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WHEN God created man He endowed him with freedom of choice. That our first parents possessed this gift in the sin-free perfection of Eden is shown in Genesis 2:16 and 17: "And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." In giving man the power to choose, God opened to him the possibility of either following Satan in rebellion or of remaining loyal to his Creator.

Despite the disastrous use to which Adam and Eve put their divine endowment of free choice, the Creator did not take this gift from man. Repeatedly this faculty is brought to view in the Scriptures. Moses in Egypt "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" (Heb. 11:24, 25). Later, as leader of Israel, he urged the people to exercise their power of choice, saying, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing" (Deut. 30:19).

His successor, Joshua, set before Israel the same opportunity after they had entered the Promised Land. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

Centuries later, during a great crisis among God's people, the valorous prophet Elijah urged Israel to choose their own religion when he challenged: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

Today every person stands before God as Adam and Eve did in the beginning, with the power to yield allegiance to Satan or loyalty to God. "O that every one might realize that he is the arbiter of his own destiny! Your happiness for this life, and for the future, immortal life lies with yourself."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 31.

Two powers are soliciting our support. One is the devil and his followers, (Turn to page 8)



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Never was man called upon to exercise his power of choice under more dramatic circumstances than when Elijah demanded that Israel choose between God and Baal.

In this the first of five articles on living to the glory of God, the author discusses what it means to have

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

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TEARS flowed down Carl's cheeks for the first time in years. He was reliving the steps that had led him so far in the wrong direction.

Suddenly the barracks door opened and a line of tired troops filed in. No one spoke as they began to clean their muddy equipment. Carl pretended to be asleep.

"What's the trouble, pal?" came a friendly voice. It was Al, a tall draftee from northern Indiana. Carl and Al had become close friends from the first day they met, being in the same training squad at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Al had observed that Carl was not like the rest of the recruits. He noticed that Carl neither smoked nor used filthy language. Carl saw the same in Al, although he knew him to be a non-Christian. Having these characteristics in common, the men spent much of their spare time together.

Carl respected Al and desired his friendship. He wondered whether the decision he was about to make might well cost him even that. The day had been the first one of rifle practice, but Carl had drawn KP duty, so Al had gone without him. Tomorrow Carl would be assigned a rifle and would be expected to learn how to use it. Was there anything he could do about that now?

"Atten-n-n-hut!" And Carl's mind snapped back to the present. Immediately the noise in the barracks ceased. Springing to his feet, Carl assumed the position of "attention" along with the rest of the men.

"At ease, men. I'm Lieutenant Du Bois, your platoon leader—if you don't already know. The CO wants you to fill out these cards and have them in the orderly room in an hour. We'll send a runner after them. Carry on." With this crisp announcement he was gone, leaving the cards on the nearest bunk.

The cards contained the usual requests for information—name, rank, serial number, place and date of birth. At the bottom was the question "Do you request a personal interview with the Commanding Officer?" Carl wrote Yes and returned his card to the bunk nearest the door.

Within a few minutes after the cards were delivered he heard his name being called.

"Private Carl E. Adams report to the orderly room."

Carl's heart seemed to keep time with his rapid knock on the door of Captain Johnson's office. An uneasy feeling gripped his heart. How could he explain his convictions when he wasn't even sure how he felt? Could a military officer be expected to lis-

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A two-part story of a young Adventist soldier who decided to be true to God, whatever the cost.

By Ronald Curtis

ten to the problems of a mere recruit?

As he waited for the answer to his knock, a thought from somewhere in his memory eased his mind. "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak."

"Come in!" The voice startled Carl with its curt gruffness.

"Private Adams reporting as directed, sir." Carl saluted and stood at attention.

"Be at ease, Adams. What did you want to see me about?"

"Sir, I find myself in a very embarrassing situation. It's going to be hard for me to explain, but I'll do my best to make it short." Hesitatingly, Carl began his story.

He told the captain that he had been reared in a Christian home, a Seventh-day Adventist home, and had learned to love and respect the Bible and to obey all that it taught. He had graduated from a Seventh-day Adventist academy but had not desired to attend college. In wandering from one job to another, he had become more and more discouraged. He concerned himself less and less with spiritual things, until it was rare for religion even to enter his mind. In discouragement he had enlisted in the Army. He explained to the captain how quickly he had come to realize his mistake.

Carl had made many compromises with evil, but when the Sabbath hours came, he realized he was face to face with a "Thus saith the Lord" that he couldn't ignore. He told the captain how he had thought, read, and finally prayed, until the only thing he could do was to make the request he was making. "I can't disobey God, whatever the cost," he concluded.

Captain Johnson was silent. Finally he spoke. "And what does that mean?"

"It means, sir, that I will be glad to do whatever I can on Sunday in return for my Sabbath hours of freedom to worship."

"Son," the captain's voice was soft as he replied, "I'm a Christian too, but my church teaches that it's all right to lay aside religious practices if they conflict with the military." He thought for a while and then asked, "Don't you Adventists refuse to carry weapons, too?"

"Yes," said Carl. "I feel it's wrong even to practice killing someone, much less to do it. I also believe that God's law can't be put aside for anyone or any reason."

Captain Johnson's eyes narrowed. "In that case you had better change your thinking, because you're in Uncle Sam's Army now and we don't play favorites here. Go back to your barracks and think about it again." He saluted and resumed shuffling the papers on his desk.

During the days that followed there was little time for anything but the rigorous training in which the men were involved from before dawn until after dark. Carl refused his rifle, and there were only a few raised eyebrows. Al respected his friend for his courage to say No when he believed he should. Through the rest of the weeks Carl carried the company guidon instead of a rifle.

As each Sabbath came, Carl would request a pass to attend church. His request would finally be granted, but only after he had been sent from one office to another for an hour or so. Each week the office personnel acted as though the situation were new to them.

For Carl the four-hour pass was the high light of the week. He truly enjoyed meeting with the friendly people in the little Missouri country church. The attendance was small and the membership was even smaller, but God was there. Living under the constant fear of losing his privilege, Carl found that the Sabbath services took on a new and wonderful meaning.

Late one Friday afternoon Carl finished cleaning and putting away his equipment. Changing to a fresh uniform, he went to the orderly room.

"I would like to put in for a pass to go to church tomorrow," he addressed the sergeant.

"The CO wants to see you, Adams," was his only reply.

"Private Adams reporting, sir," Carl said as he saluted before Captain Johnson's desk.

"Adams, we've got a lot of work to do around here tomorrow, and I can't let you go on pass," said Captain Johnson.

"I realize, sir, that there is a great deal to do. I've already cleaned my equipment and bunk area in preparation for my day of rest; but since I won't be able to go to church, may I

have permission to be off duty here? You see, sir, I can't——"

"No, we can't let anyone off duty! Everybody helps. That's all, Private!"

Carl thanked him, saluted, and left the room.

"You won't get away with goofing off this time, Adams," growled a non-commissioned officer.

Carl could only smile; but fear gripped his heart as he returned to his quarters. What would happen in the morning?

Back at his bunk Carl had time to think. His thoughts wandered to the experience of Job. God had been testing Job, too, in a way. If God was really testing him, then he would be true in spite of the consequences. He knew that morning would bring a chance for court-martial or compromise, but he knew also that his decision was made. With a peaceful mind he fell asleep.

Long before daylight the sound of reveille aroused the sleeping troops. Putting on his dress uniform, Carl reported for roll call. In the dim light before dawn no one seemed to notice that he was not wearing fatigues.

In his heart Carl knew that what he intended to do was the right thing, yet he couldn't overcome the uneasy feeling. Many soldiers at that very moment were serving long terms in Army stockades for disobeying orders. During wartime they were sometimes shot.

When the bugle sounded work call, Carl made his way to the orderly room.

"Come in!" a gruff voice responded to his knock.

Talking ceased as he entered the room. Carl looked around the room at the hostile faces of his superiors.

Addressing the sergeant behind the desk, he said, "I just wanted to tell you that I can't make this formation today, sergeant."

"Yes you can, and you will," the sergeant replied. "Now, get out there!"

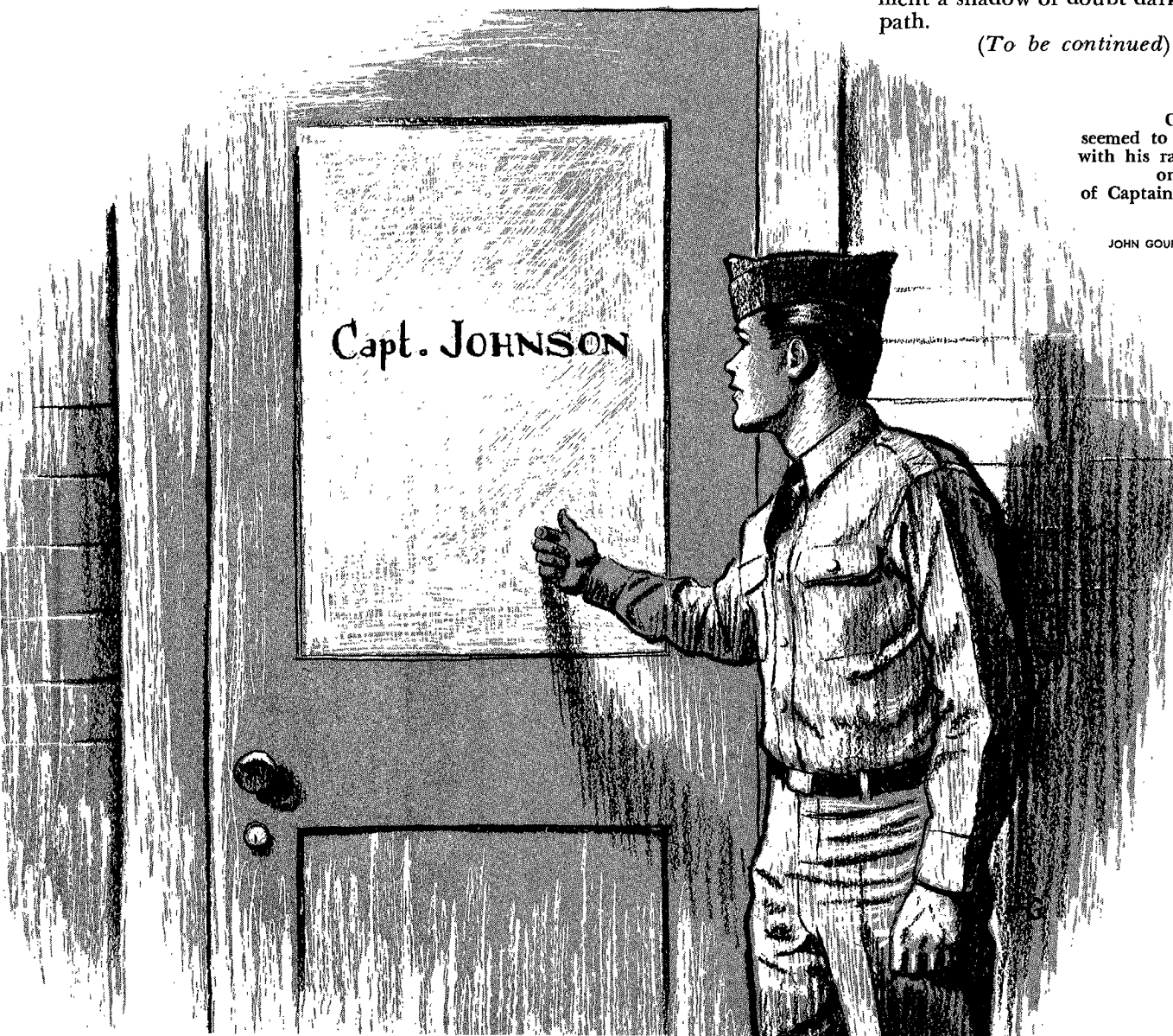
"I'll go out, sergeant, but I can't make the work formation today. I'm sorry." Carl retreated through the door.

Standing on the walk in front of the office, Carl wondered what would be next. He had made the mistake of enlisting; he had asked for this trouble. What gave him the right to expect divine help now? For a brief moment a shadow of doubt darkened his path.

(To be continued)

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JOHN GOURLEY, ARTIST



THE work of God on earth is to finish in a great missionary thrust, the D-Day of the church. The descent of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain will enable the church, with great power, to lighten the whole earth (Rev. 18:1). Here is the prophetic picture of this final movement:

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 126. In large measure, therefore, God's plan for completing His work on earth calls for hundreds and thousands of our lay members to go forth in a great Bible evangelism crusade.

Stupendous were the preparations for the allied D-Day of World War II. Similarly, a spiritual preparation of great magnitude must precede D-Day for the church. Despite its present shortcomings, the church of the last days will become "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners" (S. of Sol. 6:10). "Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 464.

In the last messages sent by the servant of the Lord to the General Conference, this encouraging forecast is found: "I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 402.

God's Determination—Our Response

It is time to move into line, surrendering every known sin and putting on the garments of Christ's righteousness. In addition to this spiritual preparation, we need technical guidance. The Home Missionary Department of the General Conference has provided two fine textbooks for individual or group study. They are *Training Light Bearers* and *Lift Him Up*.

A church elder once said to me, "We have just about finished our work in this town. These people are

completely self-satisfied, and there is not much more we can do for them." Is this viewpoint correct? I think not. Note these forecasts of success in gathering in the harvest. There will be "bright clouds, . . . showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zech. 10:1). "The floors shall be full of wheat" (Joel 2:24). The Lord bares His holy arm, and "all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa. 52:10). We are to "enlarge the place of thy tent, and . . . lengthen thy cords," and "break forth on the right hand and on the left" (Isa. 54:2, 3). See also Isaiah 60:1-5 and Habakkuk 1:5. Jesus declares, "The fields are white to harvest."

Says the messenger of the Lord: "Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord."—*Evangelism*, p. 700. "God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 189. "These scenes [of Pentecost] are to be repeated, and with greater power."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 121. "The third angel's message will go forth, not in whispered tones, but with a loud voice."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 252.

The hour has struck for a great advance. The church stands poised for God's D-Day. The gathering in of the ripening harvest is to be largely accomplished by hundreds and thousands "visiting families and opening before them the word of God." "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 150.

Jesus set the example by seeking people out "in private houses" carrying "His instruction into the household, bringing families in their own homes under the influence of His divine presence."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 151. The early church followed His example. "Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42).

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With portions of the Scriptures laboriously handwritten and secretly sewed into their garments, the Waldenses and Vaudois furthered the Reformation. And God's people today are to finish the task with their Bibles in their hands, teaching the Word of God in the homes of the people. This great lay Bible evangelism movement coupled with the mighty preaching of the Word by our ministers is the winning combination that will climax the work of the gospel.

A confused world seeks a divine voice of authority to guide it out of the confusion of these last days. God answers through the Sacred Page. Multitudes can be reached only at their firesides. Many study but do not understand or cannot comprehend. They need consecrated friends to help them in their homes. Many search the Scriptures and "are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."

