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*What is your credit rating with God?*

## “Will a Man Rob God?”

By ELLEN G. WHITE

THE Lord, by the prophet Malachi, asks the question, “Will a man rob God?” He would seem to imply that such a crime could not be possible. But despite the heinous character of the offense, he adds, “Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” The fact that this solemn charge is brought against the professed people of God, should lead us to earnest self-examination, watchfulness, and prayer, lest we be included in its condemnation.

The Bible does not condemn the rich man because he is rich; it does not declare the acquisition of wealth to be a sin, nor does it say that money is the root of all evil. On the contrary, the Scriptures state that it is God who gives the power to get wealth. And this ability is a precious talent if consecrated to God and employed to advance His cause. The Bible does not condemn genius or art; for these come of the wisdom which God gives. We cannot make the heart purer or holier by clothing the body in sackcloth, or depriving the home of all that ministers to comfort, taste, or convenience.

The Scriptures teach that wealth is a dangerous possession only when placed in competition with the immortal treasure. It is when the earthly and temporal absorbs the thoughts, the affections, the devotion which God claims, that it becomes a snare. Those who are bartering the eternal weight of glory for a little of the glitter and tinsel of earth, the everlasting habitations for a home which can be theirs but a few years at best, are making an unwise choice. Such was the exchange made by Esau, when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage; by Balaam, when he forfeited the favor of God for the rewards of the king of Midian; by Judas, when for thirty pieces of silver he betrayed the Lord of glory.

It is the love of money that the Word of God denounces as the root of all evil. Money itself is the gift of God to

man, to be used with fidelity in His service. God blessed Abraham, and made him rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And the Bible states, as an evidence of divine favor, that God gave David, Solomon, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, very much riches and honor.

### Responsibility Accompanies Wealth

Like other gifts of God, the possession of wealth brings its increase of responsibility, and its peculiar temptations. How many who have in adversity remained true to God, have fallen under the glittering allurements of prosperity. With the possession of wealth, the ruling passion of a selfish nature is revealed. The world is cursed today by the miserly greed and self-indulgent vices of the worshipers of mammon.

The wealthy are tempted to employ their means in self-indulgence, in the gratification of appetite, in personal adornment, or in the embellishment of their homes. For these objects professed Christians do not hesitate to spend freely, and even extravagantly. But when solicited to give to the Lord's treasury, to build up His cause, and to carry forward His work in the earth, many demur. The countenance that was all aglow with



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interest in plans for self-gratification, does not light up with joy when the cause of God appeals to their liberality. Perhaps, feeling that they cannot well do otherwise, they dole out a limited sum, far smaller than they freely spend for needless indulgence. But they manifest no real love for Christ, no earnest interest in the salvation of precious souls. What marvel that the Christian life of this class is at best but a dwarfed and sickly existence! Unless such persons change their course, their light will go out in darkness.

The end of all things is at hand; and what is done for the salvation of souls must be done quickly. For this reason we are establishing

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*America's best-known medical doctor advocates the basic principles of healthful living long promoted by Seventh-day Adventists.*

# *We Can All Practice Preventive Medicine*

By FRANCIS A. SOPER  
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**I**N PLANNING for man's welfare God has always presented a well-balanced program that includes both the physical and the spiritual, and emphasizes the close relationship between the two. The apostle John wrote, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

In Old Testament times the Lord told His people: "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Ex. 23:25). This freedom from disease, however, was to depend on acceptance of the divine plan. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God," was the proviso, "and wilt do that which is right in his sight" (chap. 15:26).

God expects His people to be healthier than other people around them. And they *will* be if they follow the basic principles of health outlined in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings. These principles are ageless. They apply as much today as they did in any former time. Modern medical science is more and more discovering this to be true.

In September, 1966, a series of hearings was held in Washington, D.C., by the Senate Committee on Aging, presided over by Senator Maurine Neuberger, of Oregon. These hearings were designed to focus attention on the high cost of disability and sickness, and to investigate means of predicting disease and thus preventing it, especially in older people.

Members of the committee were told that illness costs the U.S. more than \$34.3 billion annually—for medical care, services, and supplies. But, as it was pointed out, this is not the whole cost. An additional \$23.8 billion is lost each year in indirect costs, such as earning power, due to premature death, illness, and disability.

For three days a parade of the best medical specialists of our day appeared before the committee. They outlined various methods for cutting down these costs, including a plan called Preventicare, a far-reaching and long-range plan now in its initial planning stages. This plan envisions regular health examinations and computerized medical records for every person in the nation.

A person listening to these various experts, and watching the mechanized testing equipment and computers operating as they were demonstrated for the Senators, had a strange feeling that man seemed about to become a routine vial of serum to be tested, or a computer card to be filed.

## **Testimony of Paul Dudley White**

Until, that is, Dr. Paul Dudley White appeared before the committee. He brought the human element of man back into focus once more. His practical down-to-earth principles of health are similar to the basic health habits many of us learned in grade school.

Dr. White, now a vigorous eighty years of age, is best known because of his famous heart patient, Dwight D. Eisenhower. He says, though, with a twinkle in his eye, that he treated "a few thousand" other patients before the President.

A ripple of excitement spread throughout the large hearing room in the Senate Office Building as Dr. White was called to testify. Television cameras were wheeled into position, the press tables were filled with reporters, and a hush of expectation settled over the spectators as the white-haired "elder statesman" of medicine strode to the witness stand. It was obvious that every word he was about to utter would be carefully noted and widely publicized.

As Dr. White began to outline the simple fundamentals of good health, his words sounded strangely familiar. Unconsciously he emphasized the very health principles that we as a people have treasured for so many years. It was thrilling to hear them coming from one of the most respected medical leaders of our day. It was as if he were calling the entire nation back to the way of health that God ordained for His children in the beginning.

"We as a nation are too casual about preventive medicine," Dr. White stated. "We must emphasize more the methods of positive health. We pay too much attention to disease, and not enough to health." It is important that we have centers for diagnosis and treatment of disease, but it is far more important that we have centers for health education.

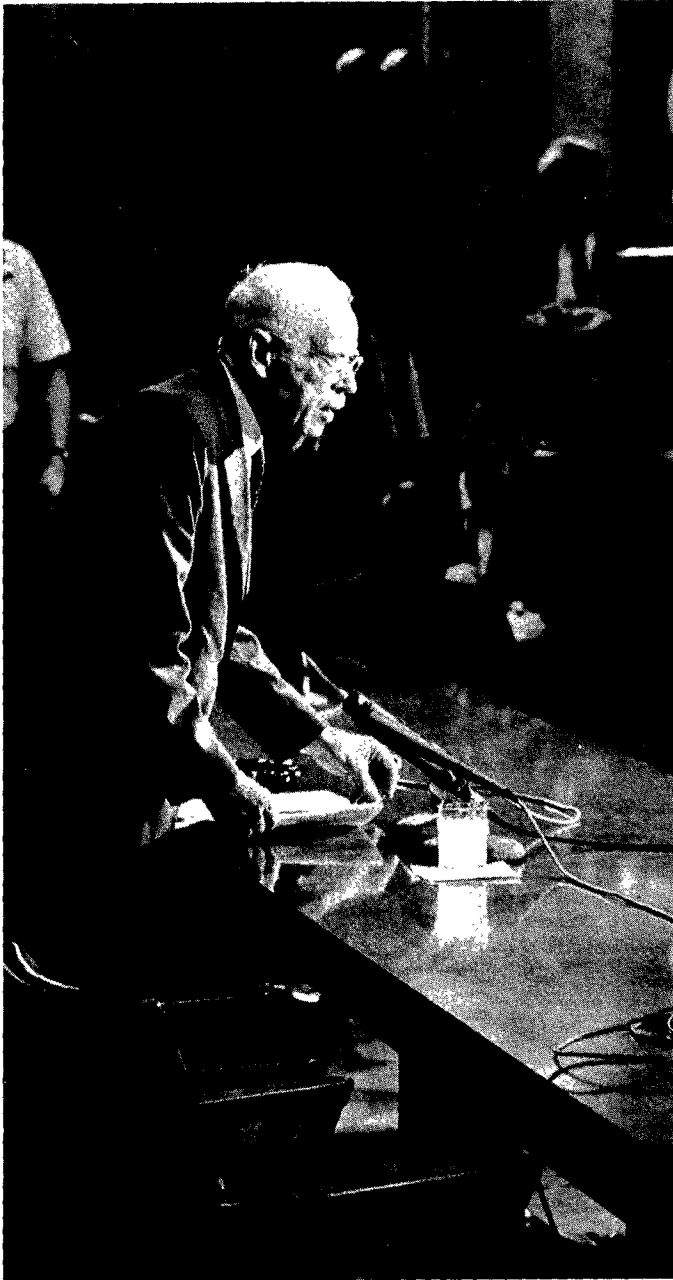
## **Dr. White's Health Principles**

Then he outlined, under five headings, his concept of preventive medicine. Informally summarized, these points are as follows:

1. *Annual physical examinations.* These are most essential for all, including young people. If done consistently, year by year, such examinations will provide advance warning of disease conditions before they arise, and make preventive steps possible.

2. *Diet and weight control.* Sensible control should be exerted from an early age. Young people, for their own benefit, should be taught to develop "health attitudes" toward good diet, and be so educated as to choose what is best for themselves.

"Today," Dr. White stated, "with rare exceptions, mankind has formed the natural but unhealthful habit of eating too much, and much of this food has been too rich. In the last few decades I have myself examined hundreds



**Dr. Paul Dudley White, personal physician to former President Eisenhower, testifying before U.S. Senate Committee on Aging.**

and hundreds of young and middle-aged men sick with coronary heart disease long before their time, following—and quite likely resulting from—their gain of 30 or 40 pounds of adipose tissue in 20 or 30 years after they had reached their basic weight.”

3. *Mental health.* For its optimal function, the brain must have a fresh blood supply delivered by a good heart and good blood vessels. This is dependent on physical fitness and muscle tone. If a person wants to know how flabby his brain is, he should feel the muscles of his legs! The average person in good health should walk at least four miles a day. This exercise, of course, can also be acquired by working in the garden, playing tennis, swimming, riding a bicycle, or golfing—without a cart, that is. We are too much the slaves of our machines, our gadgets, our push buttons. We need more exercise. When the muscles of our legs are active they account for some 30 per cent of the blood circulation in the body, thus helping to remove congestion from the brain.

4. *Toxic substances.* Avoid smoking, and the use of

other toxic substances, including alcohol. It is now being found that the continued use of coffee and tea causes stress and increases tension, rather than decreasing them. Coffee and tea tend to overstimulate.

5. *Tension.* Overstress is to be avoided, but on the other hand, average stress is to be invited. After all, life itself is full of stress. We must learn to enjoy it.

### The Vital Importance of Exercise

In his testimony Dr. White repeated his emphasis on exercise: “Those of us who have learned to walk don’t know how fortunate we are. We must get our people to using their legs again.”

Then, with a jaunty toss of his head and a knowing smile, the great doctor began to reminisce. “My own life covers the interval from the later years of the Victorian Era to the present exploration of outer space, actually an appreciable period of time in the history of civilized man. In those eighty years there has been a greater change in our physical environment and ways of life than during previous centuries.

“Perhaps the greatest difference that has taken place in our way of living during my lifetime is in our transportation. Healthwise we were very lucky indeed in the good old days without realizing it. We quite naturally walked much of the time to get from place to place, even miles away. As for automobiles, we saw and sampled the very first primitive ones, but gave them up early because of their unreliability and expense, and returned to shank’s mare and our bicycles.

“Life is often just too easy and too soft for good health. We should walk upstairs more and use elevators less. We should use our saws, lawn mowers, and shovels with our own muscles much, or at least some, of the time. We shouldn’t sit to watch television more than one hour at a time.

“Our brain is our most important organ, and it may be poorly supplied with blood if we are content to sit all day. Vigorous leg exercise is the best antidote we possess for nervous or emotional stress, far better than tranquilizers or sedatives to which, unhappily, so many today are addicted.”

### Advice to the Nation

Dr. White said that each year he goes to the United States Military Academy at West Point to talk to the cadets about their health. Thirty years ago, he commented, we didn’t know enough about heart disease to give the good advice we can today.

Based on present knowledge, he summarized his advice to the coming military leaders of the nation under three points:

1. Avoid overweight—make no weight gain after age twenty-two.
2. Keep physically active all through life.
3. Don’t smoke.

Dr. White in his testimony had much encouragement for older people. “Today,” he declared, “a person can enjoy better health at 70 or 80 than he had at 50 or 60. I have been amazed during the past ten years at the number of my own patients who have improved and have developed better health. I must emphasize that it is never too late to mend.”

It is significant and reassuring to us as a people to hear the foremost medical leaders of our time re-emphasize some of the basic health principles given us by divine revelation, and to call not only us but all peoples back to the simple fundamentals that lead to good health of both body and spirit.

# "WILL A MAN ROB GOD?"

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institutions for the dissemination of the truth through the press, for the education of the young, and for the recovery of the sick. But the selfish and money-loving inquire, "What is the use of all this, when time is so short? Is it not a contradiction of our faith to spend so much in publishing houses, schools, and health institutions?" We ask in reply, If time is to continue but a few years, why invest so much in houses and lands, or in needless and extravagant display, while so meager a sum is devoted to the work of preparation for the great event before us? . . .

Brethren, what will you do with the means which God has intrusted to you? Are you content to let it remain invested in houses and lands, in bonds and bank stock? We have a work to do for God—a solemn and important work. We are to give the last message of warning to the world. The various instrumentalities are crippled for want of the financial assistance which God has put it in your power to render. We are not doing the good which we might do, with your cooperation. . . .

