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I Found Him There

By THAIS COLE

I found my Lord upon a hill;
The wind was hushed,
the birds were still.
The ecstasy of fir and pine
Transfixed my soul—
Yes, He was mine.

I found Him also by the sea—
The waves seemed but a part of me;
The gleeful sparkle of their dance
Conspired to humble and entrance.

I saw His footprints in the stars—
From His Orion down to Mars;
And now my joy will ever be
To find Him in eternity.

LET US examine this earth of ours and ponder the question, Did it come about by accident, or is it the product of a Master Designer? Such an inquiry is not as easy as it may at first seem, if we approach it with the care and thoroughness it deserves.

For many centuries remnants of plants and animals—fossils, they are called—preserved in rocks that form much of the outer portion of the earth's crust have been a source of fascination to the inquisitive. The literature of ancient Greece and Rome occasionally alludes to such remains. At times the nature of the organic remains was evidently understood. Even as late as the Renaissance, however, some writers questioned whether the remains were of actual former living things. Not a little controversy developed as to whether fossils were organic, or merely "freaks of nature." Speculation as to the nature of the animal types represented by fossils often led to remarkable conclusions, even by the intellectuals.

The former common practice of using the presence of fossil marine animals (sea life) such as are frequently found in the rock strata of Europe—including elevated mountain regions—as proof that the Flood waters once covered even the mountains was most disturbing to certain opponents of Christianity. Voltaire, fearing the strength of this argument in supporting the Mosaic account of the Flood, "fought desperately the growing results of the geologic investigations of his time." "All his wis-

By R. M. Ritland

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dom and wit were compacted into arguments to prove that the fossil fishes were remains of fishes intended for food, but spoiled and thrown away by travellers; that the fossil shells were accidentally dropped by crusaders and pilgrims returning from the Holy Land; and that the fossil bones found between Paris and Étampes were parts of a skeleton belonging to the cabinet of some ancient philosopher."

Uncritical thinking was typical of the day, and at times the speculation of professed Christians also led to fanciful conclusions. Ezra Stiles, president of Yale, in answer to a query by Thomas Jefferson, stated in pious seriousness that "the mammoths [fossil frozen elephants] of

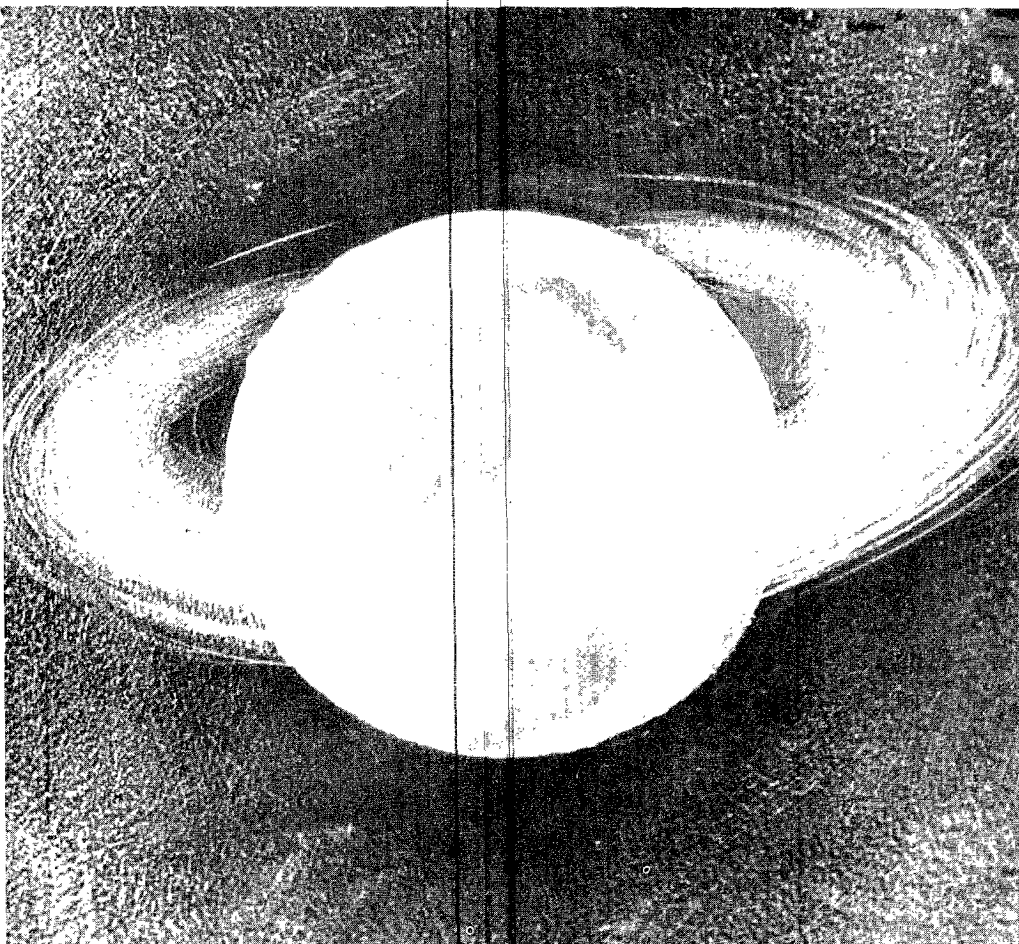
Siberia all truly belong to an Animal Race in the shape of Men, called Giants in the Scriptures." In Europe centuries earlier bones and teeth of fossil elephants, rhinoceroses, and other large animals were occasionally displayed in churches, purportedly remains of the giant antediluvian race. Estimates as to the stature of Adam ranged to well over 100 feet. In 1726 Johan Andrias Scheuchzer, in describing the skeleton of a large fossil salamander, regarded it as from one of the wicked race who had perished at the Flood. He appropriately named it *Homo diluvii testis*, which translated means "witness of deluge man." Yes, indeed, there are many volumes in the crust of the earth, but they must be read and translated with care.

Careless and superficial work nearly always tends to hinder the cause of God and undermine faith in sound evidence that may be at hand.

I can only give you the picture—the interpretation of evidence—in the way it appears to me as a student of earth history. That is all anyone can do. Let us look at some basic points.

The earth testifies to the Master Architect who designed it.

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The first and most compelling evidence we have already considered. This is the record in the Scriptures where we see divine Creation as a central theme throughout the entire Bible. We see Christ, His power to create, His act of creation as the basis for His primacy, His ultimate and final authority as an assurance of His ability to save. When we examine the earth within the illumination provided by the Inspired Record, we see God again.

In what ways could the crust of the earth be designed for life? What are the requirements of life, and how does the earth fulfill these requirements?

Life is remarkable. It seems to be everywhere. If we go to the depths of the seas beyond the reach of light—to the zone of perpetual darkness—we find a variety of

atmosphere stabilizes the surface temperature of the earth within safe limits for life. If the earth were as small as the moon, about one fourth the diameter of the earth, the force of gravity would be too small to prevent the atmosphere and the water, both essential for temperature regulation, from being lost to outer space. It has been calculated that temperatures on the moon average 214° F. during the two-week-long day, and fall quickly to 243° F. below zero during the long night.

Were it not for the daily rotation of the earth on its polar axis, little of its surface would be habitable. In the case of Mercury, which rotates only once during its short year, so that the same side always faces the sun, temperatures on the one side are thought to be fatally

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living animals. If we go to the lands of eternal ice and snow, to the blistering tropical deserts, or to the caves of the earth we find a few hardy types that can withstand the rigors of these unfriendly environments. By contrast, in the forests of moist temperate or tropical regions, or a tropical coral strand, an amazing profusion of living things meets the eye—plants and animals of every description, life in all its glory.

We might think that life knows no limitations, that its vital processes, its chemistry, can adapt to any circumstances. But this is not true. There are a large number of specific requirements necessary for the existence of any life at all. Although a few forms of life are tolerant of a fairly wide range of environmental conditions, many are restricted to narrow limitations of temperature, moisture, salinity, et cetera. Indeed, for abundant and varied life as we know it, the requirements are legion. What are these requirements?

Temperature and the Atmosphere

Temperatures in the universe range from 459° below zero Fahrenheit (absolute zero on the Kelvin scale) to figures measured in millions of degrees—the temperature at the center of our sun, a star of modest size, is thought to be approximately 35,000,000° F. Life as we know it can function and reproduce within only a narrowly limited spread of less than 250° F. in this enormous range of temperature—approximately 60° F. below zero to 180° F. above. Most life functions within a tiny range of 100° F. or less, at which the varied chemical processes of life can proceed favorably. Even short-term variations from this limited range would result in the obliteration of life from the planet.

The intermediate position of the earth in the “temperate zone of the solar system, approximately 93 million miles from the sun, is just where it needs to be for maintaining temperatures within the very limited range in which life can exist and flourish. Temperature averages over most of its surface seldom exceed 100° F. or fall much below -40° F., the most favorable portion of the narrow zone of tolerance. Could it be merely a matter of chance that the earth’s thermostat is adjusted exactly right for life? The surface temperature of the planet Jupiter, 483 million miles from the sun, is thought to average approximately 200° F. below zero.

Together with the ocean, earth’s moisture-laden at-

high, and on the other they are thought to be unbearably low.

The earth’s atmosphere forms a protective blanket of life-supporting gases, which may extend upward for 1,000 miles. An intermediate layer with high concentrations of ozone, together with the earth’s magnetic field, is especially effective in shielding the earth from high-energy radiations that are particularly injurious to life. The millions of meteorites that daily enter the atmosphere at speeds of about 30 miles per second are nearly all burned in the atmosphere, which thus shields the earth’s surface from their deadly impact. If our earth were of much greater density, or immensely large, the atmosphere might be dangerously lowered in height by the increased gravity. Evaporation of water would be reduced.

Climate is a product of the atmosphere. Immense quantities of water, the life blood of the planet, are transported far inland and dropped as fresh water on the land in the form of rain, snow, mist, or dew. Otherwise, rivers and streams could not exist, and except along the sea shores, continents and islands would be lifeless deserts. Among the many functions of a moist atmosphere, is the quality that allows for the beautiful sunsets and cloud formations that nourish the aesthetic nature of man.

The Continents

There is an old saying, “You never appreciate the water until the well goes dry.” The proverb might be reversed for an equally appropriate application. We often take the existence of dry land, of continents and islands, for granted. But an earth formed by chance would not necessarily be expected to have enough surface relief—irregularity—to form islands, much less vast continents.

If the earth had a fairly smooth or even surface as might seem to be likely in a chance-formed planet, it would be covered by a shoreless ocean averaging nearly 9,000 feet deep; that is, a blanket of water more than one and two-thirds miles deep. If it had been a hot, molten body which wrinkled a bit on the surface as it cooled, the broad continental platforms largely restricted to one hemisphere would hardly be expected to result. As it is, the average altitude of land areas above sea level is 2,800 feet and the average depth of the ocean is 13,000 feet.

The formation of a world characterized by continental land areas and with a varied climate well suited to the life

of its creatures, and with shallow sea margins that provide an ideal habitat for a profusion of marine animals and plants that cannot live in deeper ocean waters, suggests to me a plan, and if a plan or design, then a Designer. The continued existence of suitable land habitats through time requires still further provision in the design of the earth. For those who believe that the earth was formed by chance four and a half to five billion years ago, and that no divine agency has intervened in shaping its surface for life either at that time or since, the problems of maintaining a suitable habitat may be well-nigh insuperable. Existing theories of long ages without any divine intervention or plan simply do not take into account much of the data.

When I say "continued existence" I am thinking in conventional geologic terms and concepts. We speak of the "everlasting hills," but this is within the perspective of the human life span. The hills and rocks of Palestine look much the same today as when the twelve apostles were treading the trails from the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem; yet even so, there is slow but steady change. All land areas, including the most resistant rock exposures, undergo gradual surface decomposition or disintegration, and slowly weather away. The most active agents include gravity, wind, water, ice, snow, chemical action, and temperature changes.

Weathered materials are carried away by water, wind, or gravity to lower areas and eventually to the ocean deeps. Thus we see that the land is gradually lowering and the seas are becoming filled. The average rate today is slow. At the present rate it would take about 9,000 years to strip one foot off the surface of the United States. True enough, within a few thousand years any changes would be hardly perceptible, but—remember—we are evaluating a theory that calls for more than 4 billion years—that is, 4 thousand million years.

At the minimal average present-day rate of one foot in 9,000 years, every trace of land would have washed into the oceans many times during the 2 billion years or more during which it is supposed that life has been present on this planet. At this slow, average rate more than 222,000 feet or 42 vertical miles would be stripped off the land. Even though the seas are a little more than twice as extensive as present land area, based on present-day land-to-water ratio, the deposited sediments should have caused the oceans to rise by close to 18 miles. This is a total of 60 miles of relative

A Letter From Our President

DEAR FELLOW BELIEVERS:

No people have ever been so fortunate as Seventh-day Adventists in the wealth of instruction, information, and guidance that has come to them. Over an extended period of more than 70 years, the messenger of the Lord carefully wrote out what had been shown to her for the guidance and admonition of the people of the Advent Movement. Here is counsel for the church as a whole in the conduct of its varied activities, as well as admonition and advice for the individual members. Over 50 volumes are now available bearing the name of Ellen G. White as their author.

The question may be asked, Why should we emphasize the writings of Sister White, give so much prominence to her works, and constantly urge all to diligently read what she has written--when we exalt the Bible as the word of God, the foundation of our faith, and assert that it alone is sufficient to make us wise unto salvation? We have been accused of putting her writings in place of the Sacred Scriptures, yes, even putting them above the Bible. This charge we emphatically deny and can do no better than to quote Sister White herself on this point: "The Testimonies are not to take the place of the Word."--Evangelism, p. 256. The relationship of these writings to the Bible is simply and beautifully set forth thus: "Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light."--Colporteur Ministry, p. 125.

Anyone even casually reading what she has written cannot but be impressed with her continued reference to the Scriptures and to her oft-repeated admonition to take the Scriptures as one's rule of faith and practice. We quote again, from Early Writings, p. 78: "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged."

We are living in days when the enemy is endeavoring desperately to deceive the faithful and to destroy their confidence in God and in His work, for "he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). These are days of spiritual indifference and spirit-

dropping of the continents in relation to sea level—obviously impossible without repeated land uplift. The average altitude of the continents is only a little more than one-half mile above sea level (2,800 feet), or three miles above the average (-13,000 feet) sea bottom. Mount Everest would need to be re-elevated to its present height more than 10 times if it were to escape eventual disappearance beneath a shoreless ocean. And this time span is less than half of the estimated age of the planet, less than two thirds of the time during which it is often speculated that habitats suitable for life existed.

Furthermore, the erosion rate used for these calculations is far slower than is evidently necessary for the quality of fossil preservation existing in many rock strata. To be preserved as fossils,

most animals and plants must be covered fairly rapidly or they completely disintegrate, leaving no trace. For a chance origin of an earth with continents to begin with, and then the chance origin of a mechanism that would cause the maintenance of these continents during eons of time without any divine provision or intervention, seems to me to be asking too much of "chance." The evidence clearly suggests to me that the crust of the earth was designed for life. When a thoughtful student recognizes in the earth the plan of a Master Designer the multitude of features that fit our planet for the continued existence of life take on new perspective and meaning.


Let us turn aside briefly at this point from a strict consideration of design. We shall return to that topic again

ual confusion, days when deceptions and delusions abound and the voice of the false prophet is often heard in the land. God's people need to be alert now as never before. They need to be forewarned and fortified in God's truth. If it is possible, Jesus said, the enemy will deceive the very elect. How fortunate therefore that right now, in the midst of all this confusion, deception, and turmoil, we have not only the Word of God but also that lesser light that constantly leads to the greater light, and that so effectively warns against the deception of Satan.

Eighty-eight years ago the messenger of the Lord wrote of her work, "'The Lord has seen fit to give me a view of the needs and errors of His people'"--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 661. These words of instruction, warning, and guidance have kept God's people united as they pursued their pilgrim journey. It has kept them in the middle of the road and steadily moving forward. Had it not been for this binding influence, such a rugged individualistic and independently-minded people as largely constitute this church would have scattered in all directions long before now. This has happened to other movements that began with even greater promise of success. When occasionally some "bright light" among us veered off and sought to lead the movement in his peculiar direction, the body of believers have passed him, and his light has gone out in darkness.

Today, more than ever, we must be found earnest students of the Word of God, and diligent readers of the special messages of counsel and admonition that God has so graciously sent this people. These messages that have been so faithfully recorded, keep God's people united and moving together. They warn against delusions and pitfalls. They exalt the Word of God not only as the man of our counsel but they also make plain its great truths and apply them in a practical way to everyday living. He who regularly reads the writings of the messenger of the Lord learns to love and diligently pursue the Book of all books, the Bible.

To encourage a deeper appreciation of this gift to the church and a wider reading of the messages that have come to us as a people, a special day is annually designated as Spirit of Prophecy Day. This year the day is May 14. We urge that all churches and church members observe the day as suggested in the program supplied.



President, General Conference

shortly. We have been considering the rocks of the continents. What of the fossils preserved in such rocks? If we go to the lowest, presumably the oldest, rock layers where any appreciable numbers of fossils are found (the Cambrian strata), what kinds of animals and plants do you think we would find? The answer is not surprising to one who believes that God created life, but it is an enigma to the evolutionist. The facts are that a great variety of complex animals belonging to many of the existing major groups are found. The missing links—or gaps—between the various major types of animals and plants are not bridged by series of intermediate forms such as one might expect if evolution were the true origin of life. The common term "missing links" implies that only single links are missing. This is not true. No one of the major groups could be connected with any other major group without a whole series of

steps. Not a single link but a series of links separate the major groups from one another.

Of course, negative evidence, absence of connecting links in the fossil record, cannot be taken as absolute proof that such links never existed. It is true that some of the higher types of life, particularly land life, are not present, but here again absence is not a proof that such animals and plants did not exist. Furthermore, these deposits are dominantly sea deposits, and one would not necessarily expect to find land animals and plants preserved in sea deposits. The one who believes in the evolutionary theory of origins must suppose that there is a long period prior to the time when these fossils were laid down in which the evolution of the major groups occurred. There is no satisfactory explanation as to why the supposed evolutionary lines leading to the basic types were not preserved. If such

primitive and intermediate series of types between the major groups ever did exist, one might expect to find at least a few such links preserved in the fossil record.

This is not the total picture, and there are unanswered questions regardless of which view of origins a person holds. But in my estimation there are more unanswered questions for the evolutionist than there are for the one who believes in divine Creation. Furthermore, when we look at the intricacies, the remarkable design evident in even the simplest living systems, again we have evidence of a Master Designer of incomparable ability.

(Concluded next week)

Snowbound

By Elaine Farenkopf

Several weeks ago we were snowed in. Our town was declared to be in a state of emergency. Schools and factories were closed; newspapers could not be brought in from a nearby city. Corner stores were quickly sold out of bread and milk. Meetings and appointments were canceled, and people were forced to stay home.

As I sat thinking about the situation, I realized that the usual busy pace of the community had been greatly slowed down. Being unable to change the situation, people relaxed and tried to make the best of it. They had to find their entertainment at home. This brought families closer together, and encouraged them to do things they may not have been able to do together for a long time.

Being unable to get more food, families had to conserve what they had. They became more willing to share with one another and with their neighbors. Family members were more content to eat leftovers. They were thankful for what they had. People seemed to put more trust and faith in God to provide for their needs.

When the roads had been cleared, I observed that motorists were more willing to obey traffic laws. They drove slowly and cautiously. They did not become impatient as they had frequently done in the summer, when they had to inch along behind big trucks.

Drivers seemed more willing to help other drivers who could not start their cars or get out of the snow.

Being snowed in brought families and neighbors into closer fellowship and brotherhood. It made them more respectful of the rights of others.

In all of the experiences of life God would teach precious lessons. May we not forget the lessons of the snow as quickly as the snow melts!

The Art of Living..... when



A Time for Favors

TO BE awakened at night out of a sound sleep by the insistent ringing of the telephone is rather shattering. Being somewhat apprehensive by nature, I'm always sure that tragic news is at the other end of the line. (That's happened to me twice, so my apprehensions are somewhat justified.)

There are those confused seconds when you're struggling to emerge from your befuddled, foggy state, when you're trying to locate the telephone—did it *move* from the bedside table?—when you're trying to quiet the panicky pounding of your heart, when you're endeavoring to pull yourself into some semblance of rationality. After all this, I, for one, am anything but elated to hear a chirpy voice on the other end of the line say: "I'm the leader of—, and I'm responsible for the program this week. I'm wondering if you'd be willing to . . ."

At this point I'm not willing to do anything except commit a small amount of mayhem on the owner of the chirpy voice. (I'm not serious; mayhem would be both unchristian and illegal!) Usually the chirper goes on, a plaintive note creeping into "its" voice, "I *know* I should have called you sooner . . ."

I'm mentally echoing a fervent agreement. If not "sooner," at least at a more propitious time.

Well, I don't always flatly refuse to confer a favor merely because I've been startled nearly witless, and because I realize that my night's much-needed sleep is now a lost cause. It's

you're young

by Miriam Hood

just that what would seem quite possible and logical from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. seems completely impossible and illogical after 10:00 P.M. I'm too confused to figure out even the simple mechanics of how I'll get to the appointment or what I'll say (worth hearing), or what I can write, that's usable.

Now this discussion isn't about bedtimes; it's about "favor-times." Or, to put it more precisely, let's talk about proper times for asking favors.

To begin with, a favor is just what the word implies; it is distinctly *not* an obligation. Therefore, it can be bestowed or withheld at the desire of the individual. Nowadays much is written on salesmanship, and how to influence others, and how to achieve your objectives in personal and professional relationships. Well, I'd like to suggest that a careful study of the technique of asking favors may be very much in order. There are a few basic rules that should be observed—very basic!

First, never interrupt either sleep or meals. People are simply not at their best when this happens. I realize that bedtimes vary, but personally I feel it's unsafe *ever* to telephone a request for a favor after 9:00 P.M. A precipitate dash from the tub or

shower doesn't put one in the most good-will-toward-all frame of mind, you know. And we've already talked about the disastrous effect of shattered sleep. There's another factor here—the one of fatigue. People are simply more tired late at night. They don't feel "up" to fulfilling a taxing request.

It's difficult to know just when people will be eating, since mealtimes vary, but surely it's only common courtesy to ask whether you're interrupting a meal—or interrupting anything else, for that matter. (I remember hearing one crass individual airily remark, "I always call people at mealtimes; I'm pretty sure I'll find them at home!")