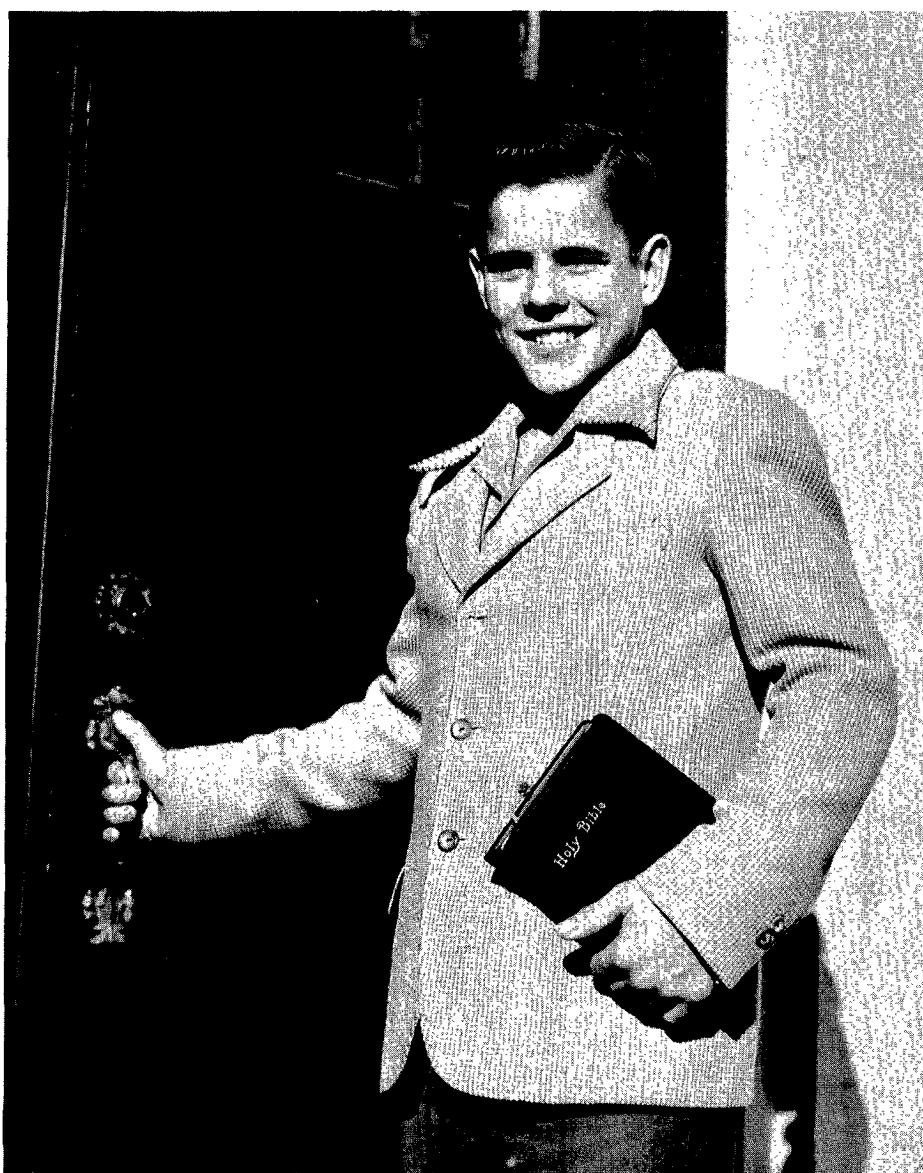
God calls upon His people to "carry the Word of God to every man's door, [and] urge its plain statements upon every man's conscience."—*Christian Service*, p. 144. "In every town, city, and village, there are persons who could embrace the truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner."—*Sowing Beside All Waters*, p. 4. "By holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls they could proclaim the message with such power that many would be converted."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 35.

Our modern plan of giving Bible readings began in a unique way. At a camp meeting held in California in 1882 a severe storm interrupted Elder S. N. Haskell's preaching. A divine impression led him to gather a group around him and, passing out texts, he began asking questions and drawing out the truths stated in the texts. Commenting on the plan, Sister White wrote, "The plan of holding Bible-readings was a heaven-born idea. . . . By this means the word

Remnant Church

Success will reward the efforts of all who join the crusade to finish God's work.

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Young people, as well as those who are older, can have a part in the missionary program of the church.

of God has been given to thousands. . . . God will not permit this precious work for Him to go unrewarded. He will crown with success every humble effort made in His name."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 192.

Many Methods

Bible studies may be given in a number of different ways.

1. *The Outline Method.* For many years our church members sat down and carefully prepared Bible studies, finally putting them in outline form. They mastered the study, then, entering a home, asked the series of questions having the Bible text read and commenting on it.

2. *Using a Prepared Study.* The labor and difficulty involved in personally composing studies later gave way to using well-prepared studies such as the Family Bible Teacher, the Home Bible Course, Brief Bible Readings, and the Twentieth Century lessons. Mastering these studies, hundreds of our members have successfully shared with neighbors and friends the great truths of the Word.

3. *Pictured Truth.* In more recent times hundreds, yes, thousands have purchased projectors, and with beautiful pictures and illustrated Bible texts have explained the Scriptures. These filmstrip studies may be secured from the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

4. *Tape Recorders.* More recently still, tapes with scripts narrated by some of our finest evangelists, with selected music, have been coordinated with the pictures. This method has proved very successful in bringing people into the truth. Leaving behind printed lessons with all the above methods has enabled people, at their leisure, to review the study. The accompanying quiz sheets have aided in securing decisions.

5. *The Two-Lesson-Sheet Plan.* This has been successfully used by some of our most experienced workers. Two copies of the study to be presented are taken into the home. After prayer, one is placed before the prospect. The worker asks the questions one at a time, and requests the prospect to read the Bible answers furnished on the lesson sheet. This method avoids the danger of losing one's place or forgetting a text. It also enables the prospect to follow closely the outline before him.

6. *A New Bible Marking Plan.* In some areas a simple plan is being followed that combines several features. It is based upon the inspired statement: "A great work can be done by presenting to the people the Bible just as it reads."—*Christian Service*, p. 144. Many non-Adventists have dif-

faculty finding the texts. Continuity of thought is sometimes broken in the search.

This new plan calls for the use of a selected Bible, copies of which are placed in the hands of all participating. In the well-prepared studies the page on which each text is found is furnished in brackets after the reference. The lay worker asks the question and gives the Old or the New Testament page on which the text is found. It is found quickly and with ease. Then the chapter and verse are mentioned and the prospect reads the latter and is requested to underline it.

The prospect is given the key letters for the particular study under consideration, and is to write this in the margin with the reference of the next text to be used. Thus a study is outlined with a chain reference system. A blank page in the front or back of the Bible provides room for explanations, list of topics, key letters, and beginning texts.

7. *Cottage Meetings.* When two or more families assemble for study, music is sometimes used.

Finding Openings

Distribution of literature, welfare calls, and religious, radio, and television surveys are a few of the methods used in reaching our neighbors and friends. But these brief visits will not generally lead to Bible studies unless our members tactfully canvass for openings. People do not know and cannot guess that we desire to engage in such a program. And they are unaware that lay people can teach the Bible.

A prospectus, with sample studies, is available in some conferences. A golden opportunity is presented to our members when, in the course of conversation, a neighbor asks any religious question. Instead of an on-the-spot, offhand answer, would it not be well to say, "You have asked a most interesting question. The Bible does provide a good answer. When may I bring my Bible over to read to you what it says?"

Let the love of Christ radiate from your every word and gesture. Constantly seek divine guidance in what to say and do. Let Christ be the center and circumference of every presentation. How short-sighted it is to present the claims of God's law and not introduce the only One who can enable our friends to keep it. Wrestle with God in prayer over your interests and seek the earnest prayers of fellow believers on behalf of those in the valley of decision. Let your personal knowledge of Christ and the joy of salvation make your experience the greatest argument in favor of your religion.

When giving a study, say "Let us find what God's Word teaches," not "Let me show you." Do not by a superior attitude seek to give people an inferiority complex. No one likes this. Condemnation of another's church, leaders, or faith produces opposition. Teach positively. Erect such a beautiful palace of truth before your prospect that he will gladly want to leave his old hovel.

Under provocation and opposition, be calm and Christlike. Remember, the golden keys to human hearts are commendation and sympathy. Use them often to win hearts. The soil will thus be prepared for the Holy Spirit through the Word to bring conviction.

Persevere. Do not let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. When struggling against conviction, people often act indifferent or argumentative. Earnest, kind, but pointed appeals are essential in the hour of decision. Have faith in the power of God.

The One who died for us has called and called again, pleading with us to

go gather the precious ripening harvest. In this eleventh hour He calls again. If we will only go now with our Bibles, look what He promises: "During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light will be communicated to every city and town. . . . So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere."—*Review and Herald*, Oct. 13, 1904.

The writer was met at the church door by a sister in the church. "Elder Ritchie," she said with a most radiant smile, "I want you to meet my neighbor, Mrs. ———. It was my privilege to give her a series of Bible studies. Now she is attending church and is soon to be baptized." All through eternity the same radiant joy will fill her heart as she meets her friend on the streets of gold.

"Go thou and do likewise."

God's Precious Jewels

By Ernest Lloyd

The thirty-nine books of the Old Testament are filled with wonderful truths, thrilling stories of God's dealings with men and women and youth, and numerous records of disobedience, idolatry, tragedy, and repentance. These stories and records are repeated again and again. God's patience with His people is wonderful, and we see that patience running like a golden thread all through the Old Testament books.

When the volume is about to close we are glad to note on the very last page that God will have a remnant of obedient and perfected people whom He calls "my jewels" (Mal. 3:17). His wonderful love, patience, and long-suffering have developed them for eternity! They are His "jewels" or, as the margin says, "special treasure"! Our Lord Jesus when on earth was the poorest of men, yet He spent all His time laying the foundations for the most magnificent possessions in the universe. What are they? Human souls redeemed! His jewels. His special treasure.

God estimates the value of these human jewels not by their position here, not by their wealth or education, but by their harmony with His

character and His law, by their active sympathy with His plans and purposes, by their union with Him.

The third chapter of Malachi is worthy of frequent reading and study. Notice the sixteenth verse: "They that feared the Lord." This is the reverent fear that remembers to do His will, the fear that desires to be constantly led by Him. They "spake often one to another." About what? Surely not in idle talk, cheap gossip, or just worldly matters, but talking to one another of the good things, of God's wonderful love and care, of His plans for the future concerning them. They spake often to encourage one another.

And they "thought upon his name." This was their meditation day and night—thinking of His character, His love and power and purposes. And God heard and saw it all and was pleased with it, for He had a book of remembrance prepared. He treasured that book and them too.

"When I make up my jewels." Some kinds of jewels, you know, are dug out of the earth, taken from dark pits. Just so with human jewels—they are taken from the pits of sin and darkness. David said in Psalm 40 that he

remembered the pit from which he was dug, and he was very thankful. It is good for us to remember what great things God has done for us, and to show our gratitude with dedicated lives.

Jewels may be quite different, one from another. You have seen exhibits of almost endless varieties of jewels. God loves variety. We see proof of this in the world of nature. Some folks in the church think we should all be alike in thought and speech and habits. This is not God's plan. We are to shine for the Lord with our different personalities and talents. How vastly different were the Bible characters who did things for God. Great jewels some of them were. But God also uses lesser jewels, small but important, to serve and glorify Him here and hereafter.

God's jewels are found often in unlikely places, and some in very undesirable places. A minister in London was invited by a businessman to come to his office to see something of great interest. The minister went. The address of the businessman took the minister to a dirty section of the city, to a very dirty street and a dirty building. He knocked on a certain door, heard someone unlock it, and the businessman welcomed him in; then he locked the door. They stepped into another room, and the man locked that door. After a few words he went to a large safe and brought out a tray. On the tray were some stones.

"Do you know what they are?" he asked the minister.

"They look like stones," he replied.

"My dear man, they are diamonds, and worth about five million dollars."

The minister seemed glad to hold them. Then he remarked, "If you will not be offended, I want to tell you that I never expected to find diamonds in such a dirty hole as this." And the businessman said, "Ah, yes, we keep it dirty all around here so folks will not think there is anything of value here."

Many of God's human jewels are hidden away on a back street, many on the "other side of the tracks" or in some lonely spot quite unknown to the world, but well known to God. "When I make up my jewels," God's precious jewels, His "special treasure," will be displayed before the entire universe! What glory awaits His jewels!

But to be among God's jewels we must pass through the testing, the polishing, the trials that will fit us for a place in His glorious family of human jewels. God uses His own tools for the testing and polishing work. We must be careful not to push aside His tools, but submit patiently to

them, that His will may be done in our lives.

"Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown."



Baby Quail and Baby People

By Ruth Wheeler

DOWN at the foot of the driveway the quail were nesting. Almost every time Jim went to the mailbox he saw the father quail sitting on a post. Jim knew that the bird was watching for danger, and that the mother must be nesting nearby.

Jim and Vonnie, his sister, had looked and looked for the nest, but they could not find it. One day when they went for the mail the quail began calling as soon as they came near.

"The quail are excited," Jim said. "Do you think the little quail have hatched?"

Just then the mother quail came out of the grass and crossed the road. Toddlers behind her was a whole flock of tiny quail.

Jim and Vonnie hurried, for they



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Just then the mother quail came out of the grass and crossed the road. Toddlers behind her was a whole flock of tiny quail.

wanted to see the babies closer. But when they got near, not a baby was in sight. The mother and father quail were standing on the brush pile. The father was calling "Quit, quit. Quit, quit."

Jim and Vonnie stood in the shade of the apple tree and were very quiet. After a few minutes the mother flew down to the road. She called with a soft little whistle. The baby quail came from the grass when they heard her. They had been hiding right in front of the children.

The mother called again and the young quail scurried after her. Jim and Vonnie stepped out into the road. The father quail gave a quick warning, and the baby quail hid again. The children saw them crouch down in the grass and disappear. They looked carefully, but they could not find one baby quail.

"We'd better go away so they can follow their mother," Jim said. The children took the letters from the mailbox and started up the hill toward the house. They heard the mother quail's soft whistle and saw the young birds run out into the road.

"Jim," Vonnie said, "do birds talk?"

Jim laughed. "I don't think so, but dad said that they do have certain calls that mean something. You heard the father quail call when we first came. That call must mean 'Hide,' for the babies hid right away."

"And then when the mother called with that little whistle, they all came running to her. That call must mean 'Come,'" Vonnie added. "Wouldn't it be fun to know all the quail's calls?"

"Let's watch them every day," Jim said. "They'll probably come near the house to drink, and we can listen to their calls."

"I just wonder," Vonnie said, "how the babies know what the mother means. They must have hatched only yesterday. How could they know so soon what she says? Let's run and ask mother."

The children told mother about the new little quail and about how they obeyed quickly when they were called. "Mother, how do they learn to obey?" Vonnie asked.

Mother smiled. "Little birds stay with their parents only a few weeks, or sometimes they are with them just a few days. Most birds do not have time to teach their children all that they should know, so the babies know these things when they are hatched. God gives them this instinct. Just as soon as a baby quail tumbles out of the eggshell it obeys the parents' call."

"Mother, why don't baby people know how to obey?" Vonnie asked. "Why don't I come as soon as you call, without even thinking about it?"

"That isn't the way God planned it. He gives people minds to decide what they will do. You see, God wants you to obey because you think about it and decide to do it. He wants you to obey your mother and father because you love them and because you want to obey."

Vonnie was quiet while she thought about this. "I'm glad God made us different from birds and animals," she said. "I'm glad God lets us choose."

"I'm glad too," Jim said. "Because we have to choose, we think more about our parents and about God."

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who plan to lead us along the path of disobedience to God and right, and to destruction in the fires of the last day. The other is God and His holy angels, who are wooing us to abide by God's will and gain eternal life. Like an election, Satan is voting to send us to perdition; God is voting for our redemption and eternal salvation. Which party will win? You and I each cast the deciding vote!

Bad Voices, and Good

Life is like a radio or TV set. Both bad voices and good voices are asking for our hearing and following. We decide to which station we are going to listen; so also we decide to which of the two spiritual kingdoms we are going to give our allegiance. Inevitably we shall be subject to one or the other.

There is no absolute freedom in this world; we are subject either to the laws of one nation or to those of another. Likewise in the realm of the spirit we cannot be wholly independent. By positive choice we may be subject to God; by choice or failure to choose we may become subject to Satan.

"But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 324.

When Satan and his henchmen invite us to obtain "freedom" they mean freedom from righteousness and eternal life. When Jesus says in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," His invitation proffers freedom from sin and eternal death. But whichever side we choose, be it Satan or Jesus, we must submit to laws and rules.

In Romans 6:12-14 personal choice is vividly brought to view as the apostle Paul admonishes us, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you." It is God's desire that we choose

to glorify Him by following His will for us, not assenting to sinful inducements or using our bodies as instruments of unrighteousness.

Ambivalent Desires

In encountering choices Christians often experience the conflict that the apostle Paul describes in Romans 7. We are torn, as it were, between our will to choose and serve God and the enticements to evil prompted by our total being, which is not always in conformity with the biddings of God to us through His Holy Spirit. Sometimes these ambivalent desires—inclinations of the dedicated mind as contrasted with the promptings of our natures—confuse us, and we find it difficult to know what to do.