## A Great Blessing

Wealth is a great blessing if used according to the will of God. But the selfish heart can make the possession of wealth a heavy curse. Those are not to be envied who shut up their sympathies within their own hearts. They are strangers to true happiness. The ones who obtain the most real enjoyment in this life are those who use God's bounty and do not abuse it; who live to a purpose, to bless their fellow men and to glorify God.

We should feel that it is not only a duty but a pleasure to aid in the advancement of the highest, holiest work committed to men—the work of presenting to the world the riches of goodness, mercy, and truth. If the stewards of God do their duty, there is no danger that wealth will increase so rapidly as to prove a snare; for it will be used with practical wisdom and Christlike liberality.

However large, however small the possessions of any individual, let him remember that it is his only trust. For his strength, skill, time, talents, opportunities, and means, he must render an account to God. This is an individual work; God gives to us, that we may become like Him, generous, noble, beneficent, by giving to others.

Those who, forgetful of their divine mission, seek only to save or to spend in the indulgence of pride or selfishness, may secure the gains and pleasures of this world; but in God's sight, estimated by their spiritual attainments, they are poor, wretched, miserable, blind, naked.

When rightly employed, wealth becomes a golden bond of gratitude and affection between man and his fellow men, and a strong tie to bind his affections to his Redeemer. The infinite gift of God's dear Son calls for tangible expressions of gratitude from the recipients of His grace. He who receives the light of Christ's love, is thereby placed under the strongest obligation to shed the blessed light upon other souls in darkness.

Jesus left the heavenly courts and came down to earth, that He might reach men where they are. He sought them in their wretchedness and debasement. He took their sorrows to His own heart. The King of glory became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He lived a life of toil and humiliation, and suffered a shameful death, that He might exalt men to share His kingdom and His throne. His life is an example to all His followers.

God is the rightful owner of the universe. All things belong to Him. Every blessing which men enjoy is the result of divine beneficence. He requires that a portion be returned to Him, not because He needs our offerings, but that we may show our appreciation of His gifts and our gratitude to the Giver. He justly bids us consecrate to Him the first and best of His intrusted capital. If we thus acknowledge His rightful sovereignty and gracious providence, He has pledged His word that He will bless the remainder. But if we fail to bring an offering to God, His curse will rest upon all our possessions.

Even when our first parents, in their innocence, were placed in the Garden of Eden, God did not give them unlimited control. One prohibition was given to test their loyalty and obedience. But they saw that the forbidden tree was beautiful and attractive, and, as they vainly imagined, "to be desired to make one wise." They appropriated what God had reserved to Himself, and His curse fell upon them and upon the earth.

We deplore the disloyalty and ingratitude of our first parents, which

opened the floodgates of woe to our world, and yet how many are pursuing a similar course. They are not content with their rightful share of the bounties intrusted to them. The more abundant the gifts of God, the more eager are they to appropriate all to their own use, and the more unwilling to render to Him that which He claims as His own. Like our first parents, many reach out their hands for the portion which belongs to God.

Let us turn to another scene. Cain and Abel each brought an offering to God. The object presented by each was good in itself, but the Lord accepted the offering of Abel, while He rejected that of Cain. Wherein lay the difference between these offerings? Abel brought the firstling of his flock, Cain the first fruits of the earth. Abel presented his offering in faith, depending upon the merits of Christ's blood to make it acceptable. He felt that all he had was the Lord's; and he freely gave back to the Giver His own. Cain proudly brought his offering as a gift from himself, not acknowledging that all the blessings he received came through the mercy and love of Christ. He felt that he merited the divine favor, and he accepted the blessings of God as a right. Thus many professed Christians bring their gifts to the Lord's treasury, feeling that they are deserving of special commendation for their liberality, when, in fact, their offerings have fallen far below what the Lord claims as His own. Like Cain they are unwilling to acknowledge that all their blessings have been purchased by the blood of Christ. Like Cain they are rejected of the Lord.

When the magnificent Temple erected by Solomon was dedicated to the service of God, the monarch prayed, "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." Such is the spirit in which every acceptable offering must be presented.

## A Positive Command

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." This command is positive. God's claims must be first met. We are not to consecrate to Him what remains of our income after all our real or imaginary wants are satisfied; but before any portion is consumed, we should set apart that which God has specified as His.

Many persons will meet all inferior demands and dues, and leave to God only the last gleanings, if there be any. If not, His cause must wait till a more convenient season. Such was not the course pursued by Abraham.

Upon his return from a successful military expedition, he was met by Melchisedek, "king of Salem, and priest of the most high God." This holy man blessed Abraham, in the name of the Lord, and the patriarch gave him tithes of all the spoils as a tribute of gratitude to the Ruler of nations.

See also the example of another of the heroes of faith. While journeying from his father's home, a lonely exile, Jacob entered into covenant with God. He entreated the Lord to be gracious unto him, and pledged himself to render in return grateful sacrifice and willing service. "If God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, . . . then shall the Lord be my God, and of all that thou shalt

give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

Such was the practice of patriarchs and prophets before the establishment of the Jews as a nation. But when Israel became a distinct people, the Lord gave them definite instruction upon this point: "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." This law was not to pass away with the ordinances and sacrificial offerings that typified Christ. As long as God has a people upon the earth, His claims upon them will be the same.

A tithe of all our increase is the Lord's. He has reserved it to Himself to be employed for religious purposes.

It is holy. Nothing less than this has He accepted in any dispensation. A neglect or postponement of this duty, will provoke the divine displeasure. If all professed Christians would faithfully bring their tithes to God, His treasury would be full. They would have no occasion to resort to fairs, lotteries, or parties of pleasure, to extort means from worldlings for the support of the gospel.

The very same language is used concerning the Sabbath as in the law of the tithe: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Man has no right nor power to substitute the first day for the seventh. He may pretend to do this; "nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure."

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## A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Forgiving Jimmy

By INEZ BRASIER

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, little girl," father said as he stood her up beside her bed. "Can you guess what the birds are singing?"

Phoebe rubbed the sleep from her eyes and listened. "Why, Daddy, they are singing 'Happy Birthday' too."

"They surely are. Now wash your face and hurry into this dress and then—"

"What, Daddy?"

Phoebe could hardly wait to find out what father meant by "then." Soon she was dressed, with a pretty ribbon in her hair. She ran to the kitchen.

Mother hugged her. "Happy birthday, and just guess!"

Phoebe could not think what mother meant by "guess."

"Happy birthday, little girl!"

Phoebe turned and ran into her favorite aunt's arms. "I thought you were far, far away!"

Aunt laughed. "I was far away, but now I am here. Now I cannot wait to see what is in these parcels. And whatever is this big thing all covered up?"

Phoebe was almost too excited to find out, but at last she did. "A rocking chair, and it is just my size!" She sat down in it to open the long parcel. "A big dolly! And it can shut its eyes, and it has real hair. Did you bring it, Auntie?"

"I found it far away," favorite aunt told her. "It needed a little girl to love it."

Phoebe hugged it carefully. "That little girl is me!" She put it in the chair beside her and opened the small parcels. "O-oooh," was all she could say as she held up the dresses mother had made for her new doll. "They are just like my dresses."

She was so happy she did not hear father and mother and Aunt Phoebe talking. All she heard was father saying, "Do you think it will work out well?" And mother said, "I surely hope it will."

Father went to town. When he came back he had a boy bigger than Phoebe with him. "Here is your new brother, Phoebe," he said. "He is your happy birthday too."

Phoebe was not so sure about that, for Jimmy only scowled a dreadful scowl and stepped on her kitty's tail.

Mother and aunt looked at him, and father said, "Jimmy, we are kind to kittens here. Can you remember that?"

But Jimmy did not remember to be kind to the kitten or to the puppy either. He did not remember to come when mother called. He pushed Phoebe over. He dropped his new ball down a hole and lost it. And every day he scowled.

Every day father and mother and aunt prayed for Jimmy. They prayed that he would learn to be kind and happy too. And Phoebe prayed especially for him when she went to bed. She had prayed for a long time for a brother. Now she had one, but one day he hit her so hard she ran to mother.

"I wanted a brother so much. Now I wish he would go away. And he tried to hurt my dolly."

"Just keep on being kind to him as Jesus would. I am sure he will be better soon," mother told her.

One day when Jimmy was outdoors Phoebe played with her new doll. She put it in her chair and went to get a drink. Suddenly she heard a dreadful sound. Jimmy had come in, and there he was with father's hammer. He was pounding the head of her lovely doll that could open and shut its eyes.

Mother reached Jimmy before Phoebe did. She took him into her room.

Phoebe held her dolly tight, though its head was in little pieces on the floor. Her tears fell on its new dress as she rocked and rocked.

Mother came from her bedroom. She held Phoebe and the broken doll in her arms. "I don't like him," Phoebe sobbed. "Can't he go away, Mother, can't he?"



"A big dolly!" exclaimed Phoebe. "And it can shut its eyes, and it has real hair."

After a while mother said, "Jesus would forgive Jimmy. Can you forgive him, for Jesus?"

"He is so mean and he broke my dolly."

"I know. Let us kneel here and tell Jesus all about it. He can change Jimmy's heart till he is kind to everyone and everything. I am sure Jesus wants you to learn to forgive others when they do such things. Do you think you can?"

"But my dolly's head is broken."

Mother just hugged Phoebe again. Then she said, "Come, help me get dinner."

Somehow Jimmy was not scowling as they ate dinner. And he did not look so mean as he often did. Perhaps Jesus is helping him to be good, Phoebe thought as she looked at him.

She leaned over to whisper to mother, "I will forgive him."

Phoebe felt much better when she had said that, and she smiled at Jimmy.

Mother smiled at Phoebe. "Forgiving others is Jesus' way," she whispered back.

The customs and teachings of men will not lessen the claims of the divine law. God has sanctified the seventh day. That specified portion of time, set apart by God Himself for religious worship, continues as sacred today as when first hallowed by our Creator. In like manner a tithe of our income is "holy unto the Lord." The New Testament does not re-enact the law of the tithe, as it does not that of the Sabbath; for the validity of both is assumed, and their deep spiritual import explained.

God has made an absolute reservation of a specified portion of our time and our means. To ignore these claims is to rob God. Christians boast that their privileges far exceed those of the Jewish age. Shall we then be content to give less to the cause of God than did His ancient people? The tithe was but a part of their liberties. Numerous other gifts were required besides the free-will offering, or offering of gratitude, which was then, as now, of perpetual obligation.

The claims of humanity and religion, the constantly increasing opportunities for usefulness, the providential openings for the truth to be presented to the people, demand of us liberal offerings to the cause of God. . . . While we as a people are seeking faithfully to give to God the time which He has reserved as His own, shall we not also render to Him that portion of our means which He claims?

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## "I Paid Tithe, and . . ."

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**B**ROTHER A. MANUEL sends the following experience from South India.

"Some time ago I began to raise poultry. My neighbors had been doing this for some time, hence in my village there were many people in this business. I was paying a faithful tithe from the income derived from the selling of eggs and poultry. I am a firm believer in tithe paying, and the Lord has blessed my poultry farm as a result. My income has continued to increase from year to year.

"Recently an epidemic broke out, and my neighbors lost nearly all their chickens. We thought that we also might lose ours, but not one died.

"Our neighbors could not understand this. Why had they suffered such great loss, when our chickens had not been affected? All the villagers came to our poultry farm and they asked why it was that we had suffered no loss. I

told them that it was through the hand of God. They asked what the secret was, and I told them that I was paying a faithful tithe on the poultry income and that the promise of Malachi 3:10 to 12 had been fulfilled in my case. Not being Seventh-day Adventists, they could not understand it.

—The Art of Living . . . . when

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## THE RIGHT NAME

ONCE there was an emperor, so the fable goes, who was victimized by a clever charlatan—forerunner of the modern "con man," no doubt. Having been commissioned by the ruler to design and make for the latter regal robes of unsurpassed beauty, the inventive "genius" made nothing at all! Then he "showed" his creation to the hapless (and not too bright) emperor, all the while going into ecstasies regarding the gorgeous design.

Fearful of displaying ignorance, the emperor joined in the chorus. Obviously, the robes *must* be there! So he promptly put "them" on, and called in his court so that he might graciously accept their plaudits. In those days, of course, one's life expectancy could undergo a decided shortening if one fell out of favor with an emperor. With this sobering fact clearly in mind, the nobles assured the emperor that his robes were simply incomparable. And so the poor deluded monarch strutted about his kingdom, making an epic spectacle of himself.

Finally a little boy, too young to fear the threat of beheading, brought the ridiculous charade to an end.

"The emperor," he announced in ringing tones, "doesn't have any clothes on at all. He's naked!"

The boy used the right word for the situation. And that's what I wish fervently that more people would do in today's warped, out-of-focus world—use the right word.

For instance, current literature abounds in discussions of the most loathsome, degraded crimes. Nauseating details are so graphically described that every quivering sensibility of a sincere Christian is both bombarded and offended. Then, in nearly every case, the author ("researcher" is more an "in" word, I believe) comes to a bland, euphemistic conclusion.

"This man," he'll point out with self-assumed authority, "is *ill*. What he did wasn't a crime. It was an evidence of his sickness."

I protest this trend toward explaining away and excusing every sort of misconduct! Murder is a crime. There is no other name for it. Let's call it by its right name.

