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The Stars in Their Courses

By ERNEST LLOYD

THE stars in their courses fought against Sisera," said Deborah of the captain of the Canaanites (Judges 5:20), and her words express an eternal truth. Sisera was on the wrong side of the fray; he was fighting against God, and thus doomed to fail. Leaders of the nations today who are doing as Sisera did will go down in defeat. It is a law of the universe that those who oppose God perish.

God's laws are righteous, and they make for righteousness. In such a universe wrong lives a precarious life. It may prosper for a time, but in the long run it will defeat its own purposes. The iniquities that prevail

among men are under a divine sentence of death. "The stars in their courses" are still fighting against Sisera and all for which he stands.

Napoleon was a Sisera. Victor Hugo said that Napoleon "bothered God." Men who interfere with God's plans for the freedom and welfare of the peoples of earth are doomed sooner or later to defeat and destruction. Time is against those who seek their own aggrandizement instead of the establishment of peace and righteousness among the nations of earth. And so is God.

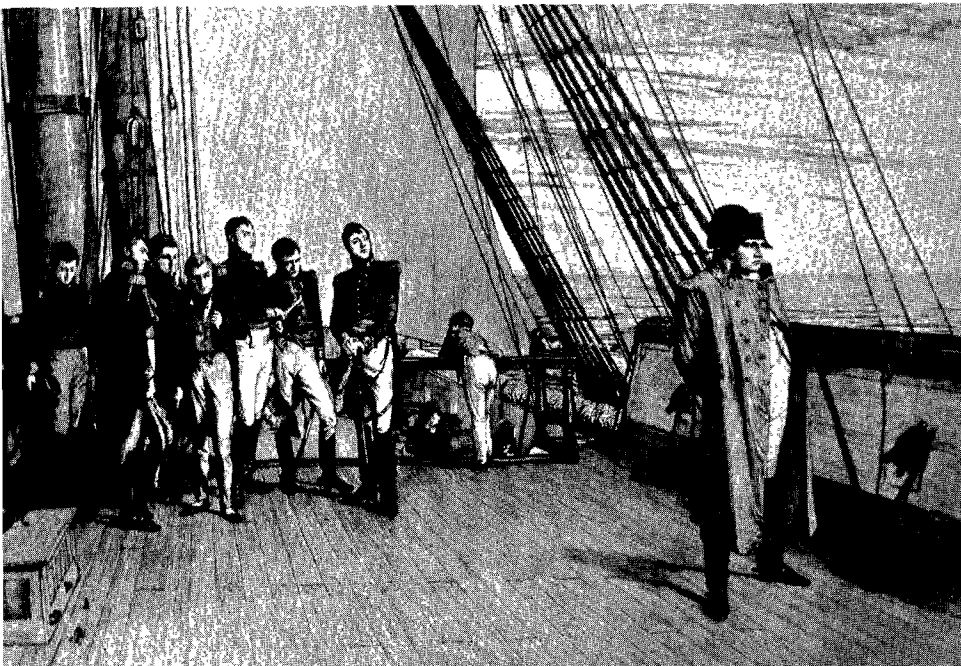
"This building is coming down." You have seen this notice on a structure that was to be removed. You can

see that same sentence written across many a vested iniquity that today appears indestructible. "These things are coming down" — injustice, racial hatred, iniquity, and all who oppose the eternal principles of righteousness. Nations will learn that God's ways are the right ways and that only ruin awaits those who fight against God.

As with nations, so with individuals. The universe ranges itself against the wrongdoer. Emerson stressed this truth in his essays "Compensation" and "Spiritual Laws." He insists that the universe helps the man who fulfills the law and who lives soberly and righteously. But let man violate law, let him sin against the laws that make for his welfare, and soon his chastisement begins. "The stars in their courses" will fight against him. He may escape public censure, but not the reward for evil-doing. A man suffers most for the wrongs that he knowingly commits.

Why is it that when a man does wrong the whole world seems to be one great eye staring at him and accusing him? It is because he has sinned against the universe as well as against individuals. "Commit a crime," says Emerson, "and the earth is made of glass. . . . You cannot wipe out the foot-track, you cannot draw up the ladder, as to leave no . . . clew. Some damning circumstance always transpires. The laws and substances of nature—water, snow, wind, gravitation—become penalties."

The man who does wrong stands foolishly opposed to the order of the universe. That attitude can have only one issue—defeat, disaster, ruin. The Old Testament teaches it and so does the New Testament. The laws of nature are constant reminders to us of this great truth. Wise are they who obey the laws of nature and of nature's God.



