to have him enrolled as a Bible student in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School. He was impressed with this suggestion and agreed for me to send in his name. This was done right away, and we appointed a teacher to study with him as he received his lessons.

He was faithful in his study of the Word of God through this channel, and the Spirit of God certainly worked upon his heart. A year went by, and during this time Pastor S. B. Dube and the church lay workers studied with the chief.

When the appeal was made for him to take his full stand and be baptized, he did not hesitate. On Sabbath, December 24, the day when 33 laymen received their "120" pins and certificates, I led the chief and 32 other candidates into the baptismal



Chief Paraffin Petrol Sogwala Gwezi accepts a Bible from J. D. Harcombe, president of Southern Rhodesia Mission. The chief was baptized by Elder Harcombe on December 24, 1960.





A group of converts in front of their new church in Viet Nam. This church was raised up by Brother Sau (rear left), a veteran colporteur. Minister, rear right.

waters. There was great rejoicing among his people.

We feel that this stand the chief has taken will influence others to study the Voice of Prophecy lessons, as he is very influential and commands the respect of a great number of people. This chief was the one chosen from more than 200 chiefs to give the official welcome and to present a beautiful gift to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on behalf of all the people of Southern Rhodesia.

## Colporteur in Viet Nam Blessed With Souls

By John Bernet

*Departmental Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union*

When the country of Viet Nam was divided in half many Seventh-day Adventists were living in the northern part. Brother Sau, a veteran colporteur, was among this group. He decided to move south.

The only way of escape was to walk through the jungle, for the roads were open only to the military. Anyone caught traveling south was closely questioned about his destination, and if his story sounded suspicious, he was put in jail.

After many miles of weary travel Brother Sau arrived in Saigon, the headquarters for our work. Here he bought a bicycle and purchased a large number of books from our Signs press. The books were tied to the bicycle and he left with these parting words—"God has spared my life for a purpose. I must win some souls for Him in return."

He came back for books quite often, and each time he related with a big smile how God had blessed him. In only a short time this elderly brother had raised up a fine group of baptismal candidates. A pastor was sent to follow up the interest, and as a result of their combined labors 22 were baptized. They had no church in which

to worship, so our colporteur solicited one half of the funds needed to build, and the mission contributed the balance. Today in this town a beautiful Seventh-day Adventist church stands as a monument to this layman's faithful witness.

Not long afterward this same literature evangelist raised up another group of believers in a nearby area. At this writing there are 13 faithful members in this place, plus a number of others who regularly attend Sabbath school and who are studying the Advent message from the books they bought from Brother Sau.

Pray for our bookmen as they witness through the printed page in this needy part of God's vineyard.

## The Sao Paulo, Brazil, Hospital

By Geraldo Leitzke

*Medical Director*

The São Paulo Hospital is situated in a section of São Paulo known as Liberdade. This clinic was begun in a

humble way in 1939 and was the first Adventist medical institution in Brazil. It was appropriate that the city of São Paulo should be chosen for such a work, as it is the largest and most progressive city in Brazil.

Like many other institutions, in its early days the São Paulo Hospital had financial struggles, even to the point where the workers of the local conference found it necessary to accept a cut in salary in order to maintain the institution. After passing through these early difficulties, the home of a wealthy resident of the city was purchased and the work extended. But soon this was not adequate. A residence on the next lot was bought, and the two buildings were joined, resulting in the present hospital building. Early in 1960 an adjoining lot was purchased, and plans are now being drawn for a major enlargement, which will consist of a building expressly constructed to serve as a hospital.

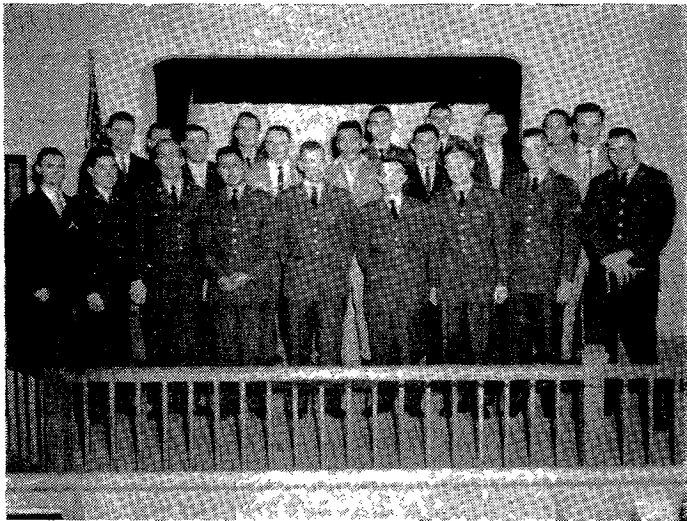
During recent years the São Paulo Hospital has given special consideration to the care and rehabilitation of polio patients; in fact, in all probability it gives more attention to this phase of medical work than any other hospital in Brazil. As a result, its fame has reached far beyond the city of São Paulo. This work was started by Lilian Wentz who, during her furlough in the United States, married Ernest Eltz. Now this couple are both giving dedicated service to this task. They have treated polio patients up to 40 years of age, as well as recently born infants.

As this work has grown, specialized equipment has been purchased and has been used constantly in the rehabilitation of polio victims. It has been our earnest desire to secure an iron lung, but up to the present time this has not been possible.



The São Paulo, Brazil, Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.





### Servicemen at Frederick, Maryland

For a number of years Camp Detrick, near Frederick, Maryland, has been the home base of a growing number of Adventist servicemen. Most of the men, when first inducted into the armed forces, take basic training in Texas and later serve 18 months at Camp Detrick. At present more than 25 Adventist young men, some with families, are stationed there.

Since there is no Adventist chaplain to serve them, the men go to the Frederick church for spiritual uplift. Each Sabbath the church arranges for all servicemen to be invited to a member's home for dinner. Not only are these young men benefited by their contacts with the church but in turn the church has been strengthened by their presence and support. During the recent Ingathering campaign these men aided greatly by helping the Frederick church go \$500 beyond its Vanguard goal.

A. M. KAROLYI, *Departmental Secretary*  
*Chesapeake Conference*



### Central Union Publishing Council

The recent publishing council of the Central Union Conference was held in Denver, Colorado. Under the able chairmanship of J. F. Kent, union publishing department secretary, actions were taken that will greatly accelerate the distribution of subscription literature throughout this populous union. Because of the soul-winning value of our large, standard full-message books, emphasis was placed on encouraging the literature evangelists to specialize in placing these volumes in the homes.