"Since this experience, many have become interested in our faith, and some have already begun to come to our church. Our experience has proved to be instrumental in opening the eyes of the villagers concerning our message. Malachi 3 means more to me today than ever before."

I'm not discussing, of course, certified cases of mental illness where the person is indeed irresponsible. I'm only saying that in many cases it is wrong to "euphemize" away violations of the law of God by pretty titles and harmless phrases.

The word that seems to be missing from so many vocabularies is *sin*. S-I-N, sin. That language is in a constant state of change is an established fact; that it should change so drastically as to eliminate this vital word is unthinkable.

The right name for an action is, it seems to me, basic to obtaining a correct, undistorted concept of the action itself. Accordingly, immorality is just that; it is *not* "a search for security" or "a search for fulfillment" or "emancipation from Puritan concepts." Drunkenness is exactly what the (right) word implies; only in a secondary sense is it a "sickness," or a "release from tension." Cheating is cheating; it is not "the practical way to handle ridiculous school requirements." Immodesty is vulgarity carried to extreme limits; it is not "*avant-garde* dress." Disrespect for parents is disrespect; it is not "an evidence of growing pains."

The point is, you see, that you're more likely to stop, look, and listen if you say to yourself: "What I'm about to do is *immoral* (or dishonest) (or vulgar). It's degrading. It's cheap." You've used the right word(s). You've stripped the situation bare of all its soft, clinging, disguising, palatable euphemisms. Facing the situation as it *really* is, you have a basis for decision.

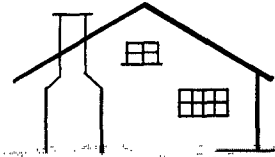
I don't know how important it is to call a spade a spade, but I *do* know that it is important to call most things by their right name—especially sin.

Meriam Hood



# For Homemakers

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*The best time of the day is when daddy comes home.*

is fair, forgiving, or commending as the case may be, always ready to listen and to help. He does not permit impudence or disrespect.

He governs by principle instead of by whim, so the child knows whether or not a certain course of action will please him. He does not preach or argue. His life is the test the child applies to see if something he had in mind to do is right or wrong. If it is something that father wouldn't do, the child somehow can't go on with it himself. Father is never too busy nor too tired to help mother with her multitudinous duties or the children with their lessons or other tasks.

He is always ready to do his share of taking care of the children in church, realizing that they are as much his responsibility as they are the mother's.

"The father should do his part toward making home happy. Whatever his cares and business perplexities, they should not be permitted to overshadow his family; he should enter his home with smiles and pleasant words."—*Ibid.*, p. 392.

The Christian husband is a true "house-band," the one who strongly binds all members of the family together. His first duty is to love his wife. When a husband loves his wife as Christ loves His church, it will not be a foolish, sentimental love. He will not by word or deed debase or discourage his wife, but will uplift, encourage, comfort, cherish, love her, even as he loves himself.

Christian husbands are appreciative of all their wives do for them and express their affection and appreciation in words and actions.

They never try to make their wives slaves to their wills but guard their words and acts with tenderness and an unselfish desire to promote their happiness and comfort (see *Testimonies*, vol. 4, pp. 126-133).

Some wives do not know whether their efforts to please are successful or not, except that they are not censured. If they do not please, they know it soon enough. There are small attentions, little utterances of tender

Part 1

## The Christian Home

By MRS. R. R. FIGUHR

**I**F YOU were asked, What is the greatest need in the world today? what would you answer? Inspiration tells us: "The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 349.

You ask, What is a home?

"A world of strife shut out; a world of love shut in."

"The place we are loved the most but where we act the worst."

These are two definitions that have been given. But what is a Christian home? A Christian father, a Christian mother, and Christian children.

A Christian husband, a Christian wife, these make up a Christian home.

What kind of man is the Christian father?

It is not what father has or can give his children that makes the ideal father; it is what he is, his love and true nobility. It makes no difference whether he is rich or poor, honored or unknown, serious or gay. It is not these things that make a father. He is marked by the tenderness with which he guides the little feet through the years until at last they keep step with his own.

How understanding he is! He knows youth's problems and difficulties. He has the experience that time alone can give. How priceless is the counsel of a loving Christian father! His is a true Christian experience. With a loving connection with the heavenly Father, he can guide his children on the heavenward way. He

regard, that make life so much sweeter. Solomon declares that the man who marries a good wife "praiseth her." Perhaps she is better because of such commendation; for to the faithful wife no words on earth are sweeter than are those of appreciation from her husband.

Man is the only creature on earth that can smile. Smiles accompany cheerfulness and joy. A cheerful, sunshiny husband is a joy forever. His presence brings light and gladness to the heart. But a gloomy, faultfinding husband is like a dark cloud that shuts out all the sunshine.

A Christian husband is always faithful to his wife. She never has the least reason to be suspicious of his sincerity and loyalty to her. He will never do anything to cause her humiliation or suffering. There will never be any disloyalty in his relation with other women.

How wonderfully fortunate is every boy and girl who has a father like that, and how thankful should be the wife who has such a husband.

### The Ideal Wife

Now we turn to the wife. "She that is married careth . . . how she may please her husband" (1 Cor. 7:34). That should be her care. There is no one whom she will desire so much to please. Her thought, her effort, will be to make her husband happy.

The wife is truly the homemaker. Upon her management, good judgment, neatness, order, taste, energy, cheerfulness, depends the structure we call home. It is her business, her calling, to bring inside the walls of her dwelling an atmosphere that rests a tired man and makes him hasten his steps as he turns the last corner. Here peace, rest, hope, culture, companionship, make the home a haven to body and soul.

"Not to be ministered unto, but to minister" is the ideal wife's motto. Even if things go wrong—the children are hard to manage, the food burns, there are unexpected visitors, and all day she is hurried and worried—she will not permit her temper or nerves to get the upper hand. She will not be cross and complaining and disagreeable. She may mention some of the things that have troubled her, but will add, "I'm so glad I have our home and you. Somehow my burdens are all gone now that you are here." The true husband will give his whole heart's affection to such a wife.

The true wife is always clean and neat. She never goes about with her hair uncombed, wearing dirty, unironed clothes. She keeps herself always as neat as can be and her house is always in order. "God is a God of order. He will not sanction slack and

disorderly habits in any of His people. In your dress, in your house, in all things, manifest taste and order."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 66.

Wives are ready to believe the Bible when it commands the husband to love his wife; but they are not so ready to receive its plain statements that the wife should reverence her husband and submit her will to his. The submission commanded is the submission of love. Husband and wife should be one, but this ideal condition does not always exist. On some points they can and will differ, and no harm result; on others, when a decision is to be reached, there must be harmony. They must talk it over calmly and come to a decision. When to obey the husband does not conflict with obedience to God the wife should not determine to have her own way.

A wife must be a true companion. When the husband offers kindly attentions, she must not receive them in an indifferent manner. If gratitude is not felt and expressed, the lover-like attitude of the husband is chilled and frozen.

The nagging, critical, faultfinding, fussy woman has no place in the Christian home. Some husbands possess the patience of Job, or they could never endure the eternal nagging and fussing they have at home. In public and in private their faults are discussed, and the wife assumes the air of one who must train her husband and make him presentable in society. She may be his inferior from every point of view.

Then there is the worrier. The whole burden of the world rests upon her shoulders. She keeps pushing. Some worriers are always complaining, scolding, finding fault. The husband can never do anything right, so he goes anywhere to escape the poisonous atmosphere of his home. No one can afford to let a hasty temper, a sullen mood, ruin the life. No woman who is afflicted thus should become a wife until she has become master of her disposition, and can speak and act calmly under annoying circumstances of whatever kind.

Another demon is found in one who pouts, sulks, and poses as a martyr, wrapped in a mantle of gloom, going about with an injured air, hardly speaking, complaining that nobody loves her nor cares what becomes of her. She is indeed possessed of an evil spirit and depresses the whole household. Often she acts like a spoiled child when she cannot do as she pleases. Such a person drags down her husband and family and is unfit to be a mother or wife.

There is no sweeter word in the human language than *mother*. To the

children, mother is just about the most important person in their lives. She should be the ideal of her children. Her life should be lived in such a way that the son's theme song might truthfully be: "I want a girl, just like a girl that married dear old dad." Mother should be a good parent, a source of the child's guidance, advice, and general knowledge.

### The Ideal Mother

Mother instills in the child the principles of choosing between right and wrong, and gradually permits him to use his own judgment when he is old enough to do so. Mother should be the person to whom a child can go with all his cares and burdens and from whom he can receive sympathy and encouragement, the one who can share with him his little schemes and adventures, and, as the truest kind of friend, can see his faults and in a tactful way show him these faults and help him overcome them. She should teach him to do a thing because it is right, not just because "mother says so."

Mother has a sense of humor. She can see a joke, laugh *with* the children, not *at* them, and can take a joke about herself as well as give a joke.

Mother makes the home the most attractive place in the world to the children. She keeps it clean and neat. "Order is heaven's first law, and the Lord desires His people to give in their homes a representation of the order and harmony that pervade the heavenly courts."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 101. Order and cleanliness are the law of heaven, and in order to come into harmony with the divine arrangement, it is our duty to be neat and tidy in appearance.

"The God of heaven is a God of order, and He requires all His followers to have rules and regulations, and to preserve order."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 274.

Mother realizes the importance of training the children in right dietetic habits, that they eat to live, not live to eat, hence she prepares well-balanced meals for her family and serves them at regular times.

Mother is never impatient. She does not give the impatient word, the hasty slap, the angry shake, for she knows she cannot measure the injury that may result. She corrects the child in love. She controls him in love. She punishes him in love. She knows that the future well-being of the child requires kindly, loving, but firm discipline. Happy is the child who has a mother who is understanding, who has learned how to train her children for God. And happy is the home where a Christian mother is queen. (*To be concluded*)



# From the Editors



## THE WRITERS OF THE BIBLE

Occasionally someone asks whether in citing a passage of Scripture—from the book of Romans, for example—we should say, “As the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, . . .” or, “As the Holy Spirit wrote to the Romans, . . .” The best answer to this question is to be found in the way various inspired writers refer to themselves and to other men called by the Holy Spirit to be recipients of revealed truth, in relation to the things they wrote. It is reasonable to believe that what they have said on the subject has the approval of the Holy Spirit.

To a man, the Bible writers declare emphatically that “no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man,” but that “all scripture is inspired by God” and that “men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21, R.S.V.). For us there is no question about the message on record in the Bible being what it purports to be, God’s message to man. “No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation” of truth (verse 20). To say this is not to ignore or deny the fact that the Holy Spirit often led the inspired writers to make use of secular sources, and at times to quote from them. In the introduction to his Gospel, for instance, Luke mentions his personal dependence on eyewitness reports of events connected with the life of Christ (Luke 1:1-3). We simply affirm our belief that the Bible as a whole comes to us with Heaven’s seal of approval.

But—with the single exception of the Ten Commandments—neither the Holy Spirit nor our Lord Himself ever took pen or quill in hand to write out any of the messages that appear between the covers of the Bible. That work was assigned to men whom the Spirit called to the task, inspired, and qualified. The various Bible writers were personally involved in writing down the things that were revealed to them, and in selecting materials from other sources as the Holy Spirit impressed them. Paul usually introduces himself as the author of his Epistles: “Paul . . . to all the saints . . . which are at Philippi,” for instance. “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand,” he told the intended recipients of his letter at Colosse (Col. 4:18, R.S.V.). He refers to his First Epistle to the Corinthians as “my letter” (2 Cor. 7:8). In Acts 1:1, R.S.V., Luke refers to the third Gospel as “the first book” in which “I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach.” John in his Epistles repeatedly remarks, “I write this to you . . .” (1 John 2:14, 26; 5:13, R.S.V.).

### How Bible Writers Refer to One Another

Not only do the writers refer to themselves as *the* writers, but to the canonical writings of other inspired men as *their* writings. Peter, for instance, speaks of the Epistles of Paul as “his epistles” (2 Peter 3:15, 16). Again and again Christ refers His hearers to the Pentateuch as “the book of Moses” (Mark 12:26), and tells them, “If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for *he* wrote of me” (John 5:46, R.S.V.). Of one of its precepts He said, “Moses . . . suffered you.” Old Testament writers similarly refer to the Pentateuch as “the book of Moses” (2 Chron. 25:4; 35:12). Christ declared that the prophecy recorded in Isaiah 40:3 was “spoken . . . by the prophet Esaias” (Matt. 3:3).

We might go on almost indefinitely, but these examples

clearly indicate that while the inspired writers frankly acknowledge the divine origin of the things that were revealed to them, they commonly refer to the human instruments chosen and guided by the Holy Spirit as the writers or authors of what they thus wrote. We believe, further, that they made these statements under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, the living Word of God, was a union of the divine and human natures, and while on earth He lived and spoke as a man. Nevertheless, He was also, and verily, God, and the words of truth He spoke as a man were none the less divine. In a similar way, the Bible represents a union of God as the author of its truths, and the human intermediaries of these truths as the writers.

The Bible, says Sister White, “was written by human men” who “were inspired of the Holy Spirit.” But “it is not God’s mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented. . . . The writers of the Bible were God’s penmen, not His pen. . . . The words receive the impress of the individual mind [of the respective writer]. . . . The Lord gave His word . . . through different writers, each having his own individuality” (*Selected Messages*, book 1, pp. 19-21).

We conclude that infinite truth as set forth in the Bible bears the credentials of Heaven, and that in it God Himself is speaking to us. We conclude also that inasmuch as the several writers, inspired by God, themselves selected the words with which they express the divine truths revealed to them, and did the actual writing, it is also proper to speak of its messages as *their* writing, without in any way denying that what they thus wrote came from God.