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Aboard the Bellerophon on his way into exile, Napoleon had opportunity to reflect on his proud claim that the stars in their courses had decreed him success and glory.

Our Eternal Debt

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*The Saviour's perfect life and vicarious death
are a powerful magnet to draw men to heaven.*

DO YOU like the idea of being in debt? No. When I owe a debt I always feel better after it is paid in full. And the sooner the better. You may say, "I'm glad that I don't owe a dime." This is fine. But, believe it or not, you are under a long-term debt, a debt that you will never be able to pay. All the money in the world cannot pay it. If this earth were a ball of solid gold 8,000 miles in diameter, it would not meet your debt to Jesus Christ for justification and salvation.

The apostle John saw in vision some of the saints raised from the dead at our Lord's resurrection and taken to heaven when Jesus ascended. He saw them cast crowns at the feet of the Lord Jesus. He heard them sing: "Thou art worthy." "For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 4:11; 5:9, 12).

Throughout all eternity the redeemed will ever be mindful that the bliss and glory of heaven, which they enjoy, are not due to any merit of their own, but are theirs solely because of

the infinite merit of the slain Lamb of God. If some had earned their right to heaven would they not feel out of place where all the merit is ascribed to Jesus Christ? But nothing like this will ever happen. Every soul who enters heaven is there wholly by grace. All those who compose this innumerable company in heaven will have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:9, 10, 14).

These verses from the book of Revelation indicate that justification and salvation—with the cross of Christ in the center—will be the science and song of the redeemed throughout the eternal ages. In view of this, should not justification by faith be given a "triple A" priority now, for careful thought and earnest study?

Justification by faith is God's way for a sinful man to become righteous. It is salvation by grace. Thus the three expressions "justification by faith," "righteousness by faith," and "salvation by grace" may be used interchangeably in referring to God's saving process.

Let us illustrate this by asking, "What difference is there in the value of ten dimes, or four quarters, or two half dollars?" You say, "They are of

equal value." In the same way "justification by faith," "righteousness by faith," and "salvation by grace" are equivalent in meaning.

The importance of justification cannot be overemphasized. Not a single soul can ever go to heaven without being justified by faith. Why not? Because justification by faith is God's appointed way for the remission of sins, for becoming right. Where there is no remission of sin there is no salvation. Where there is no salvation there is nothing ahead but everlasting destruction.

Unless a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ he will die in his sins. "He who puts his faith in the Son has hold of eternal life, but he who disobeys the Son shall not see life; God's wrath rests upon him" (John 3:36).*

Without justification by faith a person is utterly lost. He is without God, without Christ, without hope. Since no one can be saved without justification, it must therefore be of supreme importance for every soul to understand and to accept.

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Many of us suffer from a narrow view of this subject. It is as if we are sitting by a one-candle-power light, when we could have a hundred-candle-power light. That light can come only from God's Word.

In 1889 the message came to the church: "There is not one in one hundred who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 360. Beyond any question there is today a far better understanding of justification by faith than in 1889. But we still need to sink the shaft deeper into the mine of truth on this theme.

The study and the experience of righteousness by faith for justification and sanctification have special claims upon Seventh-day Adventists. Why? Because it is the third angel's message in verity (*Evangelism*, p. 190). Because the message of Christ's righteousness "is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel" (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 19). The revelation of Christ's righteousness will bring the finishing of the work. Should we not then place it at the top of the list for our consideration?

Many think that justification by faith was not available to man until Christ came and died as man's substitute. They think that people who lived before Christ came had to be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, and that since the cross, salvation is only by grace. This is wrong on two counts. The Ten Commandments never have saved a single soul. "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight" (Rom. 3:20). From the time of Adam's sin salvation has always been by grace alone.

Justification by faith through the divinely prearranged death of the Son of God became operative when the first man, Adam, sinned and needed justification. Jesus Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). Every animal sacrifice that was offered in true faith in patriarchal and Mosaic times represented justification by faith. The heart of the Mosaic sanctuary and all its services was Christ and Him crucified.

Abraham lived about nineteen hundred years before the crucifixion of Christ. In the books of Romans and Galatians the apostle Paul tells how Abraham was justified by faith, as an illustration of how Christians are to be justified by faith. Abraham experienced justification in accordance with the unfolding plan of God for his day. Christians today experience justification in keeping with the progressive unfolding of God's truth for our day. Before the cross they had the moonlight of the gospel; after the cross, the blazing sunlight.