An unusually fine spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the council. The determination of every publishing leader is to gather in more souls through the influence of Adventist books and magazines. The past year was a good one for sales and souls in the Central Union, but goals were set in both of these categories to reach record heights during 1961.

GEORGE A. HUSE, *Secretary*  
*General Conference Publishing Department*

Due attention has been given to spiritual activities in the São Paulo Hospital. In addition to the attention given to this by the medical staff, a chaplain has been employed on a part-time basis, and definite results have been seen from his labors and from the cooperation of the regular staff. Several are now rejoicing in the Adventist message and are attending one or another of our many churches in this rapidly growing metropolis. We thank God for progress in medical lines, but above all for success in winning souls for the kingdom.

### "It Is Written" Evangelism In Atlanta

By Harold E. Metcalf  
*Crusade Director*

The It Is Written Crusade in Atlanta, Georgia, conducted by George Vandeman and assisted by G. P. Friesen and the writer, with the area pastors, has produced a tremendous impact upon the entire metropolitan

area. The first two meetings were held in the new Tower Theater, which was well filled on both occasions. All other meetings were held in our own new family center, which we designated as the It Is Written Auditorium. Every meeting was well attended, and in order to accommodate the crowds on the weekends, it was necessary to hold double services on Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday evenings.

Careful advance preparation had been made for this crusade. The It Is Written films had been shown over WAGA-TV each Sunday morning for approximately a year. There was much concerted prayer for the success of this evangelistic campaign by way of television. As a result, approximately 3,500 Atlanta area families were receiving and studying the Take His Word pamphlets at the time Elder Vandeman began his meetings.

The cooperation of the laymen in making visits in these homes has been most heartening. Many were conducting Bible studies, and when the meetings began they brought

their interested people to the auditorium. Full support was given the program by the conference president, A. C. McKee, his committee, and each worker in the area.

Careful preparation and prayer resulted in many decisions for Christ. At the end of Elder Vandeman's three-week series 140 had decided for the truth. These meetings were followed immediately by a two-week series conducted by the writer, the conference evangelist. Those who had made decisions formed the nucleus of a half-hour Bible class held at the close of each service. During those two weeks additional decisions were made, bringing the number to nearly 200.

We felt that we had only begun to reap the complete harvest and that plans must be laid to continue the crusade. The telecast is continuing over WAGA, and Take His Word is going into the homes and the laymen are faithfully visiting those taking the course. The Family Worship Hour, a daily radio program conducted by the conference evangelistic team, is now

heard Monday through Friday at 6:45 A.M. over station WYZE in Atlanta.

To continue to reap in a public way, we have set up a schedule of Sabbath afternoon and Sunday evening meetings at which some of our key doctrines have been presented by certain of our denominational leaders. It is planned that another two-week meeting will be conducted by the conference evangelistic team in the It Is Written Auditorium, beginning March 25.

One of the projects in the attempt to consolidate this fine interest has been the purchase of 10,000 copies of the book *Planet in Rebellion*. Sponsored by Ralph Crawford, who for years has envisioned a breakthrough into the responsible homes in great cities, these 10,000 message-filled books are being carefully distributed among key families in the Atlanta area. Already there is a fine response.

## Prophetic Guidance Course Enrollment Soars

By D. A. Delafield

Associate Secretary, White Publications

The new 24-lesson correspondence course, Prophetic Guidance in the Advent Movement, prepared especially for Seventh-day Adventists is proving extremely popular. Eleven thousand have already enrolled in the Prophetic Guidance School, which is conducted as a new department of the Voice of Prophecy, Glendale, California. To date, well over 200 enthusiastic graduates have received diplomas.

Mrs. Hazel Hendricks and her staff of five full-time workers are extremely busy. Sister Hendricks told me when I was in Glendale recently that enrollments are coming in to Box 200, Glendale 5, California, at a steady pace. Thus far there has been no simultaneous coast-to-coast promotional program. "Now," she said, "the time is ripe for such a drive. The school has been opened. We have a well-planned organization for handling enrollments and lessons, and we invite Seventh-day Adventists to take the free course. Only a dollar is required to pay for the textbook, *The Spirit of Prophecy Treasure Chest*. Many pastors conduct Prophetic Guidance classes every Wednesday night in their churches. And we are prepared to handle group enrollments."

A believer who has long sought an occasion to familiarize herself with the Spirit of Prophecy wrote in to say, "It is wonderful to learn how much faith and courage Sister White had. She must have been a wonderful person. I have never really had oppor-

tunity to study her writings before. The lessons are truly wonderful. I go through each lesson several times."

Another wrote: "Until I started this course I did not realize who Sister White was. But now it is clear to me. I plan to read all the Spirit of Prophecy books as soon as I can."

Still another wrote: "These lessons have brought much joy to me. I am truly sorry that I have come to the last lesson. I hunger and thirst for more of the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy."

It is thrilling to read responses such as this one: "Up until the time I be-

gan taking this course Sister White was only a name to me. I accepted her books as inspired, but I knew little about them. I have been impressed by the great spirituality of Sister White's life. She was truly a human being like the rest of us. I am glad I understand the human side of her character. Oh, how I long to know my Saviour as she knew Him. How I long to do good in life the way she did. If there was ever any doubt before of her being God's messenger, as she claimed to be, I sincerely believe all doubt is gone. I want to thank you for this wonderful course."

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR 1961

### The Ancient Lands of the Bible Through the MIDDLE EAST DIVISION



Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon.

appeal to our  
*Worldwide*  
*Sabbath Schools*  
*this*

*Thirteenth Sabbath, March 25, 1961*  
for a Liberal Offering  
**LET US RESPOND**  
with sacrifice and self-denial

### HELP TO ESTABLISH:

1. Mercy Orphanage in Cairo.
2. Church and School in Jerusalem.
3. New Industry for Middle East College.

### DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS:

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow this quarter will be dedicated to the work in the Middle East Division. Are you really serious about "finishing the work"? Have you earnestly and honestly sought God's will for you in relation to your possessions and how they should be used to the glory of God and your own salvation? Give as the Spirit has impressed you.

Your brother,

V. A. FENN, Treasurer  
Middle East Division

General Conference Sabbath School Department

There is a widespread feeling that these lessons are timely. "I have prayed for 25 years for just such a course," wrote a minister. Another student wrote: "The Lord has definitely led in the timing of this course. Think of the season in which we live and the rapid development of events! These lessons will help us to prepare for Jesus' soon coming."

One church elder tells how his church is using the lessons: "I am the church elder in our little church and we are using these lessons in our prayer meeting, taking the high points that each one of us finds in the study of the evening. We are learning a lot and we are having a good time."