When you're telephoning professional people at their offices it's safe to assume that they're always busy. In fact, any other assumption is ridiculous. Personal acquaintance may get you safely by the secretary, but don't presume on it, please! This is no time to engage in animated chatter about long-lost friends or long-ago fun.

This same rule holds if you've tracked your victim to his lair and are engaged in a face-to-face interview. Be short and crisp. Make sure you remember where the door is located. It won't have moved since you came through it on your way in.

There are many other inappropriate times for asking favors; when people are dodging traffic in the middle of the street (this has actually happened to me—a sudden "Yoo-hoo! Would you be willing to . . .") at great risk to life and limb; when friends are engaged in serious conversation ("Please stop talking so I can ask a favor")—well, you can complete the list for yourself.

Solomon assures us that there's a time for everything under the sun. If I may indulge in a bit of eisegesis, let me suggest that this includes a proper time for asking favors.

Unseen Germs at Work

By Thora Blake

IT HAS been proved that tuberculosis germs may enter the human body at any time. The person never sees or feels them enter, and is totally unaware of their presence. The body, however, discovers their presence and immediately creates little plasticlike shells around each germ and thus imprisons it so it cannot harm the body.

If the body weakens because of a lack of certain foods, overwork, or some disease, and is not able to keep its prisoners in their shells, then the little fellows crack their shells and creep quietly out into the body and go to work.

How like Satan they are! They creep in unawares. They are so tiny

that they cannot be seen by the eye. Neither can Christian boys or girls, men or women, see the devices and plans with which Satan is surrounding them, nor the ideas slipped cunningly into their minds by him. Nor are they aware of the pleasant associations that often leave their sin germs.

When we are spiritually weak because we have been indifferent about private or public prayer, or about daily reading from God's Word, when we have been absent from church when we could have been present, and when our spirituality reaches a low ebb, then the shells begin to crack and the sin germs go to work—so silently that no one sees or hears them. But sin is let loose and is working.

It isn't until tuberculosis is well developed that a person notices certain

symptoms and discovers he has the disease. It isn't until the sin germ has developed to a considerable extent that a boy or girl, man or woman, realizes that he is seriously sin-sick.

Then he must go to Jesus for a cure, as a tubercular patient goes to his doctor. When released from the hospital, how carefully he must watch so that he doesn't get into a run-down condition again and the body be unable to create protective shells around the germs.

By a close walk with Jesus through prayer, Bible study, careful obedience to God's commands, regular church attendance, and earnest daily prayer for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we can keep the sin germs enclosed in a prison shell and they will be unable to harm us.

Helen's Friend

By Maryane Myers

HELEN lived in the country with her parents. A mile down the road was grandmother's house, and for a long time Helen had wanted to go to see her—all by herself. For a while mother had thought that Helen was too young to make the trip alone. But one morning she told her she could go if she would come home before dark.

The little girl was so happy she could hardly eat breakfast. At last the final bite of cereal was eaten, and Helen jumped up from the table and kissed her mother good-by.

"Do you want me to walk to the road with you?" mother asked, following her to the front door.

Helen shook her head. "Oh, no! I want to walk alone all the way."

Walking down the road, Helen decided that it was the nicest day she had ever seen. A few days before there had been a cloudburst, flooding streams and creeks. But today everything looked dewy-fresh, and the road was firm and dry. There were flowers beside the road, and Helen stopped to pick a bouquet of yellow blossoms.

Helen was having a wonderful time. Now that she could no longer see her own house she felt very much alone and very grown-up. It was a happy feeling. The road was winding down-



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Helen wanted to walk alone all the way.

"Hold Fast"

The timely admonition "Hold fast" appears seven times in the New Testament. It is an excellent admonition for us to keep in mind in these days of sagging morals. We are now witnessing the most significant events since our Lord lived on earth, events that are preparing the way for His second coming.

Editors of our daily newspapers are echoing the declarations of Bible prophets regarding the decline and fall of modern empires. These significant statements are from a single newspaper:

"Permanency of empires, or republics—whatever their political form or constitution—is a delusion."

"More large empires have been wrecked in the first half of the twentieth century than in any previous hundred years in history."

"The French Empire is tottering. It will be added to the long list of vanishing empires of man, whose deluded rulers or governing forces dreamed that their might and power and glory would never come to an end."

"The British indignantly protest that their empire is not broken, passing, or declining. So did the Romans vehemently deny that the great Roman Empire was nearing its end."

What of the United States of America? The answer to that question was given some years ago by the late Sumner Welles, of our State Department, when he remarked, "America is rotting down."

In the midst of all the uncertainty, confusion, apprehension, fear, and dread of the future that we see and hear and read about, we, as God's men and women, are to "hold fast" to the great securities revealed in His blessed Book. How thankful we are for the most certain of all securities, not the transient, fleeting ones of earth but the everlasting securities promised by our Lord.

"Hold fast the confidence . . . firm unto the end" (Heb. 3:6). Let us build up our confidence and hope with the wonderful promises of the Word, and the helpful counsel in such books as *The Desire of Ages*.

ERNEST LLOYD

hill, and she skipped along merrily.

"Helen! Helen! Wait for me!" someone called.

She recognized the voice and skipped faster.

"Helen, wait and I'll walk with you!"

The voice belonged to Tom. Nobody seemed to like him, none of the children, that is, because he never had anything interesting to say. He just asked endless questions and had a silly laugh.

Someone had told Helen that he had to drop out of school when he was a boy because he couldn't understand the lessons. He was a young man now, and helped his father with farm work. But most of the neighbors called him Dumb Tom when he wasn't within hearing distance. Helen's parents thought it was very cruel, and told her never to do it. But she did when they were not listening.

The young man soon caught up with her and walked beside her.

"Where are you going?"

She shook her head.

There was that silly laugh. "I can guess. You're going to your grandma's house."

Helen pretended not to hear him and hoped he would leave at the next farm road.

"There's lots of water in the creek today," he said. "Think I'll walk to

the bridge with you to see if it is all right. There were some loose boards when it flooded. Could be dangerous."

"I'd rather that you didn't," Helen told him curtly. "If the bridge can hold up a car it won't go down under my weight." Without waiting to say good-by she ran across the bridge, almost tripping over a board.

Helen's grandmother was surprised and pleased to see her. They had a fine visit together. But on the way home it began to rain and Helen was dripping wet when she reached her front gate.

That night she had a bad earache. The pain was so great that she could hardly bear it. No matter what mother did the pain grew worse. Then to make Helen even more unhappy, she heard Tom's voice in the kitchen.

"I'll be right back," he said. "I have some medicine at home that will help Helen."

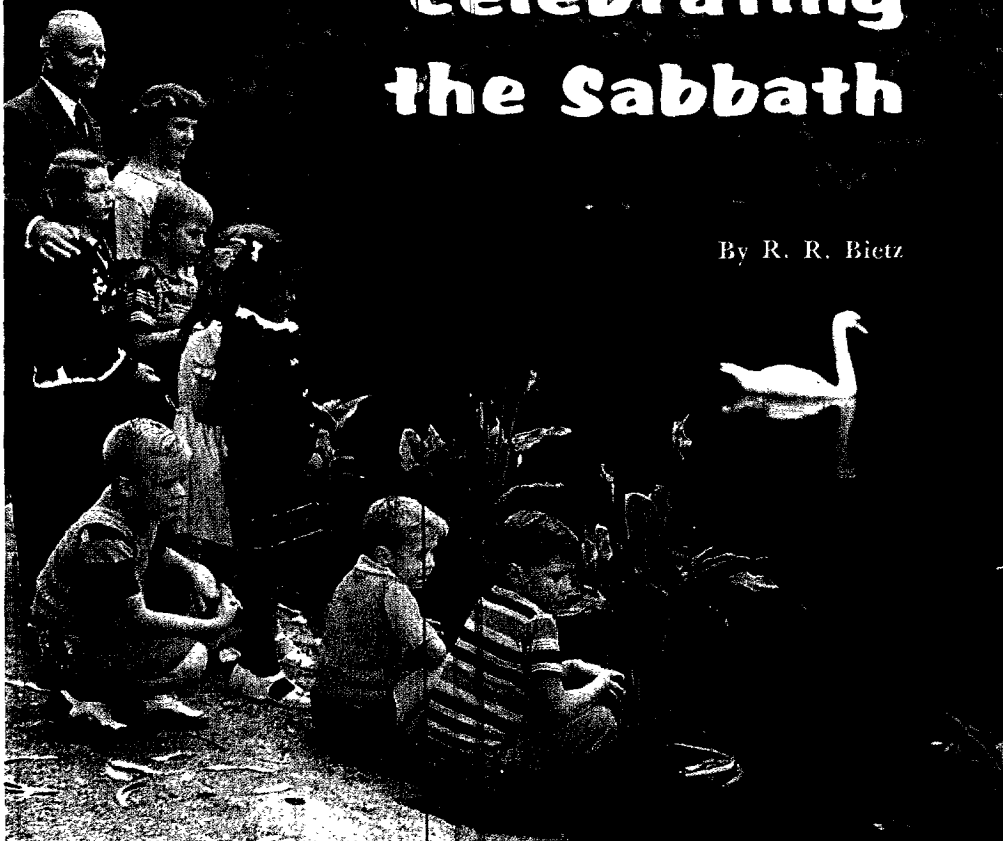
In a short time he was back again with something warm to put in the girl's ear. Gradually the pain subsided and Helen went to sleep.

The next day she thought of Tom and his kindness. She felt ashamed that she had been rude to him and called him names behind his back.

"I'll never do it again," she promised herself. "He is a good neighbor. And I'll be a good neighbor too."

Celebrating the Sabbath

By R. R. Bietz



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THROUGH the years many thousands have accepted the Sabbath truth, until today there are more than 1.5 million Seventh-day Adventists scattered in practically every nook and corner of the world. These keep the seventh-day Sabbath because they have found it in their hearts to obey the command of God that says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 20:8-11).

The position of the church that the seventh-day Sabbath is the true Sabbath of the Lord is well supported in the Word of God. About this there is no doubt. The question is not whether it is the right day, but whether we observe it in the right spirit. In the days of Christ many made the mistake of making the Sabbath a yoke of bondage by their many man-made rules and regulations. Today there is danger of going to the other extreme and disregarding the standards of Sabbathkeeping, thus making this holy day just another holiday. In a day when emphasis is upon the material things of life, and people are madly rushing to and fro on the earth, it is easy to forget the true spirit of Sabbathkeeping.

True Sabbathkeeping involves not only the Sabbath day itself but also the day of preparation—Friday. "The day before the Sabbath should be made a day of preparation, that every thing may be in readiness for its sacred hours. . . . Many carelessly put off till the beginning of the Sabbath little things that might have been done on the day of preparation. This should not be."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 296.

Not only should we take care of such items as the preparation of food and clothing but, above all, the heart needs to be prepared properly to receive the Sabbath day blessings. "On this day all differences between brethren, whether in the family or in the church, should be put away. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 356.

The Preparation Day

Speaking of the preparation day, it is of interest to note what the renowned Jewish scholar Abraham Joshua Heschel has to say: "It is incumbent on every man to be very zealous in making the Sabbath day preparations, to be prompt and intelligent as a man who has heard that the Queen is coming to lodge at his house, or that the bride and her en-

tire entourage are coming to his home. What would such a man do? He would rejoice greatly and exclaim, 'What a great honor they do me by their coming to dwell under my roof.' He would say to his servants, 'Arrange the house, clean and tidy it and prepare the beds in honor for the arrival and I will go to purchase the bread, meat and fish, whatever I can obtain to honor.' Such a man will busy himself in the preparation of Sabbath food even though he have a thousand servants."—*The Sabbath*, p. 33.

Altogether too often we rush about frantically on Friday until sundown and even into the hours of the Sabbath to get our work done. Thus the Sabbath comes in, not like a gentle breeze, but like a loud, destructive tornado. Starting the Sabbath day in this manner usually means that the rest of the Sabbath hours will continue in turmoil. We are told: "Before the setting of the sun let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 356.

Plan Wisely

Sabbathkeeping, however, consists of more than preparation on Friday. We must plan wisely for the observance of the Sabbath day itself. We are told that "the Sabbath is a special day for worship in the home and in the church, a day of joy to ourselves and our children, a day in which to learn more of God through the Bible and the great lesson book of nature. It is a time to visit the sick and to work for the salvation of souls. The ordinary affairs of the six working days should be laid aside. No unnecessary work should be performed. Secular reading or secular radio broadcasts should not occupy our time on God's holy day."—*Church Manual*, p. 198.

Because the Sabbath day is holy and sanctified and set apart for spiritual blessings, it is only natural that all secular matters should be laid aside. On this day we should contemplate His creative power as manifested in nature and in our own lives. It goes without saying, then, that on this holy day we would hardly want to spend our time in cars speeding from Dan to Beer-sheba, or motoring to crowded beaches and joining the "mixed multitude." Under these circumstances it would be rather difficult to pray, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." To listen to baseball games on Sabbath would not contribute anything to spiritual growth either. Such an environment would hardly be conducive to Sabbathkeeping.

Too often we seek rest, strength, and repose in the transient and unsatisfying worldly pleasures of life.

We drive ourselves to make merry, to play, to pursue pleasure, anything that for the moment will submerge and drug into submission our cares and worries. We forget that Christ said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Travel on the Sabbath

Ministers of the gospel need to be careful that they don't spend most of their Sabbath hours in cars or planes. One can now cross the continent in just a few hours. It would seem that 3,000 miles is more than a Sabbath day's journey. If we do find it absolutely necessary to travel great distances on the Sabbath—occasions that should be few and far between—let us make sure that all necessary arrangements have been made before the Sabbath day begins. We should read from time to time the instruction in Isaiah 58:13, 14:

"If you turn away your foot from [traveling unduly on] the sabbath, from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a (spiritual) delight, the holy day of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor Him and it, not going your own way or seeking or finding your own pleasure, or speaking with your own idle words; then shall you delight yourself in the Lord, and I will make you to ride on the high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage promised for you to Jacob your father; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it" (*The Amplified Old Testament*).*

I have often wondered why some families make it a habit to go to restaurants quite regularly for their Sabbath noon meal. It would seem that the home with an atmosphere of sacred music would be a more refreshing place to enjoy a Sabbath meal. The argument is used that going to a restaurant eliminates a lot of work for the family because there is no food to prepare, and there are no dishes to wash. However, if we would prepare for the Sabbath on Friday, Sabbath work would be held to a minimum. Furthermore, if we don't believe that we should work on the Sabbath, why should we go to a restaurant and create work for others?

The Joy of Worship

To make the Sabbath a delight does not mean that we will have to motor to some isolated place in the desert or mountains or lakes. There is no delight that can take the place of the joy that children, young people, and adults experience in genuine worship in the house of the Lord. Our

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children have a longing for the spiritual. Desert and mountain air is good. However, we must remember that more than good air is needed to satisfy the spiritual needs of adults and children. There is no substitute for the joy of redemptive fellowship with the family on the Sabbath day in the house of the Lord. The Lord invites us to go to church and hearken diligently unto Him, and to eat that which is good and delight our souls in fatness (Isa. 55:2).

Having said this, let me hasten to say that it certainly is good Sabbath-keeping for the family to spend time in God's outdoors on the Sabbath. To study nature is always a wonderful Sabbath blessing. Wherever and whenever this can be done on Sabbath afternoon it should not be neglected. My only plea is that this not become a substitute for attending church services and entering into corporate worship.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer wrote: "From the services in which I joined as a child, I have taken with me into life a feeling for what is solemn and a need for quiet and self-recollection, without which I cannot realize the meaning of life. I cannot therefore support the opinion of those who would not let children take part in grown-up people's services till they, to some extent, understand them. The important thing is not that they shall understand, but that they shall feel something of what is serious and solemn. The fact that the child sees his elders full of devotion and has to feel something of devotion himself, that is what gives the service its meaning for him."—In David Elton Trueblood, *Recovery of Family Life*, p. 115.

High Point of the Week

Speaking about the Sabbath, Dr. Heschel says, "It needs the companionship of all other days. All the days of the week must be spiritually consistent with the day of days. All our life should be a pilgrimage to the seventh day. The thought and appreciation of what this day may bring to us should be ever present in our minds, for the Sabbath is the counterpoint of living, the melody sustained through all agitations and vicissitudes which menace our conscience, our awareness of God's presence in the world."—*The Sabbath*, p. 88.

The Sabbath is a reminder of two worlds—this present temporal world, and the eternal world to come. The Sabbath is an example of both. It speaks to us not only about joy, holiness, and rest here but of the more significant and lasting joy, rest, and holiness in the world to come.

We are told that "the Sabbath is

not intended to be a period of useless inactivity. The law forbids secular labor on the rest day of the Lord; the toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon that day; but as God ceased His labor of creating, and rested upon the Sabbath and blessed it, so man is to leave the occupations of his daily life, and devote those sacred hours to *healthful rest, to worship, and to holy deeds*."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 207.

It is stated further: "The necessities of life must be attended to, the sick must be cared for, the wants of the needy must be supplied. He will not be held guiltless who neglects to relieve suffering on the Sabbath."—*Ibid*. Many must do some work on the Sabbath day. The nurses in our hospitals must look after the needs of those who are ill. There are others who have to work in our institutions to provide services for the patients. The doctor must be on duty to save life. The mother must feed her family. The farmer must care for his cattle. However, we should all search our hearts earnestly, asking whether we are putting forth diligent effort to attend the Sabbath services and confine our work to the kind God can approve, and hold that to a minimum.

Dangers to Avoid

There are some very real dangers, particularly for doctors whose work is often urgent. To neglect public worship continually is a serious mistake. To visit the sick, to labor to relieve the suffering, "was pronounced by our Saviour a work of mercy, and no violation of the Sabbath." But we are also told: "When you regularly devote your Sabbaths to writing or labor, making no special change, you harm your own soul, give to others an example that is not worthy of imitation, and do not honor God."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 368.

What a wonderful privilege is ours, and how thankful we should be that God in His mercy has provided a Sabbath day for our spiritual edification and strength.

The Sabbath is not only a date; it is an atmosphere. It is a day that ennobles the soul. Whether we are in church worshiping or outdoors, everything we do or say should be a means to greater spiritual strength and joy in the Lord.

A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content,

And health for the toils of the morrow;

But a Sabbath profan'd, whatso'er may be gain'd,

Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

—MATTHEW HALE

From the Editors



This Issue of the Review

This special issue of the REVIEW presents a variety of new literary flowers and shrubs for landscaping the garden of the mind, in the form of books recently issued by our three major publishing houses in North America. You will find the same number of pages devoted to inspirational articles and mission reports as usual. May these lift your eyes to the eternal hills of God's Word, and to the distant horizon of the Advent cause throughout the world. As for the special features of this spring color number, peruse them as you may have perused a scintillating garden catalog earlier this spring. You marveled at this or that item that appealed to you, trying to imagine how it would look growing in your garden. Eventually, you made out an order for your prize selections. May this invigorating experience be yours again as you turn the pages of this special number of the REVIEW.

Jews Plan to Proselyte

Recently the forty-eighth biennial session of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which represents the wing known as Reformed Jews, passed a resolution to seek to "win converts to Judaism." The item was worthy of front-page space in the newspapers, we believe, but it did not receive that kind of publicity, if indeed it received any. There were two facts, at least, that made it genuine news. In the first place, as the Ecumenical Press Service informs us: "Proselytizing has not been a practice of the Jews since the year 315, when Roman Emperor Constantine I prohibited it under the penalty of death." The result has been that increasingly through the centuries, owing to the fear in the hearts of Jews and the hostility toward them, the Jewish people have tended to withdraw more and more into themselves. The second significant fact is that this resolution to seek converts is made in the context of the great move toward ecumenism on the part of the religious world. It might be mentioned in passing that at this forty-eighth biennial session there were present, for the first time, official Roman Catholic and Protestant observers.

In view of the presence of these observers, we tip our hat to these Reformed Jews, though we are sure they know that we would not be a likely proselyte. We like men and organizations who will go forward to fulfill what they believe is a high duty, despite a great trend in the opposite direction. If they believe that they are the custodians and depositories of a system of truth superior to Christianity, why should they not, with good reason, seek to enlarge its borders, to share its good things with others? Accept their premise that their religious system is better, and the resolution they voted is the only resolution they ought to have voted. Why have they so long delayed?

Fuzzy, Sentimental Thinking

There has been much fuzzy, sentimental thinking going on increasingly as a by-product of the ecumenical movement. It has become just bad manners today in the thinking of a great multitude of Christian leadership to call attention to denominational differences. Apparently we should blur them out and try to go along

together on the lowest common denominator. It sounds very irenic at first, almost like the counsel of the angels—the good angels. But second thought makes us inquire, Can we build strong churches by operating on the least common denominator? Have churchmen suddenly advanced to the great realization that much that their fathers thought was significant is not significant at all? Who made them so much wiser?

It has always seemed to us, particularly in these days of ecumenism, that a religious body ought either to feel that it is the custodian of certain vital Christian truths, or else it should abandon trying to draw anyone into its particular orbit. Or, to put it this way, If a church body feels that it has the solemn custodianship of certain distinctive, vital Christian truths, why is it not out actively, in season and out of season, seeking to win men to its viewpoint, and thus to its ranks? Or, to take the reverse of it, If a church no longer feels that it has this special custodial task, why does it not set out to dissolve its unique subdivision in Christendom? The ultimate genius of ecumenism is to reduce the number of different religious bodies. Of course, many good church people would be frightened if they realized that the ultimate objective of ecumenism can be nought else than one great church. But pray tell, what else could it be? All the protests to the contrary notwithstanding.

Again, we say, we tip our hat to the Reformed Jews. At the same time we feel sad that they have not accepted the greatest of Abraham's descendants in the flesh, and thus cannot avail themselves of the saving power of the promised Messiah. No, we could not join them, but we commend their rational and logical decision to proselyte.

A Footnote

We think it proper to add a kind of footnote to the news item we have here discussed: Let no Adventist become confused as to the reason for the existence of the Advent Movement in the world. We are not here simply to create one more church in the world. We *do* have a distinctive message that we should give to all men. It is that belief that started the movement on its way, and has kept it on its way. We cannot be a party to the ecumenical movement; that is evident. We may love those in it. We may willingly grant that they are seeking to do the will of God as they see it. But we cannot go with them, for we see matters differently.