R. F. C.

### Bible Treasures—3

## THREE PRICELESS BLESSINGS

In this series of editorials we are examining a few of the treasures of the gospel that are found in God’s Word. As we catch sight of the riches beneath the surface, perhaps we shall be motivated to dig more deeply and lay hold of these treasures, whatever the cost in time and effort.

We have noted two of the treasures to be found in God’s Word—the experience of conversion, and the blessing of growth. We come now to a third.

*Abiding in Christ.* To His disciples Jesus said, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me” (John 15:4). As if to explain His use of the expression “abide in me,” Jesus said in verse 7: “If ye abide in me, and *my words* abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” Through the Word the Christian abides in Christ, and the Saviour abides in the heart of the Christian.

“It is through the Word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The words of Christ are spirit and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live ‘by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God’ (Matt. 4:4).”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 677.

"The reception of the Word, the bread from heaven, is declared to be the reception of Christ Himself. As the Word of God is received into the soul, we partake of the flesh and blood of the Son of God; As it enlightens the mind, the heart is opened still more to receive the engrafted Word, that we may grow thereby. . . . As the blood is formed in the body by the food eaten, so Christ is formed within by the eating of the Word of God, which is His flesh and blood. He who feeds upon that Word has Christ formed within, the hope of glory. The written Word introduces to the searcher the flesh and blood of the Son of God; and through obedience to that Word, he becomes a partaker of the divine nature. As the necessity for temporal food cannot be supplied by once partaking of it, so the Word of God must be daily eaten to supply the spiritual necessities."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, Nov. 23, 1897.

The Bible speaks of Jesus as the Word (e.g., see John 1:1, 14), hence it is logical that as the Christian studies the Scriptures (the Written Word) and absorbs their message, he receives Christ (the incarnate Word). Christ abides in him and he in Christ. What a priceless experience—a rich treasure indeed!

### The Treasure of the Holy Spirit

*The Holy Spirit.* We live in the time of the latter rain. We believe that the Lord is about to pour out His Spirit in abundance to ripen earth's harvest. If the former rain has done its work, the latter rain will perfect in the character the moral image of God. It will prepare the church for the coming of Christ.

But if the latter rain is to do its work "there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 507.

The thought that others might receive the latter rain while we are not only passed by but do not even discern "the manifestations of the Holy Spirit," is startling indeed. Surely if we can do anything to be assured of participation in the latter rain experience we shall want to do it. Can we be sure that we shall not be passed by? We can. This treasure, like the others that we have mentioned, is available to those who will stay close to God's Word, those who will dig faithfully in the mine of truth.

The close relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Word of God is well illustrated by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:17. In explaining to the believers how they may "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might," he says: "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Clearly, no one will be separated from the Holy Spirit if, in the right attitude, he spends sufficient time with God's Word, "the sword of the spirit."

The same thought, under another figure, is expressed by Ellen G. White when she says: "The word of God—the truth—is the channel through which the Lord manifests His Spirit and power."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 520. If we want to be sure that we shall participate in the latter rain experience, we must spend time with God's Word, the channel through which the Spirit and power of God are manifested.

We think that this is an important point at this time when church leaders and members long to see revival and reformation grip God's people. Prayer is important in obtaining the revival experience, but Bible study is equally important. If the people of God will spend time with His Word, they shall obtain the rich treasure of the

Holy Spirit—a treasure, incidentally, that brings "all other blessings in its train."

### The Treasure of Healing

*Healing.* Another rich treasure to be found in God's Word is healing—healing for body and soul. This healing comes, in part, through an application of the principles and truths contained in God's Word. As the searcher for truth discovers that his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, he endeavors to cooperate with nature's laws. He becomes temperate in his habits. He follows the Biblical counsel regarding eating and drinking. Thus many a person whose life expectancy once seemed short, owing to a violation of the laws of the body, has obtained improved health, and has lived a long, useful life to the glory of God.

Others have found mental healing through God's Word. Whereas while they were in sin their minds ran in channels of sick jealousy, bitter hatred, destructive fear, exaggerated suspicion, and needless worry, through the Word they have obtained love for their fellow men, confidence in God's goodness, forgiveness for their failures, and trust in God's power.

But beyond this there is a more dramatic type of healing that often comes through God's Word. Of the afflicted and ill, the psalmist declared, "Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. *He sent his word*, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Ps. 107:19, 20).

This is well illustrated by the experience of the centurion and his servant, recorded in Matthew 8. When the centurion met Jesus and told him of the servant's illness, "Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him" (verse 7). The centurion replied, "I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but *speak the word only*, and my servant shall be healed" (verse 8).

The centurion was familiar with authority. He knew that those with power could give commands, and these commands would be carried out. The word was more than a means of communication: it was identified with the authority of the individual. Thus in acknowledging the power of Christ's word, the centurion also was acknowledging the authority of Jesus and His ability to command disease to depart.

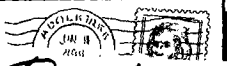
All who search God's Word must have this same understanding and concept. They must not separate the word of the Bible from the God who inspired the Bible. They must not make a fetish either of the Book or of individual verses within that Book. Rather, they must look upon the Word as a medium to reveal to them the will of God. They must obey its commands as if issued personally by God. They must accept its promises as being given personally by God. Thus the study of God's Word will be more than an intellectual exercise; it will be a person-to-Person experience.

We return to the thought with which we began these editorials. Recognizing the rich treasures found in God's Word—we have mentioned only a few here—let us spend more time with the Bible. Let our hearts be warmed by confrontation with Christ through its sacred pages. Let us obtain the kind of personal relationship with Christ and truth that will fill us with enthusiasm. As we do this, we will find it entirely natural and easy to talk to others of the things of God. We shall work tactfully to impart to our children and youth the enthusiasm that we feel for the Bible. Thus, hopefully, the young, on whom the future depends, will possess a strong faith in God and His Word. They will not merely know the facts of the Bible, they will know the Person of the Bible (John 17:3). This Person is the Pearl of great price. This is the Treasure beyond compare.

K. H. W.

## LETTERS

### From Readers



#### SLEEPING BETTER

EDITORS: I was very glad to see the article titled "Chocolate" by Dr. J. DeWitt Fox printed in the October 6 REVIEW AND HERALD. I showed this article to a friend. She said, "That is why I can't sleep nights." She stopped using chocolate and is sleeping well. This lady showed the article to her sister and she too has left chocolate out of her diet. We are thankful for any help you can give us in keeping our bodies in good health.

MRS. E. F. HERZEL

Decatur, Michigan

#### A FRIEND "DOWN UNDER"

EDITORS: I wish to make a very thorough protest against the letter printed in this column in the REVIEW of November 24, 1966, in which the writer stated that "the present REVIEW AND HERALD seems dead," that is, compared with those of days gone by!

A. J. CAMPBELL

Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia

#### GET-ACQUAINTED MEDIUM

EDITORS: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1). Somehow these words came to my mind as I first noticed this new and welcome feature in the REVIEW—for it provides an opportunity to become acquainted with laymen everywhere—a way of exhorting one another as the apostle Paul

writes in Hebrews 3:13, for I definitely see a lack of this in our large churches in our present age as compared with 50 to 75 years ago.

Especially is this true in the weekly prayer and testimony meeting. In those days there was no need of a special invitation to come to the front seats, for the schoolhouse or church was seated from front to back instead of back to front.

I was very much impressed with Elder Pierson's "A Call to Prayer," on cover of January 12, 1967, REVIEW. I hope every layman will take note of the wording starting on the eighth line down, for it has a special emphasis on laymen who are not go-men. We are in this message because God has a special place for us, and He will help us find it if we are hungry for souls. There is extreme danger in this Laodicean period that we become satisfied with forms. May God help us in this His last message not to fail as did Israel.

J. P. JOHNSON

Louisville, Kentucky

#### "HEALTH FOODS"

EDITORS: I have just read with interest your editorial in the January 12 issue of the REVIEW AND HERALD. I would like to outline my opinion regarding the frequently used phrase "health foods." First of all, I don't think the phrase is definitive. Technically, health foods, or a healthful food, would be any food product that sustains health. Therefore, bread, orange juice, celery, bananas, corn, tomatoes, and most foods would be considered healthful. The phrase "health foods" has a ring of fanaticism which I think we should attempt to avoid. . . .

Speaking for Loma Linda Foods, we feel that we are in the food business, not the health-food business. Very little of our business is done in so-called health food stores.

The advance that we have made has been largely due to the fact that we have extensive distribution in supermarkets throughout the nation.

The phrase "health foods" may have had its time and day, but in the present vernacular and in the existing avenue of food marketing it is not current.

WERNER E. CARLSON

Riverside, California

#### CHRISTMAS IN RETROSPECT

EDITORS: One can almost hear a wave of sighs (of relief) sweep across the nation—also over the Advent people—when the holiday season has passed. Not that it wasn't enjoyable, but it was a busy season—in fact, too busy. Ingathering goals had to be reached (which is proper), last-minute shopping, and then those cards! We neglect to write all year, but quickly send a card, perhaps even write a line or two! I believe most of us go through this routine.

The thought came to me that perhaps in our own family we can change this situation somewhat. We'll write more often to friends and relatives throughout the year—even sending a letter before Christmas. The money we usually spend for cards (by the scores) and stamps we'll donate to the Voice of Prophecy or other worthy cause. Actually, many of the cards sent don't have that warm feeling when only signed (and that while we are half asleep!).

Just think how the dollars would roll in if all of our people would cut the Christmas card writing bee in half, perhaps each family donating \$5.00. The Voice of Prophecy Night-Owl Program would be a success! We want to go home to heaven quickly. Much depends on how willing we are to cut corners, to save a little here and there to finish the work.

ERICH KRUEGER

Mountain View, California

## Orange Free State Opens Two Churches

Two new houses of worship were opened in the province of the Orange Free State, South Africa, toward the end of 1966.

Left: The new building in the fast-growing town of Bethlehem comprises a sanctuary with seating for 100 worshippers, and a lovely hall and welfare rooms.

Bethlehem is the center of the Eastern Free State District. The new church will thus be a blessing not only to the believers in that town but to those in neighboring towns.

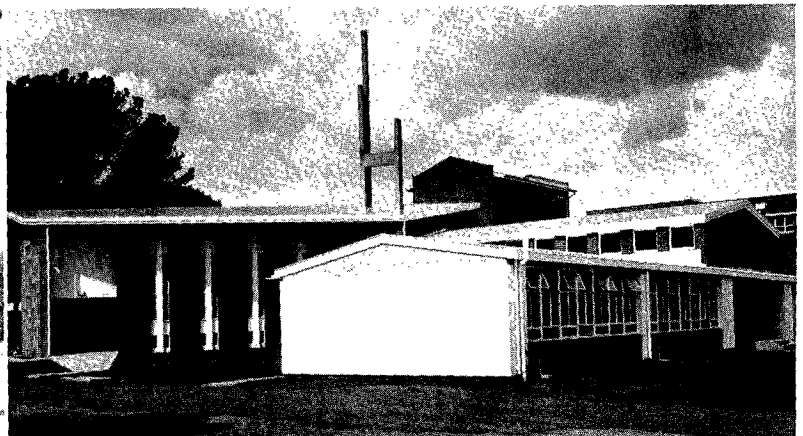
An evangelistic effort will be conducted in Bethlehem during 1967 by our Free State evangelist, W. H. Böhme.

Right: In Bloemfontein, the beautiful new complex includes a sanctuary seating 300 worshippers, a hall, and two spacious classrooms for the church school.

Bloemfontein is not only the capital city of the Free State but the headquarters of the South African Union Conference.

The opening of these two churches represents a major breakthrough in this conservative province. Pray for the continued blessing of God to rest on the work in the Orange Free State.