When traveling across the North Atlantic by ship we have observed that the waves roll in different directions from day to day. They always break in the direction that the wind is blowing. But beneath the variable waves the mighty Gulf Stream flows in the same direction from day to day, from week to week, from year to year, in unvarying constancy toward Northern Europe despite the furious, contrary winds and waves on the ocean's breast.

The changeable waves of the ocean are similar, in some ways, to the conflicting feelings in our natures. Even after we have consecrated our wills to Christ and are determined to live to His glory, we are still subject to what we might term impulses, inclinations, propensities, or proclivities, which reside in our human wholeness. The psychiatrist and the psychologist assert that these arise "from the partially repressed shadow self."

It is important for us to recognize these impulses for what they really are. These feelings arise from the sub-

conscious rather than from the conscious, because "in the new birth the heart [mind] is brought into harmony with God, as it is brought into accord with His law."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 468. The unholy impulses are anchored in our nature and stimulated by external circumstances, as the waves of the ocean are caused by the winds.

Thus, if we are in the company of non-Christians and they suddenly decide to do something contrary to our principles, our first impulse may be to follow their suggestions. But after a momentary conference with ourselves in which we weigh the choices in accordance with our dedication to God, we decline their invitation. We do not care to join in the suggested activity, since it is not in harmony with God's commands nor would it redound to His glory. Thus surface emotions should not be confused with our dedicated self or our real will or desire. Just as the motion of the waves is subject to the wind or external circumstances, so these surface emotions are prompted by diverse, external stimuli or conditions.

Jesus Himself, while on earth, was subject to surface emotions. In the Garden of Gethsemane He pleaded with His Father to remove, if possible, the cup of suffering from Him. When He took counsel with His real will, however, He decided He did not primarily want to be delivered from the cup of agony; He desired rather to comply with the will of His Father in implementing the plan of salvation. Thus His final petition was, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

Free Choice After Conversion

Not even at or after conversion is man deprived of free choice. Many Christians are perplexed by this, as they expect to be delivered from temptations at the moment of conversion. But such is not God's plan. If it were, men and women might become Christians in response to a momentary impulse or on the spur of the moment without any actual test of character. God desires us to build a Christian character by daily reaffirmation of our choice of living according to His will, because without the power to transgress His requirements, "there could have been no development of character."—*Education*, p. 23.

In one sense every human being is like a car equipped with forward gears and a reverse gear. Let us suppose that the driver would one day decide never to shift into reverse or drive his car backward. That decision would not remove the reverse gear

I Pray

By Maude Ann Newgard

Lord, show me Thy hands
And Thy spear-wounded side,
That I may be humble
And free from all pride.

Show me Thy feet,
Where cruel nails were driven,
Those dear feet that charted
The pathway to heaven.

Show me Thy face;
Its love-light divine
Will cleanse all the dross
From this stained heart of mine.

from his car. To implement such a momentary decision the driver would have to renew it every time he stepped into the car and grasped the gear shift.

This is analogous to the experience of Christians. In conversion we give our lives to God; we purpose no longer to follow Satan's allurement, but to make God's will our will and to live to His glory. But that decision does not silence Satan's suggestions or prevent the possibility of changing our minds and reverting to following Satan even after conversion. This option is constantly with us. Consequently, our conversion decision to follow Jesus has to be renewed over and over again, day after day, as we constantly travel forward with Christ in obedience to His will.

That is the reason the apostle Paul said: "I die daily" (1 Cor. 15:31). He died daily to the sinful impulses that assailed him, that he might live according to the will of God and for His glory. To us as followers of Jesus this reminder comes, "There is no such thing as following Christ unless you refuse to gratify inclination and determine to obey God. It is not your feelings, your emotions, that make you a child of God, but the doing of God's will."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 515.

"Every living Christian will advance daily in the divine life. As he advances toward perfection, he experiences a conversion to God every day; and this conversion is not completed until he attains to perfection of Christian character."—*My Life Today*, p. 249.

Force of the Will

The key of victory in the Christian life lies in a will surrendered to God. "What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. . . . Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. . . . Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 47, 48. "Satan knows that he cannot overcome man unless he can control his will."—*Healthful Living*, p. 25.

Through the miracle of conversion in which we "were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13), we have experienced the new covenant promise: "A new heart also I will give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away

the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Eze. 36:26, 27).

"While we cannot claim perfection of the flesh, we may have Christian perfection of the soul."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 32. Thus the direction and motives of our lives have been changed through the implantation of life divine; our new Master is the Lord Jesus Christ.

—The Art of Living.....when



"Where We Are"

THE headline on the feature article in a news magazine recently caught my attention: "Where We Are—Where We're Going." It seemed quite elementary at first glance, because you assume that a normal person knows where he is, both in the literal and figurative sense. He may not, of course, be quite so sure where he's going.

But you know how it is with an idea that strikes your fancy—you keep thinking about it, and all sorts of interrelationships occur to you. In this case I began wondering whether people—and specifically young people—really do know where they are in a religious sense.

If you grew up in an Adventist home and have attended (may still be attending) Adventist schools, a great many people have concerned themselves with starting you on the road to a personal relationship with God. You've sat in Bible classes, studied Sabbath school lessons, heard discussions of church standards, et cetera. Even if you didn't have an Adventist home life, you've probably encountered religious training, to a greater or lesser degree.

I think we all tend to accept the "faith of our fathers" during the early years of our lives, without much analysis. This is probably because there's a kind of universality to the experiences of childhood. A specific body of religious doctrine doesn't affect childhood experience from the viewpoint of the child himself, because he has no basis of comparison, his world being very small and he himself the polar point of it.

But then the child grows older. He begins to see that there are differences in viewpoints, in standards, in life goals, in what "can" and "can't" be done. The question "Is it wrong?" becomes troublesome. (Incidentally, I wish that question could be eliminated forever and the question "Is it right?" substituted. There really is a difference.)

You yourself may have had, or even may be having, the disquieting experience of feeling that the religious con-

"The essence of all righteousness is loyalty to our Redeemer."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 97, 98. Our minds are loyal to God although our bodies may not have been fully re-educated or sanctified to conform to our real will, which is subject to God. As new creatures in Christ Jesus we consciously choose to live to His glory by following His instructions and by abiding by His standards, for we "have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15).

you're young

by Miriam Hood

cepts you've accepted so unquestioningly are being shaken, distorted, even destroyed by ideas thrust at you from various sources. And you may feel so guilty about these strange new feelings that you hesitate to confide them to anyone. Or you may react in another way—you may loudly declare your "liberation" from "old-fogyness" which in the light of your "new knowledge" you have begun to equate with your childhood religion.

Surely, then, this is an appropriate time, even a necessary time, to ask yourself the question "Where am I, religiously?" On your answers can depend your entire future, both in this world and the next.

May I suggest some "immovables" you may safely accept, and which will serve as fixed points against which to square your thinking?

1. The Word of God, the Bible, is inspired. This is a fact. You're safe in believing it. You are not being duped, not being deceived.

2. You're not being deceived if you're still living by the high moral standards you've been taught to accept. They are not out of date, no matter how many pseudosophisticates scoff or hold contrary opinions.

3. The advanced education you're getting isn't making your religion obsolete. Quite the contrary. It will enable you to understand much, much more about God, about your relationship to Him, if you study in depth and with sincerity.

But now I see that we're getting into the realm of where we're going. We'll have to wait for that until next week! For now, remember, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."



Children in Church

By Orval R. Scully
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SUFFER little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

This text is one of many that might be cited to show our Lord's interest in the "lambs" of the flock. The "little children" mentioned refers to those from a few months to probably eight or ten years of age, for they were brought to Jesus, and He took them in His arms (see Mark 10:16).

At no age should the little ones be discouraged from coming to their Saviour. Even those a few days old should be brought to church. When children begin thus to attend services at an early age, parents will find it easier to maintain the custom when the difficult age of adolescence is reached.

Satan is striving now as never before to fill the minds of the little children with his devices, which will lead them to lose interest in heavenly things.

An Eastern shepherd was bemoaning the fact that the previous night wild animals had killed several of his lambs. "How many sheep did you lose?" a visitor asked. "Oh, none," was the reply. "We never lose any sheep when there are lambs that can be attacked." Our archenemy knows that if he can conquer the children and youth, the church of God will be greatly weakened.

Successful evangelists find that a great number of baptisms come from those who have been nurtured and taught of the Lord from childhood. How important it is that we have the children in mind as we prepare our sermons, and that they be present at every service. Since the Sabbath school is especially interesting to the children, many feel that this hour is sufficient; and they take the children home as soon as it is over. But they lose a great blessing by not attending the eleven o'clock worship service as well.

It is always a source of pleasure to see babies with their parents in the congregation. Most parents are able to enjoy the sermon when their babe

is sleeping in its mother's arms or in its basket at her feet. Also, I believe, the child itself senses with pleasure that it is in the presence of the family and in the presence of the Holy Spirit. As the child grows, it finds the custom of church attendance an expected treat. Most mothers are able to adjust the baby's schedule so that it takes its food at the beginning of the worship service and then goes off to sleep, or relaxes contentedly for the remaining minutes. Recent studies of mental impressions, even those received while sleeping, indicate that there is more than at first meets the eye in the inspired statement that a child may be taught certain lessons even "before he is old enough to reason" (*Education*, p. 287).

Perhaps the age of two to four years is the most difficult one for children in church. They find it hard to sit still for 40 minutes or an hour. A soft toy, some crayons for coloring,

or a special book to look at should be provided.

Most children adapt themselves rapidly to their surroundings. If they are surrounded by reverent listeners, they will imitate them. Often it is well to train them at home for a few minutes during the week, so they will know how to act during the church service. Family worship is the best time to practice "we're in church." Special "church" toys and books will help them to look forward to the experience.

At an early age children should be encouraged to listen to the sermon. Even before they can write they can place a mark on a piece of paper every time the minister uses the word "Jesus" or "Bible," or some other previously agreed-upon word. It has been a revelation to me, after the service, for some little tot to proudly show me the paper with the marks on it that he has made every time I said the word "Jesus." I have often wondered whether I used the precious name sufficiently or correctly. This has helped me to prepare my sermons with the children in mind.

It is good, but not always necessary, to have a junior sermon at the beginning of the worship service. Certainly it is unfortunate, when it is finished, to imply that the children may return to their *Little Friend* or coloring book. No doubt there are many ways in which a "corner [may] be left for their benefit" (*Evangelism*, p. 349). A story that appropriately illustrates a point, an experience in-



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From earliest years children should attend services in the house of God. Their first memories should be of happy experiences in church.

volving a child, or even the application of a point to the children immediately makes them a part of the congregation for whom the sermon has been prepared.

Above all, the children should be included in our altar calls and consecration services. As soon as they are able to respond they should be encouraged to do so. When there are children in the prayer meeting they should be invited to pray along with the adults.

Activities that occupy the children at some part of the worship service may be used. One church has a special offering for a certain project, taken up by the children. Two toddlers hold special baskets, and the other children circulate through the congregation and bring the offerings to the front. All return to their seats feeling, correctly, that they have had an important part in the worship service.

Occasionally a simple dedicatory service should be held for those babies and children that have not participated in such a ceremony. A few texts giving the parents counsel in rearing their children, followed by a special dedicatory prayer, is sufficient and impressive. Sometimes a little card of remembrance is given to those participating.

When Parents Despair

Perhaps there are times when parents despair of training their children to behave properly in church. The counsels given in *Child Guidance* and other good books should encourage us to persevere. We are training citizens for heaven, and the phase of the training that requires much patience and discipline is the instilling of reverence for holy things. Parents are the best teachers of their children at this early age. Church officers and other members may help with an encouraging word or a knowing smile.

Never should an attitude of reproach or disgust be shown toward a poor struggling mother when her child misbehaves. Even the best of children have their "off days." Perhaps the child is sick or his stomach is upset. It would be unfortunate if, under such circumstances, a reproving attitude would discourage a mother from bringing her child to church. Most mothers are sufficiently embarrassed by the disturbance made by an unruly child, and if it does not quiet down they soon will take it outside.

Under normal circumstances the child should learn after a few trips outside that it is more comfortable for him to remain inside and behave himself. In extreme cases where a

child continues to disturb the service and the mother fails to take him out, a kind and sympathetic deacon or deaconess should ask the mother whether he could show her to the mother's room, or take the child for her. Often a word from the minister, such as, "Now don't become discouraged, little mother, we are glad you bring your babe to church. He'll soon learn," will ease the tension and refocus attention upon the sermon.

Children are the junior members of the church of God and are just as precious in His sight as any other member. It is well to remember that Jesus used certain of their natural character traits as examples of what is involved in true Christianity, and warned that offenders of these little ones will be dealt with severely (Matt. 18:6). Still we are told that "nearly all need to be taught how to conduct themselves in the house of God. Parents should not only teach, but command, their children to enter the sanctuary with sobriety and reverence."—*Child Guidance*, p. 540.

On Keeping House IN MARCH



By Carolyn E. Keeler

LONG-LOOKED-FOR March is here at last. A robin arrives and looks around for a possible nesting place; and we see a bluebird. Robins are dear, homey birds, and we love them; but a bluebird! Where have all the bluebirds gone? Seems as if we scarcely see them any more. I remember seeing some last summer, and that was on a lonely road where we went to pick blueberries in the fields bordering on it. A family of bluebirds were around us all the time we were picking blueberries. Makes me all the more determined to build some bluebird houses and give them every invitation to come and live with us.

Just as we get all "springified," along comes a chilling blast out of the north, with whirling flakes of snow, to remind us that King Winter hasn't been dethroned yet. But we still study the seed catalogs to help the wintry days pass. We must try some of that new buttercrunch lettuce and the "executive" string beans. And we will plant more greens. With cabbage at 54 cents a head this winter and all the other green fresh foods so expensive, I think I'll can more Swiss chard, and we'll hope to plant more garden—our own cabbage and some cauliflower, et cetera.

Stuffed celery makes any lunch more appetizing, and it's delicious at any meal. Celery must be crisp to be at its best. Washed under running cold water, trimmed, and refrigerated until time to serve, it makes good eating. Stuff your celery stalks with olive and pimento cream cheese. Or why not try some of our light vegetable proteins chopped or mashed with chopped onion and mayonnaise, and perhaps some chopped olives or hard-cooked eggs for celery stuffing? You can try so many different combinations. Perhaps some mashed baked beans with diced onion and green pepper and mayonnaise would be good.

If your family doesn't like cooked carrots, why not try putting them in a soufflé? Here's a recipe for soufflé that uses nonfat dry milk. Melt shortening, about four tablespoonfuls, add a half cup of the nonfat dry milk and a quarter cup of flour. Mix these three ingredients thoroughly. For liquid use a cupful of water. Add the water slowly, stirring all the while (low heat) until thickened and smooth. Add salt and a half cup of mashed cooked carrots. Remove this from the heat and stir in 3 egg yolks that have been well beaten. Now fold in 3 egg whites that have been stiffly beaten. Put your soufflé in a well-greased baking dish, set the dish in a pan of hot water, and bake in a slow oven until set. For your soufflé to be eaten at its peak of perfection, serve it at once, for it will shrink if left to sit and cool. Bake some potatoes while the soufflé is baking. Serve with a green salad, glasses of milk, and cookies.

You can use this nonfat dry milk in making mashed potatoes too. Combine the milk powder with the hot potato liquid and add this to the potatoes while you're whipping them to a white featheriness. Season as usual, add a pat of butter, and serve.

If you use this nonfat dry milk in your baking, you add the milk powder to your dry ingredients when sifting them, then add the amount of liquid (water) called for in the recipe. You may add two teaspoonfuls of extra shortening to make up for the fat that you would have if you used whole milk. This will make your cake more tender.

Problems come up every day. When they do, I find comfort in this quotation I read somewhere last summer: "The Power behind you is greater than the problem before you."

And another good maxim for the Adventist housewife to repeat often is this: "Live so that those who know you, but do not know Him, will want to know Him because they know you."