Let us never, in the interests of harmony, peace, and good fellowship, weaken the distinctiveness of our message or the vigor with which we promote it. Because we should use grace, good manners, and rare wisdom in presenting our message, it does not mean that we should muffle the presentation or reduce it in any way. It is not sufficient that we add to the church by the baptism of the children of our members. We have a message not only for our children but for all mankind. We wish to take with us to heaven not only our sons and daughters but a great multitude besides. Let us renew our vow as a church and as local churches to carry on with renewed zeal, unabashed and ardent, our freely confessed program of proselyting. The dictionary tells us that to proselyte is to seek to win others to your belief. If that *isn't* our purpose, pray tell, why do we exist? And if that *is* our purpose, why hesitate to confess that we are proselyters? Personally, we have always

joyously confessed it, declaring to men that we believe that we have the most glorious message in the world and that we do not wish selfishly to keep it to ourselves.

F. D. N.

The Court and Pornography

The U.S. Supreme Court startled the nation's purveyors of smut recently when it upheld the conviction of Ralph Ginzburg on a charge of using the mails to distribute obscene printed matter. It also broadened the test by which material may be judged obscene, declaring that the publisher's motives enter the picture. Not surprisingly on a controversial issue of this kind, the Court split five to four in rendering the decision. Ginzburg must now serve a five-year sentence in a Federal penitentiary, and pay fines totaling \$42,000.

The National Observer (March 28) points out that "the implications of this decision are large. Defining obscenity has always been a legal nightmare—practically an impossibility. For this reason many prosecutors have given up trying to get obscenity convictions because the courts tended to throw out all but the hardest hard-core cases. But from now on, when obscenity is in doubt, the prosecutor has only to show that the defendant pandered to human lust—a far easier assignment."

Voices immediately were raised protesting that the Court's decision impinges upon the guarantees of the First Amendment. But these outcries received little support, for in the 1957 *Roth vs. United States* case the Court affirmed that obscenity is not protected by those sections of the Constitution which guard free speech and press.

While recognizing the dangers that always accompany censorship, and the difficulty of defining obscenity, we cannot but applaud the Court's decision. Too long have the merchants of filth grown rich by exploiting human weakness. Too long have elemental standards of decency been flouted by greedy writers and publishers. Too long have the peddlers of pornography had a free hand to subvert impressionable youth.

Reading Influences Conduct

Those who engage in this depraving traffic claim that there is no direct relationship between the rising rate of sex crimes and the literary trash that pours from the nation's presses. While it is true that a coercive causal relationship cannot be established between the two, it seems obvious that what one reads helps influence his conduct. Further, it is a well-accepted principle of literature that the reader must be able to identify with the characters of the story. This being so, readers of paperbacks by the millions are engaging vicariously in all kinds of sex experiences, including numerous revolting aberrations. What a tremendous effect this must have not only on the mind and character but on the conduct!

Albert J. McAloon, a sociologist who is executive secretary of the official Rhode Island Commission on Youth, says: "From my studies in psychology, literature, history, and mental hygiene, I am convinced that this assault on impressionable young minds through distorted human actions is causing grave problems in mental hygiene. To my mind, a child has enough to do just growing up, especially in adolescence, and is deeply hurt down deep in the psyche when he reads, views, and indulges in stories, films, or photographs which ridicule honesty, chastity, continence, or those values which keep us above animal living. It is also important to note that in the past year great stress has been laid upon homosexuality in paperback books; this and the undue prominence given over to violence certainly

threatens our mental health."—Quoted in *Christianity Today*, October 25, 1963.

We are not naive enough to think that the Supreme Court's decision will automatically clean up the displays of paperback in drugstores, airport terminals, and other distribution centers. We do think it will startle the peddlers of erotic literature sufficiently so that they will pull back a bit rather than escalate their attempts to flood the market with pornography.

In the final analysis, of course, material that appeals to the public's prurient interests would disappear with amazing speed if people refused to buy. The best solution of the pornography problem is to elevate the public's taste in literature so that there will be no demand for the low, the cheap, the sordid. Here is a challenge to the home, the school, and the church. It is a challenge that demands the full commitment and best efforts of every Christian.

K. H. W.

A Significant Conference—1

Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, characterized it as "the greatest theological event in the Western Hemisphere in our day." None of those who participated in the International Conference on the Theological Issues of Vatican II on the university campus the week of March 20 to 26 would disagree. This was the inaugural event for the palatial new Center for Continuing Education given to Notre Dame by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. In design and in furnishings its main conference auditorium—which seats approximately 400—is a miniature United Nations assembly room, complete with personalized intercommunication and four-language translation facilities to accommodate 60 participants.

Most important of all, however, was the presence of an international team of 20 first-line Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Jewish theologians. It was an all-star cast, ecumenical as well as international in character, which included a number of the conciliar experts who had key roles in drafting the Vatican Council documents and later in amending them to meet the collective mind of the council fathers. The 34 addresses presented during the week centered on seven of the 16 documents processed by the council, with special emphasis on their theological significance. In essence, the conference papers converged on the fact that the Vatican Council has charted a bold and challenging new course for Roman Catholic theology, and then set out to estimate the direction and thrust of this "new theology." Eight of the papers, presented by non-Catholic theologians, expressed the respective Protestant, Orthodox, and Jewish viewpoints.

Following the reading of prepared papers at each session—morning, afternoon, and night—a period was devoted to oral and written questions and comments by a panel consisting of 40 Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, and Jewish experts. Probably no broader cross section of responsible theological thought has ever been assembled for a specifically theological working session in one place at one time.

A brief summary of the perspective provided by the conference will, we believe, be of interest to REVIEW readers.

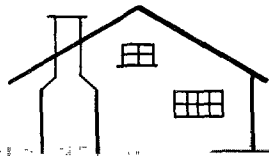
We shall confine our remarks to six points of major interest to Seventh-day Adventists: the new emphasis on Scripture as the basis of the new Catholic theology, the new ecumenical posture of the church, religious freedom, liturgical reform, the nature of the church, and theological studies. We will consider these one by one during the next few weeks, and conclude with observations on their significance for us as Seventh-day Adventists.

R. F. C.



For Homemakers

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Our Mother

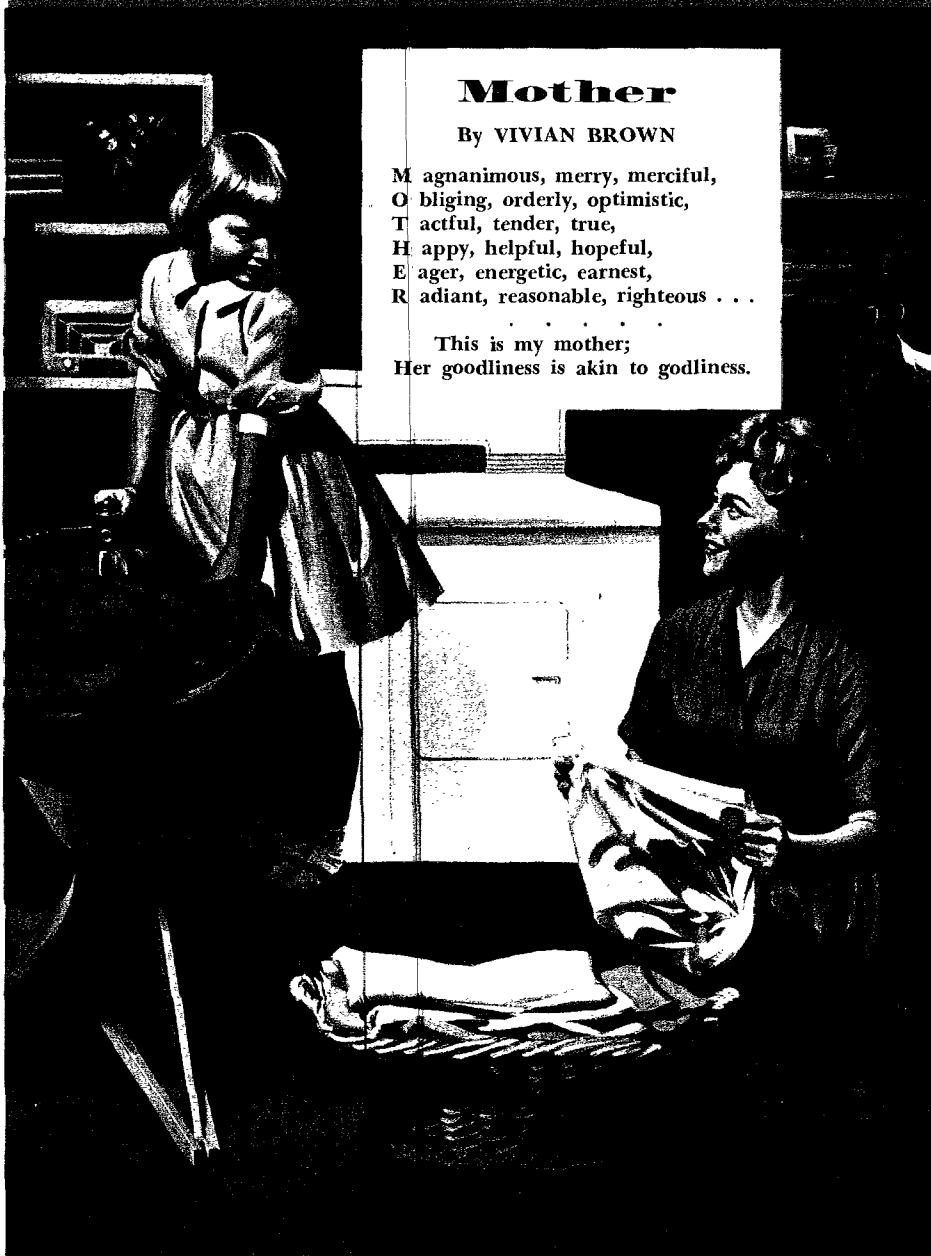
By Donna Levens Jenkot

Mother

By VIVIAN BROWN

Magnanimous, merry, merciful,
Obliging, orderly, optimistic,
Tactful, tender, true,
Happy, helpful, hopeful,
Eager, energetic, earnest,
Radiant, reasonable, righteous . . .

This is my mother;
Her goodness is akin to godliness.



TOMORROW is Mother's Day. I am sure we all realize it, but why just one day?

How can we thank her in just one day for bringing us into the world; for thinking for us when we were unable to think for ourselves because we were too young; for caring for us when we were unable to care for ourselves?

How can we thank her in just one day for mending our bruised elbows and knees, and bringing us through the measles, mumps, and chicken pox; for all the bedtime stories and those never-to-be-forgotten good-night kisses that always made everything O.K.?

How can we thank her in just one day for the confidence she gave us on our first day at school; for helping us to learn that $2+2=4$, and that p-u-f-f spells puff?

How can we thank her in just one day for calming our fluttered stomach on our first date, and being up, waiting for us to share our excitement when we came home ten minutes late; for listening and understanding all our problems and giving us a shoulder to cry on when our teen-age heart was broken?

How can we thank her in just one day for guiding us through high school, and being there when we marched down the aisle in our cap and gown to receive a diploma for work well done—work we couldn't have done alone; for helping to build our character and forming a way of life for us; for seeing that we attended college, and giving us sound advice on how to conduct ourselves on our first day of work?

How can we thank her in just one day for sharing the problems of planning a wedding, and being so proud of us as we walked down the aisle again—only this time all grown up and ready to greet the world face to face?

How, in just one day, can we thank her for all the clothes she washed, ironed, and mended; for the many hours she spent in the kitchen preparing all our favorite foods; for keeping our house something we could be proud of and a place we can always call home?

We thank you, Mother!

A Mother's Task

By Elma Helgason

How precious is a mother's task, to plan each golden day,
To help her little children walk the strait and narrow way,
To teach them of the One who came from heaven's courts to die
That we might live in mansions fair in the sweet by and by.

The world may have its pleasures, and its worldly pomp and pride;
She joys in little loving hearts that know a Saviour died.
She does not covet jewels such as worldly ones adore;
Her treasures lie in heaven, where the Master keeps the score.

How precious is a mother's task, to help her children stand
With hearts that glow, and eyes that see a distant, better land;
To help them have a vision of the work as yet undone,
The gospel message going to the nations one by one.

How precious is a mother's task, to tend the flowers fair
That God in His most gracious love has placed within her care,
To help them grow so healthy, with hearts so pure and true,
To claim at last the mansions that are off beyond the blue.

How precious is a mother's task, to bring her flock in prayer
Before the One who knows each grief, and longs each heart to share.
Where is thy flock so beautiful? The Master longs to see
Each little lamb He loves so well, from sin and death set free.

Then when at last God's jewels have been gathered to the fold,
What joy if not one little lamb is left to face the cold,
And many a straying one still loved by mothers kind and true
Will find at last their home with God, within the earth made new.



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On Keeping House

IN MAY



By Carolyn E. Keeler

I HAVE a rendezvous with spring in an apple orchard white and pink with bloom, with all that lovely fragrance drifting about and getting in your hair. The world is so fresh and green in May, the skies so blue, the brooks so joyous and free, and flowers almost everywhere. I think the bees must be crazy with glee, with so much honey in the making.

We were up home in Branchport several times in March, and our hearts thrilled each time a flock of wild geese flew over. I would no more than get back in the house to my task when Orin would shout, "There's another flock going over," and out I would dash. There was one small flock of about four geese. I wonder what happened.

We had been to Kane, Pennsylvania, visiting our niece Linda Gustafson, on March 22, and coming home that night, we heard that listened-for sound, the first peepers tuning up.

They were telling the world that spring definitely had arrived. Two days later we had a little snow.

While up home, we tapped a few maple trees and boiled the sap on the kitchen range and made at least two quarts of syrup. Of course, that meant hot biscuits and maple syrup for supper and also for breakfast.

We were doing some remodeling, making our bedroom larger and the smaller living room smaller, and I had fun looking over rolls of wallpaper. I found some pale yellow with little pink-and-blue flower clusters that I thought would look nice in our bedroom. We had had that green paper with the apple blossom sprays there for about ten years. It's so much fun to look over wallpaper catalogs and select new wallpaper for the rooms. Also fun to put some new pictures in the old frames.

A Nice Idea

I must tell you about something Linda showed me while we were visiting there. Her mother had made two black felt bags for the children's toys. There was a drawstring in the top of each. She had made letters of colorful felt and sewed the words Week Day on one bag and Sabbath on the other. One bag held weekday toys,

and the other the special ones for Sabbath. Nice idea, I thought.

In March I had the fun of putting together and tying five quilts that I had pieced for our Dorcas Society. It is no small job to make a quilt, but the finished product gives you so much pleasure that you forget about the work involved. Then I finished one I had pieced for ourselves, this one with a lilac lining. Thus ended the quilt business for this past winter.

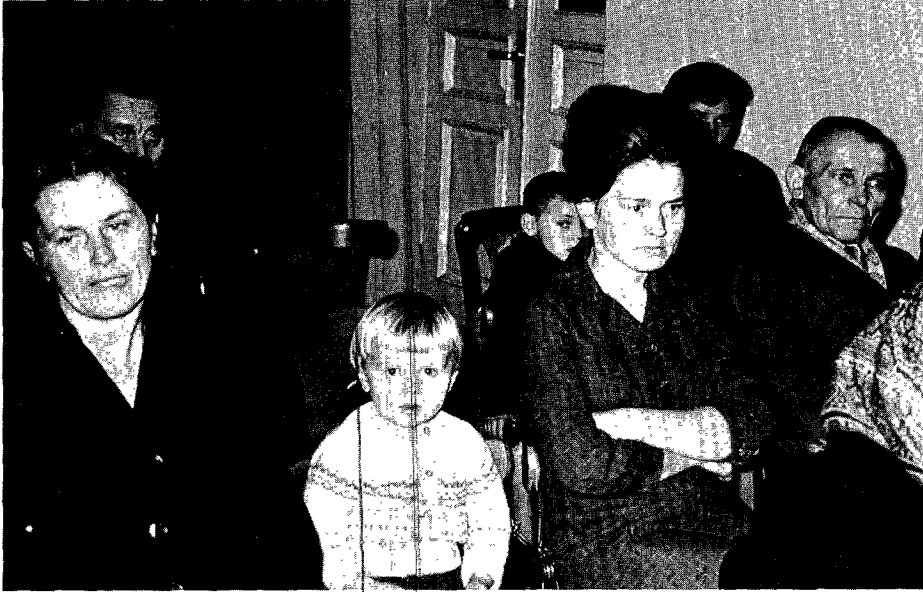
Carrots come so neatly packaged and fresh and crisp, they are a joy to use; and they provide vitamin A with few calories. You can serve them in salads, soup, entrees. Ever try putting a little grated carrot on a potato salad dish just before serving?

Add chopped cherries to your pancakes, muffin mix, and fruit salads. A cherry sauce with vanilla pudding adds color and taste, and is delightful.

Open up the windows this lovely May weather; let May fragrance come in. Now we will be working in the early gardens, planting peas or sweet peas, and onion sets. The quilts and blankets will be washed and flapping on the line in the bright May sunshine.

The woods will be full of wildflowers, and oh, the blue, blue violets along the banks of a little brook!

Reports From Far and Near



The mother-in-law, daughter, and wife of Pawel Cieslar, Polish Union home missionary secretary, listen to the sermon. Read the accompanying story to learn of the mother-in-law's experience in accepting the Advent message.

Visiting Poland's Warmhearted People

By C. E. Guenther

Associate Secretary, GC Home Missionary Department

On a recent trip to Europe I visited Poland, landing at Warsaw after a flight from Vienna. Entry formalities at the Warsaw airport were surprisingly swift, but even while they were in progress I received a message: "Someone is waiting for you." Brother Z. Lyko, secretary of the union, needed no identification. His expression said, "I belong to you." From that moment every need was anticipated and supplied.

To traverse the streets of Warsaw the first time is an adventure. Many things differ from those of either the West or the Far East—lighting, vehicles, architecture, shop windows. Our route passed the Palace of Culture and Science, easily the highest building in the country, with 30 stories topped by a television tower. This capital city had been almost completely destroyed between 1939 and 1945. In rebuilding, architects deliberately chose the old baroque style to restore

old landmarks the people had known and loved.

All Polish cities have an atmosphere of antiquity. In the evening streets and stores are crowded with shoppers and window-shoppers. Auto traffic is heavy only during rush hours in the capital. Several times I stopped to admire the efficiency of a young policewoman who kept traffic moving at a main intersection with a minimum of motion, and with poise and dignity.

From my comfortable quarters I was taken to visit the offices of the Polish Union. These offices are situated between the Russian cultural building and the Russian diplomatic reception hall, with a center for artists and writers just opposite, and the university music conservatory to the rear. The building also is used for family living quarters and as headquarters for our publishing work.

This is a publishing house with an edi-

torial office, but no printing press. Our brethren are very proud of their books, published by a private printer with paper supplied by our Hamburg Publishing House. Among these books are most of the Conflict of the Ages series, *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, *Education*, *The Ministry of Healing*, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, and *The Story of Redemption*. The secretaries at the office presented me with a bouquet of roses, part of the traditional Polish ceremony of welcome.

Warsaw is not only the capital city, it is the largest metropolis of Poland, with well over a million inhabitants. Everywhere there are reminders of war. The great sports stadium, seating 100,000, was built on erstwhile swampland, with rubble from the ruins. In the former ghetto stands a memorial to 600,000 Jews of the city who lost their lives in the great uprising of 1944. At many points along the city streets inscribed tablets and flowers mark places where patriots were slain.

One afternoon we visited our school, an hour's drive into the country. It is the only school the church operates. Students must attend the state secondary school nearby on a part-time basis. The enrollment is small. The curriculum includes Bible, church history, church organization, Spirit of Prophecy, Latin, and Greek. In very humble surroundings and with limited facilities, a solid and important work is in progress.

The next 11 days we visited churches in a great circle, touching most of the large and some smaller cities of the country. Transportation was by auto and rail. Poland is only beginning to manufacture cars. Most cars are very small, imported from Eastern European countries.

It was late in the year (November), but most trees were still arrayed in glorious colors. A characteristic sight was the tall haystacks in the fields, topped by a wooden pole surmounted by a white

Pawel Cieslar, home missionary secretary of the Polish Union, speaking at the Lublin church. He is a forceful preacher.





Left: Secretaries of the Polish Union office with the flowers that were presented to the author. Right: A layman and active soul winner in northern Poland.

stork. V-frame horse-drawn wagons provide the chief mode of country transportation. Some of the wagons that we saw were loaded with bricks, green vegetable tops, pine branches, flowers, firewood, cement, and people.

In Bydgoszcz (formerly Bromberg) we had an appointment at the conference headquarters church for the West Poland Conference. The church service had already been in progress an hour when we arrived Friday at 6:00 P.M. At six-fifteen I began to speak and, under instructions, continued until eight-thirty. Nobody walked out. The church building, which is ours, was packed with perhaps 250 worshippers.

After the benediction I greeted the believers. Almost all could converse with me in the German language. This made for good communication, and strengthened the bond of fellowship.

We retired late and were up early to start driving north to Gdansk (Danzig) for Sabbath school. For breakfast we were served apples en route.

The church in Gdansk is situated in a garden setting. There was standing room only at the beginning of Sabbath school. All worshippers seemed to have Bibles, and they used them. Not a soul in the pews spoke or even whispered. All gave full attention to the lesson. Individuals stood to answer the teacher's questions.

As I preached I saw tears on the faces of the people. "We are a people with deep feelings and emotions," one brother said by way of explanation. Services continued in the afternoon and evening with preaching, instruction, and mission pictures. The church was still filled with worshippers at the close. A touching ceremony was the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary year of service by the local elder. The elder is a tall man with a deep bass voice, a former opera singer and social worker. Flowers, a poem, speeches, and kisses were all part of the ceremony.

From early Sunday to late afternoon we traveled southwestward to Poznan. On the way we stopped for lunch and saw fresh grapefruit in a shop window. This created quite a stir. Though food is plentiful, citrus fruit is rare and quite expensive. There were five workers in the car, and we divided and shared two grapefruit.

Along the way the four Polish brethren lifted their voices in song. They have

a deep love for music, are excellent singers, and produce grand harmonies. Their repertoire included English hymns and Polish folk songs. One was a sentimental song of the beloved Carpathian Mountains, another of the Wistula (Vistula) River. Included too was the Polish national anthem. Listening to these stirring songs while enjoying the autumn landscape was an experience to remember.

We arrived in Poznan a few minutes before 5:00 P.M. People were waiting for the service to begin. I was told: "You give a Bible study first, then you preach an evangelistic sermon, and close by showing us some pictures." I spoke on "Christ Our Message." There was a wonderful response to the appeal. At the close, 8:20 P.M., the interpreter pumped my hand and said earnestly: "I thank you for this message." One brother not only shook my hand but impulsively kissed me on both cheeks.