G. E. GARNE, President  
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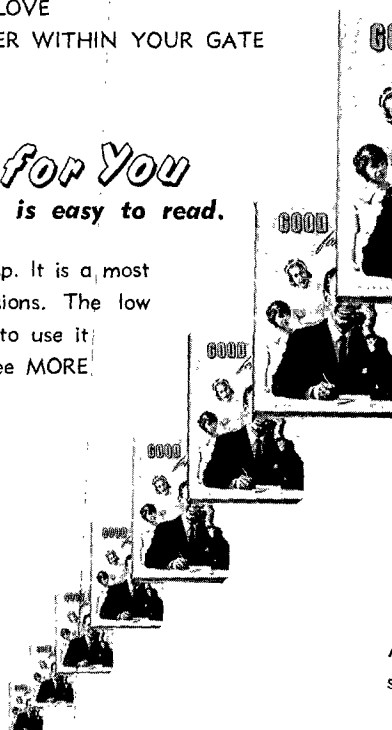
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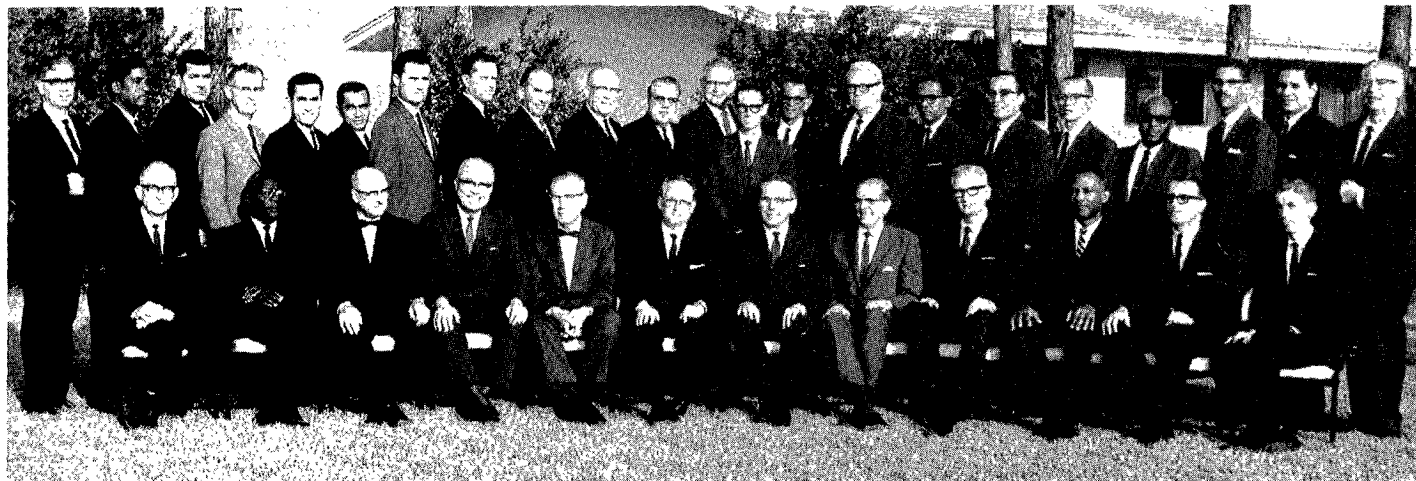
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By O. A. BLAKE

*Undertreasurer, General Conference*

Members of the Inter-American Division committee arrived from all parts of its vast territory at the time appointed for the annual committee session. This division has a population of 102,535,703, divided into 30 political areas. The number of Seventh-day Adventist members as of September 30, 1966, was 206,639. For the first three quarters of 1966 baptisms amounted to 12,069. These faithful members worship in 1,468 organized churches.

The leaders of the work throughout the Inter-American Division stress evangelism. As the committee session began, the first item to be studied was evangelistic plans for 1967.

Friday evening, before the beginning of the session, all members with their families met in one of the main churches and listened to an earnest appeal by W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, for greater consecration and soul searching, preparatory to the outpouring of the latter rain. Elder Beach stressed the inreach that follows the great outreach for souls. Each worker responded, pledging himself to greater soul-saving in 1967 as well as to greater consecration to the finishing of the work.

A. Aeschlimann, president of the Mexican Union, outlined plans for a large evangelistic campaign in Mexico City. Already 3,000 Bibles have been purchased to be given to those who enroll in the correspondence course. A graduation exercise in a large theater is planned for June, for those who complete the course.

The president of the Caribbean Un-

ion, G. O. Adams, reported on the marvelous success under the blessing of the Lord of the recent effort held by E. E. Cleveland, of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference. To date 820 have been baptized and 200 more are to be baptized later.

In the Inter-American Division today the doors are open on every side. In areas where believers were persecuted and restrictions imposed, the picture has changed. Where once public efforts could not be held without trouble, today those not of our faith are ready to cooperate.

The Colombia-Venezuela Union reported that recently 200 nuns as well as several priests were present at our college when a rally was being held to lay plans for placing a Bible in every home in the country. This is a new day. May the Lord bless these marvelous opportunities for advancement of the cause in the lands of the Inter-American Division.

W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indian Union, reported that there are 39,000 Seventh-day Adventist members within his territory. At the time of the last government census 78,000 people indicated they were Seventh-day Adventists.

The Inter-American Division is on fire for evangelism. A goal is being set for raising \$100,000 for evangelism in 1967. The departmental secretaries of the division presented encouraging reports of past accomplishments and plans for greater achievements for the Lord in 1967.

The publishing secretary, Nicolas Chaij, spoke of increased sales on every

hand. For the first time the division exceeded a million dollars in sales for the first eight months of this year. One outstanding literature evangelist is José Moreno, from Guatemala. In July he began to sell the new Spanish edition of *The Bible Story*, and in three months took orders for more than \$10,000 worth.

The medical work is doing its share in winning souls. From the Bella Vista Hospital comes the story of the miraculous healing of a small boy.

Javier Rodriguez, a five-year-old child, was taken to the Bella Vista Hospital so ill that the doctors feared for his life. Two doctors were attending him, one of whom was a missionary doctor. Javier was not responding to the treatment, but grew worse. One morning our doctor called the chaplain and asked him to visit the boy and spend some time with the mother. The chaplain invited her to his office, discussed the condition of the boy, and pointed her to Christ and urged her to have faith in His power to heal.

The mother was anxious to go home, but the chaplain was not aware of her reason at the time. Later she said she wanted to tell her friends and relatives that if they wanted to see her boy still alive, they had better come that day, as he had very little chance of surviving. However, before the mother left, prayer was offered on behalf of the boy, and the chaplain prayed that if it were to His honor and the glory of His cause, the Lord would heal the little lad. The mother went home, and that evening a number of people came to see Javier.

The next day great improvement was noticed. He could take milk and retain it. This improvement was confirmed by the doctor, who indicated that the mother could take the child home soon if he continued to improve. This same day she went home again, but this time told her friends and relatives to come over to the hospital and see the miracle that had happened. She told of the prayers that had been offered for her son and how the "Adventists healed my boy." When Javier went home he was welcomed by all his neighbors and relatives. The news that the Adventists and the Bella Vista Hospital had performed a miracle spread around town.

As a result of this the mother and family decided to learn more about the Adventists. They went to the church and publicly gave testimony of their experience, and at the present time they are taking Bible studies. Four people attend the weekly studies and are looking forward to joining the church.

The Missionary Volunteer department, under the able leadership of George Brown, reports success. Missionary Volunteers of the division have conducted 20,946 evangelistic projects, with a total of 6,141 baptisms. This is 1,141 beyond the goal set.

All of the departments are working for the one objective of finishing the work in the Inter-American Division. W. J. Brown is giving strong leadership to the educational program. Teachers are needed, buildings are inadequate; nevertheless the work goes forward and the youth are receiving a Christian education.

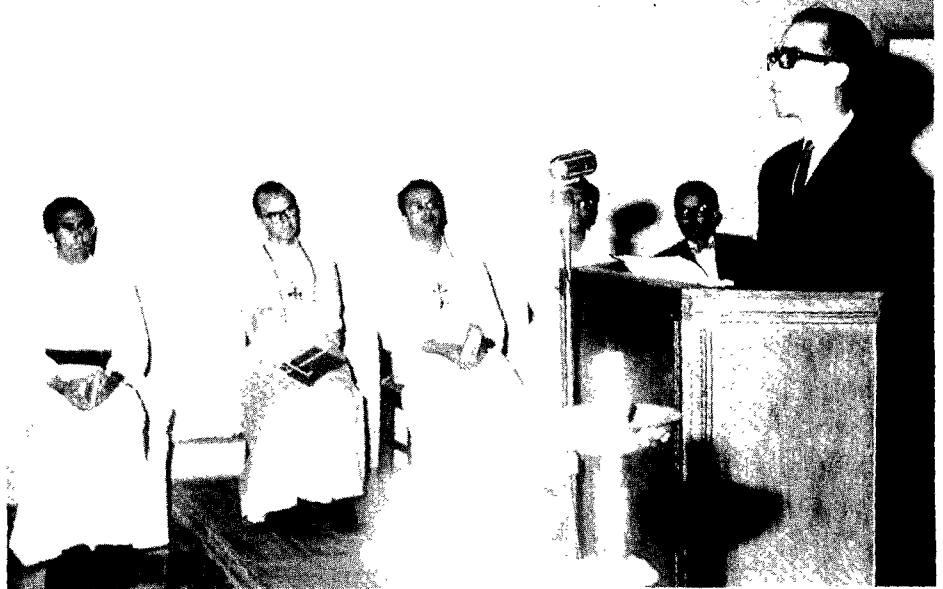
The closing item of the session was the report of the budget committee. All expressed appreciation for funds provided by the General Conference and the Inter-American Division. The division committee, looking forward to the new year, pledged their hearty support to the General Conference appeal for a division-wide advance in soul winning.

## From Oppression to Liberty in Colombia

By J. G. NIKKELS  
Departmental Secretary  
Colombia-Venezuela Union

Since 1948, when one of the most popular politicians of Colombia was shot down in Bogotá, this country has suffered from an internecine strife and political violence that has caused the death of thousands of its inhabitants. Bands of outlaws roamed the countryside and spread terror among its defenseless farmers. Besides, the bandits had the horrible custom of stopping a bus loaded with passengers, to shoot them down like toy soldiers. So it was not safe to travel outside the cities.

Such conditions formed a perfect cloak to hide many a religious crime. To vent their hatred on the Adventists, some priests of the state church incited their parishioners to kill, run down, or ostracize our faithful laymen. Since our brethren were falsely accused of supporting this or that political party, it was easy to blame their death on the civil strife. And the



Elder M. Lopez, a teacher at Colombia-Venezuela Union College, speaking in a Catholic church in Buenaventura, in the presence of the bishop and several other clerics.

government was unwilling or unable to protect them.

In April, 1957, the General Conference called on our world membership to celebrate a day of fasting and prayer in behalf of the persecuted brethren of Colombia. During the month of May these united prayers were answered in a miraculous way. The then-ruling dictator, Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, was taken captive, and a new government was formed. The two warring political parties sealed a pact of peace, and mutual cooperation and normal conditions began to return. The successive democratic regimes began a systematic war on the outlaws who still inhabited the mountain recesses. Slowly but surely one band after another was eliminated.

The sufferings and behavior of the saints under mistreatment had not gone unnoticed by many of their fellow men. Thinking and progressive citizens took another look at Adventists and found them to be honest, diligent, law-abiding citizens, who never meddled in politics. Whenever, therefore, religious bigotry raised its ugly head, these men of the world came to the defense of the brethren.

For example, in 1963 a fanatical priest incited a mob to burn down our partially constructed chapel in Sabanagrande. Immediately action was taken by the civil rulers to remove the guilty person. Also some articles appeared in the press condemning this vandalism.

Even the priests came to our defense in some areas. About the same time a group of men stole the materials our brethren had prepared for the construction of a small chapel in a mountain village. This occurred while our brethren were meeting in another part of the town for the Sabbath services. When the incident was reported to the police the priest took it upon himself to denounce his parishioners during the early Sunday morning mass. He requested the guilty ones to restore the materials to their rightful owners.

Then came the Vatican Council with its far-reaching and revolutionary ideas. The decrees on brotherhood, tolerance, and religious liberty were gladly accepted

by the liberal section of the Catholic population. Many a progressive priest emulated its teachings and tried to carry them into effect.

Even so, this friendly spirit came as a tremendous surprise to us. One day while I was pastoring a district a young priest came to visit me at my home to discuss Christian unity. After a pleasant chat and prayer he bade me farewell with the following words: "And please give my best regards to my brethren in your church!"

In Córdoba one priest visited the evangelistic meetings held by one of our outstanding laymen. He was so impressed by our brother's presentation that he invited our local church choir to sing some resurrection songs in his church during Easter week.

Naturally, this new spirit led to even closer relations. In a few places our cooperation was sought in the promotion of the Bible among Catholics. Adventist pastors were invited to speak in Catholic churches, and our choirs sang for Catholic audiences in Medellín and Cali.

Coexistence became the watchword of the day. In Tunja, capital of the province of Boyacá, we began to open up new work. God's Word was taught from house to house, and the local radio stations began to broadcast our health programs. One of Tunja's most influential priests did not like this, and tried to hinder our worker in carrying out his program. Finally this cleric's behavior became so intolerant that our pastor called the conference headquarters.

Then M. P. Buonfiglio, union religious liberty secretary, accompanied one of the conference workers to call on the bishop of that district. Imagine their surprise when this prelate not only reprimanded the offending priest but also sent them a copy of the letter he had written to this cleric!

It is no wonder, therefore, that this year saw the birth of the Religious Liberty Association of Colombia. Now, more than ever, the doors are open for the proclamation of the three angels' messages. God grant that we may have the courage, the means, and the men to move forward in faith. We solicit your prayers and offerings to help us finish the task.

## Railway Accident Wins Australian Family

By K. E. WILLIAMSON  
*Departmental Secretary  
North New South Wales Conference*

About three years ago the parents of a family of six children in New South Wales, Australia, tuned in to the radio program Story Hour and liked it so much that they soon became ardent listeners, rising early in the morning to hear Aunt Sue and Uncle Dan and their group of young folks.

It was not long before they took various Bible correspondence courses, but Mr. Colbrans was employed as a guard on shift work in the railway, so no move was made to step out and keep the Sabbath.

Then calamity struck. The father was badly injured in a train accident. Six months in the hospital followed, then a long convalescent period, toward the end of which the father became so cranky that the mother hired a TV set to keep him quiet. That is how Pastor Fagal stepped into the home and brought a message of hope and conviction. More correspondence lessons followed, and a good contact was made with our local church. Father and children became very interested, but the mother remained indifferent. By this time the *Signs of the Times* was very welcome. A *Bible Story* advertisement on the back page made an appeal to the hearts of all.

Eventually Fergie Mackay made a visit to the home, and a sale was made. This led to a further visit by Angus McPhee, student literature evangelist, and the sale of another book, *Your Bible and You*. The publishing secretary waited patiently in the car as Brother McPhee answered the many questions asked by Mr. Colbrans.

A later call led to film evenings and

studies, followed by cooking demonstrations by the publishing secretary's wife, which resulted in the mother becoming more and more interested.