As I read these and other testimonies from eager students I am impressed that (1) the students were all led to appreciate the Bible more as they studied the Spirit of Prophecy lessons, (2) a deep spiritual challenge and incentive was experienced by all, (3) the course met a long-standing need for guidance and understanding in the area of the relationship between the Spirit of Prophecy and the Advent Movement, (4) an awareness was created of the seriousness of the times in which we live and how to prepare for the crisis, (5) the lessons are simple and may be understood by those who have had a limited education. Nevertheless, the lessons were found to be stimulating to the most educated, (6) the lessons awakened interest in the study of the Spirit of Prophecy books and many have begun to read the Ellen G. White writings who have never read them before, (7) the lessons are an answer to the prayers of many earnest and consecrated Seventh-day Adventists.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church for years has prepared numerous correspondence courses for those not of our faith. At last we have a course designed especially for the members of the church and for those who are preparing for baptism. Hundreds of our people will be enrolling within the next few weeks, and there is room for all who wish to become members of the Prophetic Guidance School.

## New England Sanitarium Disaster Nursing Course

By C. L. Finney

Public Relations Director

Believing that disaster could be now, more than 40 graduate nurses of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital recently completed a course in disaster nursing. The course met eight Monday mornings for four-hour sessions and was repeated in late afternoon to accommodate the varied shifts of nurses.

The 30-hour course, sponsored by the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency and the hospital for nursing service, was part of the graduate nurse inservice education program.

Lectures, films, demonstrations, and practice included such subjects as kinds of disaster, planning for families and the public as well as patients in the hospital, nurses' responsibilities, organization for disaster, management and care of victims, and treatment of anticipated types of casualties.

Instructor of the course, Esther Oldham, health education director of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, attended several refresher courses and workshops before conducting the classes.

Lecturers from the hospital staff who assisted were Albert Walker, coordinator of the civil defense unit, Dr. C. A. Haysmer, and Dr. Paul Gaver. Mary Donnelly, from the American Red Cross, spent one session presenting the nurses' responsibility in shelter situations and Red Cross activities during disasters.

Of special interest were the improvisations made by the nurses for use if supplies and equipment are not available. These were on display several days during and following the course.

Certificates were awarded Monday, December 19, by Irving Hamilton, personnel director, assisted by the instructor, Esther Oldham and Director of Nursing Alice Kuhn.

It is expected that 13 others who were among the enrollees of the course will receive their certificates early in 1961.



Nurses at New England Sanitarium demonstrating improvisations for disaster aid.

one from Bermuda, Daniel Jacome, \$12,392.78.

● During the last week of December, Mrs. Marie Ulloth and H. E. Voorhees of the Greater New York Conference presented 30 copies of the 1961 Morning Watch book to T. Krive, manager of the Times Square Hotel in New York City. They invited him to keep a copy himself and distribute the rest. This was done in honor of Lemuel E. Esteb who always stayed in the Times Square Hotel whenever he was in New York City.

● Welling J. Schwerer has accepted a call to Buffalo, New York, to fill the vacancy left when the former district leader, C. Ray Kinney, retired. He comes to Buffalo from Tucson, Arizona, where he was district leader.

● The Hempstead (Long Island) mission was organized with 20 charter members on Sabbath, December 17, by T. X. Perry, pastor of Brooklyn Temple, Brooklyn, New York. James Edgecombe, local elder of this church, started the mission in Hempstead. Elder Perry spoke at the morning service and S. O. James, associate secretary of the publishing department of Northeastern Conference, spoke in the afternoon.

● The 20th Century Bible Correspondence School in Northern New England Conference, under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Gerald, supervisor, and Wilma J. Walker, office secretary, had 4,980 new student applications during 1960, 1,599 of whom actually enrolled. Four hundred and twenty-two students completed the course. At the end of the third quarter the records showed that 50 had been baptized, with more baptisms expected.

● A new lecture series has been originated at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, under the auspices of the Student Association. The G. Eric Jones Lecture Series has been held each Monday evening from January 30 to March 6. Elder Jones, president of Atlantic Union College from 1936 to 1948, and currently president of the Greater New York Conference, was chosen to personify the series because of his achievements for, and his intense interest in, this school.

### Canadian Union

● Harvey C. T. Johnson, of Oshawa, manager of the Canadian Union Home Health Education Service credit office and

## • In Brief •

### Atlantic Union

● C. H. Smith, publishing secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, reports that the literature evangelists of the union delivered \$431,389.60 worth of literature in 1960. This was a gain of \$80,415.21 over the previous year. Four colporteurs made deliveries ranging from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Three of these were from Southern New England Conference—Frank Nieb, \$20,557.47; Horace Futcher, \$20,004.35; and John Spalt, \$13,043.14; and

former secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Conference, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Alberta Conference, to succeed A. Norman How, who was named to the same post in the British Columbia Conference. Arvid Jacobson, of New Westminster, British Columbia, and a graduate of Walla Walla College, has been named as manager of the Home Health Education Service credit office with headquarters at Oshawa, Ontario.

● A. George Rodgers, administrator of Rest Haven Hospital at Sidney, British Columbia, reported another record year at the pioneer, church-operated medical institution in Canada on the occasion of the hospital's annual general meeting held recently at Sidney. In recognition of the hospital's leadership in providing a high level of medical care in the community and for its outstanding record of cooperation with area civil defense officials, the administrator has been invited by the government to go to Ottawa for talks with leading officials who are eager to profit from the experience of this Adventist hospital.

● William E. Kuester, secretary of the public relations and radio-television de-

partments of the British Columbia Conference, reports that the denominationally sponsored religious telecast *It Is Written* will now be aired over a Kelowna station and five affiliated outlets.

#### Central Union

● Mercedes England has recently joined the working staff of the Colorado Conference. She is secretary to L. E. Carter, public relations and medical secretary of the conference. Miss England comes to Colorado from the Inter-American Division office in Florida.

● Dr. Glenn A. Gryte, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, joined the medical staff of the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital during the month of January.

● The Central States Conference celebrated Ingathering victory on Sunday afternoon, January 15. Fifty of the 53 Jasper Wayne members in the conference were present. Among these were the oldest Jasper Wayne member, 102-year-old Mother Lucas, of Wichita, Kansas, and the youngest member, 13-year-old Sylvia Stockdale, St. Louis, Missouri.

● R. H. Blessing has accepted the call of the Christian Record Benevolent Association to be assistant director of field services and public relations for the western area. He comes to the Christian Record from the Nebraska Conference where he was associate publishing secretary.