The next stop was Wroclaw (formerly Breslau), still farther south. Here the services, held in a newly acquired church building, began at 4:00 P.M. and ended at seven-forty-five. It was 9:00 P.M. before we could separate from the people to have dinner.

Never, anywhere, have I witnessed such

a warm and fervent reaction. One woman said to me, "This is the first time I have been in an Adventist church, and I will never leave it." A member, deeply moved, said, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful evening of inspiration."

There were many young people present, as in all the congregations of Poland. In this church the youth provided both instrumental and choral music.

When after five hours in church I reminded these young people of the lateness of the hour, one of them replied, "We will stay all night if you will." To my question, "What about supper?" they answered, "That's not important." "We will never forget you," they said, "and we hope you will never forget us. Please send our greetings to all the Adventist youth of the world."

We said farewell inside the church, and again outside, as we entered our car. Then these wonderful youth followed the car to the corner and waved good-by until we were out of sight.

Our route then turned southeastward through the industrial centers of Silesia and on to the scenic foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. The Vistula River rises here near the Czechoslovakian border and flows north through the center of Poland to the Baltic Sea. In these hills, where many battles were fought between invaders and partisans in the recent war, we found a secluded and sacred spot where early Protestants worshiped in secret.

Motoring along a mountain road, our driver recognized one of our lay preachers, working on a road project. We stopped to greet him. His face spoke of gentle, kindly character. It was not surprising that this man had won many souls and was giving three Bible studies each week.

In the rural church at Wisla every space was occupied with worshippers, and some stood during the entire meeting. Those leaning from a high balcony appeared to be hanging from the rafters. Included in the congregation were believers from

A Spirit-filled Farmer in Sarawak

Jabeng, a rice farmer, is the elder of our Stulan church on the Tautau River in Sarawak. He also is a man of the Spirit.

On weekdays he works on his farm, but on Sabbath and Sunday he visits surrounding villages.

At present he is conducting three branch Sabbath schools, one of which has an attendance of 50 people.

Most villagers on the Tautau River know no medicine but that of the witch doctor. But Jabeng carries simple medicines, and he, too, is known as a healer. Even heathen villagers, when they are desperate, call him. He applies remedies, then directs the people to God, the great Healer.

Not long ago a boy in a neighboring village was bothered by a devil. He cried most of the time and couldn't sleep at night. Since this is a Catholic village, the people called the priest. Although he prayed several times, there was no change in the boy.

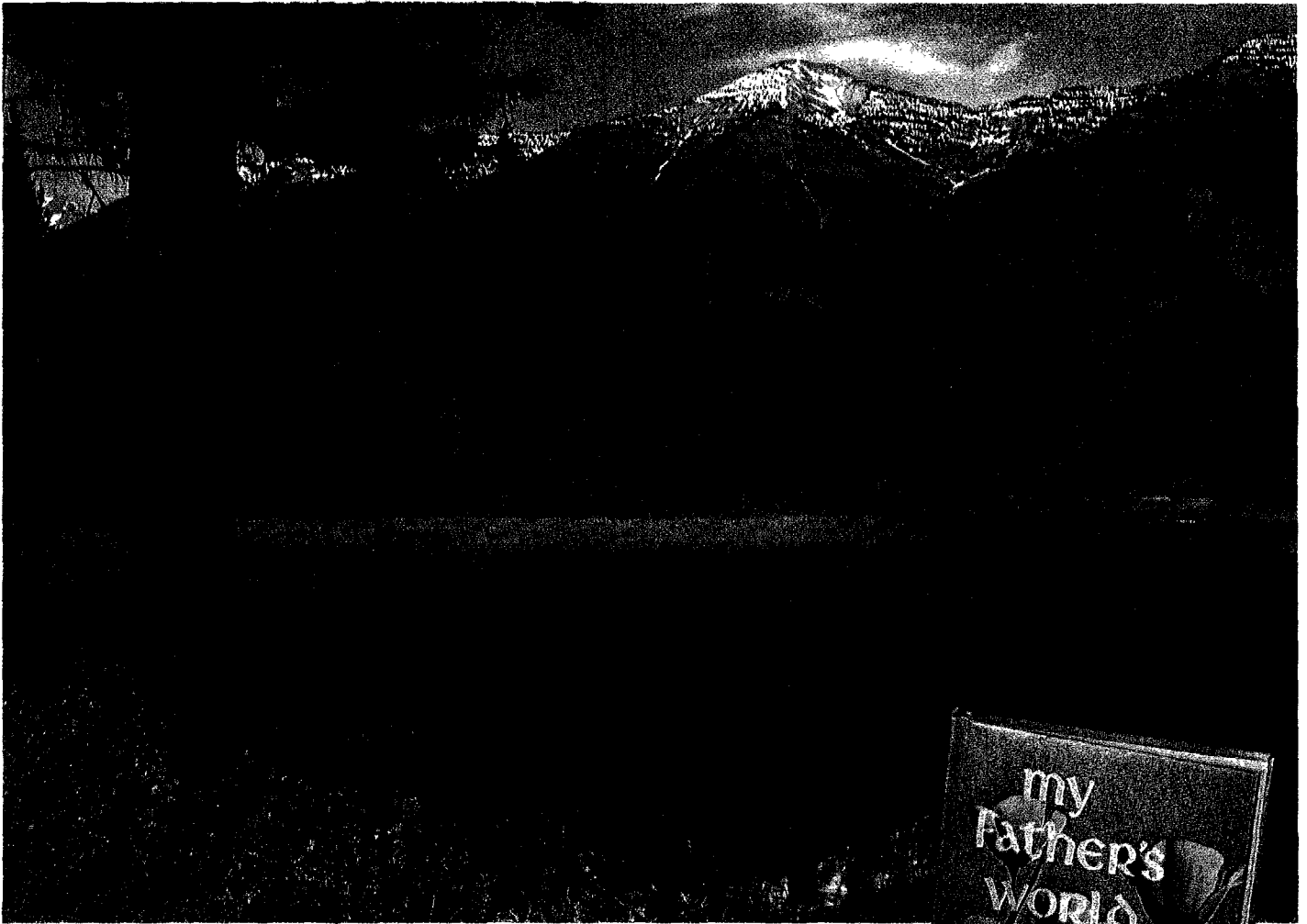
Finally the villagers asked the priest for permission to call Jabeng. "All right," said the priest. "All right. If he can heal the boy, all right."

Jabeng came and offered a simple prayer. Immediately the boy stopped crying. He could eat and sleep well.

The people of this village now want to become Seventh-day Adventists. What wonders God can work through a dedicated, Spirit-filled people!

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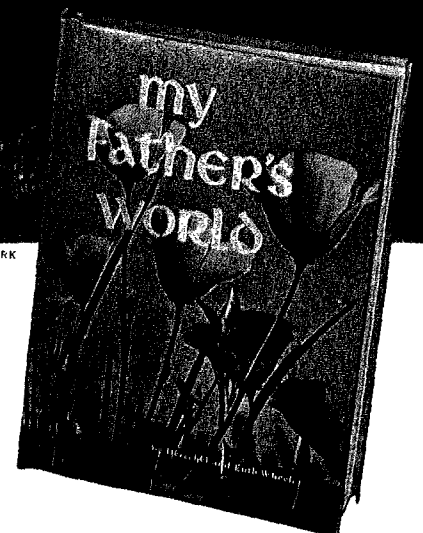
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Czechoslovakia. A brass band, accordion, and electric guitar ensemble supplied music. Said one member after the instruction on welfare evangelism, "We are sorry it is so late at night, for we would like to go at once to our neighbors to show them kindness and helpfulness." In a land where organized medical and welfare service is state controlled, there is nevertheless opportunity to express love through personal welfare ministry.

Several nights we stayed in a humble mountain home with our believers. They urged the best they had upon us.

On the way to Kraków for the Friday night meeting a brief stop was made at a national park in the Tatra Mountains. Nowhere in this old world have I seen a more beautiful spot.

It was cold in Sabbath school in Katowice. People came early, filling the building. They stood in silent prayer before taking seats, and many kept on their overcoats. There were fresh flowers at the pulpit. Many sisters wore babushkas on their heads. Singing was from a small hymnal with words only, no musical score. They knew the score from memory and seemed to favor one song with a catchy tune. Some of the words, freely translated, are: "Jesus, this is Your cause, You have given us. So help us to perform our duties well."

At Bytom (formerly Beuthen) the meeting hall of a Protestant church was secured for afternoon and evening services. The membership of that Protestant church is dying. The pastor was present for our service and I wondered how he felt to see his church crowded with Adventists, their services vibrant with life.

In the city of Lodz we have acquired a new church property, which also serves as the office for the East Polish Conference. The chapel was crowded with about 250 for the Sunday night evangelistic service. Half those in attendance were non-Adventists.

Our last meeting was in Lublin, near the border of Soviet Russia. Because of a travel delay of several hours caused by weather and road conditions, the chapel was dark when we arrived. But our brethren took us to a home for a warm meal. Word spread about the city, and the next day a special meeting was arranged.

Illustrating the loyalty of our Polish believers is the story of one sister present at the Lublin meeting. Many times her husband had come to church on Sabbath to forcibly remove her from the premises. Finally one Friday he threatened to leave her permanently if she went to church the next day. She answered: "Then you need not wait to find out, for I am going." She lost not only her husband but her furniture, her home, and her employment.

This did not keep her from going to church with her young daughter. Now she has a very small room in the factory where she works for a limited income. But she is happy in her faith. And her daughter has been married to Pastor Pawel Cieslar. Quite naturally, she is proud of her son-in-law, the union home missionary secretary, who is an earnest leader and preacher of unusual power.

Before we left Poland a visit was arranged with officials at the national Min-

istry of Welfare. We offered material assistance, if needed, from our people of North America and Europe. Distribution of relief is controlled by local committees for public welfare. No one is left hungry, though many limit food expenditures in order to purchase clothing and furniture, which are costly. At this writing the question of Adventist participation in international relief is being given study. Our brethren are happy about their working relationships with government officials. There is much more freedom for religious exercise than in former days when the state church was in control.

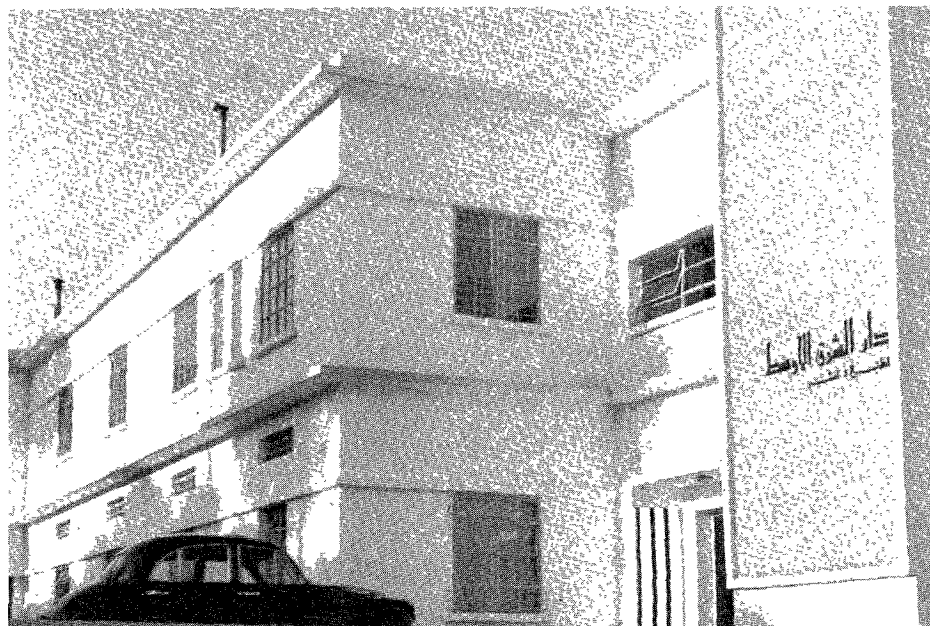
I have searched for one word to best describe the soul of the people of this land and finally feel I have found it. The word is "intense." They have lost, suffered, sorrowed, intensely. And out of this suffering has come great devotion. They love music, the land, their country, their God, and their faith intensely. They intensely long to be loved, and who could help loving them intensely? Nowhere in all my travels have I been more warmly received. Nowhere have I witnessed such devotion to the faith and to the church. Nowhere have I been so deeply moved and so spiritually blessed.

A Work of Love for the Blind

By W. R. Beach, Secretary
General Conference

The work of Seventh-day Adventists on behalf of the blind and visually handicapped began in 1897. Two years later publication of the *Christian Record* was officially launched by the General Conference Committee. During the past decades the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., has spread its work of love across the world.

This humanitarian organization meets one of earth's most poignant needs. Approximately 18 million people in all lands are physically blind. Add to this the 126 million visually handicapped, and you can begin to understand the dimensions of this field of missionary endeavor. In the United States and Canada nearly 40,000 people become blind yearly. The prediction is that the number of blind and visually handicapped people in the world will double in the next 34 years. Certainly, qualified workers and substantial funds need to be dedicated to help these



Publishing Work in the Middle East

It was encouraging to learn recently that the Middle East Press (above) in Beirut, Lebanon, has published seven new volumes since my extended visit in the Middle East Division in April of 1963. All but *Messages to Young People* in Arabic, a trade book being used for the missionary book of the year in 1966, are subscription books. Their titles and authors are as follows:

Your Way to Health and Happiness, by Dr. Clifford Anderson, was published in Arabic in 1963 and in Farsi in 1965. The Arabic edition of *The Desire of Ages*, by Ellen G. White, published in 1964, was also designated as the missionary book of the year for 1964 and 1965. A new, enlarged edition of A. S. Maxwell's *Bedtime Stories* in Arabic, and *Your Baby* by Dr. Belle Wood-Comstock in both Arabic and Armenian rolled off the press last year. By summer time *Your Baby* in Farsi will hit the field in Iran, and a new Armenian edition of *Steps to Christ* will be ready in May.

D. L. Chappell, publishing department secretary of the Middle East Division, and R. E. Anderson, manager of the Middle East Press, are to be commended for the good work they are doing in the production and distribution of gospel and health literature in the Bible lands. God blessed their literature evangelists with a 15 per cent gain in sales in 1965.

D. A. MCADAMS, Associate Secretary
GC Publishing Department

people and to teach them God's good news.

Since 1899 the services of the Christian Record have increased remarkably. Today, nine magazines for all age levels, seven Bible correspondence courses, hundreds of books from a lending library, and many other items are sent into 83 countries. These services are free, and most countries allow them to travel postage free. The total Christian Record budget goes beyond a half-million dollars yearly. A great need presently is for Adventist money to be used in making available to the blind and visually handicapped a greater knowledge of present truth.

Some late developments in the services of the Christian Record are:

1. Full-vision books, which make it possible for blind parents to read to their preschool sighted children.

2. Large print with silhouetted letters. The first book of this kind produced was *Steps to Christ*; the second was *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*. Millions of visually handicapped people need these large-print publications.

3. A tape-lending library. Several book manuscripts have been read onto tapes, including some basic denominational publications. Appropriate music and poetry likewise will become a part of the new tape-lending library.

4. Scholarships for blind youth, so they can have opportunity to compete with sighted youth on the college level. Employers in both private and government areas are providing more and more opportunities of work for the blind, and these people give an excellent account of themselves.

Until recently all services of the Christian Record have been in the English language. Two books now have been published in the Spanish Braille. Other languages will follow in cooperation with Seventh-day Adventist organizations in other parts of the world.

Thus the Christian Record continues its work on behalf of the blind and visually handicapped. Soon the shout of the archangel will bring all our labors to a victorious conclusion. What a great day it will be when the blind, with millions of earth's redeemed, will see the returning Lord face to face! Meanwhile, let us move forward aggressively with this great work of love.

First Smokers Dial in Britain

By Amos H. Cooper, President
Welsh Mission

Sixteen Five-Day Plan clinics have been held in Cardiff, Wales, since May, 1963. To us, therefore, Smokers Dial is a natural extension of this plan. This service, the first in Britain, began January 19.

Almost 1,000 people dialed Cardiff 20400 and listened to the two-minute message. More than 10,000 other calls failed to get through because both lines were busy. This was the response for the 24 hours following its inauguration. As I write this report Victor Benefield, Cardiff church pastor, who is operating the



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Victor C. J. Benefield records a Smokers Dial message in the Cardiff, Wales, church, as Amos H. Cooper, Welsh Mission president, looks on.

new service, says that the machines are working at full capacity.

Thousands of dollars' worth of time and space have been given free by television, radio, and the press. Elder Benefield and I were kept busy for hours by reporters telephoning from London, as well as South Wales; also by reporters from the *Sunday Post*, of Scotland, and even a reporter for Australian papers. Several London reporters spent up to half an hour on the telephone asking questions about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Radio and television interviews were held in Welsh and English. At first we tried to keep a record of the various interviews, announcements, and reports, but we soon lost count. The publicity went far beyond our expectations.

Dr. W. Powell Phillips, the medical officer of health in Cardiff, and the Health Department have cooperated with our Five-Day Plan in a wonderful way. When our new telephone service began, Dr. Phillips issued a statement of endorsement for the press.

The Welsh Board of Health telephoned to ask a number of questions regarding Smokers Dial and the Five-Day Plan and then stated that the Minister of Health for the British Government desired to know more about our work. They asked whether we would send them two copies of the literature we use in connection with our Five-Day Plan. This we were happy to do.

Our interviews culminated in a press conference held in our Cardiff church. For more than an hour we were closely questioned about the service and its mechanics, the Five-Day Plan, and different aspects of our faith.

The Five-Day Plan laid the foundation for the gratifying results with Smokers Dial. Due credit should be given Dr. H. J. Rees, Dr. Z. Mera, now in Canada, and Dr. C. A. Ninan, now at Loma Linda, as well as K. A. Elias and B. F. Kinman, who initiated the pilot clinic in Cardiff in May 1963.

First Samoan Youth Camp

By W. G. Litster
Departmental Secretary, Samoa Mission

Samoa, the Pearl of the Pacific, is divided politically, but Adventist young people demonstrated in their recent youth camp that the truth of God unites hearts. Before those from independent western Samoa could cross to the American east, they had to obtain passports, vaccinations, and filariasis checks. These obstacles soon were hurdled, however, and the youth gathered in camp at Leone, where church members had built two dormitories with concrete floors and iron roofs to house the more than 60 youth.

Guest speaker on the opening night was the American Government administration secretary, O. S. Aspinall. He expressed appreciation for what the Adventist Church is doing for youth, and he challenged the youth to do their part for God and their country.

The week was spent earning MV Honors in cooking, stars, music, and studying the important topics of love, courtship, and marriage. Between the study and game periods many of the youth practiced for a public witness that was given on the last night in the Lee Auditorium in Pago Pago, some 12 miles from the camp.

Sunday afternoon was given to visiting the TV studios with Adventist TV teacher Siaumau, and riding the cable car across beautiful Pago Pago harbor to the top of 1,850-foot Mount Alava, where the TV towers are situated. In the evening the youth assembled on the stage of the turtle-shaped auditorium. Choral items, solos, instrumental duets, trios, and a story of Daniel in the lion's den held the attention of the audience of almost 500 people.

In true Samoan style, the people came forward spontaneously during the program and left an offering on the central array of flowers on the stage. When finally this was counted, it was found that \$68.84 had been given to help meet expenses.

After the program one of the government officials remarked on the excellent conduct of the MV youth presenting the concert.

Long will the youth of Samoa remember the fellowship, inspiration, and blessing of this first youth camp ever held in American Samoa, and too, of the way God blessed their public witness in Turtle Hall.

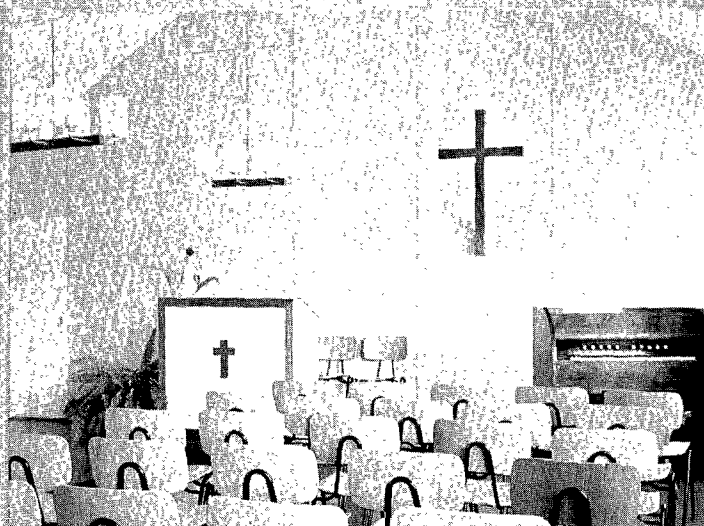
A Bright Medical Light in Beeville, Texas

By H. E. Rice, Associate Secretary
GC Medical Department

In March 1964 Memorial Hospital in Beeville, Texas, opened its doors to the public. It was erected by the community and leased to the Texas Conference to operate in harmony with the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When this project was initiated there was not a Seventh-day Adventist in Beeville.

Shortly after the opening of the hos-

Two Churches Dedicated in Finland in One Month



Jämsä

History was made in the West Finland Conference in November, 1965, when two churches were dedicated in the same month. These buildings are only about 35 miles apart. The larger one (right) is in Jyväskylä, a city of about 52,000 inhabitants, in central Finland. The other church (above) is in the Jämsä parish, where our church membership is only 42.

The seating capacity of the new church in Jämsä is about 100. It was crowded for the dedication services. Besides the auditorium, which can be divided in two parts by "glide doors," there are five rooms for a caretaker, activities of children, welfare work, et cetera.

ONNI HALMINEN, President
West Finland Conference



Jyväskylä

The Jyväskylä, Finland, church was dedicated November 27, 1965. Fourteen churches were dedicated in Finland that day, most of them Lutheran, the state church. But our dedication was one of only two that were featured on television. This was remarkable, for it is not easy for churches to obtain time on radio or TV.

The Jyväskylä church, though not the largest SDA church in Finland, is the most modern. Seating capacity is about 300, including the balcony, mothers' room, and a side hall. A large room downstairs can be used as a hall, as a restaurant, or as three smaller halls for various church activities.

Present membership of the church is a little more than 200.
HEIKKI LUUKKO, Pastor

pital a non-Adventist practical nurse was employed. After attending morning worship with the employees for a time she began to ask questions about the church and its beliefs. Someone invited her to attend church. However, she did not come herself but she did send her four children regularly to Sabbath school.