Mrs. White and the SDA Church—3

A Prophet's Validation

In 1850, when Sabbathkeeping Adventists were beginning to be viewed as a separate religious entity, one of the pioneer leaders, Joseph Bates, privately published a pamphlet in which he reckoned that Christ would come in October, 1851, seven years after He had entered the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary in heaven. His presentation of this time-setting theory seems to have been set forth only in the one pamphlet, and largely confined to certain of the Sabbathkeepers in the State of Vermont. By the summer of 1851 the idea should really have begun to stimulate greatly the minds of those who believed it and to produce fervent preparation for the anticipated Advent. Remember, it was a staunch pioneer who sponsored this idea.

Now, did Ellen White join with those making this kind of preparation? Do we find in her writings anything to endorse the views set forth by Joseph Bates? Bates, who was one of the very few influential Millerites who became a part of the Sabbathkeeping group, might easily be expected to have a strong influence on a frail young woman, if indeed her mind and spirit were as frail as her body. Let us look at the record.

On June 21, 1851, Mrs. White had a vision on this matter of time setting, which led her to write as follows:

"Dear Brethren: The Lord has shown me that the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children of the Lord, and that it should not be hung on time; for time never will be a test again. I saw that some were getting a false excitement arising from preaching time; that the third angel's message was stronger than time can be. I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation, and that it needs not time to strengthen it, and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness.

"I saw that some were making every thing bend to the time of this next fall—that is, making their calculations in reference to that time. I saw that this was wrong, for this reason: Instead of going to God daily to know their PRESENT duty, they look ahead, and make their calculations as though they knew the work would end this fall, without inquiring their duty of God daily."—*Review and Herald Extra*, July 21, 1851.

Thus by the time the falsely set date for Christ's return might be expected to be gaining serious consideration on the part of those who accepted it, Mrs. White spoke out clearly, emphatically, against this and all other attempts at date setting. Note her words: "Time never will be a test again." With disapproval she added: "I saw that some were getting a false excitement arising from preaching time." We can happily add that Bates, and most of those who had accepted his time-setting views, dropped them quietly and quickly.

Protection From Folly

Looking back over the century of our history, we can say that no message from Mrs. White has ever been more important in protecting us from folly and time setting—a danger that ever lurks to entrap believers in Christ's Advent—than these unqualified words: "Time never will be a test again." What Mrs. White may have said to her husband, James White, editor of the only paper we then had, the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, we know not. But this we do know, nothing appeared in the *REVIEW*

in support of the idea that Christ would come in October, 1851. In fact, James White wrote in the *REVIEW*, on August 19, a series of reasons why he had *never* accepted this time-setting view.

It is a part of the sad record of first-day Adventist groups, following the breakup of the Millerite movement after the disappointment in 1844, that various of them kept setting dates for the Advent, with the recurring disappointment and disillusionment that inevitably followed. This probably best explains the depressing fact that most of these groups ultimately disintegrated and disappeared.

At first we were perhaps most evidently distinguished from other ex-Millerite groups by our keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath. That immediately created a cleavage. But nothing served more to widen the cleavage than our acceptance of Mrs. White as a prophet of God. Little did those other dear Advent people realize what we were being saved from by listening to her words of warning against all time setting.

Why did Mrs. White say so dogmatically that "time never will be a test again"? The climactic Millerite movement, of which she had been a member, set time. And this was followed by the time-setting hope in 1845, mentioned by James White, and the Bates's theory presented in 1850, to say nothing of time setting by other remnants of Millerism. It bears repeating that by any human law of probability, we would expect her to have concurred with the general idea of time setting. Yes—if her visions were but hallucinations, as some have charged, or if she were influenced by current thinking. But the record shows that the reverse was true. And it is this very record that provides us one of the initial reasons for believing her claim that her visions were from God.

How Prove a Prophet Genuine?

Let us observe right here that God has not followed the plan of validating a prophet's claims by speaking out from heaven in support of him. God did that in behalf of only one, His own Son. The validation of the prophets has been provided by their lives, their acts, and the nature of their messages. True, when the Lord first sent Moses with a message to Israel in bondage, and Moses feared that the people would only ridicule his prophetic claim, the Lord did something special to aid him. God told him to take the staff in his hand and throw it down before the children of Israel and it would become a serpent, and then to lift it up again and it would become a staff. He assured Moses that this would cause the people to believe him. Here was something that men's eyes could see; and thus it served a purpose initially.

But as we look at Moses in the long perspective of the centuries, it never occurs to us to measure his prophetic claim by this experience of turning the staff into a serpent. We see his life and his impressive messages in the context of the years, and we accordingly accept his claim that he spoke for God. And in this we do right. We do not repudiate the incident of the staff made into a serpent; we simply consider it inconsequential in comparison with the other more weighty evidence. Indeed, if no other proof for his claim had developed in his long

years of service and preaching, we might well be tempted to doubt that the incident of the serpent gave valid proof of his prophetic status.

Now, when Mrs. White first began to have visions, which often were given to her in public, sometimes singular events occurred in relation to them that greatly impressed those who looked on. For example, there was the incident when Mrs. White, so frail in body, held at arm's length for approximately half an hour a Bible weighing eighteen and one-half pounds, a feat quite impossible of explanation by any ordinary law of physical strength. Even a strong man could not begin to match this. This incident, along with others, undoubtedly played a part at the outset in the plans of God. Men need some aids to their faith at the beginning of the way—at least the great majority do—in order to believe so breath-taking a claim as that one has received visions from God. A few, like Joseph Bates, came to their conclusions a little differently, as we have already noted in his testimony.

We have the advantage today of looking back over a century of time, a great advantage indeed. We have noted her reserved demeanor, her absence of pompous pose, for one who believed she was a spokesman for God. Again we have noted her stern, unflinching attitude toward fanaticism, though she was frail and presumably might be expected to be an easy subject for fanaticism. We have noted also her rebuke of time setting. But much more remains to be told.

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(To be continued)

Big Ideas Have Power

According to legend a barbarian chieftain once presented to Alexander the Great three exceptionally fine dogs known for their peerless courage. After honoring Alexander with this gift, the chieftain went his way.

Not long afterward the general ordered a stag released before the dogs, to see if they were all they were reputed to be. The dogs glanced at the stag, yawned, then went to sleep.

Puzzled, Alexander tried again. He put two other kinds of deer—a hind and an antelope—into an enclosure with them. Still the dogs showed no interest. They neither barked nor chased their new companions.

Disgusted, and certain that the dogs were vastly overrated, if not entirely worthless, Alexander ordered them destroyed.

When the chieftain appeared a few days later to inquire about his favorites, he learned of their sad fate. Then, turning to the Greek monarch, he cried: "O Alexander, you are a great king, but you are a very foolish man. You showed them a stag and a hind and an antelope, and they paid no attention; but if you had turned a lion and a tiger loose on them, you would have seen what brave dogs I had given you!"

People Too

Many a child who seems lazy might undergo an entire change in personality if he were confronted by an idea that would interest and challenge him. Many a man or woman who is bored with life and whose health is little better than invalidism, might come alive with energy and zest for living if he were stirred by the challenge of a great cause. Because many people attempt little, they accomplish little, and their powers, never being put to the stretch, atrophy. Small ideas have no power to stir men's souls.

But the big idea, the idea that leaves past achievements trailing in the dust, the idea that is bigger than

anything that has been attempted, the idea that has always been considered "impossible"—this is the idea that quickens the life forces, lifts the human spirit, and electrifies the soul.

In this age of space, scientists are thinking big. They are setting their sights on the stars, planning conquests never before dreamed of. Should not the church do likewise? Let us stop setting goals that have proved attainable—they do little to rouse us from our apathy. Rather, let us lay plans so large that the very sight of them will make us catch our breath, and send the blood coursing through our veins. How dare we do less when God has given us the task of carrying the three angels' messages to the entire world, and we see the hands on the clock of time rapidly approaching the midnight hour!

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Formula for Happiness

Robert S. Kerr, reputedly the "wealthiest man in the U.S. Senate," was an Oklahoma oil millionaire. Those who knew him best estimated his fortune at around 20 million. As a veteran legislator and financial expert he became a ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee and was a recognized authority on tax laws. He was forever busy—building political power, working with oil and uranium and tools and other things, and always making plans for Oklahoma.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago, when his fortune was comparatively small, the Senator had taken time to make out a will. Last December Mr. Kerr talked over plans for a new will with his lawyer, but Christmas was just a few days away. "Let it ride over the holidays," he finally said. "We will fix it up in January." A model of health at 66, he had no reason to suspect that anything was wrong. He neither smoked nor drank, and he had regular physical checkups. On January 1 the Senator from Oklahoma died in a Washington, D.C., hospital of a heart ailment—without leaving an up-to-date will. As a result, the Kerr millions will probably be subject to unusually heavy Federal and State death taxes. Down through the years he knew that he could have revised that 1939 will so as to take advantage of tax-saving trusts and other legal devices to trim taxes. But he never quite got around actually to doing it.

The Tendency to Postpone Action

The tendency to postpone action until some future, more "convenient season" was not peculiar to the Roman governor Felix. While we are busy here and there, precious opportunities are slipping away silently into eternity. Has the Holy Spirit been impressing you to give your heart and all that goes with it to God without reserve? to be more kind to the members of your family? to use your time and material assets more wisely? to walk in all the light Heaven has permitted to shine upon your pathway, as befits a person who knows and believes that the coming of the Lord is near?

There will never be a more "convenient season" for doing the things we know we ought to do, than today. Tomorrow is the day when idlers work, when fools reform, and when careless men lay hold on heaven. Long ago the Master gave His disciples the only sure formula for genuine happiness, either in this life or the next: "If ye know these things," He said, "happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). Furthermore, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Only those who make it an inviolable habit to translate knowledge into action can expect to find happiness, either here or in the hereafter.

R. F. C.

Reports From Far and Near

Coral Sea Union Mission

By W. E. Murray, Vice-President, General Conference

NEW GUINEA impresses the new arrival that he is literally in one of the "uttermost" parts of the earth. God has indeed blessed the Advent cause in New Guinea, largest island in the world, one half of which is in the Australasian Division. The entire island is considerably larger than continental France.

The Coral Sea Union, which is in the territory of the Australasian Division, is divided into nine local missions. The work is being carried on by approximately 450 national workers and 50 foreign missionaries, mainly from Australia. This loyal group of workers is following in the notable footsteps of such men as John Paton and James Chalmers of the South Pacific. The gospel seed they planted so many years ago at great personal sacrifice is now yielding an abundant harvest.

The Coral Sea Union Mission quadrennial constituency meeting was held at Lae, New Guinea, December 27-31, 1962. The local church served as meeting place, and the delegates were housed in the homes of our people. The newly elected union mission president, O. D. F. McCutcheon, the secretary-treasurer, John Sherriff, and their staff were in charge.

One of the distinguishing marks of the harbor of Lae is the rusted iron prow of the sunken ship *Tenyo Maru*, mentioned

in the story of *The Marked Bible*. This ship was sunk during World War II. Its corroding hull is a grim reminder of that cruel conflict.

Coral Sea Union College, at Kabiufa in the Eastern Highlands Mission, is making a notable contribution to the work of Christian education in this needy mission field. Some of the best teaching syllabi I have seen in mission lands were displayed by the teachers at this meeting. About 220 students are enrolled. The courses of study cover roughly the junior academy level, with courses for evangelistic workers and teachers beyond this level. In 1962 18 graduated from the teacher-training course, and 9 from the theological course. Seventeen of the teachers passed the government examinations.

Principal J. R. Lee, of Coral Sea Union College, reported that each week students and teachers make about 3,000 missionary contacts. About 1,500 come regularly to see and hear gospel filmstrips shown in the college chapel each Friday night. Many of them have joined the baptismal class. Each Sabbath about 150 native people pack into the room beneath the chapel for their pidgin English services. Forty-three students were baptized at graduation time.

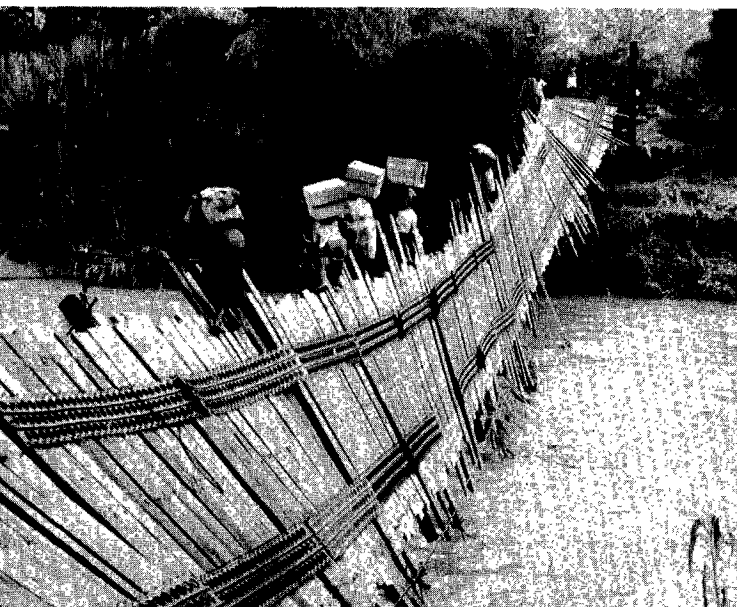
Another significant institution in the

Coral Sea Union is the hospital at Sopas, in the Western Highlands Mission, which is now nearing completion and is under the direction of Dr. R. O. Yeatts. It has a 60-bed capacity and an outpatient department, and several small clinics in the neighborhood are operated by the hospital personnel.

Another institution in the Coral Sea Union is dedicated to training hospital helpers. During 1961 this institution had 1,047 inpatients and 8,373 outpatients, and gave 21,000 treatments. At times they had as many as 80 inpatients at once, in quarters equipped for about 20. In 1962, 15 "doctor boys" and young women were graduated. A medical school has recently opened in Port Moresby for training the people of New Guinea and Papua to be doctors. We are assisting two students at this institution.

During 1962 the nine local missions of the Coral Sea Union entered 35 new areas and villages with our evangelistic work. They also reported that ten new schools had been established. The spirit of occupying new territory was much in evidence. May God richly bless the men and women who are pressing into new areas and new villages in New Guinea!

Although the native people of this territory have only meager means, they are earnestly doing their best to gather funds through the Ingathering. The usual donations are pennies or gifts in kind. It must require a great many visits to get the equivalent of a dollar. The delegates rejoiced in the fact that, in 1962, they passed the £1,000 mark for the first time (about U.S. \$2,240). How happy the national delegates were at the results! They sensed a high privilege in uniting with



Left: Mission supplies must get through. Here Adventist national workers carry supplies from Goroka to the foothills of Mount Michael in New Guinea. Right: Medical missionary L. Barnard holding open-air clinic among a primitive tribe in the mountains of New Guinea.

their brethren around the world to furnish funds to finish the gospel message.

The superintendent of the constituency meeting Sabbath school told us that there are 438 Sabbath schools and 38,225 Sabbath school members in the Coral Sea Union. The first Sabbath school he had attended in this union—2,011 Sabbaths ago—was one of 50 members at Bisiatabu. (His parents were missionaries there 40 years ago.) It was our only Sabbath school then in existence in all of Papua and New Guinea, and we met beneath a house built on poles, because we had no church in the territory. Think of the dedicated service and the weary miles of walking over the rough footpaths of New Guinea that this marvelous growth in membership reflects. Think of the earnest prayers, the patient teaching and preaching, the pleading with people to decide for Christ. How we thank the Lord for His wonderful grace and for the sacrificial efforts of our faithful missionaries!

As I sat in the little white church on the hillside, contemplating the earnest group of national delegates and the dedicated group of foreign missionaries, I thought of our churches in the homelands of earth. What an inspiration it would be to each homeland church member to see their faces, hear them sing, and listen to their eager reports. Many have been subjected to severe ridicule and persecution, and have suffered economic disadvantage to gain the Pearl of Great Price. How he would rejoice to see what his dollars, pounds, or pesos had accomplished far away in this "utmost part of the earth." May God impress us all with the importance of hearty participation in sacrifice to support the Advent cause in all the world!