● On Sabbath, December 3, the group of believers in Springfield, Missouri, took its place in the family of churches in the Central States Conference. W. W. Fordham, conference president, organized the company into a church. This church is the result of a tent effort conducted last summer by W. C. Scales, Jr., and his assistants, David Yates and Mrs. M. M. Fitch.

● As a result of 43 additions to the Denver York Street church membership following a series of evangelistic meetings held by their pastor, Harold J. Brendel, the church has had to move to temporary quarters. The Montview Boulevard Presbyterian church will be used until a new church is erected in the East Denver area. The new name of the church is Denver East Seventh-day Adventist church. Dr. L. H. Wade, Lewis Herrmann, and J. A. Maxam have a combined



#### East Pennsylvania Organizes Sixty-third Church

Organizational services for East Pennsylvania's sixty-third church were held December 10 in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. This church organization came as a direct result of evangelistic services held by the Koch-Upchurch-Henry evangelistic team in the new cloud cathedral, a nylon plastic structure supported completely by air pressure. At the completion of the meetings 21 persons were baptized, and 24 others joined from the surrounding community to organize the Chambersburg church with a charter membership of 45.

The new church, whose charter membership is shown with the evangelistic team and conference officers, will become one of three churches of the Waynesboro district, under the leadership of Merton Henry. The other churches are Waynesboro and Gettysburg.

Front row, left to right: J. E. Upchurch, singing evangelist; Mrs. Merton Henry; Merton Henry, district superintendent; E. F. Koch, evangelist; Mrs. E. F. Koch, organizer; Mary Bierley, Bible instructor; Arthur Kiesz, conference president; E. M. Hagele, secretary-treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

J. N. MORGAN  
Departmental Secretary  
East Pennsylvania Conference



#### Successful Publishing Program in the Southwestern Union

The Southwestern Union Conference believes in the power of the press. At the beginning of 1960 a central collection office was set up to facilitate the work of the Home Health Education Service. During the first ten months of 1960 the literature evangelists in the Southwest delivered \$519,293.17 worth of books and magazines. During this same period 38 people were baptized who were first reached by literature evangelists.

Early in November a profitable union publishing council was conducted in San Antonio, Texas, under the leadership of J. T. Welch, union publishing secretary. Following this meeting, publishing department surveys were conducted in each local conference. The picture shows the survey committee of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

This conference leads the Southwestern Union in literature deliveries. At the time the publishing survey was conducted in the new conference office in Shreveport, Louisiana, the latter part of November, the literature evangelists in that field had delivered about \$265,000 worth of books and magazines. J. T. Mason is the publishing department secretary.

D. A. MC ADAMS, Associate Secretary  
Publishing Department, General Conference

attendance record at the Denver York Street church of 132 years. The church building had been in continuous use for 46 years.

### Columbia Union

● Robert Wagner, 17, a senior student at Greater Baltimore (Maryland) Academy, won first prize in the ninth annual (Columbia Union-wide) temperance oratorical contest held Saturday night, February 11, at Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio. He spoke before an audience of 1,000 persons on the subject "The Cost of Alcohol."

● A new group has been organized at Somerville, New Jersey, with 24 members. This makes a total of six companies and groups to be organized in New Jersey in the past two years. A total of 692 people have been baptized during the past three years in the New Jersey Conference, according to M. K. Eckenroth, president.

● More than 1,300 New Jersey Missionary Volunteers and their friends filled the main auditorium of the Trenton War Memorial Auditorium on January 14 for the second annual MV rally. Captain L. E. C. Joers, M.D., was the main speaker.

● The Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland, with a membership of 2,400, contributed a total of more than \$700,000 in church funds for the year 1960. This was an increase of \$89,000 over 1959.

● Seventy-two churches appear on the Potomac Conference victory honor roll for Ingathering, with a total of \$205,797.23 received. This is a conference per capita of \$21.17.

● Dr. George Harding, Jr., of Worthington, Ohio, is now secretary of the medical department of the Ohio Conference. This post was previously held by Clinton Trott, M.D.

● Operation Fireside made its debut in West Pennsylvania at a recent workers' meeting. E. M. Peterson, MV secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, was on hand to introduce the youth project of evangelism.

● The Mount Vernon Academy choir, directed by Roger McNeilly, gave their first public recital for residents of the Mount Vernon community. The 185-voice choir gave a program of Christmas music to the 1,000 in attendance. The Mount Vernon Academy band, with Raiford Cowden as director, entertained members of the community on December 17.

### Lake Union

● Lorraine Skiba, living in Newfoundland, Canada, was impressed by a Seventh-day Adventist sermon she heard over the radio on the second coming of Christ. One month later she was baptized, and in four months she became a colporteur. That was seven years ago. She now lives in Detroit, Michigan. Even though she is without physical sight, she and her Seeing Eye dog go from house to house, from store to store, and across busy streets, selling magazines. She sells an average of one thousand magazines a month, and some days is able to sign up as many as 20 persons for the Bible correspondence course.

● Two workers are leaving Michigan. Howard Burbank, who has been connected with the conference for a number of years as home missionary secretary, in charge of wills and legacies and also the lay evangelism program, has accepted an invitation to become secretary of the Texas Conference Association. Ralph Trecartin, assistant in the Book and Bible House, has accepted a call to the Indiana Conference as Book and Bible House manager.

● When Kathleen Falkedahl, a Seventh-day Adventist freshman student in the Merrill High School, in Wisconsin, observed her civics teacher inviting pastors of various churches to speak to the students, she asked permission to ask a Seventh-day Adventist minister to come and explain her faith to the class. As a result Paul Whitlow of Rhinelander was invited to speak to the civics class on January 11. The talk was taped and later played back to the other sections of the class, which contained 60 students in all.

### Northern Union

● E. B. Hallsted has accepted a call to the Iowa Conference as pastor of the Nevada and Boone churches.

● A new church is being erected on the campus of Oak Park Academy, Nevada, Iowa. It will serve as the meeting place for the members in Nevada and the academy students.

● In December two persons were baptized by H. F. Anderson for R. W. Heinrich at Watertown, South Dakota. Two persons also were baptized at Pierre by J. A. Estey. Years ago Elder Estey baptized the parents of these children.

● The new church building at Lehr, North Dakota, was dedicated on December 3. R. H. Nightingale, president of the Northern Union Conference, gave the address and was assisted by K. D. Johnson, S. E. White, and R. D. Steinke, of the North Dakota Conference, and H. J. Eslinger, the pastor.