Hebrews 9:15 explains how the death of Christ availed for the redemption of those who had faith in God in the ages before His death. When Christ was resurrected, representatives from the generations prior to the crucifixion were also resurrected. These went to heaven with Christ when He ascended. The four and twenty elders around the throne of God in heaven are a part of this group (see Rev: 4:1-4).

Not an Emergency Measure

Justification by faith was not an emergency measure formulated to meet the crisis when Adam and Eve sinned. Provision had been made before this world was created. We read that God "hath saved us . . . not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Tim. 1:9). Peter declares that we are redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained [known beforehand] before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (1 Peter 1:18-20). The rays of the cross shine back into the eternal past, and they shine forward into the eternal future.

As set forth in the book of Romans, justification by faith is one of God's

secrets, which originated before the world began (Rom. 16:25, 26). It appeared as a bud in Genesis 3:15 when man sinned. It reached its full bloom in Romans and Galatians.

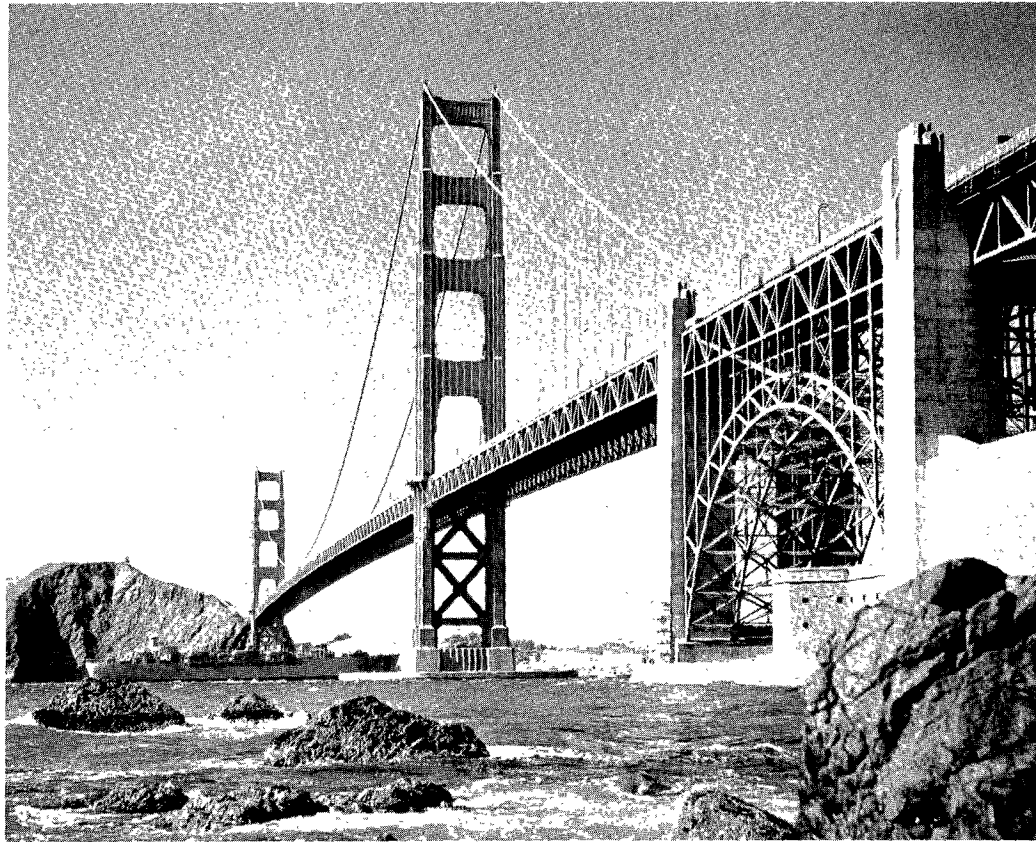
The Bible declares that we are justified by Christ's blood—His sacrificial death (Rom. 5:9). Christ's obedient life and atoning death on the cross are the channel through which justification comes. Christ's blood is called the blood of the everlasting covenant (Heb. 13:20).

The everlasting covenant is the covenant of all ages. It is older than this habitable world. It was entered into between the Father and the Son before this world was made. It provided that if the first man and woman sinned the Son of God would be their justification, their Saviour, their surety. It meant that in due time the Son would leave heaven and come to earth, to die for man. It also provided that everyone who would receive the Son and follow Him to the end, would have eternal salvation and life everlasting.