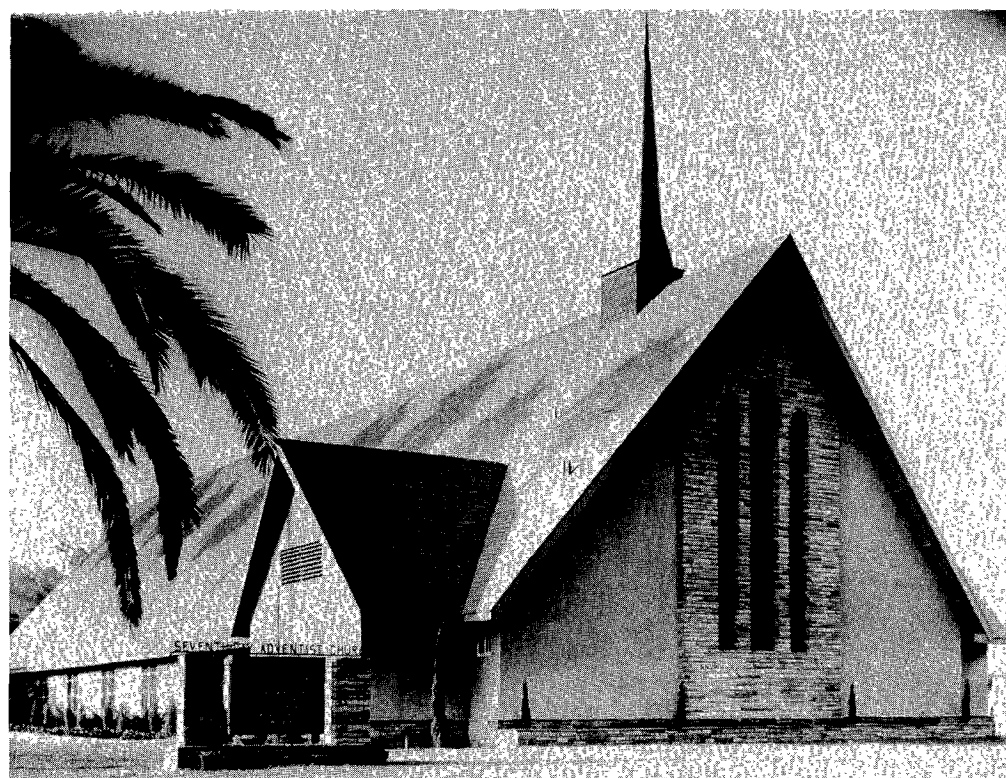
Sabbath School Secretaries Confer

By Louis B. Reynolds, Associate Secretary
GC Sabbath School Department

From January 25 to 28 the Sabbath school secretaries of the local and union conferences of North America met in Dallas, Texas, for their quadrennial council. Seventy-seven, including General Conference leaders, were in attendance. Chairman of the assembly was G. R. Nash, General Conference Sabbath School Department secretary. He was assisted by William J. Harris, R. Curtis Barger, and Louis B. Reynolds, associate secretaries in the department.

Theodore Carcich, vice-president for the North American Division, addressed the group at the opening devotional period. "The purpose of the Sabbath school," he said, "is to add members to the church and then to send these new members out into the world to win others." He noted also that when people enter the church through the Sabbath school they tend to remain in the church. Other devotional speakers were E. W. Dunbar, associate secretary of the General Conference, and J. C. Kozel, assistant treasurer.

A goal of 30,000 branch Sabbath



Arlington, California, Church Dedication

The new Arlington, California, church was dedicated Sabbath, December 15, 1962. Present for the dedication service were John Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president, and R. R. Bietz, president of the Pacific Union Conference, who gave the dedicatory address.

The Act of Dedication was performed by Kenneth Perry, who also solemnized the infant dedication ceremony in which nearly 30 children under two years of age were presented to the Lord. A history of the church, written by C. C. Morlan, was read by Kenneth Mayberry.

In 1924 Elder and Mrs. W. L. Black conducted a series of tent meetings and organized a small Sabbath school following the meetings. Ground breaking for the present building in 1957 ushered in an intensive construction program that saw members meeting in the new sanctuary by 1959. Capacity of the church is 700.

JIM EVANS, Departmental Secretary
Southeastern California Conference

schools was set for the coming quadrennium. At one meeting discussion centered around the Texas Conference and its report of 306 branch Sabbath schools. In his Sabbath morning sermon at the Dallas Central church, B. E. Leach, president of the conference, explained how this was accomplished. He appealed to Sabbath school members to go out into the lanes and byways of Dallas and organize still more branch Sabbath schools.

In the afternoon the Sabbath school leaders assembled at the Baker Hotel to hear reports by several Texas pastors who had experienced unusual success with the plan. In 1962 Texas organized ten new churches as a result of branch Sabbath schools. In 1963 the conference expects to organize between ten and fifteen more churches and to baptize between 100 and 150 new members from such schools.

Attending the meetings from the Inter-American Division Sabbath school department was Fernon Retzer, who reported 2,712 branch Sabbath schools in Inter-America. That is three times the number in operation in North America.

Enrolled in these schools are 19,546 potential church members.

First copies of the new book *Teach: a Guide to Effective Sabbath School Teaching* were presented by C. L. Paddock, Jr., Southern Publishing Association. S. S. Will, author of the book, is Sabbath school secretary of the Southern Union. Discussions on methods and techniques of teaching were enthusiastic and wide ranging. A major program of teaching instruction and techniques will be fostered by the Sabbath school throughout 1963.

Although Eric B. Hare officially retired at the last General Conference session, he is still helping in the department on a part-time basis. Greetings were sent from the session to the following retired workers: R. R. Breitigam, L. L. Moffitt, D. E. Reiner, J. A. Stevens, and S. A. Wellman, as well as to Eric B. Hare. During the quadrennium that closed with the Dallas meeting, former Sabbath school leaders Lemuel E. Esteb and Owen A. Troy went to their long rest. Letters of appreciation for their labors were sent to Mrs. Esteb and Mrs. Troy.

University Extension in South Africa

By R. Allan Anderson, *Secretary*
GC Ministerial Association

Another Andrews University Extension School has just been concluded at Helderberg College in South Africa. Some 60 ministers and teachers came together from many parts of this great division. They were an enthusiastic and hard-working group. The faculty consisted of Dr. Daniel Walther, Andrews University professor of church history; E. W. Marter, head of the Bible department at Helderberg College; and the writer, who represented both the Ministerial Association and the University.

Five courses were offered—Calvinism and the Huguenots, ecumenism, Biblical interpretation, prophetic interpretation, and evangelism. The majority of those attending looked upon Helderberg as their alma mater. It was, therefore, like coming home to them.

It means much for missionaries who have been serving for years, sometimes under primitive conditions, to enter into a fellowship such as an extension school provides. We were happy to have a number of workers from the Good Hope Conference, which corresponds to one of our Regional conferences in North America. Our Indian work was also represented. The various backgrounds from which the workers had come and the many fields they represented made our gathering, as it were, a little Pentecost. While God's Spirit did not come in the spectacular way He came on the day of Pentecost, yet we were made conscious many times

of His very real presence. The future work of the whole division is greatly affected by a school of this kind, and we know that these men will return to their fields with new courage, greater vision, and complete dedication.

The night before graduation we all met around the Lord's table. Nothing so expresses fellowship as a spread table, especially when it bears the emblems of our Lord's great gift. The testimony of God's leadership in the lives of these men was thrilling. Those in attendance will not soon forget that precious occasion.

Dr. Walther, who served as director of the school, gave splendid leadership, and a wholesome spirit of study and fellowship was continually evident. The hospitality of the college, as well as the excellent service on the part of those who cared for our well-being, was no small contribution to the success of the school.

Following the work at the college it has been my privilege to visit various parts of the field to conduct revival services. This we have done in the Cape Conference and the Good Hope Conference, also in the Natal Field, where we have conducted meetings for the Europeans as well as the Indians and Colored brethren. We will be spending some time in the Solusi College, and then conduct revival meetings in Johannesburg.

With all the tension and unrest in fields such as the Congo, it is most encouraging to see our own dear people so confident in the message. The things that bring consternation to the people of the world bring renewed confidence to the people of God. Could our pioneers who opened the work in this great continent

be permitted to witness it today, how wonderful it would appear to them! In places where we had no work, and no prospect of any fruit, today thousands rejoice in the Advent message.

The very conditions that have brought distress to others often prove to be the means of opening the way for the light of truth. It is evident that we have not been following cunningly devised fables. The things our pioneers preached are being fulfilled before our very eyes. The end of all things is at hand. It is wonderful to witness the deep spirit of consecration on the part of our members and also on the part of some who, as friends of our members, have come along to listen to the Word of God. The greatest days of soul winning are right before us. We surely need the baptism of the Spirit of God, that His Word may be proclaimed in power. Pray for the work and the workers here in Africa.

Teachers' Convention in Bolivia

By Monroe D. Duerksen, *Departmental Secretary, Bolivia Mission*

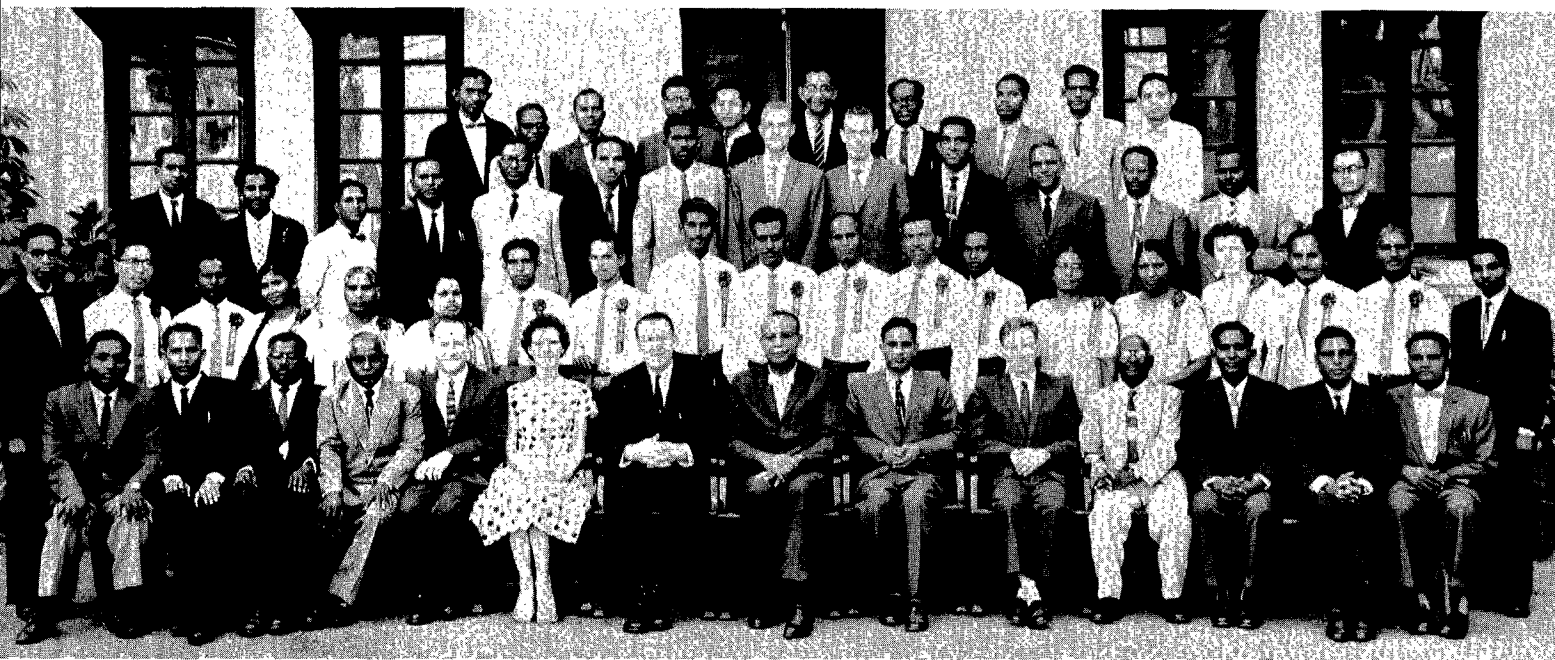
Some walked, some came by bus, and others rode their bicycles. Whatever the means of travel, most of the 205 teachers of the Adventist primary schools of Bolivia swarmed onto the campus of the Colegio Adventista del Altiplano on Sunday evening, January 13, 1963. The meager and somewhat primitive facilities of this newly established school were stretched to the limit by this sudden influx of teachers, but everyone appeared to be happy and contented as they crowded into the one large classroom to be welcomed to the teachers' 1963 convention.

This convention, with its tightly scheduled daily classes, was virtually a short summer school. Beginning each day's activities was a devotional study featuring the Spirit of Prophecy, conducted by Bert Elkins, president of the Bolivia Mission. The Inca Union sent Andrés Achata, the director of primary education, who discussed methods of teaching Bible. José Mérida, from our teacher training school near Cochabamba, presented methods of teaching arithmetic. Jorge Riffel, the male nurse who operates the mission's "rolling clinic," gave a series of health talks and also conducted a short course in first aid. Karl H. Bahr, the mission treasurer, discussed financial problems with the teachers, while Alfredo Quiroz, assistant director of education for the mission, helped the teachers plan the organization of their schools. In spite of the full program each day, interest ran high throughout the full week of the convention, and rarely did a teacher absent himself from a meeting.

Andrés Achata, who is now connected with the Inca Union, began his work in the Bolivia Mission. At one session he asked the assembled teachers for a show of hands of those who attended the first convention he organized 25 years earlier at the Collana Mission Station. Nine hands went up. Several of these were

Andrews University Extension School faculty and students, at Helderberg College near Cape Town in South Africa. Director of the school was Daniel Walther (center, seated). Others of the teaching staff were R. Allan Anderson (third right), and E. W. Marter (third left).





Ministerial Training Institute in Bombay

Ministers gathered from all India for eight weeks of training in the city of Bombay. The ministerial institute conducted by E. E. Cleveland (center) was endorsed for credit by Andrews University and Spicer College. About 50 were in attendance. Public lectures were held every night in Sunderbai Hall in downtown Bombay.

E. E. CLEVELAND, *Associate Secretary*
GC Ministerial Association

men who are now directors of mission stations. Others left our schools for a time only to return later. Only one man, Tomás Fernández, had been teaching in Adventist schools for the full 25-year period. In recognition of this excellent record, the Bolivia Mission prepared a silver medal, which Elder Elkins presented to Teacher Fernández at a special meeting Sabbath afternoon.

Everything suddenly came to a standstill Thursday morning when a little Volkswagen pulled up to the door of the assembly hall and four distinguished visitors climbed out. They were three representatives of the education department of the country and one deputy of the National Assembly. The director general of fundamental education gave a short address, which the teachers greatly appreciated. We have been blessed here in Bolivia with a government that is very favorable to our educational work.

The teachers had a special burden for one of the participants in the convention, Professor Mérida, who is not a Seventh-day Adventist. He has a special interest in the educational work of Adventists, however, and at his request he has been given limited work at our teacher training school. During the convention the teachers offered many fervent prayers for his complete conversion, and on Sabbath afternoon they presented him with a Bible as a token of their appreciation of his participation in the convention. Written in the flyleaf was the hope that he will someday be among the redeemed in heaven. His stirring response was ample evidence to all of us that the Holy Spirit is working on his heart.

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As the happy group of 172 teachers left to return to their own schools to begin another year of character molding, we felt thankful to the Lord for such a large group of loyal workers.

Swiss Aid for Algeria

By J. Laich, *Departmental Secretary*
Swiss Union Conference

At the annual council of the Southern European Division, held from December 3 to 10, 1962, at the Lake Geneva Sanitarium

in Gland, Switzerland, Henri Pichot, president of the North African Union Mission, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the suffering Algerian population. Following this appeal the president of the Swiss Union Conference, Charles Monnier, requested that the writer organize and conduct an immediate program for sending the necessary help to the people of Algeria.

The former chapel of the Gland Sanitarium was placed at our disposal by the director, S. Meyer, as a collection place for donated clothing. The 3,599 members of the Swiss Union Conference re-

These ten teachers at the 1963 Bolivian teachers' convention were also present at a similar convention at Collana Mission Station 25 years ago. Andrés Achata is fifth from the right.