The hospital employees joined with a community choir in presenting an Easter program in the city, and there met the husband of this nurse. He too was invited to church. This last December this good brother, his wife, and three of their children were baptized and joined the fellowship of this church.

A school for vocational nurses was opened last fall, and one of the students asked the nurse in charge about the Sabbath. This interest led to Bible studies. After completion of the vocational nurse's training, this woman continued on in the employ of the hospital and to-

day is a baptized member of the church.

With the opening of the hospital there was considerable comment in the local press about the Seventh-day Adventist Church's viewpoint on the matter of diet, which was not well understood. It so happened that a man was doing some study and research in the field of nutrition, and out of curiosity he went out to the hospital to talk with the director of food service and the chaplain about the diet. This interest and contact led to Bible studies, and today he is a baptized member of the church.

With the opening of the hospital and the recruiting of a staff of employees, a church was organized. About a year later notice was sent from the conference that a Latin-American woman in Beeville had enrolled in the Spanish Voice of Prophecy. The leaders of the hospital went to visit this woman and invited her to attend church. She and her five children have

attended regularly ever since, and last December the mother and her oldest daughter were baptized.

A blind man living some 16 miles from the hospital asked the hospital chaplain about the beliefs of those who operate the institution. He was enrolled in the Braille Bible Correspondence Course, and today is a baptized member of the church.

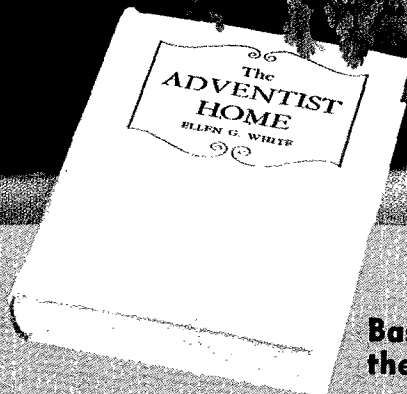
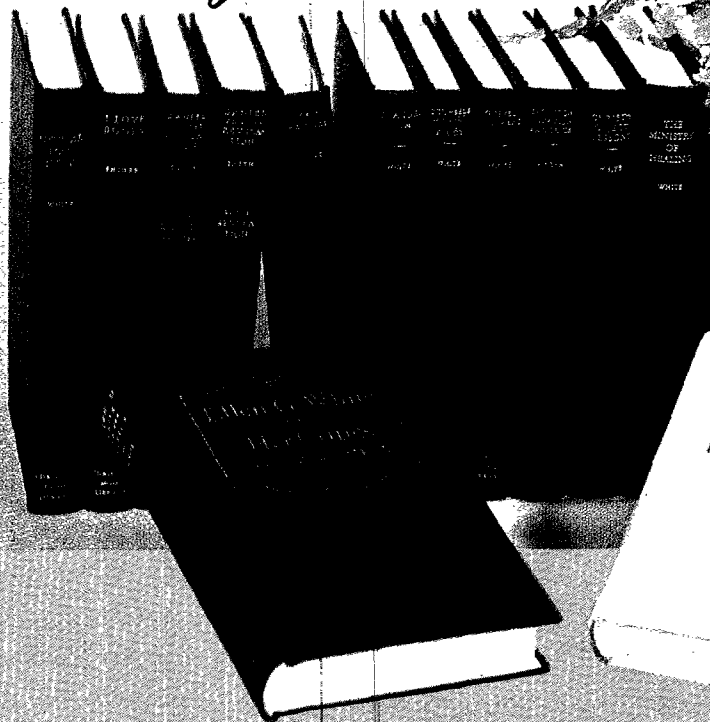
The chaplain met a young woman in whom the spirit of inquiry was awakened. This resulted in Bible studies and enrollment in Oakwood College, where she was baptized and now hopes to become a Bible instructor.

The pillows of medical institutions are sometimes wet with tears. A three-year-old child was brought into the hospital extremely ill. In spite of every human effort, the little girl passed away. Hospitals are reservoirs of sympathy and departmentalized love. The chaplain was asked to conduct the funeral service. This led

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to Bible studies, and today the family are baptized members of this church. The bereaved father has entered the colporteur work to do his part in spreading the good news of salvation.

The staff of workers under the leadership of Marvin Midkiff, the administrator, and Keith Morey, the chaplain, are indeed lighting lamps in Beeville.

One Million Books and Magazines in London

By Don McEune
Publishing Secretary
South England Conference

H. G. Crutwell, or "Herbie George," as he is affectionately known to his many friends and associates, is a true London cockney. This means that he was born within sound of Bow bells. Brother Crutwell is now celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary as a literature evangelist. Here is his story in his own words:

"1940! What a year in which to respond to the dictates of God to scatter gospel literature in dockland in the East End of London. Deeply impressed that I was being led of the Master, and with a heart strengthened by His love, each Sunday morning I went from door to door giving the people of the cosmopolitan East End the opportunity to know something of our present-truth and good-health projects.

"While I was busily engaged in the distribution of literature, V-1 bombs forcibly reminded me that there was a war on. For one whole year I labored alone—and yet never really alone because several times these bombs landed as close as 50 yards to where I was standing, and I was continually conscious of the protecting care of my heavenly Father. The many terrible experiences I survived served to strengthen my faith in Him.

"During this first year I sold an average of 90 magazines each Sunday. Then in 1941 I caught the vision of organizing a literature mission band in the Holloway church in London. I hoped this would appeal to the young people to engage in selling our gospel magazines.

"I approached Miss B. V. Bray, who was then home missionary leader, with this idea. She in turn presented it to the church board, and they unanimously accepted it. The next Sabbath 25 enthusiastic young people resolved to help me in this endeavor. One of these young people I especially remember. He is Cyril Vesey, who is now science master at our Stanborough Park High School in Watford, Hertfordshire, England. Whenever I went out with him he would soon be missing, and invariably I would find him in air-raid shelters presenting the printed life-giving word of God to the helpless, nerve-racked citizens of London.

"Since that time a quarter of a century has passed, and from the small beginnings of 90 magazines each Sunday, I am happy to say that more than one million books and magazines have been distributed through the Holloway mission band. These have all been sold for cash. I am also proud of the fact that through careful bookkeeping and accounting our band



O. Brozio, secretary of the Advent welfare work in Germany, addresses Dorcas workers who attended a welfare council in the friendly hall of the Muehlenrahmede Sanitarium. First row, from left to right: I. Naehring, J. Wilczynski, A. Patzke, welfare secretaries of the local conferences of the West German Union, and H. Klingeberg, secretary of the West German Union. The 80 participants came from all parts of this large union.

has £200 on hand. I hope this achievement will be an inspiration to all who love the truth to sow the seeds of salvation in these closing hours of this world's history."

We are thankful to God for such men as Herbie George, who have so cheerfully made great sacrifices in time and money in order to promote this important phase of His work. Much credit is due also to his dear wife, who has stood by him faithfully through the years and has always encouraged him to press forward.

Dear reader, Jesus Christ suffered and gave His life for you. Could you not give just two or three hours a week for Him? Why not see your home missionary leader this next Sabbath and ask him for magazines and territory? Join the band of auxiliary literature evangelists.

Welfare Council in Germany

By A. Patzke, Secretary
Lower Saxony South Conference

Sixty-five Dorcas leaders of the West German Union met in the Bergheim Muehlenrahmede retreat during the latter part of October, 1965.

C. E. Guenther, executive secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service, was with us from the General Conference. He offered many helpful suggestions on finding new opportunities for service through Dorcas Societies. He also reviewed the purpose and true object of welfare work, using slides, flannel board, and chalk.

Mr. Hartwig, a director and teacher of a recognized and highly regarded school for professional welfare workers, gave a lecture discussing the Federal Social Help Statute of the German Bundes Republic. After the lecture he answered many questions put by the delegates.

The Central European Division was represented by O. Brozio, secretary of the Advent welfare work in Germany. He had a double assignment during the course, since H. Klingeberg, secretary of

the West German Union, had fallen ill. Elder Brozio provided information about the Advent welfare work, as well as about our membership in the German Welfare Association. Elder Brozio also lectured on special items concerning social work.

"The time is past when our sisters sit around the table, comfortably repairing worn clothing or making something new in order to sell it at Dorcas fairs or banquets!" This statement reached the hearts of the sisters and brethren. They discussed frankly what should not be done and what should be done. There were so many suggestions of human needs to be filled that each of the Dorcas workers was able to select an ideal project for her own welfare groups. In carrying this out, they will need the understanding and help of the local pastor and the church officers.

Other leaders who presented topics were: Hannelore Witzig, matron of the Friedensau Nurses' Association, an institution of the Seventh-day Adventists; Gerlinde Simon, nurse in charge of the social work of the West Berlin Conference; Lilli Schaefer, nurse in charge of the social work of the Munich churches; Hildegard Schitteck, social worker of the Hansa Conference; and the secretaries of the five conferences of the West German Union.

The Dorcas leaders' course held in the Bergheim Muehlenrahmede retreat was one of the many special meetings that have been sponsored by our welfare and social organizations. In all lectures, studies, discussions, and personal talks the instructors outlined the importance of meeting both the physical and spiritual needs, following the example of the good Samaritan, and Jesus Himself, who gave His life for humanity. O. Gmehling, president of the Central European Division and chairman of the Advent welfare work in Germany, and E. Denkert, president of the West German Union, gave the welfare council a deep spiritual impact by their devotional messages.

The plans laid at the council are already being put into effect. In the city of Düsseldorf hot "Meals on Wheels" are

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given to the elderly people at noon. In other places welfare centers provide clothing for the needy. A local conference is planning a larger disaster relief center.

The course proved a rich blessing to all of the participants. May God guide and strengthen us as we strive to better serve our neighbors.

Educational Institute in Nigeria

By B. B. Beach
Secretary of Education
Northern European Division

West African Seventh-day Adventist educational history was made January 13-15 when the first nation-wide institute for all our Nigerian secondary-school and teacher-training-college teachers was held on the campus of Nigerian Training College at Ihié, East Nigeria. Some 30 Nigerian and expatriate teachers assembled for three days under the chairmanship of S. Berkeley, West African Union secretary of education.

W. F. Riley represented the Adventist College of West Africa, the senior college of the West African Union, and B. B. Beach attended in behalf of the Northern European Division. This institute was held in an atmosphere of drama and suspense, for during the meeting the world received the news of the Nigerian *coup d'état* and military take over.

A wide variety of subjects were ably presented and extensively discussed by the assembled delegates. Vital subjects that were given careful consideration included Africanization, Nigerianization, government objectives and laws affecting Adventist schools, Adventist aims and objectives in Christian education, vocational training, recruitment and retention of African graduates in Adventist schools, interschool relationships on various educational levels, teacher commitment, and methods of evangelism in Ad-

ventist schools. Inspiration was gained for the educational task at hand and old friendships were renewed.

The high-class catering provided by the Nigerian Training College and its home economics department and the warm educational fellowship with experienced as well as "green" educators, were fully enjoyed.

We have a growing number of well-qualified Nigerian teachers in our schools, and the outflow of university-level-trained young people is increasing. The social and economic attractions of government employment and certain non-teaching professions are strong in Nigeria, as is the case throughout West Africa; nevertheless, many of our Adventist young people are willing to dedicate their talents and training to our school system.

During the past few years our educational work throughout Nigeria and West Africa has experienced a phenomenal growth, until today there are some 15,000 students attending our schools in the Republic of Nigeria alone. There have been growing pains, but God has blessed. Education is at a premium in Nigeria. This is a day of educational advantage for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our teachers and school administrators in Nigeria are willing, under God, to strike the educational iron while it is hot and meet the scholastic and spiritual challenges of this golden opportunity.

Thai Lay Instructor Training School

By Palmer G. Wick, President
Thailand Mission

The "finished work" is a common saying among our people, but just what does a finished work mean in some parts of the world? In the country of Thailand only .057 per cent of the population are Christians, including all denominations.

If our ministers in Thailand were to

proclaim the gospel to all the people here in Thailand, they would have to reach more than 2 million people apiece. But if each of our lay members were to assist their pastor in proclaiming the gospel, each member would have to see about 25,400 people. Perhaps even this seems impossible by man's way of figuring, but it is at least more possible than seeing 2 million!

Some of these problems were brought to our attention as the first lay instructor training school was held in Bangkok by J. E. Edwards, home missionary secretary of the General Conference, and L. A. Shipowick, home missionary secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Delegates learned how to present the gospel and were inspired by stories of successful soul winning.

Lay training schools are being held in all local churches of Thailand. With God's blessing, baptisms in Thailand should double as the laymen unite their efforts with the pastors in winning souls.

Seventh Biennial Session of North Philippine Union

By R. H. Woolsey, Editor
Philippine Publishing House

The North Philippine Union Mission is maintaining an annual 10 per cent increase in membership, announced Todd C. Murdoch in his president's report to the seventh biennial session, held January 27 to February 1. In the five local missions there are now more than 35,000 members, 6,557 of whom were baptized during the past two years.

Session meetings were held in the spacious auditorium of Philippine Union College. Most of the nearly 200 delegates were housed in private homes in the community.

W. E. Murray represented the General Conference. A. E. Gibb, E. L. Longway, and H. B. Ludden, secretary, field secretary, and auditor, respectively, were present from the Far Eastern Division.

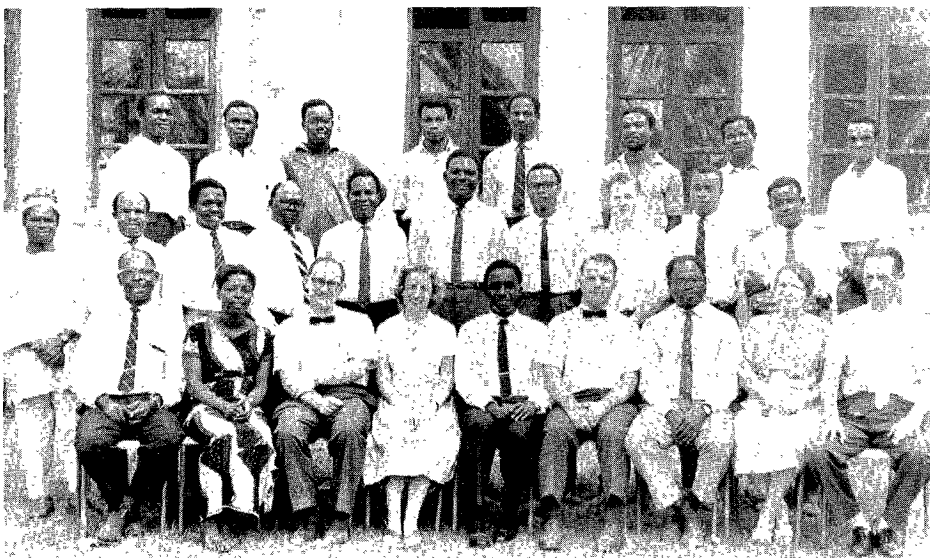
Most spectacular departmental gains for the biennium were made by the publishing department, whose 276 literature evangelists sold ₱1,251,446 (U.S.\$331,367) worth of books and magazines, a 32 per cent increase over the previous biennium.

Two academies were added to the five already operating within the union. The two hospitals are both in heavy expansion programs. Philippine Union College reports an enrollment of more than 800 students, 45 of whom are from overseas. The graduate school has 25 students.

Twenty-two new churches testify to the activity of laymen and evangelists. There are now 619 churches, pastored by 130 licensed and ordained ministers.

These men conducted 117 full-scale public evangelistic campaigns during the two-year period.

Delegates to the session voted substantial increases in all goals and objectives. Following the Sabbath morning sermon by W. E. Murray, delegates, local church members, and guests gave or pledged ₱4,400 (U.S.\$1,100) toward the financing of a year's broadcasting of Faith for Today over a Manila television station.



Adventist educators attending the first Nigerian secondary and teacher-training-college teachers' institute at the Nigerian Training College, Ihié, East Nigeria, January 13-15. Seated left to right: S. Gooden, Mrs. J. Wogu, B. B. Beach, Myrna Dorland, M. Moses, S. Berkeley, E. Dare, Mrs. F. Riley, F. Riley.

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Youth in the News



► Johnny Lorntz, Seminar president at San Pasqual Academy, with the assistance of the Bible teacher, led in organizing and preparing the meetings for the annual student Week of Prayer. The theme was "In Times Like These." Twenty students spoke during the week, covering a variety of topics relevant to the times in which we live.

► Youth of the Troy and Moscow, Idaho, churches were co-workers with Charles G. Edwards, Upper Columbia Conference MV secretary, for a special evangelistic campaign that opened February 20 in the Grange Hall. The youth did the ushering, provided the special music, and with an Operation Fireside program, laid the groundwork for the meetings. Every night the hall was filled with eager listeners, and a number plan to be baptized in the near future.

► Drawing upon interest created through their part in the Go-Tell-Thy-Friends evangelism plan in the South-eastern California Conference, Orangewood Academy youth conducted evangelistic meetings in the Garden Grove church from December 19 to March 8. They also began another series in La Habra, February 25. Sixty students in all have participated regularly and are following up 80 interests in these two communities and also in Tustin where they held meetings previously. Harry Krueger, an Orangewood senior and the Youth for Christ leader, and nine other students have done the speaking. A March baptism was planned in the Garden Grove church.

► Last fall a group of students from Walla Walla College under the leadership of Bob Foster (a sophomore theology student from The Dalles, Oregon), under the guidance of Clifford Rouse, district pastor, rented a building in the small town of Pomeroy, Washington, to conduct a children's Story Hour. The attendance grew from zero to three, to five, until now there are 50 children enrolled, with an average attendance of about 30. The young people carrying on this project leave College Place every Sabbath morning at eight o'clock, and drive the 65 miles to Pomeroy, where they spend the day visiting in the homes and giving Bible studies. At present they are studying in nine homes. The Story Hour is held in the afternoon. The College church Sabbath school and the homiletics department of the college are furnishing the necessary supplies. A number of years ago there was an Adventist church in Pomeroy, but now the building is gone and only one member remains.

► Anna Lujan and David Welch were crowned courtesy king and queen recently in a unique Pathfinder courtesy program in Portales, New Mexico. Mrs. Jack Frazier, director, invited two distinguished local residents, Mrs. Leola Randolph, co-owner of the Portales radio station, KENM, and Dr. Charles Meister, presi-

dent of the Eastern New Mexico University, to honor these young people. The program planned for the special occasion gave emphasis on how Pathfinders have fulfilled the pledge of being a friend to man.

► Dale Sanford, a sophomore at Columbia Union College, has been selected as the college's student missionary of 1966. He will leave May 1 for Borneo and remain there until mid-August. His primary duty will be to teach school at the Adventist Mission in Sarawak. The cost of the trip to Borneo and return is being paid by the Sligo church MV Society.

► Hollis L. Anderson, civilian chaplain for the San Diego area reports that "at graduation exercises at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, January 14, 1966, one of our Seventh-day Adventist boys was chosen for top honors. Seaman Recruit William Wilson, III, who had served as RCPO for his company during recruit training, graduated with top honors for his company and also was chosen from a training group of approximately 1,000 recruits to receive the American Spirit Award" . . . which is given to the one "best demonstrating those qualities of leadership which express the American Spirit, namely: honor, initiative, loyalty, and high example to comrades-in-arms." Recruit Wilson was drafted into the Navy and is from Temple City, California.

Course for Wives Offered During Indonesia Session

By Sally Supit

During the West Indonesia Union Mission biennial session, held January 9 to 15 at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital, a course was offered for the wives of the ministers and other workers in attendance. The course consisted of lectures on family planning, by Mrs. J. C. Holm and Mrs. C. G. Oliver; neonatal care, by Miss Greta Goei; child guidance, by Mrs. S. Tigno Supit; and nutrition, by Mrs. Amos Simorangkir.

These lectures were given in the mornings. To make the lessons in nutrition more meaningful, actual cooking demonstrations were given in the afternoons under the direction of Mrs. Simorangkir. The enrollees in the course not only saw the preparation of various vegetarian dishes, desserts, and entrees but had a direct part in helping cook, sample, and evaluate the finished product. The newly inaugurated, modern kitchen-dining room of the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital was the lecture and laboratory room.

As a climax to the cooking class the student cooks prepared a candlelight banquet for the husbands, the General Conference and Far Eastern Division leaders, other delegates to the union session, the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital doctors and their wives, and a few other guests.

It was the first time in the history of the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital and the West Indonesia Union Mission that a course on home and family was offered the workers' wives and the leaders of the parent and home departments

of the local churches during a union biennial session. The women were very happy and grateful for this privilege. Some will doubtless give lectures in their local churches to share the knowledge and information imparted in the "school."



Dr. John Abraham examining a patient, now 87, who was blind from the age of five till his sight was restored 82 years later.

Sight Restored to Indian After 82 Years

By Philip S. Nelson, M.D., Associate Secretary, GC Medical Department

It is estimated that there are about 5 million blind people in India. Much of the blindness is caused by a deficiency of vitamin A. Lacking this vitamin, the cornea becomes like frosted glass, and if not treated goes on to ulceration with scarring of the cornea. This renders the cornea opaque.

More commonly, infection takes its toll. Trachoma, gonorrhea, syphilis, and smallpox are the greatest offenders. Some of the 75 per cent who survive smallpox will have a pock on the cornea. This is followed by scarring, and if it affects both eyes blindness results.

It was this that had happened to Konkaje Vithoji Patil, of Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra, India, 82 years before he was seen by our Dr. John Abraham, a graduate of the Christian Medical College of Vellore. Dr. Abraham took six-months' postgraduate work at Vellore in diseases of the eye and his Master's degree at the University of Lucknow.

Every year in India we have what is called eye camps. Temporary hospitals are set up in various areas where people with eye problems are invited to come and be examined by eye specialists both from India and overseas. Such an eye camp was set up in our hospital at Ranchi, 200 miles west of Calcutta. It was advertised far and wide. Several ophthalmologists came from Australia and one from America. Dr. Abraham helped with this camp, and when it moved to western India he was invited to go with them. This he did, and it was there that he examined Mr. Patil.

This patient had had smallpox at the age of five. Both eyes were blinded by scars, but a portion of the cornea of the left eye was clear. Dr. Abraham removed a portion of the iris underneath this area and then the cataract. The patient made an uneventful recovery and sees today after 82 years of blindness.