Justification by faith, with the cross in its center, is a part of God's eternal purpose, formulated in the eternal past, before this world was. When you receive and retain Jesus Christ, God's eternal purpose operates in your behalf. You become one of those who were chosen in Christ before the foun-

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EWING GALLOWAY



The Golden Gate Bridge. By His mission to earth our Lord built a bridge of understanding between earth and heaven that made it possible to reconcile and restore sinful men to God.

RECENTLY while perusing that monumental work, *Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White*, we came upon a most interesting section. Volume 1 of the *Index*—which is seven times larger than the old one and at least seven times more useful—contains a list of all the Bible texts cited by Ellen G. White in her writings. Beginning with Genesis 1 and ending with the last verse of Revelation, it is a guide to an inspired commentary on Holy Writ.

Paging through this scripture index, and noting how often the Lord's servant referred to the Bible, the thought came to me: Which text had she referred to more often than to any other? Could it be John 14:1-3, that thrilling promise of the Second Coming? Or John 3:16, the text of texts, or Revelation 14:12? Or which might it be?

The first three verses of John 14 were quoted 63 times, and John 3:16 118 times. It was a fascinating study, noting one text after another until I finally found one listed no less than 264 times—the most quoted text in the Spirit of Prophecy writings!

It was natural to ask why she had used that text so often. There must have been a reason. She must have felt that it has a special message for our day.

Before we read the passage let us ponder for a moment what the greatest need of this hour is.

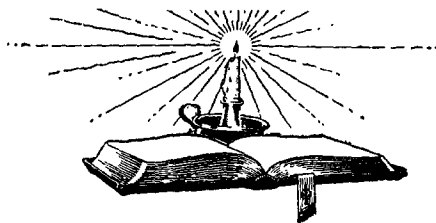
Turning to our Bibles, we find that before the end true religion will all but disappear from the hearts of men. Paul points to our time as one when men will have "a form of godliness" but deny "the power thereof." There would be much religion but little of its power.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-3 Paul depicts the "perilous times" of the last days, and lists 18 of the most vicious sins man can commit. In conclusion he says that these will be done by people who profess to be religious. This explains the urgent need of men today for the true gospel, as set forth in Revelation 14:6, 7, which depicts a great final movement in which the everlasting gospel will be carried to all mankind. Men of our day need the gospel because, while they may have a lot of so-called religion, they know little if anything of the true message of salvation.

God is in need of human witnesses, in our time as always—human beings whose lives reflect the mighty power of the gospel. As the conflict nears its close, God needs men and women who

Ellen G. White's FAVORITE TEXT

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can say, "I know God's power is mighty, for I have found it so." Where can God find such witnesses today? That He does have such a cloud of witnesses is evident from Revelation 14:12, where John, after the three angels' messages have gone forth, is shown a people who "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

The Spirit of Prophecy passage referred to 264 times is from the heart of the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount. The text of texts for our time and our church, the one we might call the theme text of the Advent Movement, is Matthew 5:14-16: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

It is easy to see why this is the most used text for our day. We live in a time when darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people. But this darkness must be dissipated. Revelation 18:1 pictures an angel joining his voice with the three others mentioned in chapter 14, as he comes down to earth, with the result that "the earth was lightened with his glory."

What is this light? Jesus said that it consists of Christians like you and me. "Ye are the light of the world." What a glorious responsibility!

The great rabbis of Jesus' days are said to have taken the title "The light of the world." But when the true Light of the world came they rejected Him, and their own feeble light went out in darkness. And so, without their permission, Jesus now took their title and bestowed it on His own followers, who were to carry the gospel light to all the world.

In His sermon Jesus mentioned salt and light. Salt has no life. It is able to preserve that which already exists, and adds flavor, but not life. We are the salt of our time, in that we hinder corruption and make life better even for those who reject it.

But more vital, we are the light of the world. Light is often thought of as the Biblical symbol of the Living Presence. Centuries before His advent, Malachi spoke of Jesus as the "Sun of righteousness," and His servants are pictured as being "as the sun."

Matthew 5:14-16 may also be thought of as an intimation of the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. Just before His death Jesus gave a parable about light. We usually call it the parable of the Ten Virgins. But light is the deciding factor. All ten virgins had lights, but as the waiting time wore on, five of these went out leaving only the form—the lamps. Most important of all was the oil, for everything depended on it. Frantically the five sought oil, and in the meantime the climax of the story took place and they were locked out.

What is this mysterious, celestial oil? In Zechariah 4:1-12 it is said to represent the Holy Spirit. In *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 408, we read: "They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit."