● A. E. Zytoskee, educational and MV secretary of the North Dakota Conference, reports Leadership certificates issued to 34 MV leaders-in-training on December 4 at Sheyenne River Academy. About one fourth of the number were students at Sheyenne River Academy; the rest were people from surrounding churches.

● The Hutchinson, Minnesota, church has provided a one-and-a-half-ton truck, stocked with food, clothing, bedding, et cetera, to provide help in case of emergency to the residents of Hutchinson and McLeod County. Lionel Fredricksen is director of the church's disaster committee.

### North Pacific Union

● A \$30,000 addition, which will provide more than 4,000 square feet of space, is now under construction for the (Walla Walla) College Place Bindery. Plans for the structure were drawn up by Ed McCants, a sophomore civil engineering student of Walla Walla College. Tentative date for completion of the addition

is April 1, according to A. W. Spoo, WWC business manager.

● A new program entitled "Unit of the Week" was initiated February 14 at the weekly College Place Wailatu Pathfinder Club meeting. This plan is designed to stimulate and maintain better conduct and discipline among the Pathfinders. At each meeting the various units are checked for complete uniform, conduct throughout the meeting, and respect and obedience to superiors. The unit having the best score is named the Unit of the Week, and is awarded a trophy to be kept until the following week.

● Recent guests on the Walla Walla College campus included Norval F. Pease, chairman of the department of applied theology at Andrews University; Marvin E. Loewen, secretary of the Department of Public Affairs of the General Conference; and Merlin L. Neff, book editor of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

### Pacific Union

● A. R. Reiswig, associate secretary of the Pacific Union Conference publishing department, reports that 39 literature evangelists had deliveries of \$10,000 or more during 1960. Lester Botnick had the highest delivery for any one person in the history of the Pacific Union, with total sales of \$41,708.95 for the year; and for the women's record, Lillie Shipley set a new high with sales of \$21,436.58. James Cupler received a trophy for the largest number of baptisms for one year—26 of his contacts were baptized. Recognition for sending in 850 applications for the Voice of Prophecy, the largest number for the year, went to G. J. Schulz. Mildred Mantz worked the most hours for the women, and G. J. Schulz for the men. Three colporteurs—C. J. Lomax, A. D. Stern, and G. J. Schulz—doubled their deliveries over the previous year. Special awards were given to three persons who had 15 years of continuous service as literature evangelists. They are Walter Womack, Jean Nolan, and Evelyn McAlear.

● A unique ground breaking on January 29 marked the start of construction on the new \$550,000 Alhambra, California, church. Thomas Spindle, his hand to an old-fashioned plow, broke ground for the new sanctuary which is expected to become a reality by September.

● Charles Yoshida has assumed internship responsibilities in the windward Oahu district of Hawaii. The Yoshidas returned recently from a two-year stay in Japan, where he has been studying the Japanese language in order to be of greater service to the Japanese-speaking people of Hawaii.

● An estimated 500 persons attended the dedication services of the Juniper Avenue church in Fontana, California, on the afternoon of February 4. Sermons were presented by C. E. Moseley, Jr., general field secretary of the General Conference, and W. S. Lee, regional department secretary of the Pacific Union Conference. R. C. Baker, president of the Southeastern California Conference, led in the Act of Dedication, and Elder



Moseley offered the dedicatory prayer.

● A new \$120,000 Dorcas Welfare building is being constructed in Loma Linda by the Hill church. It will fill a great need in the community, for the old building is entirely inadequate for the large amount of welfare work done. Designer is Otis Hudson, Jr., and Clarence Hirst is the contractor.

#### Southern Union

● F. W. Detamore and the Worldwide Bible Lecture team recently concluded a successful three-week series of evangelistic meetings in the new Jacksonville, Florida, church. More than 90 persons took their stand to unite with the church. Associated with the Detamores were the pastor, Orley M. Berg, and P. J. Salhany, who is under appointment to mission service in Egypt.

● On February 4 the Altamonte Springs church, near Orlando, Florida, was formally organized with 55 charter members. The Florida Conference president, H. H. Schmidt, presided. The congregation was formed two months earlier under the leadership of R. W. Numbers and the Kress Memorial church in nearby Winter Park.

● The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference officially opened its new office building in January. The 110-foot building is of modern design with the offices and committee room on the first level.

● The first person to contribute to the 1961 Ingathering campaign in central Florida was Mayor Robert S. Carr of Orlando. His contribution—a Silver Vanguard goal.

● Kenneth Harding, pastor from Macon, Georgia, and a member of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference committee, has left for mission service in Iran. Pastor

Harding, a native of England, is a graduate of Southern Missionary College.

#### Southwestern Union

● W. R. May, pastor of the Fort Worth, Texas, First church, is the new Sabbath school secretary of the Texas Conference.

● The following changes in the Texas Conference became effective recently: J. A. Crews, pastor of the San Antonio church, is now pastor of the Fort Worth First church. A. V. McClure of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, will be pastor at San Antonio. W. S. Hancock, Cleburne pastor, is the new conference religious liberty secretary and chaplain at the San Marcos Hospital. Howard Burbank, of the Michigan Conference, has joined the Texas Conference as head of the wills and legacies department. He will be assisted by George Nickle. B. K. Mills, pastor of the Beaumont district, has accepted a call to the Michigan Conference.

● Maybelle Vandermark, of the General Conference, and A. R. Mazat, union home missionary secretary, with the assistance of the local conference home missionary secretaries, recently conducted a series of union-wide laymen's institutes.

● Twenty-two persons were baptized as the result of the Barron-Turner-Dill crusade, which was conducted at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

● Fifty-eight persons have been added to the El Paso church through the meetings conducted by L. B. Baker of the Southwest Region Conference.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Insurance Service, Inc. (Calif.), Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Insurance Service, Inc. (Calif.), will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 1961, at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., in con-

nection with the Spring Council meetings of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The purpose of the meeting is for the transaction of the general business of the corporation and the election of directors in harmony with Article III, Section 2, of the bylaws.  
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## Church Calendar FOR 1961