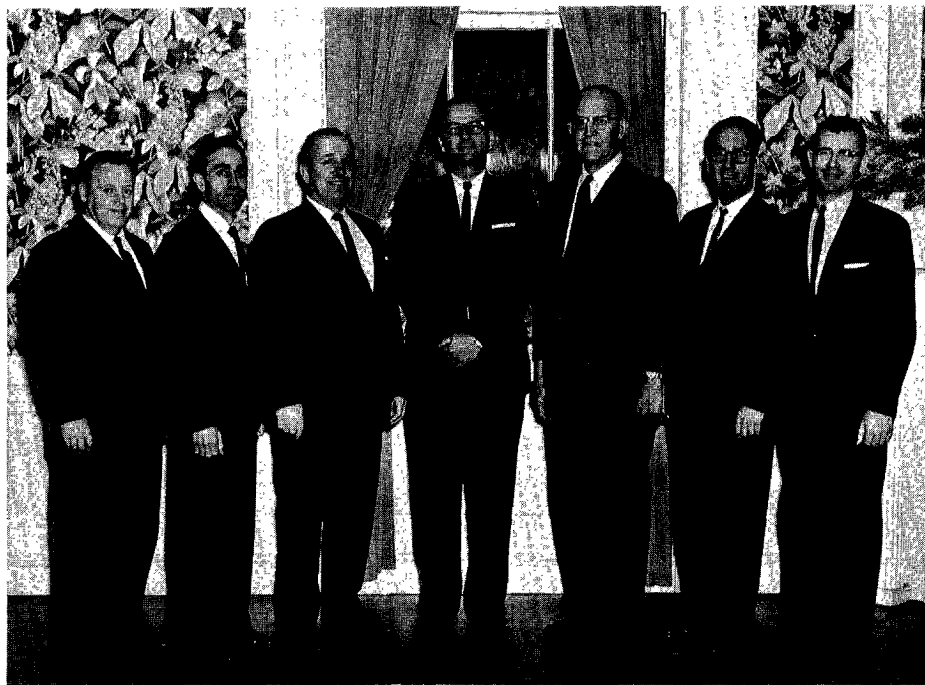
sponded enthusiastically to our earnest appeal.

A special offering has made it possible to buy a thousand new wool blankets. M. Giger, the elder of the Chur church, gave another 250 new blankets. With the used blankets that were donated, the total came to 1,528. The warm clothing and shoes alone filled 125 sacks. The value of the entire shipment came to 63,658 Swiss francs which would be approximately U.S. \$14,960.

The truck was filled twice and unloaded on a railway wagon, which left Geneva January 8 and was to have arrived in Algiers sometime between January 12 and 15.

May God bless our welfare work in Algeria for the Moslem population, in this, their hour of great need.

Two truckloads of blankets and clothing were shipped early in January by the Swiss Union Conference to the needy population of Algeria. At the left is Charles Monnier, president of the Swiss Union Conference, and next to him, J. Laich, union departmental secretary.



Leading Literature Evangelists of Southern New England

Led by G. A. Hixon, publishing department secretary (center), literature evangelists of the Southern New England Conference broke all past delivery records in 1962, with a total of \$175,000, an increase of almost \$25,000 over the previous year. Six of the men (left to right) each delivered more than \$10,000 worth of literature: Arnold Burrill, Bernard Pelton, Horace Futcher, John Spalt, Russell Cookson, and Rodolphe Cloutier. Mrs. Futcher and Mrs. Spalt assisted their husbands in their ministry. The Futchers and Russell Cookson each accumulated well over \$16,000 in deliveries.

At the institute recently held in Hartford, Connecticut, it was reported that 14 had been baptized as a result of literature evangelist contacts and Bible studies.

Frank Nieb and Rolfe Mitchell assist Brother Hixon in leading the Southern New England literature evangelists.

S. A. YAKUSH, *Departmental Secretary*
Southern New England Conference

From Home Base to Front Line

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Fisher, of West Covina, California, left Miami, Florida, February 6, for Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Dr. Fisher has accepted a call to serve as an ophthalmologist in the Bella Vista Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hands and two children, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Carinthia*, February 7, returning to Ruanda, Africa. Brother Hands is a national who recently attended Andrews University. He is to take up work as a teacher at the Gitwe Training School.

Elder and Mrs. Harold O. Burden and three children, of Torrington, Wyoming, left San Francisco, California, February 12, for Peru. Brother Burden is to be a station supervisor in the Lake Titicaca Mission.

Elder and Mrs. Leo Dwight Taylor and four children left Brownsville, Texas, February 13, returning after furlough to Peru. Brother Taylor is to serve in the Upper Amazon Mission as a departmental secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McManaman and four children left New York City, February 14, returning after furlough to South Africa. Brother McManaman will continue as head of the music department at Helderberg College.

Elder and Mrs. Frank C. Wyman and two children left Seattle, Washington, February 15, returning to Burma after furlough. Brother Wyman is a depart-

mental secretary in the Burma Union.

Elder and Mrs. Robert H. Habenicht, Jr., and two children, of Rhodes, Michigan, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Valiente*, February 16, for Brazil. Brother Habenicht has accepted a call to be educational, home missionary, and YPMV secretary in the Central Amazon Mission.

Elder and Mrs. Frederick J. Crump and three children, of Rockingham, Nova Scotia, Canada, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Steel Voyager*, February 17, for India. Brother Crump is to connect with the Western India Union as an evangelist.

Ella Maud Blakeney sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Steel Voyager*, February 17, returning after furlough to West Pakistan. She will continue as a nurse in the Karachi Hospital.

W. R. BEACH

Sligo Prophetic Course Graduates 320

By Russell H. Argent, PR Chairman
Sligo, Takoma Park, Church

Florence Murrill, age 78, and John Michael, who is 10, were among the 320 graduates of the Sligo Church Prophetic Guidance Course. Sponsored by the church in cooperation with Columbia Union College, the Voice of Prophecy, and the White Publications Office of the General Conference, the class was taught by D. A. Delafield, associate secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate.

Sixty-one of the graduates received upper-division credit for the 24-lesson course, which ranged in topics from the



Examining a hard-earned Prophetic Guidance Course diploma are (left to right) Mrs. Florence Murrill, 78; Glenda and Linda Jones, 10; and John Michael, 10. In the center is D. A. Delafield, instructor of the course.



Pusan, Korea, Sanitarium and Hospital Staff

Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital was established during the Korean war, at a time when invaders from the north had overrun all of South Korea except a small area in the southeastern part of the country surrounding the seaport of Pusan. The Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital had closed, and our medical work in Korea was at a standstill. The medical staff from Seoul began to minister to the needs of the many thousands of refugees who converged on the Pusan area.

When it became possible for the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital to reopen, it was decided to continue the medical work that had been begun in Pusan. The Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital is now a flourishing institution with four staff physicians and 18 trained nurses, one of whom is devoting full time to public health work. Periodic free clinics are held in neighboring villages.

Four of the young men near the front of the picture are senior medical students at Pusan National University School of Medicine. Our Pusan Sanitarium cooperates with the university by providing these students with clinical training. At the same time, they learn how a Christian physician treats his patients. A number of these doctors are attending church regularly, and some of them are taking Bible studies.

LOUIS R. ERICH, M.D., Medical Director

function of prophecy to the deliverance of the church. H. M. S. Richards, speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, was present to award the diplomas.

Speaking at the graduation service, Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, president of Columbia Union College, reminded the congregation that a course in prophetic guidance had been taught at Columbia Union College 40 years ago, when Elder Richards was a student on the campus. Changes have occurred in many areas since then, said Dr. Hirsch, but the warp and woof of Adventist education remains the same.

During the course, Arthur White, of the board of trustees of the White Estate, gave valuable insight on the life and times of Ellen G. White. Films showing the progress of the work since the days of the pioneers were shown, including one of the General Conference session and the radio-TV program of the church.

A class gift exceeding \$500 was given to the Voice of Prophecy. A substantial check also was presented to Elder Richards for Voice of Prophecy work from Columbia Union College.

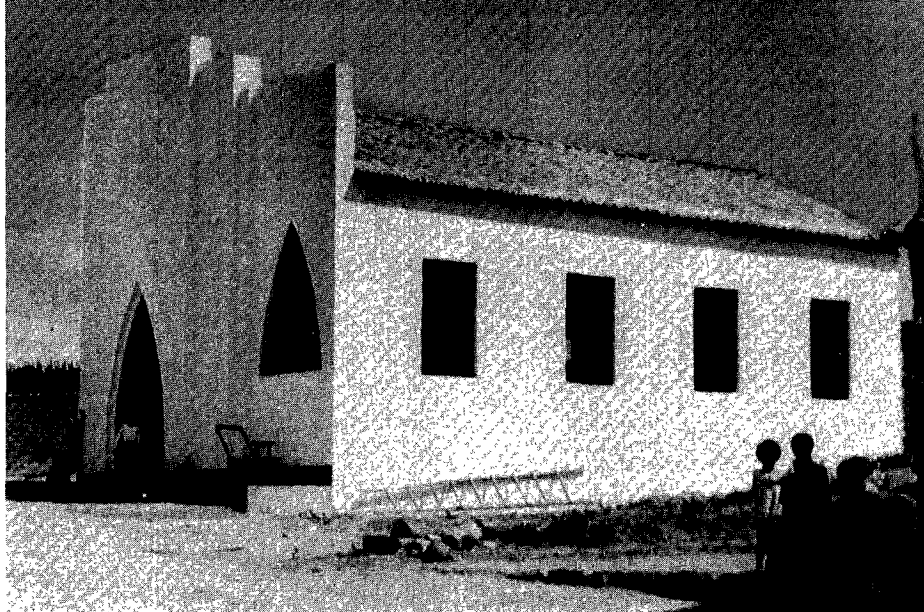
New Port of Spain Hospital Opens for Service

By Ernest L. Place

Official open-house ceremonies for the new Port of Spain Community Hospital were held December 2, 1962. Construction began two years ago on this fine, well-equipped plant.

Two large tents were erected on the front lawn, for protection in case of a tropical downpour. Those who had donated toward the building, as well as many others including consuls, ambassadors, ministers, government officials, and business leaders, received special invitations. Several hundred were escorted through the building by guides. An excellent 40-piece band from the First Regiment of Trinidad and Tobago, and the excellent 40-member choir from our own Caribbean Union College provided music.

Dr. Victor J. Soloniuk, acting medical director, gave the welcome; David H. Baasch, secretary of the Inter-American



Bella Vista de Utinga Chapel Dedicated

The new chapel at Bella Vista de Utinga in the state of Bahia, Brazil, was officially dedicated on Sabbath, December 8, 1962. For the past three years the members of the church in this area of the Bahia-Sergipe Mission had been struggling to raise the funds needed to complete the structure. At times the situation seemed hopeless, but today the simple white building stands completed—something of a landmark in the little town.

The writer gave the dedicatory sermon and Ezekias Monteiro, Bahia-Sergipe Mission departmental secretary, offered the dedicatory prayer. District pastor Perreira de Silva read the church history, and led in the Act of Dedication. Our great need at the present time is for more church buildings like the one at Bella Vista, as recent evangelistic gains have far outstripped the capacity of our churches.

MERLIN KRETSCHMAR, *President*
Bahia-Sergipe Mission

Divison, offered the invocation; and James G. Fulfer, president of the Caribbean Union Conference and chairman of the hospital board, presided as master of ceremonies. C. L. Powers, president of the Inter-American Division, spoke on the worldwide scope of our medical work, and F. L. Peterson, vice-president of the General Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The main address was given by Donald C. Granado, minister of health for the West Indies Federation. Mrs. I. Teshea, parliamentary secretary in the ministry of local government, cut the ribbon, officially opening the hospital, which now takes its place among the other medical facilities around the world.

Winning Men to Christ in Thonze, Burma

By U Hla Pe, *Evangelist*
Burma Union Mission

Among the many different racial and language groups of Burma are the Burmese, the Karens, the Shans, the Kachins, the Kayahs, and the Chins. Last November our first evangelistic city effort began in Thonze, with chairs to seat 200. About 500 were in attendance, including a number of Buddhist monks, and we did our best to make room for them. Many had to sit on the floor. We had thought that we would be fortunate to have an audience of 50 to 100.

Most of the people were Buddhists, though there were a few Christians and Muslims.

There were about 35 who manifested special interest, and these were all Buddhists. We enrolled them in the Voice of Prophecy course, and Pastor U Thein Ngwe studied with them, as well. They were eager to be baptized, but we asked them to wait a little longer in order to



U Hla Pe preaching in Thonze, Burma.

get a good foundation. Pastor U Thein Ngwe baptized them on Sabbath, December 29.

We are moving forward in faith, for now is obviously the time to work. We purpose to let our light shine before the people of Burma, that many of them will come to a knowledge of the truth.

Adventist Relief for Mindanao Disaster Area

By Laurentino E. Gonzaga, *Chaplain*
Manila Sanitarium and Hospital

Heavy rains on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines in mid-January flooded the provinces of Oriental Misamis, Agusan, and Surigao. Houses, bridges, roads, and farms were destroyed, and people were hungry. Fearful that an epidemic would break out, the Government requested all relief agencies, public and private, to go into action. The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service (SAWS) went to work, along with the others. We were asked to go to Butuan City.

About noon, January 24, a Philippine Air Force plane assigned to the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital medical team took off from Manila for Butuan City. The pilot told us we could not possibly land at Butuan, because of poor visibility. In fact, all the planes that morning were unable to land in Butuan City. But we prayed, asking the Lord to guide our pilot to the place where our services were most urgently needed. As we flew along we could see nothing but darkness, clouds, and rain. Two hours later, however, as we were passing over Cebu City, the pilot announced that we could land at Butuan after all.

We arrived about three o'clock in the afternoon, but no one was at the airport to meet us. We had sent a telegram to Pastor S. G. Villacampa, the district leader in that area, but he was not there. To make matters worse, the telephone at the airport, several miles from Butuan City, was out of order.

Finally, about five o'clock, when it was already getting dark, an army jeep arrived with two officers and four enlisted men. Because the jeep was too small for us, Major de Leon ordered a large truck, which took us into the city. Our medicines were deposited in the city library, which was converted into a temporary relief center. The city was completely under water, and without drinking water or electricity.

For three days we held a free clinic, and on the third day almost ran out of medicines. The Philippine Army provided us with all the help we needed. Mayor Salvador Calo and other officials were highly appreciative of our work. "We are most thankful to the Seventh-day Adventists for their great humanitarian work," he said on his radio chat one day while we were there.

From the executive secretary of Philippine President Macapagal came this telegram: "President Macapagal gratefully acknowledges generous donation of food-stuffs and medicines by your organiza-



The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital medical team that went to the relief of flood-stricken Butuan City on Mindanao, with government officials. Seated (left to right): L. E. Gonzaga; Mrs. Milagros Pulido, regional director of the Social Welfare Association of Mindanao; Butuan City Mayor Salvador Calo; Dr. Noemi Faustino-Inocencio; Mrs. Betty Miranda.

Group Canvassing in Toyama, Japan

By V. L. Bretsch, *Departmental Secretary Japan Union Mission*

For more than a year the evangelistic workers of the Toyama Center, together with the North Japan Mission and Japan Union publishing secretaries, have been laying plans for a concentrated literature distribution drive in Toyama, Japan, in connection with the first large evangelistic effort ever to be held in this city.

Seven successful literature evangelists from other areas recently gathered here for a rally and a day of instruction. Maps had been prepared, and special house-to-house techniques were explained. Religious survey blanks, invitations to the meetings, and Voice of Prophecy enrollment blanks were ready. The day began with an hour of Bible study by Evangelist P. W. Nelson, and closed with an evening study and special prayer groups led by the church pastor and associate evangelist Kanno. The following day the evangelists, Bible workers, and colporteurs met together for a short morning worship and prayer. Then together, two

tion, and sincerely appreciates the voluntary service of your medical team to Mindanao flood-stricken areas. Allow me to express my wholehearted thanks for your organization's spontaneous and unsolicited manifestations of civic mindedness and cooperation. Warmest regards."