Then Russell Kranz's mission team from Avondale came to town, and of course all the family went and saw and heard strange and wonderful things! Lectures, Bible-marking classes, more visits, with lots of love and kindness thrown in from all quarters, and who should be the first one to step out but the mother!

The struggle was harder for the father. Twenty years in railway employment was not easy to give up, and overtime did bring the much-needed money to keep a growing family.

Though the devil fought his hardest, Christ gained the victory, and father, mother, and the eldest daughter took their stand for Christ and His truth.

## Daughter of Pakistan's President Welcomes Adventist Literature

By JOHN MALL  
*Literature Evangelist  
Pakistan Union Mission*



John Mall

About three years ago I visited Mrs. Kaiser Khan, owner of one of the largest beauty parlors in Karachi, with our literature. She was very much interested in our books and magazines, and gave me the names of many of her friends.

One day Begum Aurangzeb, daughter of President Ayub Khan of Pakistan and wife of the ruler of Swat State in northern Pakistan, visited this beauty parlor. While she was waiting for her appoint-

ment, she saw our magazine *Life and Health* on the table. Picking it up, she began to read, and became quite interested. When her turn came she took this magazine and said, "Before you do anything for me, I would like you to tell me where you got this good magazine." Of course Mrs. Khan was happy to tell her that there was a man who came every year for her subscription. Begum Aurangzeb immediately opened her purse to get the money for the subscription, but Mrs. Khan told her she could not take the money, but would give her name and address to Mr. Mall as soon as he came, and assured her she would be visited soon.

About a week after Begum Aurangzeb's visit to the beauty parlor I was again in this area, and although I had only recently been to see Mrs. Khan, I felt impressed to go again, knowing that she would give me a glass of clean water to quench my thirst. She was happy to see me, and giving me Begum Aurangzeb's name and address, asked me to see her as soon as possible. Of course, I wrote to her immediately, sending her two complimentary copies of *Life and Health*, and asking for an appointment to see her personally. She replied that I might come to Swat and visit her.

At this time we were having great difficulty in obtaining visas for our American personnel needed for the work in Pakistan, and the union brethren felt that God was leading in giving me a chance to see such an influential person.

Begum Aurangzeb received me cordially and told me that our literature was the most interesting she had ever read. She stated that she had heard much about Seventh-day Adventists, particularly about the hospital in Karachi and the work of the heart team that came to Pakistan in 1962, and that she was glad to meet a representative of this group. She stated that she would like to visit our hospital in Karachi, and said she would help us gain an interview with her father if it were necessary. She gave me a subscription to *Life and Health*, and purchased a copy of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. She assured me her friends would also want some of this literature.

I was thrilled that God had given me the opportunity of placing our literature in so influential a home as that of Begum Aurangzeb. Pray with me that God will bless the seed thus planted.

## Philippine Union College Introduces New Industry

By P. G. MILLER  
*Dean of Faculties*

Philippine Union College is feeling the effects of its marked increase in enrollment. The enrollment for the second semester has passed the one-thousand mark, and the physical plant is being taxed once more to the limit. Classrooms, laboratories, and dormitories are inadequate to provide the needed facilities.

Along with this need for physical facilities comes the need for providing more work opportunities for the growing student body. In an effort to help solve these twin needs, the college administration, in

The Colbrans family.





**Clemente Coloma, maintenance supervisor at Philippine Union College, operates the new hollow-block machine as the first building blocks are formed. Left to right: P. G. Miller, dean; A. P. Roda, president; Miss D. B. Salmin, dean of the school of nursing.**

conjunction with the college board, has sought to encourage industries related to existing deficiencies.

One solution to this problem is the hollow-block department that has been established recently. The necessary equipment has been purchased, and high quality hollow blocks are being produced. These hollow blocks will be sold to the contractors erecting some of the new buildings.

In addition to the sale of this product to outside contractors, the administration hopes to organize its own building program, utilizing student labor. Such a plan will provide an abundance of profitable work opportunities to young men who would otherwise be deprived of a Christian education. The students have displayed a genuine interest in a work program that emphasizes useful projects, and they take pride in good workmanship. The young people who learn new skills while at college will be able to make a greater contribution to the work of God when they graduate.

## SDA Public Health Association Formed

By PHYLLIS PFEIFFER

The newly organized Public Health Association of Seventh-day Adventists has more than 100 registered members, according to Dr. P. William Dysinger, chairman of the planning committee for the association.

The organizational meeting took place in San Francisco on Sunday evening, October 30, 1966, in connection with the annual American Public Health Association convention. Sixty-five members attended. Dr. Ralph F. Waddell, secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference, and Dr. Mervyn G. Har-

dinge, director of the Division of Public Health at Loma Linda University, were guest speakers.

The first plans for such an association within the Seventh-day Adventist Church began when a group of 15 who were attending the 1965 American Public Health Association convention appointed a five-member planning committee. Members of that committee were: chairman, Dr. P. William Dysinger, associate professor of public health at Loma Linda University; Dr. DeWitte T. Boyd, assistant commissioner for community health for the Maryland State Department of Health; Clarence C. Kott, health services director for the Pacific Union Conference; Dr. Frank R. Lemon, associ-

ate professor of preventive medicine and public health at Loma Linda University; secretary, Ella May Stoneburner, assistant secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference.

This committee planned the San Francisco meeting, established the initiation fee and annual dues at \$5.00, named the career categories that qualify for membership, appointed bylaws, membership, and program committees, and drew up a statement of the association's goals.

These goals are:

1. To provide a common meeting ground for Seventh-day Adventist members of the public-health profession through the media of group meetings, written communications, publications, and other means at its disposal.

2. To foster scientific, educational, and cultural research, with the aim of increasing public-health knowledge and practice.

3. To use the various avenues of education in bringing health knowledge to members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the public.

4. To acquaint Seventh-day Adventist young people with opportunities in the field of public health.

5. To give support to the Loma Linda University School of Public Health by means that may be deemed appropriate.

6. To assist regularly organized denominational health programs.

7. To encourage a living Christian experience through participation in church activities.

According to the planning committee chairman, Dr. Dysinger, the association will provide a previously unavailable roster of Seventh-day Adventists who work or are trained in public health. Until there is a larger number of public-health graduates from Loma Linda University, this group will also serve as a Public Health Alumni Association, he noted. "I feel that this organization will provide a good sounding board for the church regarding programs relating to public health," Dr. Dysinger continued.



## Taiwan Missionary College Caps Students

Recently 12 sophomore students enrolled in Taiwan Missionary College department of nursing received their caps. Taiwan Missionary College offers a baccalaureate degree in nursing. It graduated the first class in June, 1966. There are 75 students currently enrolled in the department of nursing.

MAZIE A. HERIN, R.N.  
Associate Secretary, GC Medical Department



The American Public Health Association recognized the Public Health Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the August, 1966, *American Journal of Public Health*, the official journal of that organization.

Association officers for 1967 were elected at the San Francisco meeting. Dr. DeWitte T. Boyd was named president. Dr. Boyd is with the Maryland State Department of Health. Dr. Andrew P. Haynal accepted the position of president-elect. Dr. Haynal, who is presently a public health consultant to the Ford Foundation in India, is under appointment as associate professor of public health at Loma Linda University, effective in August, 1967.

Jamés V. Scully, associate secretary of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department, will be vice-president. Ruth M. White, professor of nursing and chairman of the Department of Public Health Nursing at Loma Linda University School of Nursing, was named secretary. Harold E. Shull, instructor in public health at Loma Linda University, was elected treasurer. Donald T. Hawley, public relations director of the New York Center, New York City, will edit the association's proposed newsletter.

The Public Health Association of Seventh-day Adventists will meet next in Miami, Florida, in October, 1967, in connection with the American Public Health Association convention.

## Evangelism in Ontario-Quebec

By D. J. HANDYSIDES  
*Ontario-Quebec Conference Evangelist*

Sixty-eight persons were added to the ranks of the church in Ontario, Canada, in 1966, as a result of the work of the conference evangelist, D. J. Handysides, and the local pastors, assisted for a time by Heimo Heghesan, an intern from Andrews University.

This ingathering of precious souls meant much hard work in what is primarily a Roman Catholic community. It meant long hours spent in visitation and the sacrifice of much home comfort. But it meant much more than that. It meant joy and happiness to our faithful members who were able to attend the services and to hear once again the distinctive truths that make us a people. It meant salvation to those who heard these great truths for the first time and joyfully accepted them. It brought to light many thrilling experiences that revealed the mighty hand of God still working and guiding men and women toward the eternal kingdom.

One woman, who had been searching for light but was unhappy about her spiritual condition, came by chance to our services in Ottawa. That night as she listened to a sermon on baptism, the burden of guilt and fear left her. After the service she asked, "May I be baptized?" She had not heard about the Sabbath truth, for this was her first meeting. Then she asked, "Who are you people?" She went home to tell her husband what



## Adventists Win Brazil Bible Contest

Mariasinha de Almeida, a music teacher at Brazil Seventh-day Adventist College, São Paulo, Brazil, was winner of the 1966 Brazil National Bible contest sponsored by the Brazil Bible Society. Contests had been conducted in each of the 22 states and territories of Brazil, in which a total of 1,124 persons of all faiths participated; 217 of these were Seventh-day Adventists. Of the 22 state winners, 11 were members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the eliminations for the national contest, held in Rio de Janeiro, five finalists were chosen, four of whom were Seventh-day Adventists.

A capacity audience of more than 3,000 attended the final contest held November 28, 1966, in the Rio de Janeiro municipal theater. An interfaith panel of distinguished Bible scholars judged the contest.

Miss Almeida was awarded a trip to the Holy Land as first prize. Maria de Silva, a 16-year-old Missionary Volunteer from Belém, State of Para, won second place, while Jose Carlos Ramos, a young minister of the Bahia-Sergipe Seventh-day Adventist Mission, was classed in third place.

Here Miss Almeida responds to a question during the final stage of the contest, with the judges listening attentively.

DAVID H. BAASCH  
*GC Associate Secretary*

she had learned. Upon hearing her story, he told her that she had found the right people, because 30 years prior to this he had lived in the home of a Seventh-day Adventist farmer (the Tupp family) as the hired man. Though he never became a Seventh-day Adventist, he believed the message. When we visited their home we were shown a very old *Bible Readings*, thumbmarked and used. Fred Tyson had studied those pages well, and it was a real thrill to see these dear people join the church.

It is not often that an evangelist is questioned at length by a non-Adventist concerning the truths set forth in *The Great Controversy*. Yet this was what I experienced at the hand of Maurice Lalonde, who had spent ten years as a monk in Quebec and knew *The Great Controversy* back to front, chapter and page numbers. He and his French-speaking wife are now members of the Ottawa church.

Another woman who was visiting her two sisters in Ottawa, and was brought to the meetings, was thrilled with the truths she heard. She decided then and there that she would not miss a single meeting. Locking up her house, which was many miles out of town, she rented a room in town and never missed a service. It was a thrill to see these three sisters

take their stand together in the baptismal font to join the church of God.

One man who had smoked for nearly 60 years overcame the habit and was welcomed into the church by his family.

There is still much work to be done and little time left to gather in the precious harvest of the earth. Pray for the work in this northern conference, that God will send forth laborers into this harvest field to gather in the precious fruit ere the end comes upon us.

## Vietnam Literature Evangelists Meet in Saigon

By V. L. BRETSCH  
*Departmental Secretary Southeast Asia Union*

No device of Satan—air raids, hand grenades, suicide squads—could keep our literature evangelists from coming to Saigon for a five-day institute in December.

From Da Nang on the north, from Can Tho on the south, from every corner of Vietnam, they came, a mighty army of soldiers of Jesus Christ.

The stories they told were ones of sacrifice, of separation and hardship, but all



Literature evangelists of South Vietnam meeting in Saigon for their annual institute. The perils of war do not halt their progress.

present were full of joy in being able to work and witness for Christ.

One brother, years ago, had accepted the message. Later he became careless and drifted into sin again, setting up the old spirit idols in his house once more. Two years ago his son murdered a woman. While in prison he came in contact with our workers through a branch Sabbath school.

Now, through this contact, the father, mother, and four children are rejoicing in the truth. The father has been a literature evangelist for about one year. Several other members of the family will be baptized soon.

During the institute news came of the Missions Extension Offering total, taken last September 10. The Vietnam Signs Press is to receive \$23,265 for its plant enlargement. We all rejoiced over this wonderful news. We need this help so much.

Seventeen men and three young women literature evangelists were the happy recipients of new bicycles at the recent literature evangelist institute in Saigon. These 20 young people qualified during a special two-month achievement program in October and November. The other 40 literature evangelists worked hard also, and we hope we can hold a campaign this year that will benefit them.

Nowhere will you find more faithful and dedicated workers than those who serve in war-torn South Vietnam. One man, who received a bicycle just two weeks previous to the institute, had a miraculous escape from death. He was traveling by bus from his home to the territory where he worked. A convoy of military trucks led the way through the countryside. A taxi followed his bus. As the convoy rounded a turn in the road, a land mine exploded, demolishing the lead truck. Other trucks were badly shot up by ambushing Viet Cong. The taxi was riddled full of holes. Fourteen died, eight were injured, but the bus on which our literature evangelist rode was not touched.

The happy recipients of new bicycles at the recent literature evangelist institute in Saigon.