Missionary Volunteer Day	March 18-25
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 18-25
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Middle East Division)	March 25
Literature Evangelism	April 1
Church Home Missionary Offering	April 1
Signs of the Times, These Times, and Message Magazine Campaign (Special prices during April and May)	April 1-30
College of Medical Evangelists Offering	April 8
Dorcas-Welfare Evangelism	May 6
Church Home Missionary Offering	May 6
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering	May 13
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 20
Home-Foreign Evangelism	June 3
Church Home Missionary Offering	June 3
Oakwood College Offering	June 10
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Southern African Division)	June 24
Medical Missionary Day and Church	July 1
Medical Missionary Offering	July 1
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 8
Pioneer Evangelism	August 5
Church Home Missionary Offering	August 5
Educational Day and Elementary School Offering	August 12
Literature Evangelists Rally Day	September 2
Church Home Missionary Offering	September 2
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 9
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 16
Review and Herald Campaign	September 16-October 14
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (South American Division)	September 30
Neighborhood Evangelism—Home Visitation Day	October 7
Church Home Missionary Offering	October 7
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 14
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 21
Temperance Day Offering	October 28
Witnessing Laymen—Consecration Service	November 4
Church Home Missionary Offering	November 4
Week of Prayer	November 11-18
Week of Sacrifice Offering	November 18
Ingathering Campaign for 1962	November 25, 1961-January 6, 1962
Home Missionary Day	December 2
Church Home Missionary Offering	December 2
North American Missions Offering	December 9
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Far Eastern Division)	December 30



### Branch Sabbath Schools Win Souls

Josué Sanchez is a young medical student at the university in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. His studies are very demanding, but he finds time to take an active part in church activities, to direct the young people's choir, and to carry other church responsibilities.

About a year ago he went up to the north coast of his country to attend a lay preachers' institute conducted under the able leadership of E. W. Pedersen, V. W. Schoen, and D. C. Prenier. All in attendance were deeply moved, and were inspired to go out and do things for God. When Josué stood and pledged his goal of six souls for the remainder of the year, it was with real purpose.

Soon after returning home Josué's plans

began to formulate. Brother Piñeda, an isolated member, had been wanting someone to come to his village, Villa Nueva, to conduct studies among the interested people. There is no road to Villa Nueva, only a trail. After leaving the highway it is a good two-hour walk over hills and valleys into the village. Josué determined that a light should be kindled in that valley.

Alone he made the trip on foot to Brother Piñeda's to arrange for a branch Sabbath school. Since he attended classes on weekdays, he planned to spend both Sabbath and Sunday on his project in Villa Nueva. First he studied in the homes with those who would listen. Then he began a Sunday school—which he soon was able to transfer to Sabbath afternoon and thus have a regular branch Sabbath school. Before long his weekly program also included an afterservice.

Sometimes other young people from the church would make the long hike with him and help out, one teaching the children's class and another the adults. Josué planned a systematic study of the Bible doctrines to be given during the after-

service. From 20 to 30 attended every week. All during the six-month rainy season the meetings were continued. In tropical downpours or scorching heat, whether the trail was deep in mud or dusty, the young medical student faithfully kept his appointment with the people in Villa Nueva.

There were times when the young folks from the church planned outings on Sunday.

"Will you be along on the picnic tomorrow, Josué?" he was asked.

"No, I have my Sunday school at Villa Nueva to take care of," he answered. This devotion brought its reward. The last Sabbath of 1960, in the church at Tegucigalpa, there was a special service. Six precious souls were buried in baptism. At one side of the rostrum stood Josué, his heart full as he watched the fruit of his labor take their place with God's people. He had fulfilled his promise to God to go out and find six souls and bring them to Him. Now a bright light shines in Villa Nueva.

ALCYON RUTH FLECK  
Missionary, Honduras



# Sabbath School Lesson Help

By HARRY W. LOWE, General Conference Field Secretary

FOR SABBATH, APRIL 1, 1961

## Righteousness

[This Lesson Help is a running comment on the lesson presented in the *Sabbath School Quarterly* and should be read in connection with it.]

**T**HE Bible teaches that man is not righteous in himself. God alone is righteous and He alone decides who or what can be made righteous. "Enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified" (Ps. 143:2). "Sinful man can find hope and righteousness only in God."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 367.

In Psalm 143:11 and 12 the troubled David prays: "For thy name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In thy righteousness bring me out of trouble" (R.S.V.). Man's only hope is in God's righteousness. A God of love can be strictly righteous and at the same time provide sinful man with a way whereby he can be justified and accounted righteous.

### 1. Righteousness an Attribute of God

PSALM 119:142. "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." "The character of God is righteousness and truth; such is the nature of His law."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 467. In Psalm 119:151 the psalmist says, "All thy commandments are truth." In verse 160 he declares, "Thy word is true from the beginning" ("The sum of thy word is truth," R.S.V.), and he attributes permanence to every one of God's "righteous judgments."

PSALM 145:17. "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works." This verse is used in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 39, to show that Lucifer, before the Fall, "was convinced that he was in the wrong," for he saw that "the Lord is righteous in all his ways." It is of infinite comfort that the judgment of the world is in the hands of an eternally righteous God. He is patient and "slow to anger" (Nahum 1:3). In man's interest He allows evil to reveal itself "that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might be forever placed beyond all question."—*Ibid.*, p. 42.

### 2. Righteousness an Attribute of the Son

HEBREWS 1:8, 9. "Unto the Son he saith, . . . a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." These words are based on Psalm 45:6, and are here used in a Messianic sense. Righteous principles are the foundation of all God's work for man. In creation, in redemption, in recreating the world, and in the future life, all is done in righteousness. Christ is the Exalted One because He "loved righteousness and hated iniquity." Because "he humbled himself, and became obedient

unto death, . . . God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:8, 9).

MALACHI 4:2. "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." In Jeremiah 33:15, 16 the name "Branch of righteousness" is used of the illustrious son of David who would arise and "execute judgment and righteousness in the land." In Isaiah 11:1 the word "Branch" alone is used, and in Zechariah 3:8, "My servant the Branch." These titles are used of Messiah. "A righteous Branch, and a King . . . shall execute judgment and justice in the earth" (Jer. 23:5). Compare *The Desire of Ages*, p. 578.

### 3. The Helplessness of Man

ISAIAH 64:6. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags . . . and our iniquities . . . have taken us away." The Jews well knew such scriptures, yet they failed to feel a sense of unworthiness before God. Even wise men like Nicodemus "read these scriptures with a clouded mind." It took the penetrating words and the arresting personality of Jesus to convince him "that his heart was unclean, and his life unholy" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 174).

ROMANS 3:10. "There is none righteous, no, not one." In verses 10 to 20 Paul presses the argument of verse 9 ("they are all under sin"), and he brings together five passages from the Psalms and one from Isaiah without specifying his sources. Paul quotes words not exactly as in the original text, but without changing the author's meaning.