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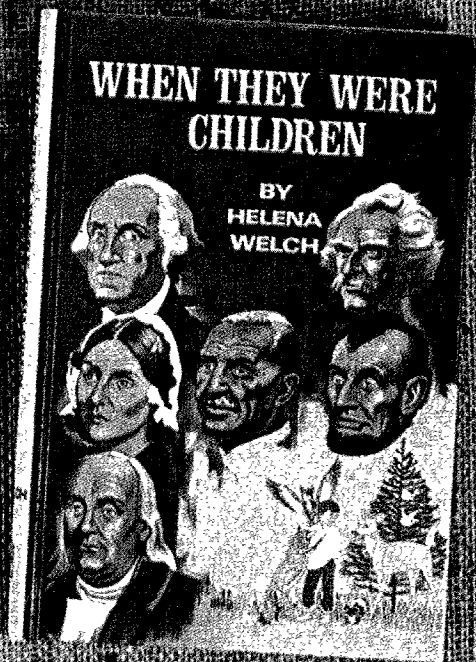
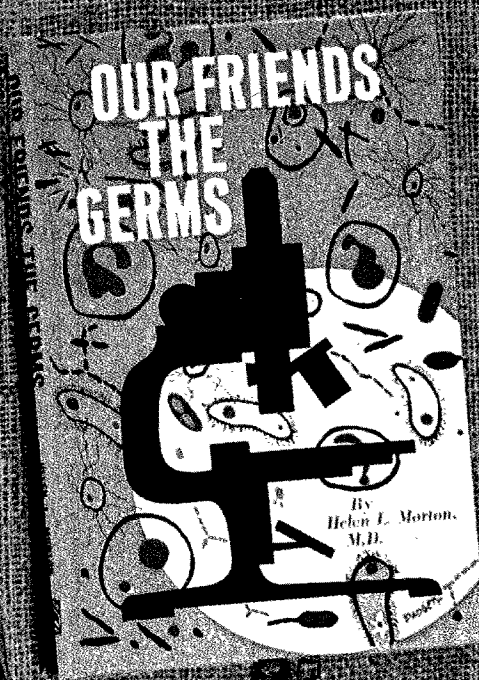
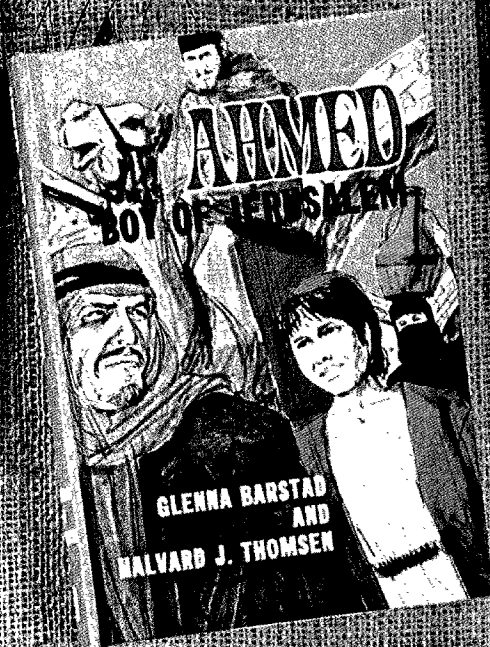
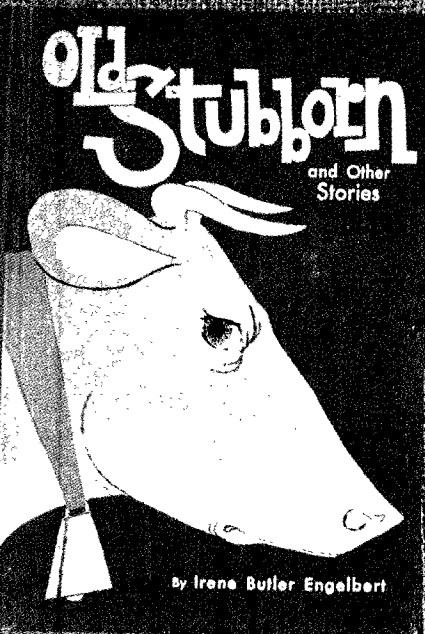
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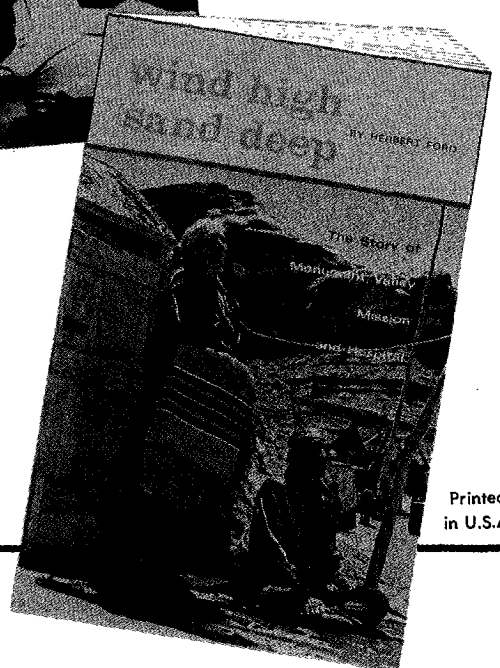
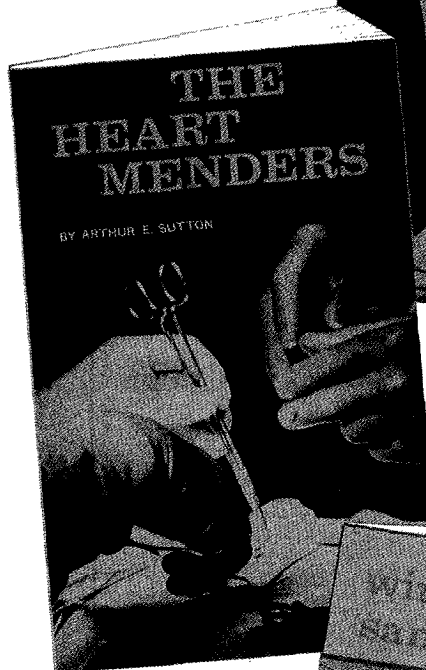
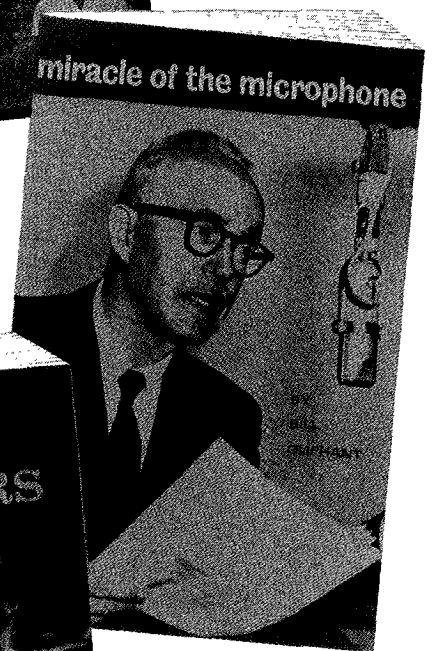
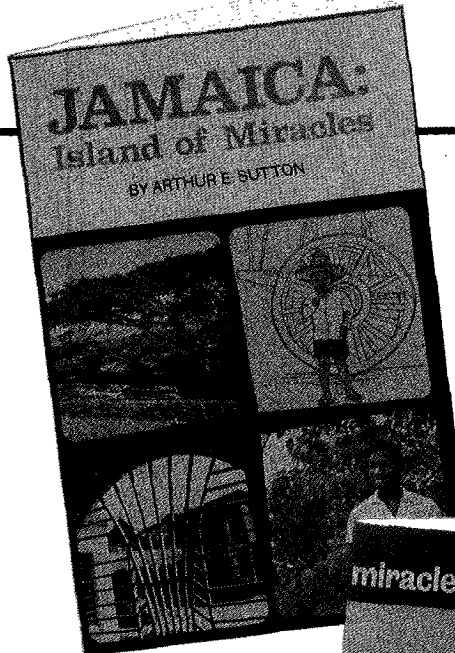
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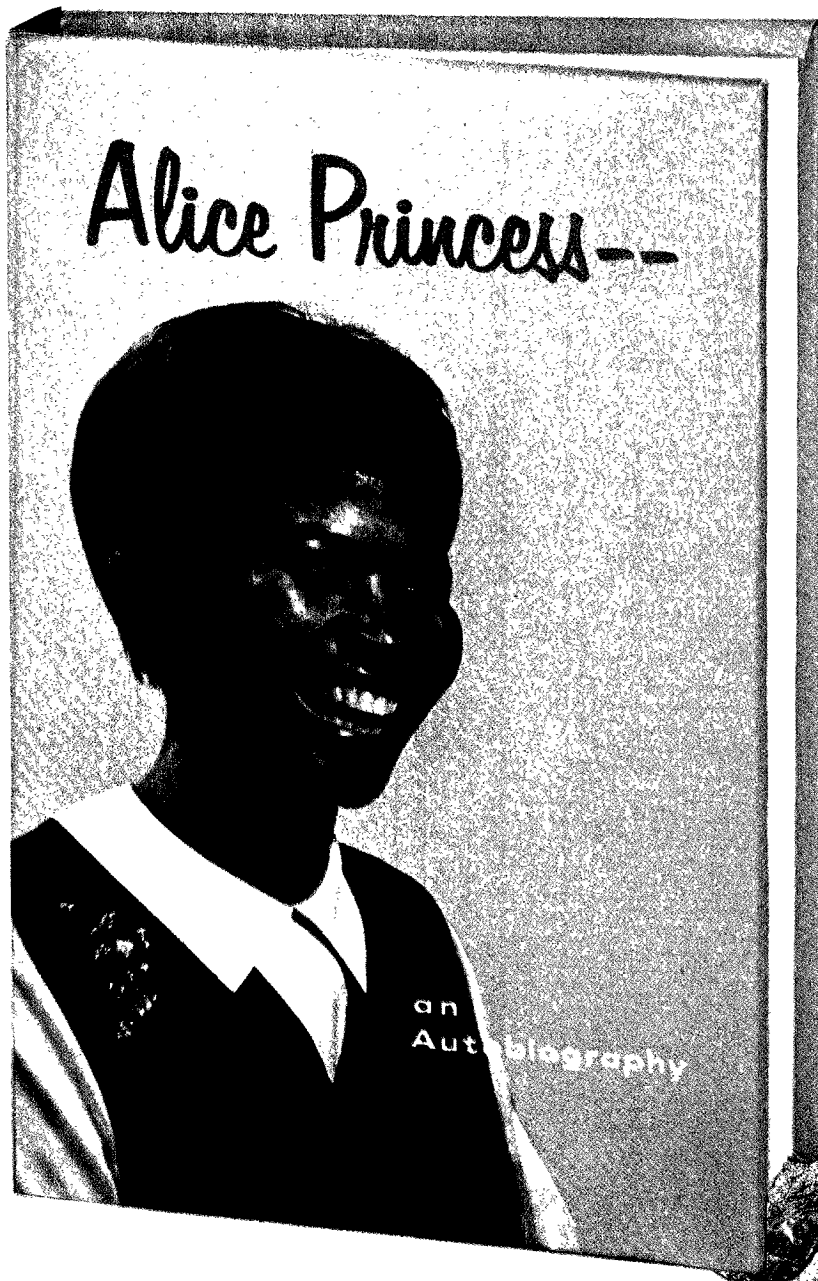
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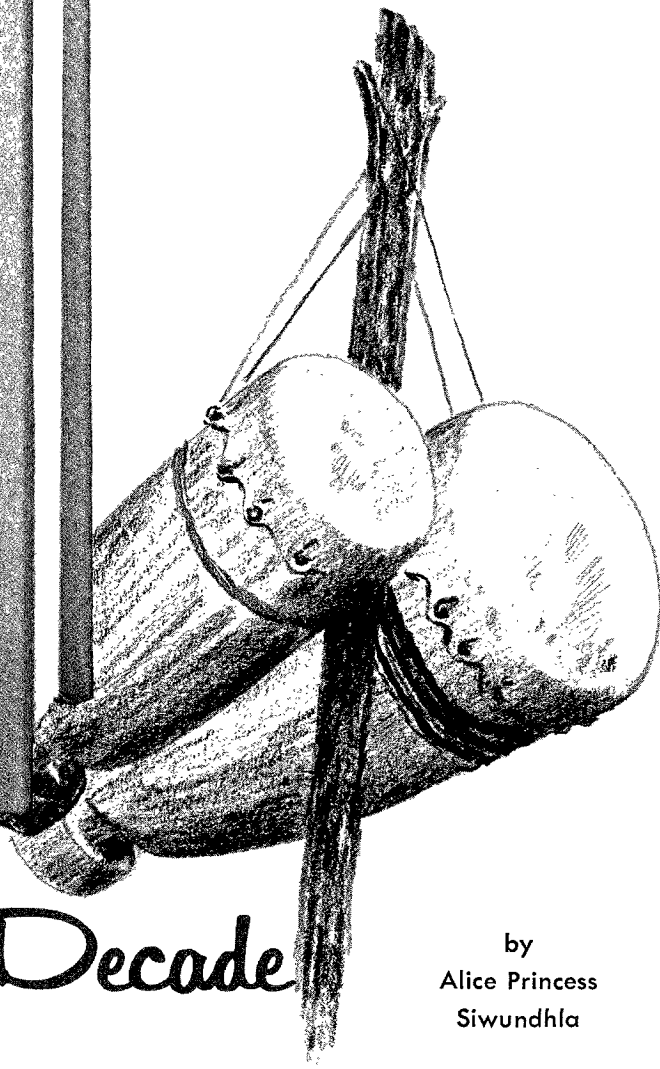
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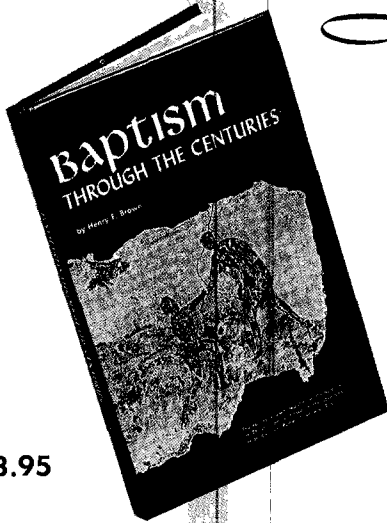
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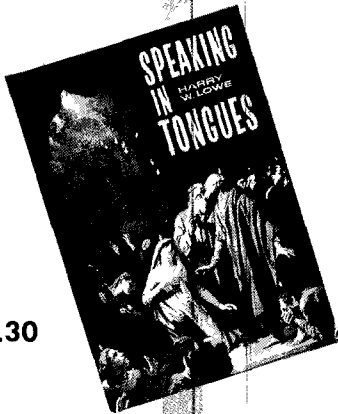
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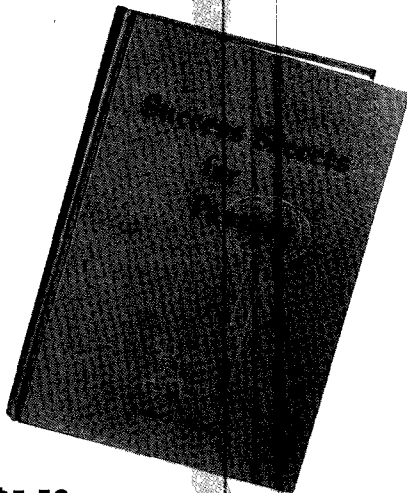


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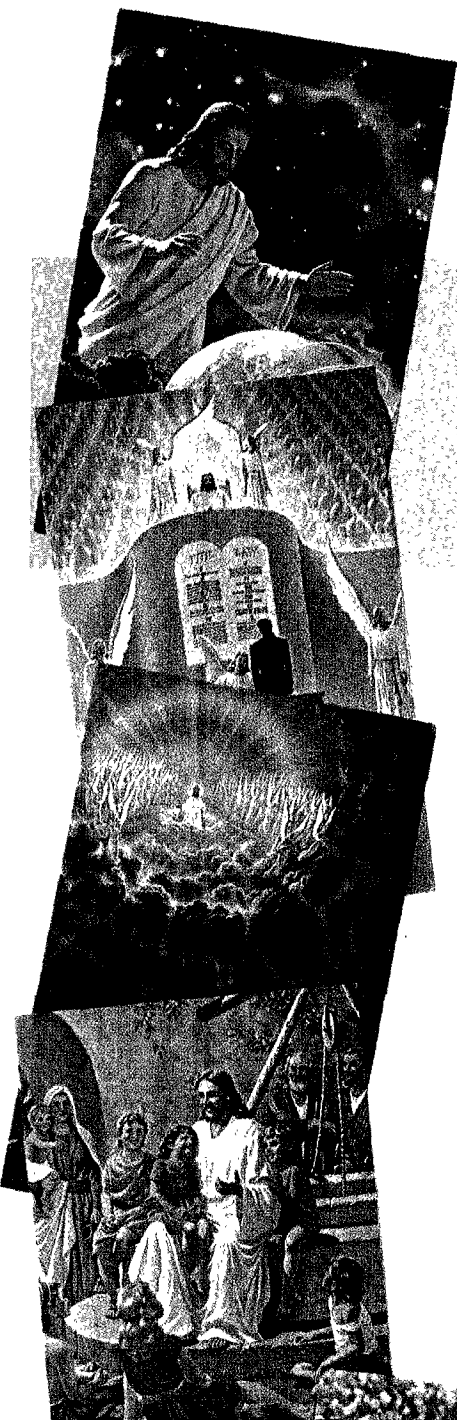
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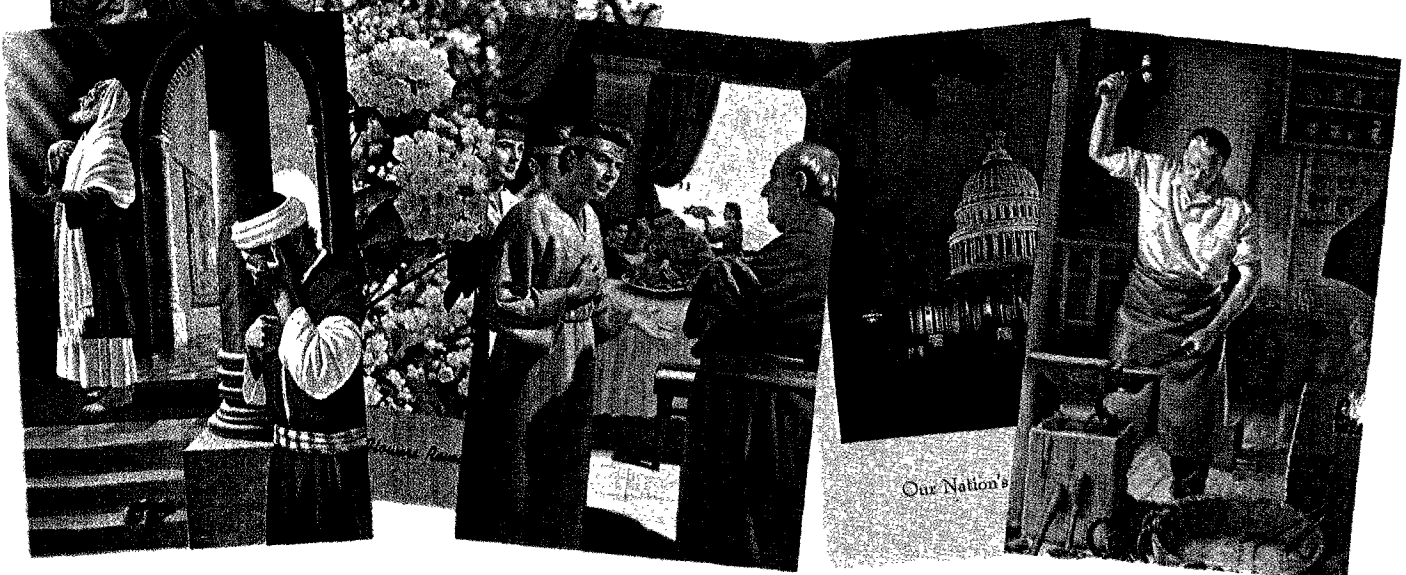
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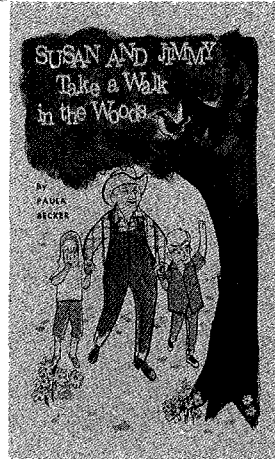
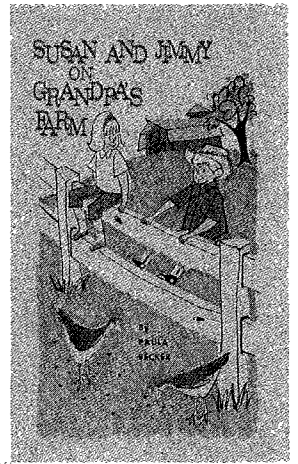
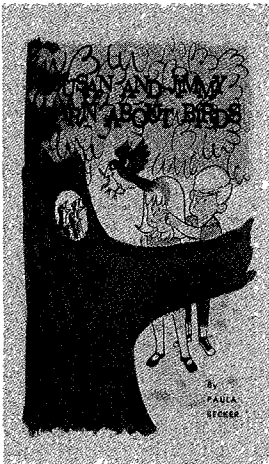
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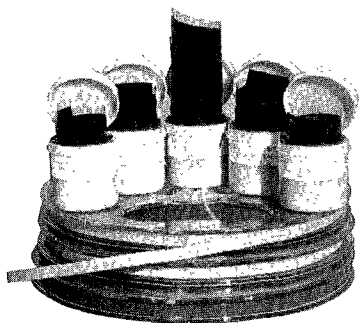
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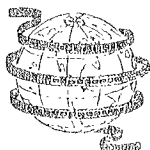


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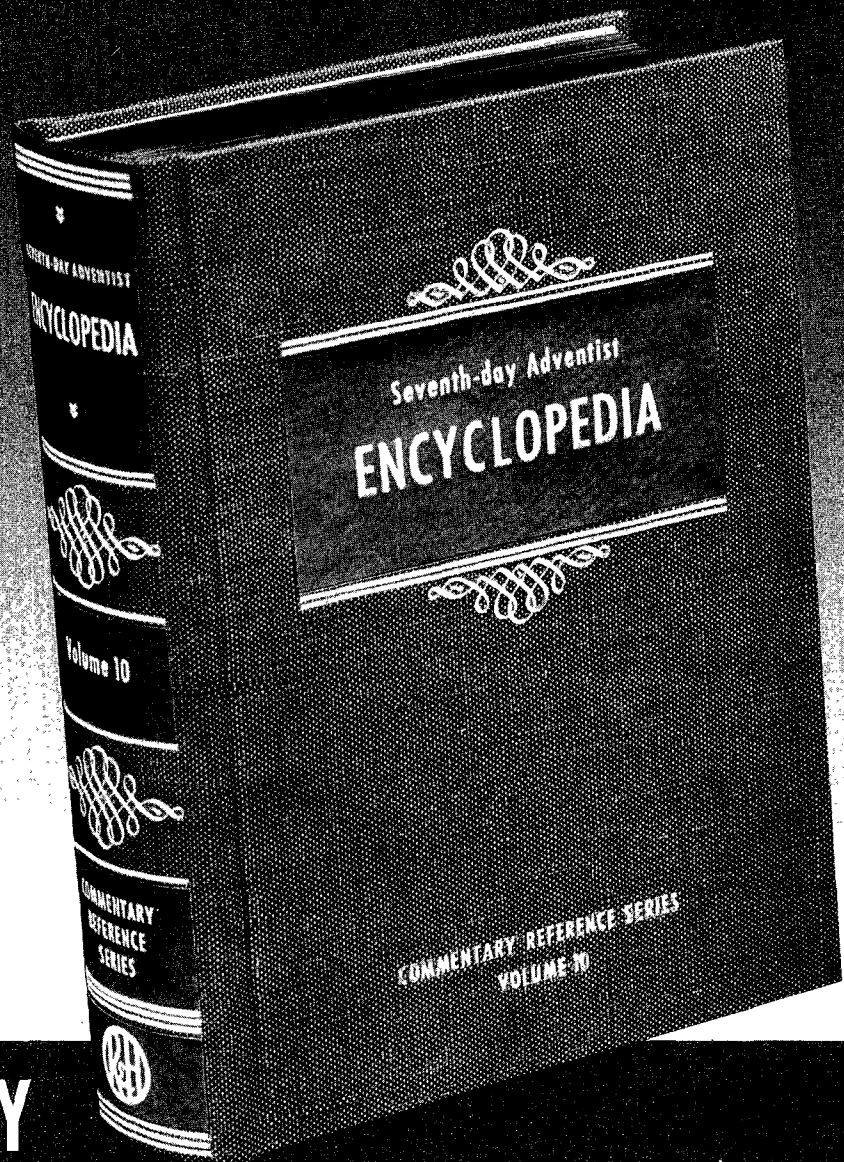
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Left: Desmond T. Doss being welcomed at the International Airport, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Left to right: D. J. von Pohle, MV secretary of the Inter-American Division; R. F. Mattison, MV secretary, Antillian Union; Florencio Vélez, Pan American public relations director; Corporal Desmond T. Doss; Américo Ciuffardi, public relations secretary of the Puerto Rico Conference; and Eliezer Meléndez, MV secretary of the Puerto Rico Conference. Right: Ernesto C. Santos (standing) with a group of Puerto Rican SDA students as he presented our doctrines to the ex-governor and present Senator, Luis Muñoz-Marín, seated at extreme right.