## The Master Physician at Work in Hong Kong

By JOHN S. C. HSUEN, M.D.  
*Hong Kong Sanitarium and Hospital*



Tseng Wai Yuk

We have just returned from a visit to the home of Mr. Tseng in the neighboring village, Chai Wan Kok. It was a pleasure to visit with this dear family. Mr. and Mrs. Tseng, their six children, and the grandmother were delighted to see us and made us welcome. We were particularly happy to see Mr. Tseng's third daughter, ten-year-old Tseng Wai Yuk, standing before us a picture of health.

We could not help taking note of the marked change that had taken place in this home. A picture of Christ now hung over the place where once the family altar had stood. This family had only recently given up the worship of their ancestors and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts thrilled with thanksgiving as we recalled the way the Lord had led this family to the knowledge of His love.

In July of this year our church felt impressed to operate a Vacation Bible School, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, for the children in Chai Wan Kok. Under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Heald, the wife of our medical director, and Juanita Leng, the project was a real success. Tseng Wai Yuk was one of the many children who attended the school, and one of the 60 who successfully completed the course. A branch Sabbath school was organized to follow up the work of the Vacation Bible School. As many as 60 children regularly attended, and Tseng Wai Yuk was one of the regular members.

Not long after this, little Tseng Wai Yuk was taken ill. Her parents brought her to our emergency room at night. A quick examination revealed the seriousness of her condition, and I promptly admitted her for treatment. She rapidly worsened, and by next evening it was obvious that her little heart had failed and her lungs were flooded with fluid. She was distressingly short of breath and had to sit up straight to breathe. Her blood pressure had fallen abnormally low, and her face wore a deathly pallor.

Realizing that Wai Yuk's condition had become critical, I began to work feverishly to save her. In just a few minutes I gave her two injections intravenously and one intramuscularly. I also had blood pressure cuffs wrapped around her thighs in an endeavor to keep some quantities of blood from the heart temporarily, giving it a chance to recover from its strain. When her parents came they were shocked at the sight of their daughter's distress, and I had to tell them that her condition was grave.

Having done all that I knew medically that might help, I could only watch. With the passing of time I could see that she was sinking rapidly. Her pulse was getting more feeble, her respiration more rapid and distressing. It seemed that all the oxygen we could give her failed to satisfy her need. The shadows of despair deepened in the eyes of her father, who strode restlessly back and forth in the hallway. Several times he turned to ask me pleadingly, "Doctor, are there any more injections you can give her?" I had to reply: "I have given her all that I know that might help. There is nothing more we can do; we've just got to watch and see."

As the hours went by, the child showed no improvement. Several hours of observation convinced me that her heart had gone beyond help. I had done all that I could, and so I said to the father: "Mr. Tseng, I have done my best. I must confess to you that your daughter is not doing well; there is, however, a God in heaven who can help your daughter. Would you like me to pray for her?"

The man's voice broke as he answered, "Yes, please do pray." And so we stood by the bed, and amid the hissing of the oxygen and the little girl's noisy, distressing breath sounds, I prayed. I told the Lord all that had taken place, and that I had come to my extremity. I earnestly pleaded, "Lord, if it be Thy will, stretch forth Thy healing hand and restore her."

Having thus prayed, I retired to bed late that night. On waking the next

morning my first thought went to Wai Yuk. I wondered what had happened during the night. I thought to myself that the little girl must have passed away. However, I hurried down to the ward, and to my astonishment and delight I found her not only alive but definitely better. I could almost hear Christ gently rebuking me: "O ye of little faith!" She was so much better later in the day that she was able to do without oxygen. You can well imagine the rejoicing of the family. Mr. Tseng repeatedly remarked most gratefully, his face lighting up each time, "God has indeed restored my daughter!"

When I came to see the little girl the next morning, Mr. Tseng said, "Doctor, I would like to tell you something." His voice sounded excited as he continued: "I had a dream last night. I dreamed that God said to me, 'You are a good man; if you would follow me you must walk in the path that I have marked out for you. I am going to show you a wonderful sight.' Then God took me to heaven—a beautiful and wonderful place. I noticed in that land people wore robes of pure white and they were barefooted." His voice swelled with great feeling, and his eyes were wet with tears as he continued. "He took me to a garden where there were many kinds of flowers. There was one particular kind of flower that I had never seen before. It had large leaves, like those of the papaya tree. Its stem was as stout as a green watermelon, and on top of the stem was a gorgeous flower that had a silvery center and petals of gold." His face glowed as he continued, "My faith is now fully established in Jesus."

Tseng Wai Yuk continued to improve remarkably, and after eight days she was allowed to go home completely recovered.

We told the family during our visit that we would like to give them Bible studies. They were most appreciative and welcomed our offer. They have already taken a brave stand for Jesus. We look forward to leading them to a fuller knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Fourth-Generation Missionaries Return to Latin America

By R. R. FRAME  
Associate Secretary  
General Conference

When Elder and Mrs. Robert S. Folkenberg left North America recently to take up an appointment in Inter-America, they followed in the footsteps of many of their worthy forebears. Elder and Mrs. Folkenberg are fourth-generation missionaries to Latin America, representing more than 80 years of continuous mission service.

Robert grew up in Puerto Rico and Cuba, and at the present time his father, S. L. Folkenberg, is serving as president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union in Inter-America. The new missionary is a grandson of C. E. Andross, former president of the Caribbean Union, who served in Trinidad and Jamaica from 1927 to 1939. Moving back another generation, we come to the name of that illustrious pioneer, the late E. E. Andross, who was a

great-grandfather of Robert Folkenberg. Elder Andross was the first president of the Inter-American Division, laboring in those fields from 1922 to 1936.

Robert Folkenberg's wife, Anita, is a daughter of Elder and Mrs. K. H. Emerson. He is treasurer of the General Conference. The Emmersons spent nearly 20 years in the Inter-American and South American divisions. Anita is the granddaughter of E. U. Ayars, who served in the South American Division from 1921 to 1941, and the great-granddaughter of James Campbell, who was instrumental in bringing the truth to a next-door neighbor, Fernando Stahl, pioneer missionary to South America.

After graduation from Andrews University, Robert Folkenberg served a two-year ministerial internship in the Lake Union, later becoming a member of the Holley evangelistic team in the Columbia Union Conference. He was ordained December 24, 1966. Those taking part in the service were K. H. Emerson, E. J. Folkenberg, J. R. Spangler, and Cree Sandefur. Anita Folkenberg is a graduate of the Loma Linda School of Nursing.

Both Elder and Mrs. Robert Folkenberg speak Spanish and are looking forward to



Elder and Mrs. Robert S. Folkenberg and son.

many years of missionary service in Latin America. As this young couple and their infant son take up their responsibilities in the Panama Conference and build upon the foundation so strongly laid by those who have gone before, the church of God joins in wishing them much of His blessing, and many souls for their labors.

## AVENUES TO Reading Pleasure

By H. M. TIPPETT

Bennett Cerf, celebrated manager of Random House, is authority for the statement that in the past decade the popularity ratio of the sale of books of fiction has completely reversed itself in relation to books of science, information, travel, biography, et cetera. The demand for titles in the latter category has advanced to five to one over the call for books of fiction, which held a similar lead ten years ago. With the public taste so dramatically changed, what an opportunity it is to call the attention of your neighbors and non-Adventist friends to the stimulating books of inspiration coming off the presses of our Adventist publishing houses.

"Our eyes have seen the country of fulfilling prophecy and His truth is marching on." This compelling subscript appears on the title page of a book with a very modern title *By Jet Over Pioneer Footprints*, authored by Sarah Elizabeth Carter. It is a fascinating, informative account of a 25,000-mile journey by air to the Middle East, Palestine, and Egypt and crisscrossing Europe on the eventful journey. How the Carters obtained this prize-winning aeronautic safari is told in the preface, so don't miss that. If your soul is touched by romance, the very place names of this most entertaining book will capture your fancy—Baghdad, Cairo, Heliopolis, Damascus, Sodom, and Gomorrah. This is the kind of book that brings Old World

cultures close to those who cannot travel, and updates every believer on church history as it is being made under varied restrictions in such lands as Russia, Finland, and the Scandinavian Peninsula. A warm, human, inspiring narrative. 239 pages, \$4.95, Southern Publishing Association.

It is always a publishing event when another of A. L. Bietz's books comes off the press and I'd like to recommend his latest venture *When God Met Men*. In the role of well-known New Testament figures are seen their modern types, described by such titles as "I Can Take Care of Myself" (Peter); "You Have to Pull a Few Strings" (Judas); "Say It With Flowers" (Mary Magdalene); "You've Got to Show Me" (Thomas); and a dozen others. If the reader doesn't discover himself and his own traits in some of these characterizations it will be surprising indeed. But the author will have you saying, "He's right." 106 pages, \$1.50, Pacific Press.

Those who attended the San Francisco General Conference of 1950 will remember Sasa Rore of the Solomon Islands. Here in a book bearing his name is the remarkable story of his life. Your junior children will marvel at its stories of life in the islands of the South Pacific. Sasa, "Little Warrior," came from a head-hunting tribe, rescued after enemies killed his mother. Under Christian influences he became a Seventh-day Adventist who distinguished himself by devoted service. This book is an account of his unfolding character development as he forsook his heathen superstitions and degraded customs, becoming ultimately a full-statured evangelist. Top title on the Book Club selections for juniors for 1967. 96 pages, \$3.50, Review and Herald.



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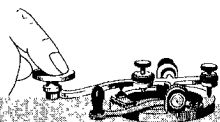
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# Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



## Far Eastern Division

Reported by  
D. A. Roth

► Dr. Merle Peterson, a staff physician at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, has been appointed new medical secretary of the Southeast Asia Union. He replaces Dr. Galen Coffin, who is on furlough in the United States.

► The new medical director of the Youngberg Hospital in Singapore is Dr. C. A. Olson, formerly on the staff of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.

► Dr. R. F. Hann has been appointed medical director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital in Malaya. His former field of service was Indonesia.

► The acting director of the Saigon Hospital in Vietnam is Dr. Fred A. Mote. He has been on the staff since November, 1964.

► Dr. James Jay is the medical director of the Haad Yai Mission Hospital in Thailand. Dr. Jay has been studying the Thai language.

► The new secretary-treasurer of the Sabah Mission in Borneo is A. Waworoendeng, former pastor of the Singapore Malay church. The mission president is George Munson, formerly of Korea.

► The newest physician on the staff of the Youngberg Hospital in Singapore is Dr. Kenneth McGill, formerly of Canada. While waiting for his license to practice in Singapore, Dr. McGill was a relief physician at the Saigon Hospital in Vietnam.

► Donald Gilbert, secretary-treasurer of the South China Island Union, was ordained to the gospel ministry at the time of the annual year-end committee meeting of the union in Taiwan.

► Ralph S. Watts, Jr., secretary of the Sabbath school and lay activities department of the Korean Union, has been elected Sabbath school secretary of the Far Eastern Division. He takes the place vacated February 1 by Howard E. McClure, who has held this post for the past 12 years. Pastor McClure has been asked to become secretary of the department of lay activities of the South American Division. Pastor Watts has served in Korea for the past three years. He was born in the territory of the Far Eastern Division, where his parents served as missionaries.



## Atlantic Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► Atlantic Union Conference raised the largest amount ever—in the shortest time—during the 1967 Ingathering campaign. \$581,480.38 has been raised (129.54 per

cent of the goal), with a per capita of \$19.94. The New York Conference, with a per capita of \$28.76, is the highest in the North American Division.

► Eighteen charter members signed the roster of the newly formed church in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on January 7. Present for this special Sabbath program was the entire Southern New England Conference staff. Lowell Bock, conference president, was the speaker for the morn-

ing service. The purchase of this sanctuary and parsonage at a very reasonable price was made possible through the efforts of Rico Zorrilla, Sabbath school superintendent. The members have just finished renovating the church, which seats 120 persons.

► G. H. Rainey, associate ministerial secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, has gone to the South Caribbean Conference on a loan basis. Elder Rainey



## MV Camp for Aymara Indians at Lake Titicaca

Above: MV camp being held at the Plateria Mission Station, where Pastor Stahl first began the work in the highlands and at Lake Titicaca. Below: Moises Condori reports that on the final day of the camp 64 people were baptized. The picture shows three pastors: Left, the writer; center, Luis Roscher; far right, Herman Guy, baptizing in the waters of Lake Titicaca.

MOISES CONDORI, Minister  
Lake Titicaca Mission



is conducting evangelistic meetings in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

► As a result of evangelistic meetings held by the ministers of the New York Conference, several baptisms were conducted during the latter part of 1966. Henry Uhl, of the Elmira district, baptized nine, with several more indicating their desire for baptism in the future; L. J. Tessier, pastor of the Vienna district, baptized 13; H. E. Cox, of the Rome district, baptized five, with nine more soon to follow; W. H. Baker, pastor in Binghamton, baptized four; and J. H. Twing prepared eight candidates for a baptism that took place the last Sabbath of 1966. The conference membership at the end of 1966 was well in excess of 4,200.



## Columbia Union

Reported by  
Morten Juberg

► The Columbia Union College Choir, of Takoma Park, Maryland, presented a Saturday afternoon half-hour sacred concert in Carnegie Hall, New York. The choir was featured at the invitation of George Vandeman for that special meeting of the evangelistic series.

► The Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, Ohio, has been designated the sponsor of an exchange-visitor program in accordance with the Mutual Educational and Cultural Ex-

## Children Who Cared

Louise Shultz, of South Bay Junior Academy, in Torrance, California, and three of her 18 third- and fourth-graders who sent food and clothing to a poor family in Mexicali, Mexico.