God's eye cannot find even one righteous man (Ps. 14:1-3). The same thought is repeated in Psalm 53:1-3. God cannot find men who truly seek Him, for without divine grace men do not turn to God. Such is the tragedy of evil that all would be lost without God's searching grace. Man's helplessness is expressed in Jeremiah 13:23 by the metaphor of the leopard's unchanging spots.

### 4. Christ Our Righteousness

JEREMIAH 23:6: "*The Lord our Righteousness.*" This is "a title calling attention to the fact that righteousness comes only through Christ (see Rom. 1:16, 17; 3:21-25; 8:1-4; 9:30-33)."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, on Jeremiah 23:6. Our text is applied to Jesus as "the coming Redeemer as a Prince of the house of David" in *The Acts of the Apostles*, page 223, and has been so used by Christian commentators in general.

ROMANS 5:17, R.S.V. "If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through

that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." We should note (1) the kingship of death through sin; (2) the abundance of grace, by which the free gift of righteousness is received. Compare with verse 15. The blessing through Christ surpasses the curse through Adam. The emphasis on "one man's offence . . . by one; . . . reign in life by one, Jesus Christ," is a significant comparison. It is the old man of sin versus the new man in Christ, set forth in Romans, chapter 6. Satan robbed man of life; Jesus Christ restores it by justification and the free gift of righteousness by faith.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30. "Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." In 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jesus Christ is made "sin for us," which does not mean that He was sinful ("who knew no sin"), but that He accepted sin vicariously. "He had not the acquaintance with sin which comes from committing sin."—AGAR BEET, *Romans*, p. 383. Through the atonement made by Jesus He brought to us righteousness, sanctification, redemption. "The righteousness of Christ, as a pure, white pearl, has no defect, no stain. No work of man can improve the great and precious gift of God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 115.

### 5. Righteousness in Action

DANIEL 4:27. "Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness." "To each the words spoken to Nebuchadnezzar of old are the lesson of life [Dan. 4:27 quoted]."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 502. "In the way of righteousness is life" (Prov. 12:28). Even in the church men sometimes "are not willing to be deprived of the garments of their own self-righteousness."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 65.

ROMANS 5:21. "As sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." "Through righteousness, through the justifying work, to life eternal, which here we have, and which hereafter will receive us into itself. . . .

"The last words of Mr. Honest [in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*] were *Grace reigns*. So he left the world." Let us walk with the same watchword through the world, till we too, crossing that Jordan, lean with a final simplicity of faith upon "the obedience of the One."—*Expositor's Bible*, on Rom. 5:21. See Psalm 15:1-5 on working righteousness.

ACTS 10:35. "In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." "This does not mean that any man merits God's acceptance by his natural morality, for the true fear of God and the working of righteousness are always the result of His grace."—JAMES GRAY, *Christian Workers' Commentary*, p. 350.

ISAIAH 32:17. "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." "His grace, that reconciles the soul to God, quiets the strife of human passion, and in His love the heart is at rest."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 336.

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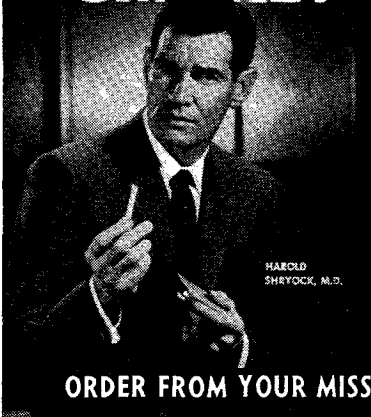
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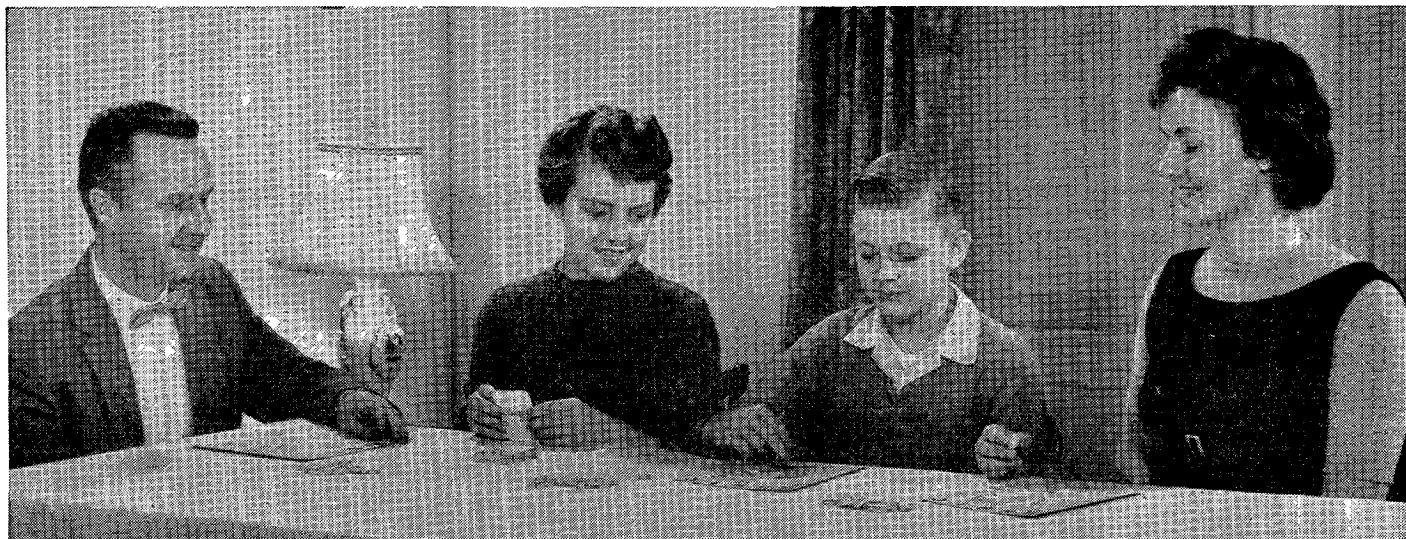
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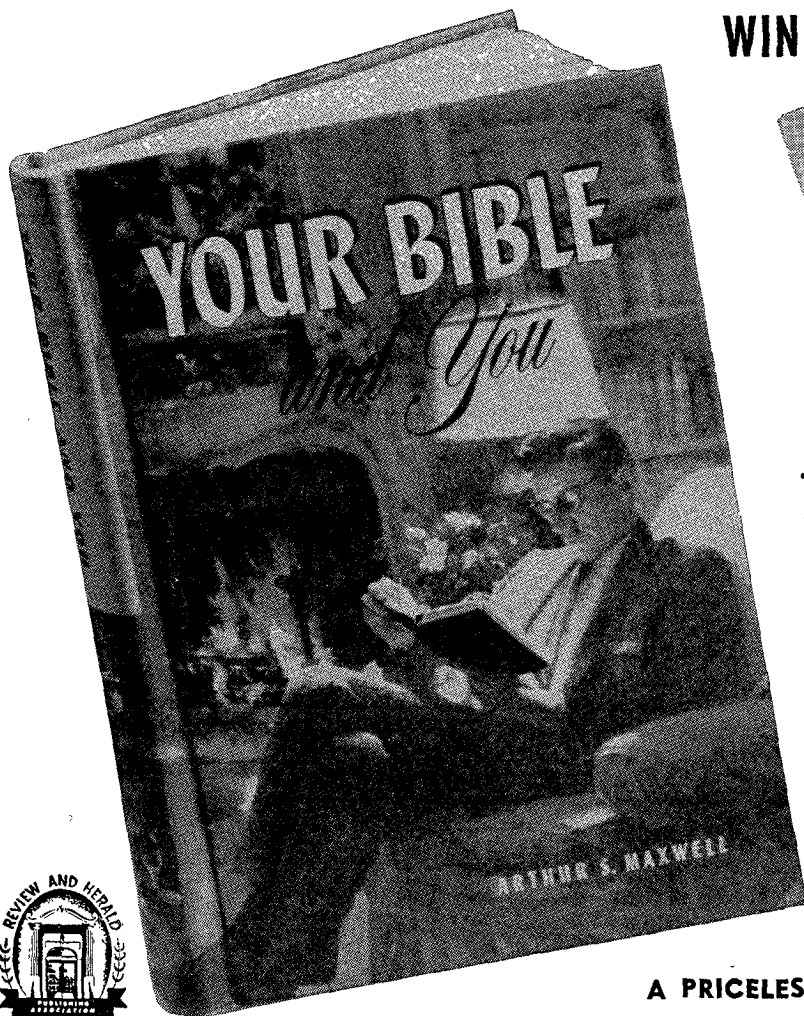
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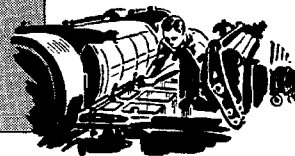
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L. L. MOFFITT