Two Events Given Publicity in Puerto Rico

By Américo Ciuffardi

Two events in recent weeks have brought added luster to the good name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Puerto Rico. The first was the visit of a group of students, largely Puerto Ricans, at the home of Senator Luis Muñoz-Marín, former governor of Puerto Rico. Senator Marín, first governor of the Puerto Rican free state, is a statesman of great stature and influence in Latin America, and a close friend of the late John F. Kennedy.

Senator Marín and his wife invited a talented musical group of Adventists for a private concert, and expressed deep appreciation not only for their excellent performance, but for the presentation of the principles of the Adventist Church, as set forth by Ernesto C. Santos, pastor of the Río Piedras Central church. Madam Inés de Muñoz-Marín, wife of the senator, personally prepared and served refreshments in appreciation of the visit.

The other notable event was the visit of Corporal Desmond T. Doss to Puerto Rico, and his reception at the airport by a delegation from the public relations departments of the Antillian Union and Puerto Rico Conference. Corporal Doss was accompanied by D. J. von Pohle, MV secretary of the Inter-American Division.

Pan American World Airways' public relations director, Florencio Vélez, gave the official welcome from the steps of the plane and escorted the visitors to the Clipper Club Lounge, where they were interviewed by representatives of the press, radio, and television. For several days two important newspapers, two television outlets, and no less than six radio stations broadcast these interviews, which presented our principles in a most favorable light.

Brother Doss emphasized constantly the power and mercy of God, the example of Jesus Christ, and our firm belief in non-combatant principles. He visited the

Medical Cadet camp at the Adventist youth camp in Puerto Rico, where he helped with instruction and the graduation services. His presence proved to be a great inspiration.

South American Heart Mission

By Carlos Nunes Vieira

Open-heart surgery was initiated at Hospital Silvestre, Rio de Janeiro in 1964, but in November 1965, a new phase of this work began. At that time the heart team was sent to its sister institution in Belém, which is not yet equipped for this surgery.

Members of the heart team who made the journey are Dr. Domingos Junqueira de Moraes, heart surgeon, Dr. Milton Meier and Dr. Waldyr Jazbik, assistant surgeons, Dr. José Feldman, cardiologist, and Dr. José Carlos Maia, anesthesiologist.

The team left Rio early Sunday morning, November 17. That afternoon a meeting was held with the cardiologists, and it was decided to perform seven surgeries.

The first surgery Monday morning was

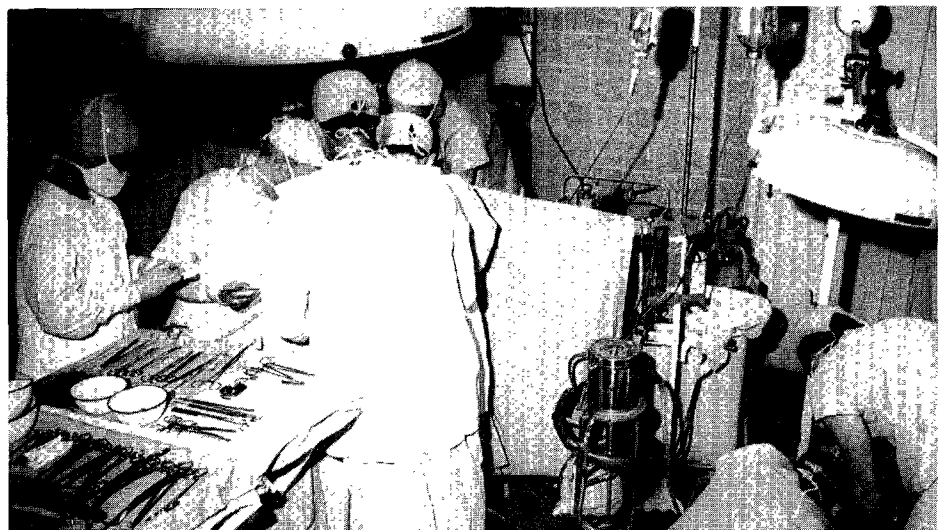
on a young Adventist medical student, Wilson Lessa. His was a case of mitral stenosis. The second surgery of the day was for an interauricular communication defect.

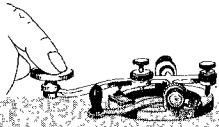
On subsequent days surgeries were performed for one mitral stenosis, two tetralogy of Fallot, one pulmonary stenosis, and one other interauricular communication defect. The schedule called for two surgeries each day and in the evenings a brief seminar on heart surgery at the medical university. Widespread publicity was given this project by newspapers and television, and patients began to arrive from as far away as Santarém (250 miles away) and Manaus (1,000 miles west). Unfortunately it was not possible to attend all these patients.

Hospital Silvestre is the only Adventist hospital in South America that is equipped for open-heart surgery. During 1965, the heart team of Hospital Silvestre performed 67 surgeries with the assistance of the heart-lung machine, which was designed by these doctors and produced in Brazil. Only five lives were lost.

For this opportunity to give new life and hope to patients who lived in fear and despair, we thank the Lord, who continually blesses the art and science of healing.

Team of surgeons from Hospital Silvestre in Rio de Janeiro performing open-heart surgery during a recent mercy mission to our hospital in Belém, Brazil.





Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



Atlantic Union

Reported by
Mrs. Emma Kirk

- After much planning, the Day Care Service at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital was officially opened January 3, with Mrs. Virginia Pike, director; Mrs. Zeola Allston, assistant director; and Mrs. Vera Williams, assisting as needed. The first day two children were in attendance, but since that time the attendance has been as many as nine. This new service provides supervised care of an educational nature to preschool children of parents employed at the hospital.
- Four were baptized in the Binghamton, New York, district recently. They are the result of a continuing evangelism emphasis by Pastor Baker.
- Ten church and school building programs are going on in the New York Conference. These include new churches or schools in some of the large centers of the State—Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, and Jamestown.



Columbia Union

Reported by
Morten Juberg

- Douglas Logan, Newtonville, New York, has accepted a call to the West Virginia Conference as departmental secretary. In his new post he will direct the work of the home missionary, Sabbath school, public relations, and radio-television departments.
- M. K. Eckenroth, who has been acting chairman of the religion department of

Columbia Union College for the past year, has been appointed chairman.

- Two tables of white Vermont marble engraved with the Ten Commandments have been donated to the Museum of Biblical Antiquities at Columbia Union College. Another gift has been made to the religion department; Dr. B. G. Wilkinson, former president, donated his extensive library to the school.



Lake Union

Reported by
Mrs. Mildred Wade

- The "Bible Speaks" program is making good progress in the Wisconsin Conference. Sixty-seven of the 80 churches in the conference are actively engaged in this soul-winning work. The churches have ordered 300 Catholic Bibles and lesson sets.
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moore are members of the little Glezen, Indiana, church, which has a membership of only 13. Each year they have held a Vacation Bible School, and this has brought the church a Pathfinder Club. The club membership is composed almost entirely of non-Seventh-day Adventists, and the Moores are hoping that through their work with the children the parents will be led to the light of Bible truth.
- Dr. Gordon Marsa, who recently completed his internship at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, has accepted an invitation to Barotseland, Zambia, in the Trans-Africa Division. He will serve as the second doctor on the staff of the 75-bed Yuka Mission Hospital. Dr. Marsa spent 13 years in Africa when his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Percy Marsa, served as missionaries.



North Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Ione Morgan

- During the past 14 months the Upper Columbia Conference evangelistic team, made up of Herman Bauman, speaker, Lorie Purdey, soloist, and Dean Edwards, campaign manager, conducted seven efforts. In these crusades, conducted in Spokane, Washington, and the surrounding areas, the Lord blessed with a harvest of 156 souls.
- For the first two and a half months of this year the literature evangelists of the Washington Conference made a gain of nearly \$10,000 in deliveries over the corresponding period last year, reports Peter Tadej, Washington Conference publishing department secretary. Gary Ehlerl has been selected to serve as the assistant publishing department secretary in the conference. He personally was responsible for \$5,500 worth of literature delivered in the same month period.



Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Margaret Follett

- Two pastors from the Pacific Northwest have joined the Southeastern California Conference ministerial staff. Don L. Bauer, from Brewster, Washington, is an associate pastor of the Loma Linda University church. Elder Bauer attended Walla Walla College and received his M.A. degree from Andrews University. Dennis L. Parks comes from Baker, Oregon, to be associate pastor of the Azure Hills church. He graduated from Walla

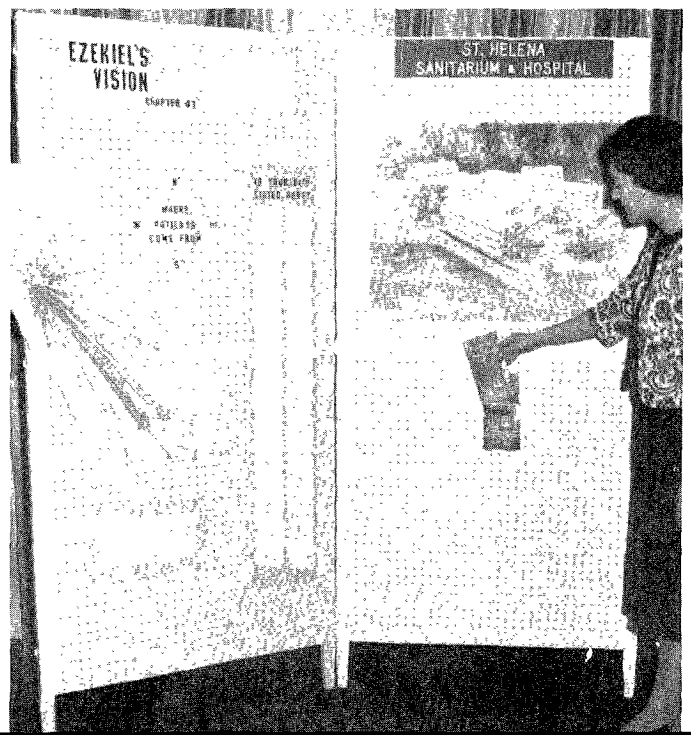
Lobby Display at St. Helena Sanitarium

The far-reaching influence of St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital is graphically portrayed in a colorful sequined map of California, displayed in the hospital's main lobby. On the map are pinpointed the 200 cities in the State from which patients and guests come. Here, at the oldest denominational medical institution in the West, the seed of truth is sown and living witnesses go back to their own areas to give their impressions of Seventh-day Adventism.

In *Testimonies*, volume 6, page 226, Ellen G. White says: "Our sanitariums have been the means of elevating the truth for this time and bringing it before thousands. . . . The assurance that the Lord presides there, and the many prayers offered for the sick, make an impression upon their hearts. . . . When the future test comes, when enlightenment comes to them, not a few of these will take their stand with God's remnant people."

The display is creating a great deal of interest among visitors, patients, and guests of St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital. Not shown in the display are the ten additional States and several countries from which patients and guests have come for medical and spiritual healing.

E. E. CHRISTIAN, *Chaplain*
St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital



Walla College and has taken graduate work at Andrews.

► Frank L. Peterson, one of the vice-presidents of the General Conference, C. E. Moseley, Jr., one of the General Conference field secretaries, and E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, are meeting a number of speaking appointments throughout the Pacific Union Conference during April and May.



Southwestern Union

Reported by
J. N. Morgan

► Health and Welfare federation meetings have been held in most of the conferences of the Southwestern Union during the early part of 1966.

► C. W. Skantz, who has served the Texas Conference the past seven years as pastor and secretary-treasurer, has accepted a call to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as secretary-treasurer.

► An unusual Master Guide leadership course was conducted recently in San Antonio, Texas, in which fifteen persons received certificates of completion. W. E. Burns, Texas Conference youth director, awarded certificates to these youth leaders, following ten hours of instruction at the San Antonio Spanish church. In the Texas Conference 583 persons now hold leadercraft certificates.

► Student literature institutes have been held at Ozark Academy, Sandia View Academy, and Southwestern Union College recently by the Southwestern Union publishing department. Representatives

of the union and the Southern Publishing Association spent several days instructing the students in the art of selling Christian literature and acquainting them with the work of the literature evangelist.

► M. D. McIntosh has accepted the responsibility of assistant publishing secretary of the Texico Conference. He comes to Texico from Arkansas-Louisiana and is now completing his tenth year of experience in the literature ministry.

► Alfred J. Webb, of Elk City, Oklahoma, recently baptized eight persons and presently is arranging to baptize six more. Several of these are from Hobart, Oklahoma, a dark-county town, where Pastor Webb has been holding meetings in the American Legion Hall.

In Remembrance

BARCO.—Viola Ella Barco, born July 2, 1876, at Madison, Fla.; died Jan. 7, 1966, at Orlando, Fla.

BEACHAM.—Ruby Jeffries Beacham, born Oct. 25, 1887; died Nov. 24, 1965, at Brooksville, Fla. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

BOWERS.—Clara Jane Bowers, born April 29, 1878, in Rochester, Minn.; died Feb. 5, 1966, in Seattle, Wash.

BRADY.—Dwight Marvin Brady, born Feb. 6, 1950, in Rochester, Minn.; died Feb. 5, 1966, at Maitland, Fla. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

BROOKS.—Anna Brooks, born July 1, 1888, in Germany; died Nov. 6, 1965, at Inverness, Fla. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

CENTER.—Eli Park Center, born Aug. 17, 1905, in Walker County, Ga.; died Feb. 6, 1966. He had been a literature evangelist since 1950. His wife, Euphie Deverell Center, survives, as well as three sons and two daughters.

COLE.—Edward A. Cole, born Feb. 17, 1893, in

Louishead, Nova Scotia; died Nov. 16, 1965, at Casseberry, Fla. He was an employee of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital until about three years ago. Survivors are his wife, Ida; and two sons, Kenneth and Gordon. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

CORNWELL.—Mrs. Maw Beals Cornwell, born Nov. 20, 1892, at Ottawa, Ill.; died Feb. 17, 1966.

DAVIS.—Francis James Davis, born June 1, 1910, in Belfast, Ireland; died Oct. 25, 1965, at Orlando, Fla. His wife, Marguerite, survives. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

DELLOS.—Samuel Lee Dellos, born Oct. 15, 1942, at Worland, Wyo.; died Feb. 5, 1966, in Vietnam. While in the army he was taking the Faith Bible course and giving Bible studies to the Vietnamese near his base.

ELLINGWORTH.—Mary Long Ellingworth, born Aug. 31, 1885, near Grahamstown, South Africa; died Feb. 11, 1966, at Concord, Calif. In 1912 she married Elder Albert Ellingworth. Their first mission assignment was at Malamulo Mission, Nyasaland, where they labored 17 years. They served nine years in Tanganyika, and then in Ruanda-Urundi. Next they labored at the Songa Mission in the Congo, and here Elder Ellingworth died. Mrs. Ellingworth continued to teach in mission schools and do secretarial work in our offices until she had contributed more than 40 years of service to the cause. In 1951 she moved to Pleasant Hill, Calif. Survivors are a daughter, EnidUFFindell, of Concord, Calif.; a son, Brian, of Palmdale, Calif.; eight grandchildren; three brothers, and one sister.

EWING.—Hannah Ewing, born Feb. 24, 1899, at Dillsboro, Ind.; died Jan. 27, 1966, at Jacksonville, Fla.

HILCKMAN.—Paul Frederick Hilckman, born April 31, 1871, in Cincinnati, Ohio; died Jan. 22, 1966, at Clermont, Fla. For a number of years he was an employee of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. Survivors are a brother and two sisters.

ISAAC.—Harold Doty Isaac, born June 17, 1895, at Worland, Wyo.; died Feb. 1, 1966, at Salem, Ore. In 1919 he graduated from Walla Walla College. He began his work in Spokane Academy. The next year he was ordained to the ministry. In 1921 he married Ella Miller, who died in 1959. They became missionaries and served in the educational work of Ecuador, Peru, and the Antillian union for 15 years. He was president of the West Indian Training College in Jamaica, and upon returning to the States was principal of Portland Union Academy. In 1960 he married Mary Drake, who survives.

JOHNSON.—Orin H. Johnson, born May 11, 1884, at Rome, Pa.; died Dec. 4, 1965, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. His wife, Mary, survives. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eps.]

KANAK.—Mamie Kanak, born July 25, 1882, at Collegeville, Ill.; died Jan. 18, 1966, in St. Louis, Mo.

Walla Walla College Student Missionary Spends Busy Summer in British Guiana

Ed Boyatt, senior theology major at Walla Walla College, got off a DC-7 at Atkinson Airport near Georgetown, British Guiana, last June and strode into a summer that could well reshape his life.

"Now I know for sure that I want to be a missionary," he says after having spent the summer as WWC's sixth student missionary.

Sponsored by the college Missionary Volunteer Society, Ed conducted two evangelistic series and visited the land of the Davis Indians during his three-month stay in British Guiana.

The day after arrival on June 11, he preached the Sabbath sermon in a local "church"—the space under a stilt-supported house. A week and a day later, his first evangelistic campaign began, in the country's second largest city, New Amsterdam. From then on he spoke nearly every night and every Sabbath.

Ed preached in a simple wooden frame building, with aluminum roofing and siding. Attendance averaged 150 persons each night. "I used the Bible Marking Plan," he says. "Last year WWC students gave \$50 toward the purchase of Bibles for our meetings. In British Guiana that was enough to buy 85 Bibles."

Henry Dorway, student from Caribbean Union College, helped during the series and remained to work with interested people after the meetings ended.

"So far six persons have been baptized as a result of the

meetings, and more are still studying for baptism," says Ed.

The high light of the summer was a brief visit with the Davis Indians. These Indians had achieved fame because of the story of their chief who had dreamed of the coming of a white man with a black book. From the dream the chief learned of the Sabbath and taught his people to keep it even before the coming of the white man.

The second effort was conducted in a village 55 miles up the Bernice River from New Amsterdam. "This was a primitive land—definitely mission field," says Ed. The people sat on makeshift benches under a house on stilts. "I was alone there," the student missionary reminisces. "For the first time I led music."

At the end of the three-week series nine persons requested baptism.

During the school year Ed is presenting programs in North Pacific Union Conference churches. Plans coordinated by Mike Osborne call for 60 appearances.

The college MV Society sent its first student missionary to Alaska in 1960, and has maintained an unbroken record of student missionary projects since. Dick Hart, college MV leader this year, was the first to serve outside North America, working on the Amazon River in Peru in the summer of 1964.

Both student missionaries came back enthusiastic. "We'll go back again," they vow.

CHARLES SCRIVEN

KROFF.—Joseph B. Kroff, born March 23, 1879, in Australia; died Jan. 19, 1966, at Orlando, Fla.

LAIN.—Clara Elizabeth Laign, born Dec. 2, 1896, in Frederick, Md.; died at Hagerstown, Md., March 3, 1966.

MARSH.—Leona Alfred Marsh, born Aug. 8, 1892, in Kansas; died at Grass Valley, Calif., Feb. 25, 1966. Her husband, Warren, survives.

MESAROSH.—Andrew Mesarosh, born Dec. 16, 1890, in Hungary; died Jan. 7, 1966, at Inverness, Fla. His wife, Dorothy, survives.

NYE.—Otto Perry Nye, born Sept. 7, 1883, near Newport, Oreg.; died March 13, 1966.

PETERSON.—Ambrose M. Peterson, born Nov. 6, 1916, in La Salle County, Ill.; died Feb. 22, 1966. His wife, Vallie Tuntland Peterson, survives.