Two weeks before Christmas vacation Miss Shultz became ill, and Mrs. Mildred Lorntz, substituting for her, asked the children whether they would like the mother and six little girls who lived in a thatched room about 225 miles away in Mexico to have a good Christmas. They responded with three large boxes of food, clothing, and toys for each of the six girls.

E. JOHN LORNTZ



## Evangelism in Norfolk, Virginia

On November 13 the Columbia Union Conference evangelistic team of Elder and Mrs. Roger Holley, Elder and Mrs. Robert Folkenberg, and Elder and Mrs. Leighton Holley joined with the Norfolk, Virginia, pastor in a three-week intensified Christ for Today program. Attendance ranged from 250 to 350 nightly and more than one third were nonmembers. Already 49 persons have been baptized in Norfolk, and four in Portsmouth. More than 40 excellent interests are receiving Bible studies from the Norfolk pastor and his assistant, Rudy Torres.

Forty-three of the 49 new members of the Norfolk church are pictured with their pastor, Jerry Lastine (seated, front center). Among those baptized were five husbands who joined their wives in church membership, a great-grandmother, her daughter and son, two Navy men, and two complete families. Fifteen students from Tidewater Junior Academy were part of this group.

JERRY LASTINE

change Act of 1961. It is to provide professionally approved medical internships for foreign medical graduates, residencies offered for foreign medical graduates, and courses in technology for qualified foreign students.

► C. O. Eldridge has been named administrator of Hadley Memorial Hospital. He replaces H. A. Rudisaile, who moved to Paradise, California, to become administrator of the Feather River Sanitarium and Hospital. Before taking over his new post in Washington, D.C., Mr. Eldridge was the assistant administrator of the Boulder Memorial Hospital in Boulder, Colorado.

► M. E. Rees, stewardship secretary of the North Pacific Union Conference, spent a recent week in the Columbia Union Conference holding stewardship rallies with the different conferences, including one biconference rally held in Sligo church, Takoma Park, Maryland.

► As a result of a recent effort held in the North Philadelphia church area, 102 new members were brought into the Allegheny East Conference. J. C. Smith, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, conducted the meetings.

The plans call for a frame building with two classrooms and teachers' offices. Later a third classroom and a gymnasium will be added. The first two classrooms are to be completed in time for the 1967-1968 school term.

► Medical staff members of Portland Sanitarium and Hospital and their wives met for the annual staff banquet and installation of officers in Portland's Hilton Hotel, January 11. Installed were Willis J. Irvine, M.D., president; Gerald Schwiebinger, M.D., president-elect; Paul Campbell, M.D., vice-president; Robert M. Cockburn, M.D., treasurer.

► The following changes in the ministerial staff of the Idaho Conference were made recently: Harry Gray, who has been serving the Homedale-Parma area, will assist in evangelism in several areas. Wilbur Ingram will have charge of the Homedale district. Thomas Calkins will be associated with F. S. Fowler in Boise. Paul Marlow will be working with A. T. Bidwell, who is located in the Caldwell district.

► Five literature evangelists make up the \$1,000 Club for 1966 in the Pacific Northwest: Larry Gasser, Floyd O'Dell, and Ed Pearson of the Washington Conference; and Irwin Cook and Charles Reeser of the Idaho Conference. Each had the experience of delivering \$1,000 or more in one week. One had four such weeks. The total year's delivery for the five was \$103,036.36.

► Four teachers named to join the Walla Walla College faculty next fall are Don Hall, physics; Floyd Murdoch and Robert Henderson, history; Mrs. Clyde S. Armstrong, secretarial science.



## North Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► The first step toward a new school plant in the Washington Conference was taken by the Marysville church at a groundbreaking ceremony January 8.



## Northern Union

Reported by  
L. H. Netteburg

► South Dakota literature evangelists delivered slightly more than \$50,000 worth of literature in 1966. Three of the credentialed colporteurs delivered a total of \$40,950.

► P. W. Peters, at the age of 83, raised \$403.50 during the 1966 Ingathering campaign for the Hawarden, Iowa, church.

► During the Christmas season lay members of the Southwest district in Iowa delivered 114 copies of *The Great Controversy* to the ministers of other churches in that district. N. D. Ostrander is the pastor.

► Two North Dakota pastors are holding offices in their respective local ministerial associations. Don Howe is serving as vice-president of the Jamestown Ministerial Association, and Malcolm Gordon is secretary-treasurer of the Wahpeton Ministerial Association.

► The Gackle, North Dakota, church had a fire in late December, which destroyed much of the interior of the basement and did a great deal of smoke damage in the main sanctuary. The loss was partially covered by insurance. The church is now being repaired, and the members are rallying to the task of rebuilding.

► Pastor and Mrs. Roger Bothwell of the Iowa Conference have left for a five-year missionary assignment in Africa, where they will teach at the Bugema Missionary College in Campala, Uganda.

► Health and welfare activities of the Fairfield and Ottumwa, Iowa, Dorcas Societies are recognized by the community. A local labor organization gave \$150 to the Ottumwa center.



## Southern Union

Reported by  
Oscar L. Heinrich

► Thirteen persons were baptized as a result of a series of evangelistic meetings held in Asheville, North Carolina, by H. V. Leggett and K. W. Kowarsch. The meetings were held for six weeks in a high school auditorium and were then transferred to the church for another four weeks.

► Sabbath school and lay activities leaders of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference met at Camp Cumby-Gay the first weekend of the new year to receive instruction and lay plans for the work in the individual churches during the year. Missionary Volunteer and Pathfinder leaders from the conference met for the same objective on the weekend of January 13-15.

► Members at Covington, Kentucky, met in their new church for the first time on Sabbath, December 24. Cost of the church, including parking, furniture, and

land, was \$120,000. E. E. Shafer, the pastor, led out in the building program.

► During December the Florida Conference received \$241,000 in tithe. The total tithe for the year was \$1,876,639.44, a gain of \$180,000 over the previous year. Baptisms for the year were 654. Literature evangelists report sales of more than \$351,000. This is an increase of \$100,000 over 1965 sales.



## Southwestern Union

Reported by  
J. N. Morgan

► R. R. Hegstad, editor of *Liberty* magazine, has been the guest speaker at four conference workers' meetings in the Southwestern Union during January.

► Seventh-day Adventists and others have joined in opposition to Sunday law legislation in Texas during 1966, and have been effective thus far in holding back city council action in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Paradise. In each of these cities the Sunday law question has stirred the minds of many, and opportunity has been given for the church to stand in defense of religious freedom and to clarify our position on the Saturday-Sunday controversy. The Lord is greatly blessing in these contacts, and it is expected that the battleground will move from the city council chambers to the State Legislature during 1967 in both Texas and New Mexico.

► George Vandeman, along with Les-ton Post and Mrs. Marjorie Lewis Lloyd,

## Florida Reaches Vanguard Goal

The air was electrified on the evening of January 3 when the Florida Conference held its Ingathering victory banquet. Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference (right), was present for the occasion.

As Florida lay activities director, C. R. French, called for the report, the district leaders came forward one by one and presented H. F. Roll, conference treasurer (left), with a check covering their district goals. The event was historic in that every district reached its goal, and all but one reported a good overflow.

It was a never-to-be-forgotten event when W. O. Coe, conference president (center), along with Elders Roll and French, presented Elder Pierson the largest check for Ingathering funds solicited in the history of the Florida Conference—\$271,000.

HENRY J. CARUBBA  
Departmental Secretary  
Florida Conference



recently spent several days in Fort Worth, Texas, filming a new production for the *It Is Written* series. The new film will feature the Southwestern Union College choir and Charles Brooks, soloist.

## NOTICES

### Correction

On page 23 of the *REVIEW* for January 12 the membership of the Hanover, Pennsylvania, church was given as 300. The number should have been 30. We commend this small group for the courage, hard work, and prayer they invested in the attractive house of worship in Hanover.

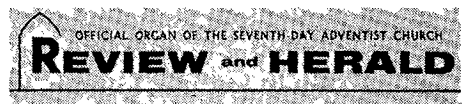
### Glendale Evangelistic Meetings

Elder Don Doleman will be leading out in a Field School of Evangelism in Glendale, California, from June 16 to July 8. He desires the names of interested persons and former Adventists. Send information to:

Elder Don Doleman  
Vallejo Drive SDA Church  
300 Vallejo Drive  
Glendale, California 91206

## Church Calendar

Listen Campaign	February 25
Visitation Evangelism	March 4
Church Missionary Offering	March 4
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 11



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# News of Note

## No Damage to Adventists Reported From Bogotá Quake

No serious damage or loss has come to our church members or properties from the February 9 earthquake in Colombia, according to the latest word.

News of this disaster in Bogotá awakened concern for the safety of our members. But radio communications from the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission headquarters in Medellín, Colombia, assured us that the Lord had protected His people and His work. DAVID H. BAASCH

## Gift Bible Program Spreads; One Conference Nears 2,500

The Gift Bible Evangelism program, as a major evangelistic undertaking for 1967, has been received with great enthusiasm by our ministry and laity throughout North America. News reaching the world headquarters indicates that thousands of Gift Bibles and study guides have already been distributed. We have many reasons to believe that in North America alone more than 300,000 Gift Bibles will be distributed this year.

From Canada, W. G. Soloniuk, president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, writes: "In our caroling program we had printed special cards to tie into our Gift Bible program. We received some 500 requests for Bibles in our conference. We had originally ordered 1,500 Bibles, and recently we had to place an order for another 1,000. We are thrilled with this program. We hope that it will give us a great deal of strength in our soul-winning endeavors."

We will keep the field informed as the crusade advances. V. W. SCHÖEN

## Health Foods Witness in Australia and New Zealand

On my recent visit to Australia I sat with the board of the Sanitarium Health Food Company. We were thrilled and encouraged to witness the work of this great organization, which is the nation's major manufacturer of breakfast cereals and health foods.

This fine organization also operates 42 retail shops and eight catering outlets in the cities of Australia and New Zealand. These shops serve more than 5 million customers each year. One shop in Australia serves more than 5,000 customers each day. We had lunch in one of these shops on an afternoon in January and observed the great throng of business people taking Seventh-day Adventist literature—*Signs of the Times* and other distinctive pieces—from strategically placed racks. The people read them as they ate.

Total sales of the Sanitarium Health Food Company amount to more than \$A14 million a year. The total staff em-

ployed in Australia and New Zealand is 1,100. Here is a prime example of how members of the Adventist Church might be profitably engaged in a unique ministry fulfilling the direct instruction given this people on health-food work.

F. L. BLAND

## Miller Becomes Departmental Secretary in Middle East

L. C. Miller, president of the Turkey Section, has been elected ministerial and radio-TV secretary of the Middle East Division. Roger Coon, who was appointed to these departments and the educational department at Detroit, has resigned for health reasons.

At the same time Manuk Nazerian has become lay activities secretary, and D. L. Chappell has been given the leadership of the Sabbath school department in addition to his present responsibilities as publishing secretary. The educational work will be under the supervision of R. L. Jacobs, division secretary.

D. W. HUNTER

## Pierson Has Audience With President of Finland

By T. A. LUUKKANEN

Departmental Secretary, Finland Union Conference

The President of the Republic of Finland, Dr. D. Urho Kekkonen, received Robert H. Pierson, the president of the General Conference, in a formal audience on December 16. This was the first time in the history of Finland that the President has accorded an audience to a religious leader of a church other than Lutheran or Catholic. Elder Pierson said after the audience: "This was indeed a high honor, and I appreciate it a great deal. Elder Peltonen, the president of the Finland Union Conference, and I found Dr. Kekkonen a gracious gentleman. He is a man of great ability and friendliness."

"We had an opportunity to tell him considerable about the work of Seventh-day Adventists around the world. Pastor Peltonen told him about our work in Finland. We left him a copy of Richard Utt's book *A Century of Miracles*, which he paged through several times while we were visiting."

Pastor Peltonen told Dr. Kekkonen that his mother had often attended the meetings that he (Pastor Peltonen) had conducted in his youth in Kajaani, and he had visited her in her home.

This visit with the President and the press conference resulted in a record amount of favorable publicity for our church.

The reporters of the Finnish Broadcasting Company met Elder Pierson's plane, and interviewed him. This inter-

## Japan Union Gives Thanks as 426 Are Baptized in 1966

In commenting on the evangelistic harvest in Japan last year, W. T. Clark, president, Japan Union Mission, writes:

"While some fields are beginning to count their baptisms in thousands, Japan still counts hers in hundreds. And yet our baptisms for this year totaled 426, the highest number we have ever had. We are grateful for the wonderful blessings of the Lord and look forward to 1967 (our fiftieth anniversary year as a union) as a banner year in evangelism. During this year we shall join hands with our fellow workers and church members around the world in doing our part to hasten the coming of the Lord. We believe the Lord has something special in store for Japan during this year." J. ERNEST EDWARDS

## Book and Bible House Sets Record in Sales to SDA's

The Central California Book and Bible House has set a North American record for the distribution of literature to SDA's.

T. E. Baber, the manager, says, "Our total sales in 1966 amounted to \$508,000. We can only say, 'What hath God wrought!' You will note that this is a net sales figure and does not include the sales of the literature evangelists."

CARSON F. ADAMS

view was transmitted via cable to the studio, translated, and broadcast within 40 minutes. A week later the Finnish TV Company interviewed the flying Adventist surgeon, Dr. Olavi Rouhe, of Modesto, California, who arrived from the Congo.



The first religious leader, other than Lutheran or Catholic, to have an audience with Dr. Kekkonen, was Elder Pierson (left).