## Departmental Change in Central Union

D. E. Reiner, Sabbath school and home missionary secretary for the Central Union from 1945 to 1961, has tendered his resignation. He retires after forty-three years of service.

The executive committee of the Central Union Conference has named E. E. Hagen, secretary of these departments in the Kansas Conference, to fill this vacancy. Elder Hagen has a rich background for his new responsibilities. We wish for him the blessing of the Lord as he enters this new field of service.  
G. R. NASH

## A "Lifer" Baptized in Australia

Andrew was serving a life sentence in Her Majesty's prison, Brisbane, Australia. The faithful lay members who conducted meetings in the prison introduced him to the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons. In due time, Andrew completed several Voice of Prophecy Bible courses. Over and over he asked himself, "Can God forgive me—so great a sinner? Does Jesus have a place for me in His home beyond the stars?"

One day while on his knees alone in his prison cell, Andrew received the answer to his question, and the assurance he needed. Under the genial guidance of our members he continued to grow in spiritual strength. Officers and fellow prisoners noted the change in his life. He was given added responsibility within the prison.

Andrew expressed his wish to follow His Lord in baptism. How could such a service be arranged? The friendly prison superintendent suggested that the rite be administered in the prison hospital, using the larger-than-usual bathtub. So on a recent Sabbath morning Andrew was baptized, with just three people present. A prayer was

offered, and appropriate Bible texts were read. Then an explanation was given of the significance of baptism and how we may become sons of God even behind prison walls.

Andrew was buried in the cleansing waters, following the example of his Lord, rising to newness of life and happy that he is now a son in the great family of God. Though still meeting the demands of a broken civil law, he is free in Christ and grateful in the knowledge that his sins are washed away.  
E. R. WALDE

## New Records in Literature Sales

Our literature evangelists in North America delivered \$7,005,967.45 worth of literature during 1960. This is an all-time record. These literature evangelists not only sell literature that contains the truth but they perform many other special missionary activities. The following is a partial report of the personal missionary work they did last year:

Pieces of literature given away	823,527
Bible school enrollments	140,082
New persons attending church	5,112
Former SDA's contacted	5,682
Homes in which prayer was offered	221,826
Bible studies given	15,780
Baptisms resulting from contacts	769

More than \$10,000 worth of literature was delivered by each of 145 colporteurs. The highest delivery for one person was \$41,708.95. This was accomplished by Lester Botnick of the Southern California Conference. The total delivery for the 145 literature evangelists amounted to \$2,202,404.99.  
W. A. HIGGINS

## What About Flying Saucers?

Next week we will publish the first of six articles on flying saucers. The series has been written in response to inquiries from subscribers concerning UFO (unidentified flying objects). Some feel that they are supernatural in nature; some specifically declare that they are spiritistic manifestations. These articles are based on interviews with those most directly involved in this singular phenomenon. The six articles will be followed by an editorial focusing directly on the matter of spiritism and flying saucers.

## Dental Health Program Lauded

The latest issue of *Nutrition Committee News*, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, features the dental health education program of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Mary Hill, editor of the publication, traces the rapid growth of the program in Seventh-day Adventist schools and churches. The dental survey, still in progress by the National Institute of Dental Research, reveals that the lower dental decay rate among Adventist children apparently exists regardless of geographic location.

This facet of our health message is attracting widespread interest among public health leaders.

JOYCE W. HOPP

## Membership Growth in Inter-America

God is marvelously blessing the work in Inter-America. There are now 142,255 church members in that division and an additional 90,000 who identify themselves with the Adventist people and attend Sabbath school regularly. During the past year 13,455 were baptized. The division baptismal goal of "Mil por Mes" ("A Thousand a Month") has been discarded as inadequate. The workers are now aiming at 20,000 baptisms a year.

N. W. DUNN

## Temperance Bumper Strips in Turkish

The Turkish Government temperance organization called Yesilay, has invited Adventists to participate in a special Turkish Temperance Week. As their contribution to this important enterprise, our workers in Turkey immediately arranged for a bumper strip with a suitable slogan fostering temperance, similar to what is used on automobile bumpers in the States. We have just sent several thousand of these reflectorized bumper strips in the Turkish language. Carrying the shield-emblem of the International Temperance Association, they are in green and black and carry a warning against alcoholism.

JESSE O. GIBSON