Members of the medical team that went to Butuan were Dr. and Mrs. Filemon Inocencio, both physicians; Mrs. Marcela Quisido, a nurse; Mrs. Betty Miranda, pharmacist-president of the Manila-Rizal Dorcas Society; Miss Carmen Pineda, another Dorcas worker; and the writer.

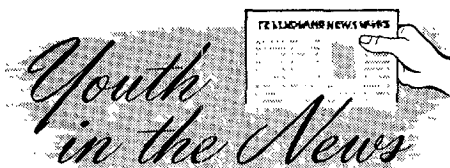
Deaf Korean Boy Rehabilitated

Labeled by his neighbors as a delinquent, a Korean waif by the name of Lee (second left), now 15 years old, spent his time wandering about the streets, stealing whatever he could find to eat. He had already been arrested several times, but was released each time because of his defective hearing. But kindness by the authorities did not change his outlook on life. In his soundless world he often misunderstood what others said to him as mockery and laughter at his deformity. Then Chaplain (Captain) Joseph T. Powell (second right), a former Bible instructor at Pine Forge Institute now on his second tour of duty in Korea, entered the boy's life.

Under the influence of Chaplain Powell, who showed him the first real love he had ever known, Lee changed. He returned to school, a place he formerly hated, and is showing eagerness to learn. Mr. Kim Pyung Soon, his teacher (left), reports that he was deeply moved by the kindness of Chaplain Powell in providing for his needs. Chaplain Powell now visits him each Sabbath.

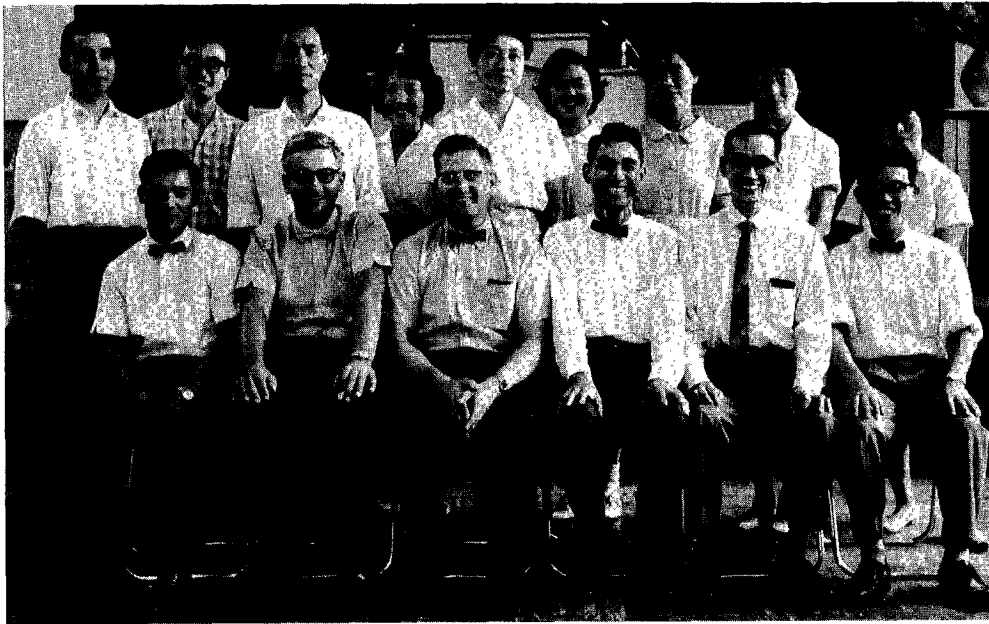
Chaplain Powell, who was cited recently for his work in the moral restoration of this deaf Korean boy, is the only Seventh-day Adventist with the rank of captain presently serving in Korea.

A. V. PINKNEY, *Departmental Secretary Allegheny Conference*



► Jake Duran, associate pastor of the San Diego Broadway church, is teaching Bible at San Diego Union Academy, filling the vacancy created by the departure of Kraig Ashbaugh.

► The student Week of Prayer at Mount Ellis Academy at Bozeman, Montana, January 27 through February 1, was directed by the pastor and Bible teacher, Larry Lewis. Student speakers were Shirleane Hartwell, Kathy Hoffman, Diane Nichelin, Carolyn Ruddle, Clyde Iverson, Quentin Hardin, Kent Dawson, and Amund Momb. Guest visitor and speaker was Richard Knapp from Billings, Montana, who, assisted by his wife, counseled with the students.



The Toyama, Japan, visitation team. Seated (left to right): Mitsuo Kanno, assistant evangelist; Paul W. Nelson, evangelist; V. L. Bretsch, Japan Union Mission publishing department secretary; Y. Funamoto, North Japan Mission publishing department secretary; K. Kaneda, book and periodical agency manager; T. Hatanaka, MV secretary. Those standing are colporteurs and Bible instructors.

by two, we left to begin this visitation project, which was to continue for one month.

Reports are most encouraging. Elder Nelson reports that 106 persons showed an interest in Christianity and are being visited by our workers. Literature sales amounted to \$725. The seven workers spent a total of 797 hours at the task.

Since the close of the project Brother Okazaki, a young, energetic literature evangelist, and his wife have moved to Toyama to labor.

Columbia Union Literature Evangelists Meet

By Bruce M. Wickwire
Departmental Secretary
Columbia Union Conference

As they met for their union institute at High Point Inn in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania, January 7 to 9, Columbia Union literature evangelists reported \$1,410,467.52 worth of truth-filled books and magazines delivered during 1962. There were 260 literature evangelists and leaders present. Honored for special achievement, with plaques showing their accomplishments during 1962, were 38 gospel salesmen and saleswomen whose deliveries totaled more than \$10,000 each.

The theme of the institute, "Master, for Thee in '63," permeated the three-day meeting, and the Spirit of God was manifest in a marked manner. In his opening message Neal C. Wilson, Columbia Union Conference president, challenged the group to hold high their faith. Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, solemnized our thoughts with the statement,

"The book you are carrying to the homes carries God's last message of mercy. There are no more to follow!" Prophetic guidance lessons on the Spirit of Prophecy conducted by D. A. Delafield, associate secretary of the White Publications, renewed our determination to study this counsel. A consecration service marked the close of Elder Delafield's devotional on January 9.

Prominent throughout the institute was the urgent counsel by speakers and publishing leaders to spend more time in personal Bible study and prayer. "If you neglect every other preparation, do not neglect that moment with God in the morning before talking to any earthly companion."

The importance of the colporteur to the denomination was emphasized again and again as various speakers referred to their own experiences while canvassing. Elder Carcich said, "The first work I had in this denomination was the colporteur work." The support and interest of our leaders were reflected in Elder Wilson's encouraging words, "There is no higher work than that of evangelistic canvassing." It was a special privilege to honor J. D. Snider, manager of the Review and Herald book department, who has devoted 64 years to the colporteur and publishing work, and who has had the joy of bringing many truth-filled books into existence.

The daily schedule was filled with special instruction by leaders, panel discussions, experiences by literature evangelists, good music, and many other interesting features. The fellowship afforded by these various activities added to the joy of this heavenly sitting. It was truly a mountaintop experience.

Excitement ran high at the closing meeting of the institute as an unprecedented goal of \$1,701,200 was set by the literature evangelists in their pledge for service in 1963. This indicates an earnest desire in the hearts of these God-fearing men and women to see the work finished and the coming of Jesus become a reality. May God grant us power for the hour.

Belem, Brazil, Hospital Inaugurates Emergency Service

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently conducted at the opening of the Belém, Brazil, Hospital. The federal deputy, Mr. Gabriel (left), and W. R. Beach of the General Conference pulled the ribbon, marking the inauguration of new emergency service at our Belém Hospital. J. J. Aitken, president of the South American Division (third right), also assisted at the ceremony. Representatives of the municipal and federal government present expressed appreciation for the Seventh-day Adventist contribution to the welfare of the people of Brazil.

J. J. AITKEN, President
South American Division



King's Heralds Visit the Inca Union

By B. A. Larsen
Departmental Secretary

The 15-day visit of the King's Heralds to the Inca Union Mission was greatly appreciated and will long be remembered. It was a great privilege to have them and Brad Braley with us, along with Braulio Perez, Spanish Voice of Prophecy speaker.

The quartet sang in great theaters in Lima and Guayaquil, in two universities of Lima, in the Peruvian North American Cultural Institute, and in the auditorium of the Art Museum—as well as in our churches and schools. They sang into the hearts of our own people and of their many radio listeners and friends. They performed 32 times in eight cities before a total of 15,000 people. Three times they sang on television and six times over the radio. The TV manager in Arequipa, second largest city of Peru, assured us that at least 90 per cent of the 11,000 TV sets in the city were tuned in. Television is new in Arequipa, the station having been inaugurated only the week before our telecast.

One young man in Lima who sings with the National Opera said, "I want to dedicate my talent to that kind of singing. I will plan to attend an Adventist college in the United States and there I will study and prepare to be a singer for God, just like one of the King's Heralds." In Guayaquil another young man



The King's Heralds arrive at Arequipa, Peru. Left to right: Brad Braley; John Thurber, second tenor; B. F. Perez; Wayne Hooper, baritone; Bob Edwards, first tenor; Mario Rasi; Jerry Dill, bass.

said after the program, "It was marvelous! That is the kind of singing we shall enjoy in heaven." Then he added, "How wonderful it will be when we all shall be able to sing like that!"

No less than 30 news stories about the visit of the King's Heralds appeared in the press, 14 times with pictures. May they return soon!

baptized. Regular studies are still being given by the pastor and laymen in the homes of many who attended the meetings. This was the third effort in the district during the past two and one-half years, and still the gleanings go on.

► Emerton Whidbee has accepted the call to be educational superintendent of the Northeastern Conference. L. H. Davis will continue to carry his responsibilities as MV secretary. Mr. Whidbee brings 13 years of practical experience to the department. In 1958 he received a Master's degree in education from New York University.

Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



Atlantic Union

Reported by
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► D. E. Caslow, home missionary secretary of the Atlantic Union, reports that the Northern New England Conference was first in the union to attain its Ingathering objective this year.

► M. L. Mills, president of Southern New England Conference, reveals that in 1962 for the first time the churches of the conference passed the million-dollar mark in tithe—aggregating \$1,014,324.46, a gain of \$53,785.49. The mission offerings for 1962 came to \$292,162.50, a gain of \$4,600.92.

► Raymond L. Pelton has been elected administrator of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital. He replaces Kenneth W. Tilghman, who recently became secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference. Mr. Pelton has been serving as assistant administrator of the sanitarium since August, 1962. He has spent

more than 13 years in the field of hospital administration, at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital and at the White Memorial Hospital. He is a nominee to the American College of Hospital Administrators.

► Newest in the growing number of branch Sabbath schools in the New York Conference is the one conducted by Paul Cummings, literature evangelist, in Wolcott, New York. It is being held in the home of Henry Barber, an isolated church member. The branch Sabbath school has been conducted for three months, with an average attendance of 14.

► In mid-September, 1962, an evangelistic effort was started in the newly completed church in Vienna, New York, by H. K. West, district leader. Working with the pastor were Joseph Twing, pastor-teacher, and Mrs. Grace Oakley, who served as Bible worker during the three-month series. Interested people came from Camden, Rome, and Vienna. These meetings helped bring to fruition interests from a previous meeting held in Rome. Altogether 16 persons have been



Canadian Union

Reported by
Evelyn M. Bowles

► Pastor F. J. Crump of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has accepted a call to the Southern Asia Division for evangelistic work in the Western India Union.

► O. L. Libby, who has served for a number of years in the Ontario-Quebec Conference as pastor of various districts, and most recently of the Niagara Falls-St. Catharines and Welland district, has accepted a call to the Greater New York Conference as pastor of the Kingston-New York district.



Columbia Union

Reported by
Don A. Roth

► Charles Wiles has been appointed assistant in the publishing department of the East Pennsylvania Conference. He served as an assistant to the student literature evangelists last summer.

► George Renton, pastor of the Lewistown, Pennsylvania, district, has been ap-

Four-Year-Old Earns Jasper Wayne Award

Little Robin Denise Wheeler, at the age of four, was this year's youngest Ingathering solicitor in the Charleston, West Virginia, church. She cried when she was told she could not go out the night the campaign opened, but was promised that she could go the following night if she would learn her part. She did so, and worked faithfully every night until she had received a total of \$160.

At each door Robin said: "Hello. I'm Jesus' little helper. I'm collecting Christmas dollars for the poor, and sick, and needy. I'm sure you'd like to give! . . . Thank you. Merry Christmas, and may God bless you." This earnest appeal from a little child reached deep into many hearts, and almost without exception she received an offering. Tears often came to adult eyes at her little words of cheer and comfort.

Robin was always happy as she skipped from one door to the next. Of course, her example was an inspiration to the entire church, and many others, old and young, worked more faithfully because of her.

MRS. MAYNARD A. WHEELER



pointed director of religious affairs of the civil defense organization of Mifflin County.

► R. E. Hamilton, temperance secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, spent a week giving temperance lectures in the Howard County High School. *One in 20,000* and *Verdict at 1:32* were shown to all science students during the 18 one-hour programs.

► Charles Ayers, new member of the Fremont, Ohio, church, recently received the second-highest Army award for civilians in Washington, D.C. The meritorious civilian service award for bravery was presented to him by Cyrus Vance, Secretary of the Army, at the Pentagon. A cash gift of \$100 accompanied the award. This award was for heroism on June 14, 1961, when he and a companion rescued Millard Lange and Reuben Smith from Lake Erie. Their patrol boat had been swamped by 15-foot waves.

► "Best Saturday Night in Town" is the name of the new evangelistic series to be conducted by future ministers of Columbia Union College. Teams of students are already visiting homes in the Greenbelt, Maryland, area with literature.



Lake Union

Reported by
Mrs. Mildred Wade

► Growth in church membership in the Lake Union Conference has been steady during 1962. Members added by baptism numbered 2,259. The net increase shows an addition of almost 1,000 members. The total membership at the close of the year already exceeded the 40,000

mark, the goal set by the constituency for the union session of 1963.

► Dr. H. F. Halenz, who has given 26 years of continuous service to Emmanuel Missionary College and Andrews University, is retiring as head of the department of chemistry. A native of Germany, he came to the United States in 1913. In 1935 he received his Doctorate degree from the University of Colorado. He has taught for more than 40 years in denominational schools—Clinton Theological Seminary, Maplewood Academy, Broadview Academy, and Atlantic Union College.

► With a membership of 34 the New London, Michigan, church of the Lake Region Conference has constructed a new church building valued at approximately \$50,000, replacing an old structure destroyed by fire. At the time, Clinton F. Warren was pastor, and Thurman Gaines, elder. The present pastor, Robert L. Jones, is going forward with plans for an early dedication.

► Dr. Kenneth Strand, who has been on the faculty of Andrews University since 1959, at present associate professor of church history, dedicated his recently published book, *Woodcuts; From the Earliest Lutheran and Emersian New Testaments* to Elder and Mrs. George Hutches, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Dr. Strand served as a pastor in the Michigan Conference, and has edited and published numerous books in the field of church history.

► While hospitalized at the Battle Creek Health Center, Mrs. Grace McIntyre, R.N., decided to reconsecrate her life to God and reunite with the remnant church. A graduate of the New England Sanitarium, Mrs. McIntyre has been out

of the message for more than 20 years. She confides that the message has never been completely out of her heart.



Northern Union

Reported by
L. H. Netteburg

► The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, church carried on a successful Ingathering program during which the members were organized into groups of 3 to 5 members each and participated in a live caroling program. Many groups were invited into homes to sing to the ill and aged.

► A new bookmobile in the Iowa Conference enables church members to see our books, records, and other items. It will be in operation during February and March.

► A tri-State youth rally, including Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota, was held February 23 in Pipestone, Minnesota. Featured speakers were J. R. Spangler, P. C. Jarnes, and O. J. Ritz.

► The annual Northern Union institute for literature evangelists was held in the Twin Cities January 6-10. Special honor was awarded Clyde Anderson for having delivered the most literature in the Northern Union, and to four others who reached or exceeded \$10,000 in deliveries—Chuck Foster and Charles Davis of Iowa, and Bob Weisner and Ron Jones of Minnesota. Total deliveries in the Northern Union for 1962 amounted to \$288,034.79. The publishing department aims at sales of half a million dollars in 1963 and has a long-range objective of reaching every home in the union during the next four years.



Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► For a Christmas project students of the Loma Linda elementary school "adopted" 19 Korean orphans, to whom a check of \$567.61 was sent. Through the cooperation of Mrs. Grace Rue of the Seoul Orphanage in Korea, pictures of the orphans were sent to the 19-room Loma Linda school, and each classroom posted the name and picture of the child it was helping. One room "adopted" its orphan for the rest of the school year at the rate of \$10 a month.

► Since 1955 Henry C. Glenn, home missionary leader of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church, has been conducting Sunday morning services in the Utah State Prison, at times speaking to as many as 200 men. During these years he has driven more than 15,000 miles for the services at the prison, sometimes making two extra trips a week to visit some prisoner who needed spiritual help or counsel.

► H. R. Trout, formerly of the treasury department, succeeds Henry T. Bergh as secretary-treasurer of the Arizona Conference. He assumed his new duties the

first of February. Elder Bergh has accepted the invitation of the Central California Conference to serve as development administrator of the new Hanford Community Hospital.

► Joining the faculty of Hawaiian Mission Academy in the capacity of school accountant is Elia Lopez. Miss Lopez, a native of Hawaii, received her education at Philippine Union College and has been employed in the Maui branch of the Bank of Hawaii.

► On St. Valentine's Day when the bloodmobile was on the campus, the students of Pacific Union College donated 65 pints of blood to the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.



Southern Union

Reported by
Mrs. Cora Kindgren

► Churches in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference have raised more than \$24,500 for the new Bass Memorial Academy auditorium-gymnasium. Construction has already begun, and the new building is scheduled to be in readiness for use at camp-meeting time.

► Approximately 150 Carolina youth leaders gathered at the Charlotte church February 1-3 to lay plans for youth evangelism in 1963. One of the high points of the gathering was the pledging of Goals for Souls in 1963.

► Arnold Scherencel, pastor of the Kernersville, North Carolina, church, began an evangelistic series Sunday night, March 10. Special emphasis is being placed on winning non-member husbands and wives, as well as former members, to the church. Several have already presented themselves for the first scheduled baptism.

► The Tri-City School Board, representing Goldsboro, High Point, Kernersville, and Winston-Salem churches, voted recently to hire five teachers for their Tri-City Junior Academy for the 1963-64 school term. To meet the needs of the increasing enrollment, two additional rooms must be constructed this summer.

► Literature evangelists in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference are off to a good start in 1963. At the end of January they had a gain in deliveries of more than \$3,000.

► Eric Ristau, Southern Union Conference publishing secretary, reports that

colporteur deliveries in that conference show a gain of 62 per cent in 1963, with Alabama-Mississippi Conference showing an unprecedented gain of 450 per cent in January. More large, message-filled books, such as *Triumph of God's Love*, are being sold in the Southern Union than at any time in recent years.

Church Calendar

Missionary Volunteer Week	March 16-23
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Australasian Division)	March 30
Missionary Magazine Campaign (Special price during April and May)	April 1-30
Church Missionary Offering	April 6
Medical Work of Loma Linda University	April 13
Bible Correspondence School Enrollment	April 27
Day	May 4
Health and Welfare Evangelism	May 4
Church Missionary Offering	May 11
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering	May 18
Spirit of Prophecy Day	June 1
Home Foreign Evangelism	June 1
Church Missionary Offering	June 8
North American Missions Offering	June 8
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Inter-American Division)	June 29
Medical Missionary Day	July 6
Church Medical Missionary Offering	July 6
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 13
Pioneer Evangelism (Dark County)	August 3
Church Missionary Offering	August 3
Oakwood College Offering	August 10
Educational Day and Elementary Offering	August 17
Literature Evangelists Rally Day	September 7
Church Missionary Offering	September 7
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 14
MV Pathfinder Day	September 21
Review and Herald Campaign	Sept. 14-Oct. 12
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Middle East Division)	September 28
Neighborhood Evangelism	October 5
Church Missionary Offering	October 5
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 12
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 12
Community Relations Day	October 19
Temperance Day Offering	October 26

Bessie DeGraw Sutherland Honored

Members of the Bessie DeGraw chapter of the Teachers of Tomorrow Club at Madison (Tennessee) College honored Mrs. E. A. Sutherland (seated), only surviving founder of the institution, on her ninety-second birthday, January 13. Club officers are, left to right: Mary Ellquist, sponsor; Nancy Grotheer, vice-president; (Mrs. Sutherland;) Judy Butzman, secretary; Edward Barton, president; Bonnie Stuvenga, publicity secretary; Bob Hansen, treasurer; Carol Davis, pastor. Vernon Becker and Wayne Foster, educational secretaries of the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences, also were present.

Bessie DeGraw Sutherland came to the 414-acre plantation in 1904 and served as teacher, treasurer, dean of girls, and in humbler tasks such as care of the poultry. At the time she came to Madison she was one of the few professionally trained teachers in the denomination. She had been educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, and a teacher at Walla Walla College, Battle Creek College, and Emmanuel Missionary College.

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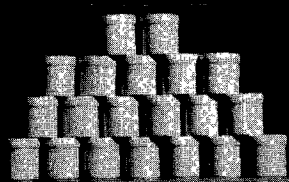
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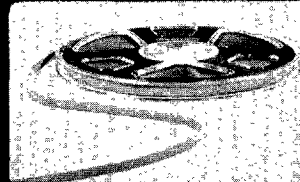
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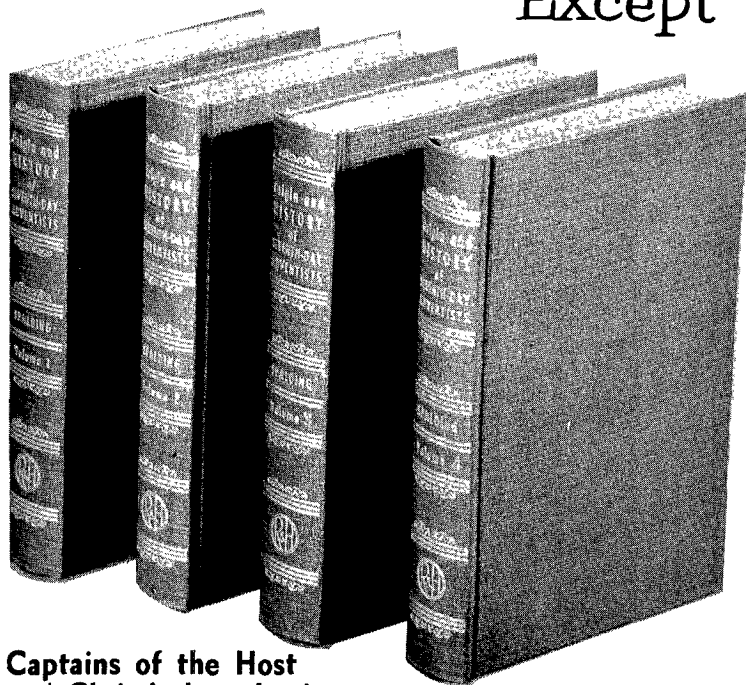
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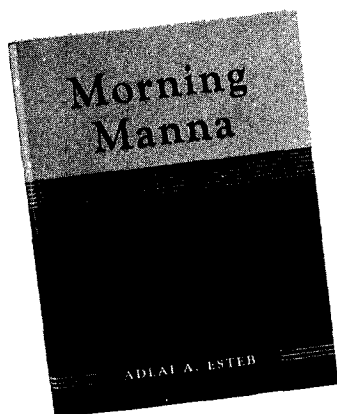
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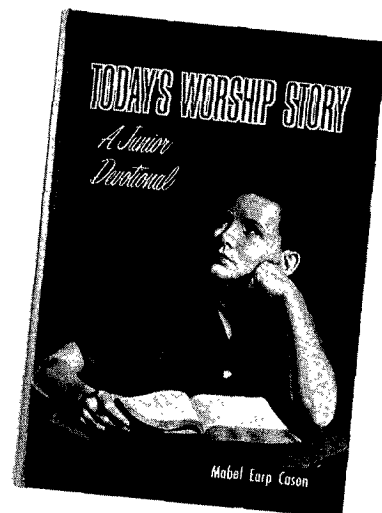
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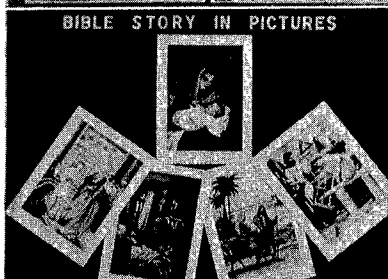
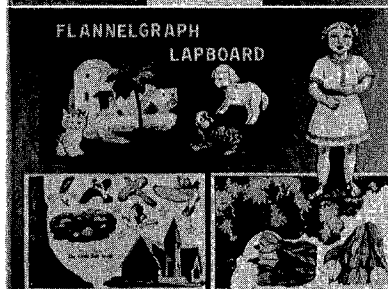
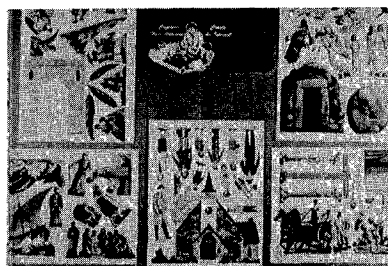
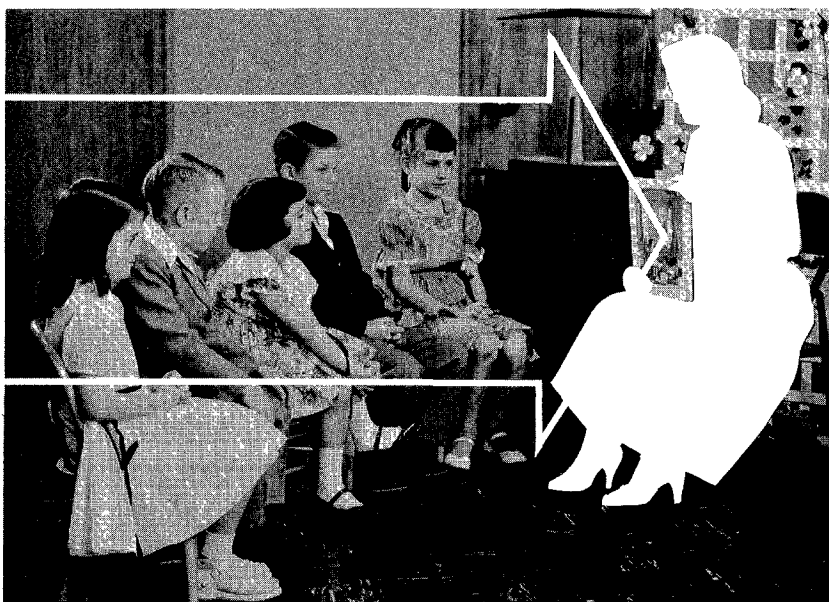
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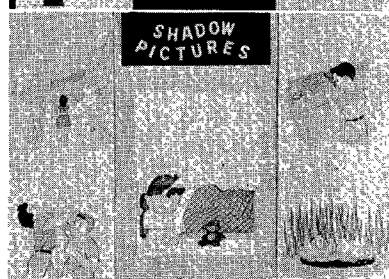
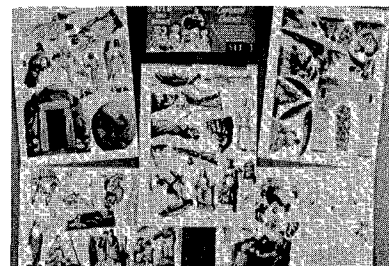
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The final 1962 reports are now coming in. The following cable is just in from the great Southern African Division:

"UNDER BLESSING OF GOD SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION HAS PASSED THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MARK AND NOW HAS THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS."

This message from Robert H. Pierson, president of the division, will bring cheer to all Seventh-day Adventist hearts. Soon the total figures for the world field will be in hand, and will, no doubt, cause great joy in the camp of God's people around the world.

A cable from the South American Division brings the welcome news:

"THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE PERSONS BAPTIZED 1962."

M. S. Nigri, secretary of the division, thus confirms that the goal set for 1962 was greatly surpassed. This is a marvelous achievement and reveals a fine upward trend in the South American Division. The 1962 figure brings the grand total of baptisms in South America for the past four years to well over 48,000. The records show that it took 56 years of hard work to baptize the first 48,000 members in South America.

W. R. BEACH

Southwestern Union Conference Session

Five conferences make up the Southwestern Union Conference: Arkansas-Louisiana, Oklahoma, Southwest Region, Texas, and Texico. These conferences sent 150 delegates to the nineteenth quadrennial session at San Antonio, where reports were received and leaders were selected for the coming quadrennium. The following were elected: L. C. Evans, president; H. W. Klaser, secretary-treasurer; B. L. Cook, auditor; R. A. Nesmith, departments of education and temperance; A. R. Mazat, Sabbath school, home missionary, and radio-TV; J. T. Welch, publishing; Frank Sherrill, MV, public relations, and religious liberty; H. W. Klaser, Association of Self-Supporting Institutions. The session, held on March 4, was followed by a two-day union ministerial institute.

Church membership in the Southwestern Union stood at 21,454 on December 31, 1962. Throughout the territory 38 new churches and 21 new schools were added during the quadrennium. Tithe paid to the conferences increased by \$1,741,176.66 and missions offerings by \$562,433.57, as compared with the previous four years. The campus of Southwestern Union College has seen dramatic improvements, with 37 older buildings re-

moved and several new modern units added.

The publishing forces are setting new records in the Southwest. In 1959 L. E. Pittman, working in Arkansas-Louisiana, delivered \$44,376.10 worth of books and magazines. In the schools of the union, 4,219 students are enrolled, a gain of 732 in four years. The Southwest has led the North American Division in Ingathering per capita for the four-year period. Prospects for soul winning were never brighter than now.

W. P. BRADLEY

Two Questions Answered

From different parts of the field comes this question: "We have received through the mail a magazine-style piece of literature called *Revelation*, discussing the books of Daniel and the Revelation. Is this published by the denomination?" The answer is No. On the contrary, it is published by certain people who hold views that distort some of the great Advent teachings.

Those who write us ask a second question: "Accompanying the magazine *Revelation* is a return envelope, which states on the flap that the magazine is not sent free. Instead it is sent for 'perusal.' If we do not wish to keep it we are asked to send it back. Otherwise we are instructed to send \$1 in payment. What about this?" The answer is: If you did not order this magazine you are under no obligation either to return it or to send \$1. We verified this point with the Post Office Department, which informed us that they have been trying for years to secure legislation to prohibit such tactics in selling merchandise. The denomination never employs such doubtful tactics to sell its literature. Need we say more?

Five Conferences Elect Officers

Word comes from the Northern California Conference that Carl Becker has been re-elected president and E. A. Schmidt secretary-treasurer.

The Central California constituency meeting held on March 5 returned D. E. Venden as president and R. L. Stretter as secretary-treasurer of the conference. All the departmental secretaries also were re-elected.

With the retirement of George Taylor, A. J. Gordon, heretofore president of the Idaho Conference, has been elected president of the Montana Conference. The Idaho Conference, in turn, has called George Liscombe, home missionary secretary of the North Pacific Union, to lead that field.

In the Northern Union, the North Dakota Conference committee has elected Ben Trout—for the past six years treasurer of the Nebraska Conference—as president.

THEODORE CARCICH

North Pacific Union Sets New Record

The year 1962 was a significant milestone in Sabbath school support of world missions. For the first time an entire union conference—the North Pacific Union, with more than 40,000 members—reached a four-quarter average of 50.7 cents per week per member. Several other unions have approached this mark, but North Pacific is the first to reach the 50-cents-per-member quota suggested some years ago. Many faithful Sabbath school members must have given much more than the suggested average goal. God adds an abundant blessing whenever His people give as He has prospered them.

R. CURTIS BARGER

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ARTHUR L. WHITE

Our Missionary Magazines

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Dearly beloved, let us make this a notable April, the greatest April in our missionary-magazine history.

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