PHIPPS.—Nettie Ethel Eaton Phipps, born in Franklin County, Ill.; died Dec. 6, 1965, at Angwin, Calif. Survivors are her husband, Burton H. Phipps, and a daughter, Barbara Phipps, associate librarian of Pacific Union College. [Obituary received March 21, 1966.—Eds.]

REYNA.—Carolyn Stanley Reyna, born in Okeechobee, Fla.; died Dec. 7, 1965, in Colombia, South America, at the age of 25. In September, 1965, she and her husband went to Bucaramanga, Colombia, where Elder Wilfred Reyna was the pastor of a large church. Survivors are her husband; three children; and her parents, Elder and Mrs. J. R. Stanley, of Ocala, Fla. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eds.]

REYNOLDS.—T. Gordon Reynolds, died March 7, 1966, at the age of 69. He was emeritus associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Loma Linda University. In 1923 he was graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists and the following year was appointed to the faculty, where he taught for five years in the department of physiology. In 1929 Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds established a self-supporting mission hospital in Sonora, Mexico, and in 1938 he was the first foreigner in 30 years to pass the Medical Board for Mexico. Because of ill-health he returned to the States, and in 1943 rejoined the CME staff, teaching in the department of orthopedic surgery for 18 years before retirement. Survivors are his wife, Cordelia Price Reynolds; three daughters, Mrs. George Jensen, of Poona, India; Mrs. Charles Bell, of La Sierra, Calif.; and Mrs. Alton Johnson, of Coffeyville, Kans.; and six grandchildren.

RUSSELL.—Nathan Russell, born Oct. 13, 1902, at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland; died May 16, 1965, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was publishing department secretary of the Florida Conference from 1936 to 1940, and held the same position in the Northern New England Conference from 1940 to 1945. From 1945 to 1948 he was the publishing department secretary for the New York Conference. Survivors are his wife, Mildred; a son, William, of La Sierra College; and a daughter, Mildred, of Fort Lauderdale. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eds.]

ST. CLAIR.—Raymond M. St. Clair, born June 27, 1917, in Des Moines, Iowa; died Feb. 25, 1966. He was one of the founders of the Adamsview church school in Wapato, Wash. His wife, Naomi, survives.

SAVELLE.—Marshall Clinton Savelle, born Jan. 9, 1888, near Dawson, Ga.; died at Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 26, 1966. His wife, Minnie Lee, survives.

SCHOBERTH.—Ressa Schoberth, born July 7, 1882, at Cicero, Ind.; died Sept. 26, 1965, in San Bernardino, Calif. Her husband survives. [Obituary received March 8, 1966.—Eds.]

SCUKA.—Cliff Scuka, born March 6, 1912, near Cortez, Colo.; died Feb. 27, 1966, at Holdrege, Nebr. His wife, Loretta Carmen Scuka, survives.

SEABERG.—Mattie Seaberg, born Feb. 10, 1885, in Norway; died Feb. 17, 1966, at Moorhead, Minn.

STORING.—Ellis Walter Storing, born Feb. 8, 1905, at Worthington, Minn.; died Feb. 21, 1966. In 1930 he married Margaret Butterfield, and after his graduation as a ministerial intern, he began working in the South Texas Conference. In 1937 he entered departmental work in the Texas Conference, where he continued until 1939, when they were called to Jamaica. He was the first to begin organized layman's evangelism in Jamaica. In 1944 they returned to the States, and he became a pastor in the Arizona Conference. Later he transferred to departmental work, which he continued until 1953. From 1953 to 1957 he was a departmental secretary in the Pacific Union Conference. Then he went to the Southeastern California Conference, where he labored in Imperial Valley. In 1965 he transferred to the Mountain View church. Survivors are his wife; son, Myron Ellis; two grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

SWENA.—Marvin B. Swena, born Jan. 31, 1882, in Denver, Colo.; died in Denver, Colo., Feb. 26, 1966. His wife, Irene, survives.

SZUCS.—Ada May Szucs, born Nov. 4, 1893, in Pennsylvania; died Oct. 9, 1965, at Brooksville, Fla. Her husband, Steven, survives. [Obituary received March 17, 1966.—Eds.]

TODD.—Dora Minerva Davis Todd, born Dec. 15,

1887; died Dec. 17, 1965, at Springfield, Mo. [Obituary received March 24, 1966.—Eds.]

WELLMAN.—Stella Eldora Wellman, born June 28, 1879, at Rochester, Ind.; died Jan. 1, 1966, at Brooksville, Fla. She attended Battle Creek College and was one of the first church school teachers. In 1899 she married Elder Lee Emory Wellman. They accepted a call to Jamaica, where they served for a number of years, as well as working in Guatemala. Because of ill-health, they returned to the States, and served in Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Survivors are her husband; three sons, Elwin W., of Denver, Colo.; Clarence D., pastor in Keene, Tex.; and Wallace L., pastor in Appleton, Wis.

WHITE.—Nettie Alida Burr White, born July 4, 1877, at Leon, Wis.; died Feb. 18, 1966, at Modesto, Calif. For a number of years she taught church school in Wisconsin. Survivors are a son, Lloyd B. White, of Sonora, Calif.; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and a brother.

WILLIAMS.—Marjorie Deloney Williams, born at Dothan, Ala.; died Dec. 26, 1965, near Port Arthur, Tex., at the age of 30. Her husband, Dr. Joseph Williams, survives.

WILSON.—Raynold H. Wilson, born Nov. 25, 1946, at Takoma Park, Md.; died March 7, 1966. Among the survivors are his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Savannah, Ga.

WOLL.—Ole G. Woll, born May 28, 1882, at La Crosse, Wis.; died at Bison, S. Dak., March 3, 1966.

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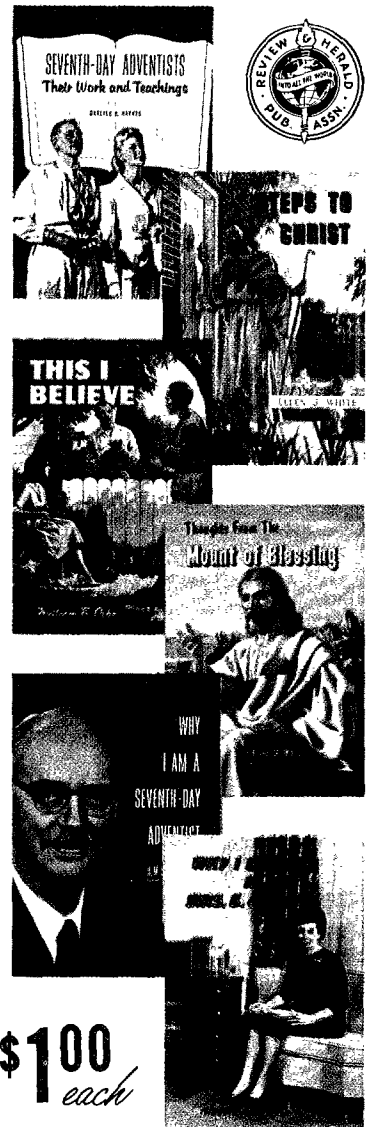
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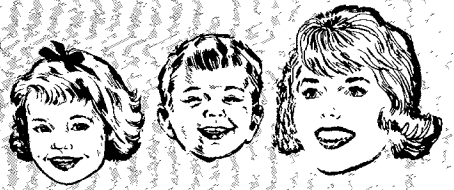
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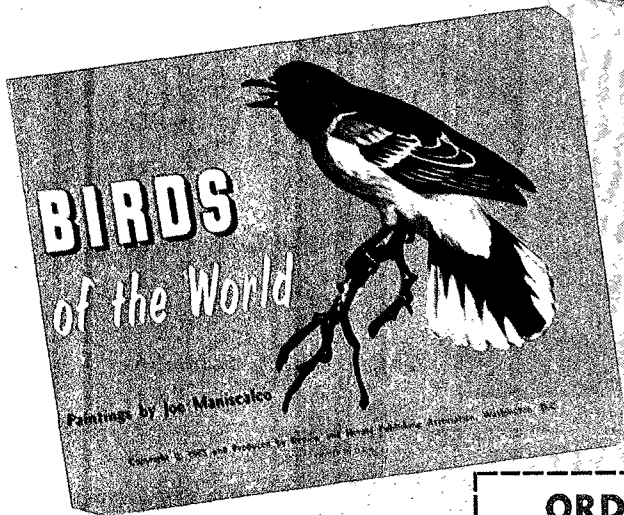
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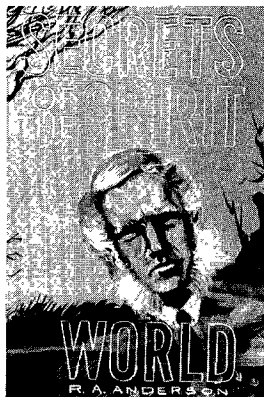
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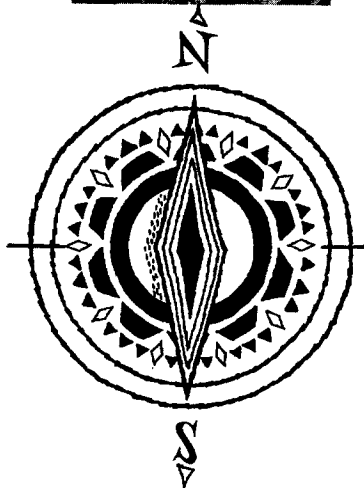
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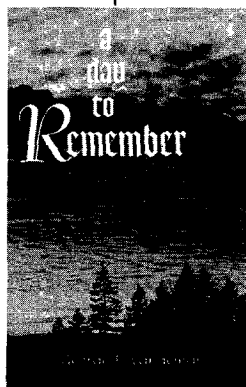
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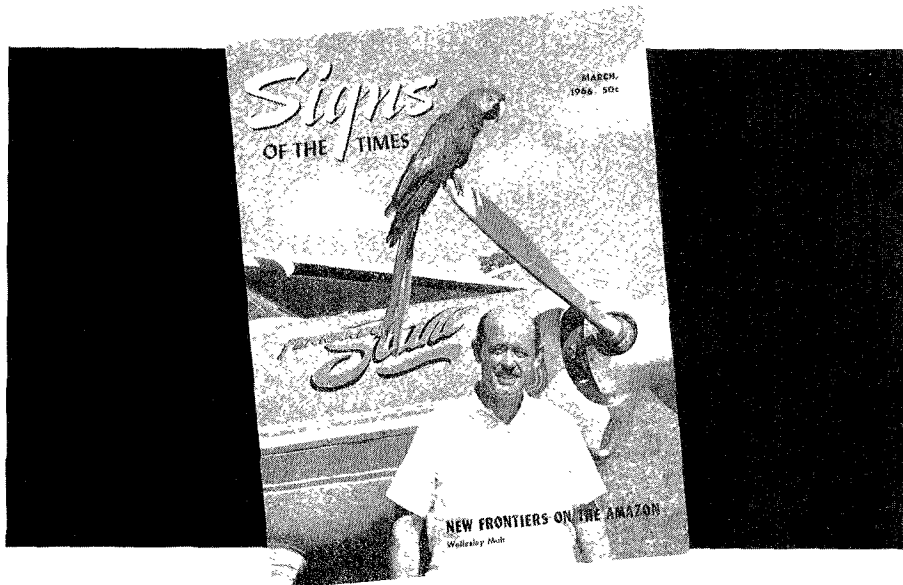


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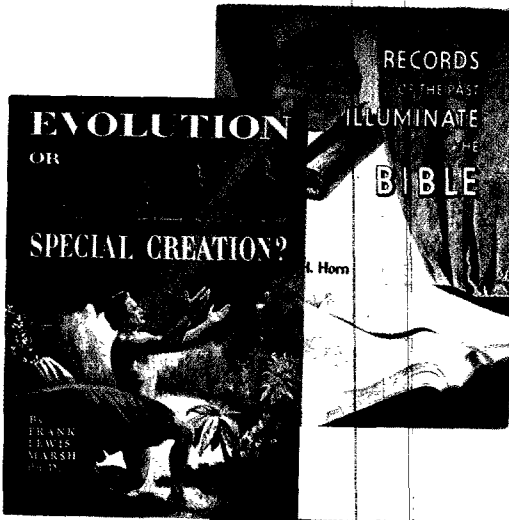
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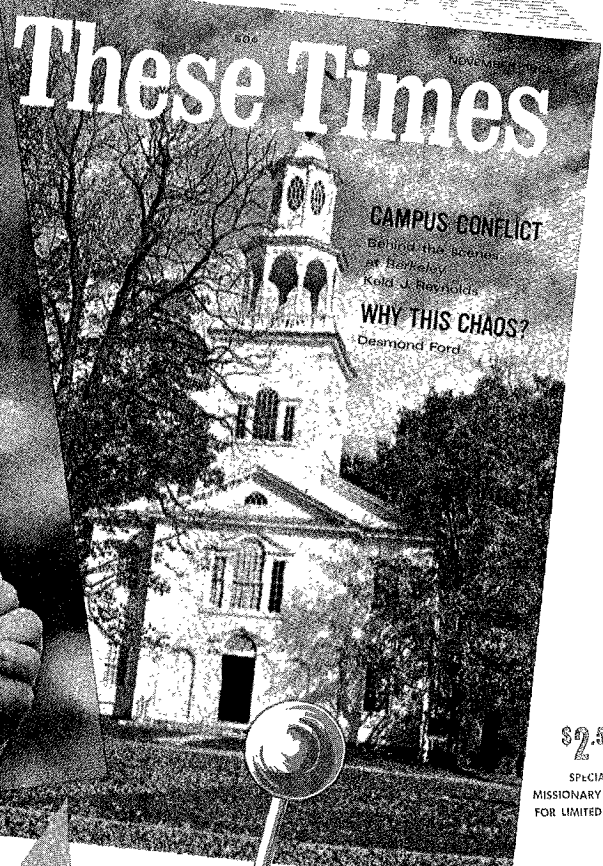
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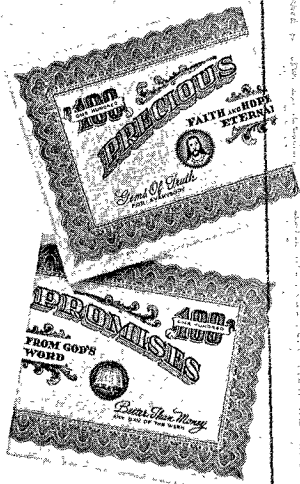
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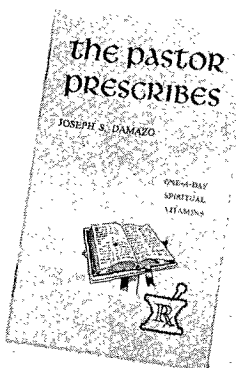


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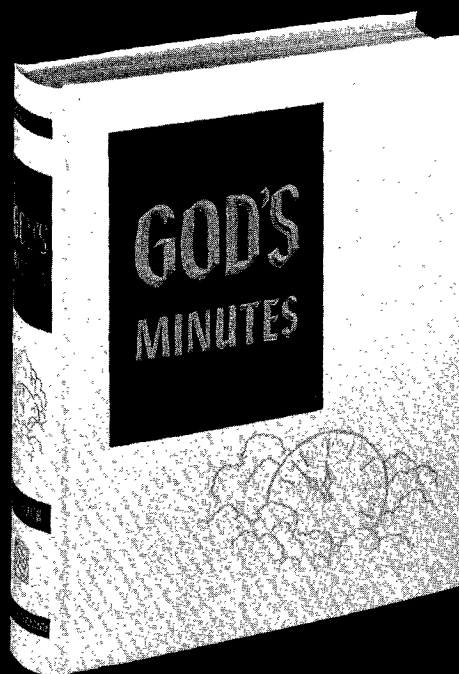
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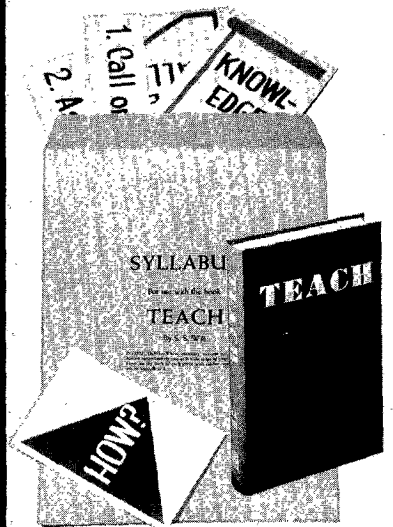


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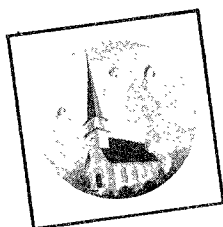
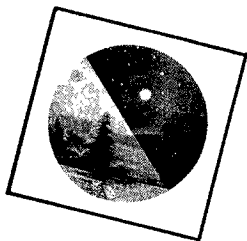
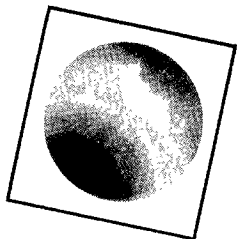
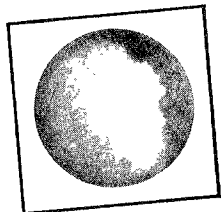
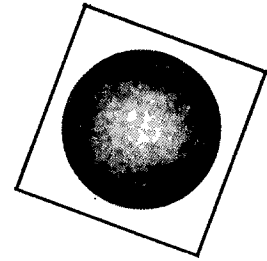
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News of Note

Colorado Conference Biennial Session

Delegates from the Colorado churches filled the Denver Central church Sunday, March 27, for the biennial session, and they heard very encouraging reports on the two-year period. During the biennium 64 evangelistic campaigns, supported by the diligent efforts of laymen, brought 951 church accessions by baptism, increasing the conference church membership to 9,000.

The Colorado Conference has 72 organized churches and two companies. Sixty-three congregations now have their own church home. Ten new churches were built during the past two years. In addition, three fine church edifices are under construction, including a new all-stone church at Colorado Springs with a seating capacity of 650.

During the biennium, Mile High Academy at Denver completed a new addition to the secondary school, while Campion boarding academy erected a new administration building—one of the finest in the denomination. Porter Memorial Hospital added a wing. The institution now provides 320 beds. Boulder Hospital is looking forward to the construction of a new medical building, and continues to be a great source of strength in the conference. More than 100 Seventh-day Adventist physicians and dentists are located in Colorado.

H. V. Reed, president, H. L. Haas, secretary-treasurer, and a dedicated staff of departmental secretaries were re-elected.

W. R. BEACH

Student Literature Evangelists' Sales Pass One Million

Last summer more than 1,000 young people from our colleges and academies in North America shared their faith as student literature evangelists. They had opportunity to pray in thousands of homes, left many pieces of free literature, and sold \$1,201,911.02 worth of Seventh-day Adventist books and magazines. This represents a gain of around \$200,000 in literature sales over the previous year by student literature evangelists.

The writer was present when W. A. Higgins, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, reported the above figures at a recent session of the General Conference Committee.

More and more our youth are surveying the fields of opportunity and taking seriously the statement on page 220 of *Messages to Young People*: "The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth."

A report for the world field just compiled in the MV Department reveals 54,

811 souls won through youth evangelism during the past two years. Many of these persons have come into the truth as the result of the work of our youthful literature evangelists.

THEODORE LUCAS

Pray for the Coming General Conference Session

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is confronted today with awesome but challenging responsibility. Restriction, stress, and overt fighting beset our world missions in many areas. The signs of the times call for renewed and deeper consecration to God.

The church is approaching what should be the most important convocation ever held by Seventh-day Adventists, the fiftieth world session to be held in Detroit, and stands in need of a fuller understanding of God's will and grace to follow the counsels of Holy Writ and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The General Conference Committee in Spring Meeting appeals to ministry and laity alike to seek God most earnestly and to enter into a deeper and more sacrificial dedication to present truth and the finishing of His work. The Committee calls earnestly upon Seventh-day Adventists everywhere to seek divine guidance, especially in the selection of leaders and the elaboration of plans for the coming quadrennium; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a call to prayer be issued to our world membership, and that a special period of intercession in public and private worship begin Sabbath, June 4, and continue until the close of the General Conference session, Sabbath, June 25.

2. That the General Conference officers be asked to implement the above call to prayer through the leadership of the churches and denominational journals.

R. R. FIGUHR, *President*
W. R. BEACH, *Secretary*

Good News From East Brazil

Recent reports on baptisms for 1965 from South America point up the rapid advance of our church in some areas of the field. Rodolpho Belz, president of the East Brazil Union, reports that their baptisms for 1965 were 4,546. The entire membership of that union in 1940 was

but 4,700. Thus that entire earlier membership was nearly duplicated in 1965. He also reports baptisms of 1,281 for the Bahia-Sergipe Mission in 1965. This number is 47 more than the entire membership of Bahia-Sergipe in 1950.

We thank God for these wonderful results.

W. E. MURRAY

Walla Walla Sends Student Missionaries

Eight students of Walla Walla College will soon be chosen to serve as student missionaries during the coming summer. The college MV Society is a major sponsor of the project. One student will go to Brazil for work on a launch on the São Francisco River. Another will help with Vacation Bible Schools and conduct his own series of evangelistic meetings in Alaska on St. Lawrence Island. Six additional young people will be sent to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana, where their services are needed in the first JMV Summer Camp program in the area.

MILDRED LEE JOHNSON

Family in Turkey Shares Faith

A Seventh-day Adventist family in U.S. military service in Adana, Turkey, completely isolated from other members of the church, tell of the thrill they are having in distributing *Steps to Christ*, other booklets, and temperance literature provided by the Servicemen's Fund.

Each week their dining room is the scene of a branch Sabbath school (called Story Hour), where eight non-Adventist children join their own two children for Bible study. These children, all from U.S. military service personnel families, are eager to learn about the Bible, even though to some it is something new. For 12 weeks' perfect attendance and the completion of certain Bible memory work each of the children receives a new Bible.

CLARK SMITH

Servicemen's Literature Offering

While most of us in the homeland are enjoying the benefits of unparalleled prosperity, an ever-increasing number of young men are risking their lives on battlefields in far-off places.

Our National Service Organization undertakes to supply Adventist servicemen and chaplains with missionary literature, devotional books, and Sabbath school quarterlies. For isolated men, sermons on tapes are available if the boys have recorders.

For this purpose an offering will be received in our churches on May 14. We urge you to make your offering for servicemen's literature a liberal one. Let us exceed the \$75,000 goal so that every SDA serviceman may have the means to make his Christian life strong and his witness effective among his fellow servicemen.

K. F. AMBS