Now we cannot mention all of the 264 times the Spirit of Prophecy refers to Matthew 5:14-16. But we would like to allude to a few of these passages. Read the others at your leisure.

"If the light of God be in you, it will shine forth to others. It can never be concealed."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 376. What a grand thought! What a joy to know that if we have accepted His life we cannot conceal our witness. This is why Jesus adds, "Let your light so shine," that is, permit it to shine—in a surrendered life.

One way to let our light shine is to use our material assets as God intended. Conversely, to use them wrongly is to hide our light.

"As the sun rises in the east and passes toward the west, filling the world with light, so the true follower

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of Christ will be a light unto the world. He will go out to the world as a bright and shining light, that those who are in darkness may be lightened and warmed by the rays shining from him. Christ says of His followers: 'Ye are the light of the world. . . .' Our great Exemplar was self-denying, and shall the course of His professed followers be in such marked contrast to His? The Saviour gave all for a perishing world, not withholding even Himself."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, pp. 403, 404.

Here is the positive side; if we are His we will use every material resource to bring the beams of light to others.

"Has the Lord given you light? Then you are responsible for that light; not merely while its rays are shining upon you, but for all which it has revealed to you in the past. You are to surrender your will to God daily; you are to walk in the light . . . ; for the light . . . is to shine forth. . . , increasing in brightness more and more unto the perfect day."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 486.

This light has a cumulative influence. Perhaps a word you spoke a year ago goes on to cheer others with its light. Perhaps something you wrote long ago is still warming a heart with its light of love.

Many years ago Ellen G. White was given a vision of the publishing work in our church. She saw it as beams of light circling the earth. How marvelously that has been fulfilled! An article by the pen of one writer may lighten the entire world with its message. The light from *Steps to Christ*, which is now published in more than 80 languages, came from a frail little woman. That marvelous light shines on down through the years, long after she closed her personal ministry.

When this light from God shines forth in human hearts with power, before the end, remarkable events will take place. The Lord's messenger saw thousands upon thousands going out with their Bibles to the homes of the world, proclaiming the message. She saw people being converted in numbers exceeding those of the day of Pentecost. As at Pentecost, all are hearing the message, each in his own tongue. "As at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue."—ELLEN G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886. Pentecost again, in even greater measure.

The wise man said, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord" (Prov. 20:27). In glorious contrast to that small glimmer of light in the long ago, the Lord has by His grace placed us as the "light of the world" in these climactic hours, to lighten the whole earth with His glory.

dation of the world (Eph. 1:4, 5). You enter into God's plan for your happiness in justification and sanctification here and now in Christ, with eternal happiness hereafter. He planned this happiness for you thousands of years before you were born. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" O the unsearchable riches of Christ and the infinite grace and love of our heavenly Father! O how our hearts should go out in increased love for God as we see how He planned for our eternal happiness.

Think of a great suspension bridge across a river or a bay. It is built on cables suspended from two great towers securely anchored in the rock on each side. So justification is a suspension bridge across the gulf of sin and

death. It is securely anchored in the eternal past on one side in God's everlasting covenant. It is securely anchored in the eternal, happy future, on the other side, in the New Jerusalem and in the new earth.

If you have been justified by faith, you are on the bridge. Keep moving ahead in this experience and you are sure at His coming to reach the blessed land of no sickness, no trouble, no sorrow, and no death on the other shore. Then you will be among the happiest people in all the world. Then you will hear from the One in whom you have trusted your all, the words: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). Then, in the perfect new earth of God's plan, you will inherit what He planned for man in His eternal purpose before the world was created.

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In Partnership With God

By ERNEST E. GRIMES

A NEW church of 50 members was born, a new church building was in progress, and the pastor was trying to raise enough money to complete it. Every member had pledged something.

I was then working on a truck farm for a salary of \$9 a week. After paying my rent, water, lights, and groceries, sometimes I would have only one dime left till the next week. But I wanted to do something, and thought that ten dollars would be my limit. I did not see how I could give even that small amount. When the call was made for each one to stand and tell how much he could give, I pledged twenty-five dollars.

After I was seated, I thought, How am I ever going to do it? But in the meantime my employer came to me and said, "Ernest, I am going to give you one acre of ground in which you can plant anything you want to. You will give me half of what you get out of it, and pay for half of the fertilizer and half of the crate material for shipping it. Then if the returns are not enough to pay the freight to ship it to market you will owe me for that also, but you will still get your \$9 a week." "Yes, sir," I said, "I will try it."

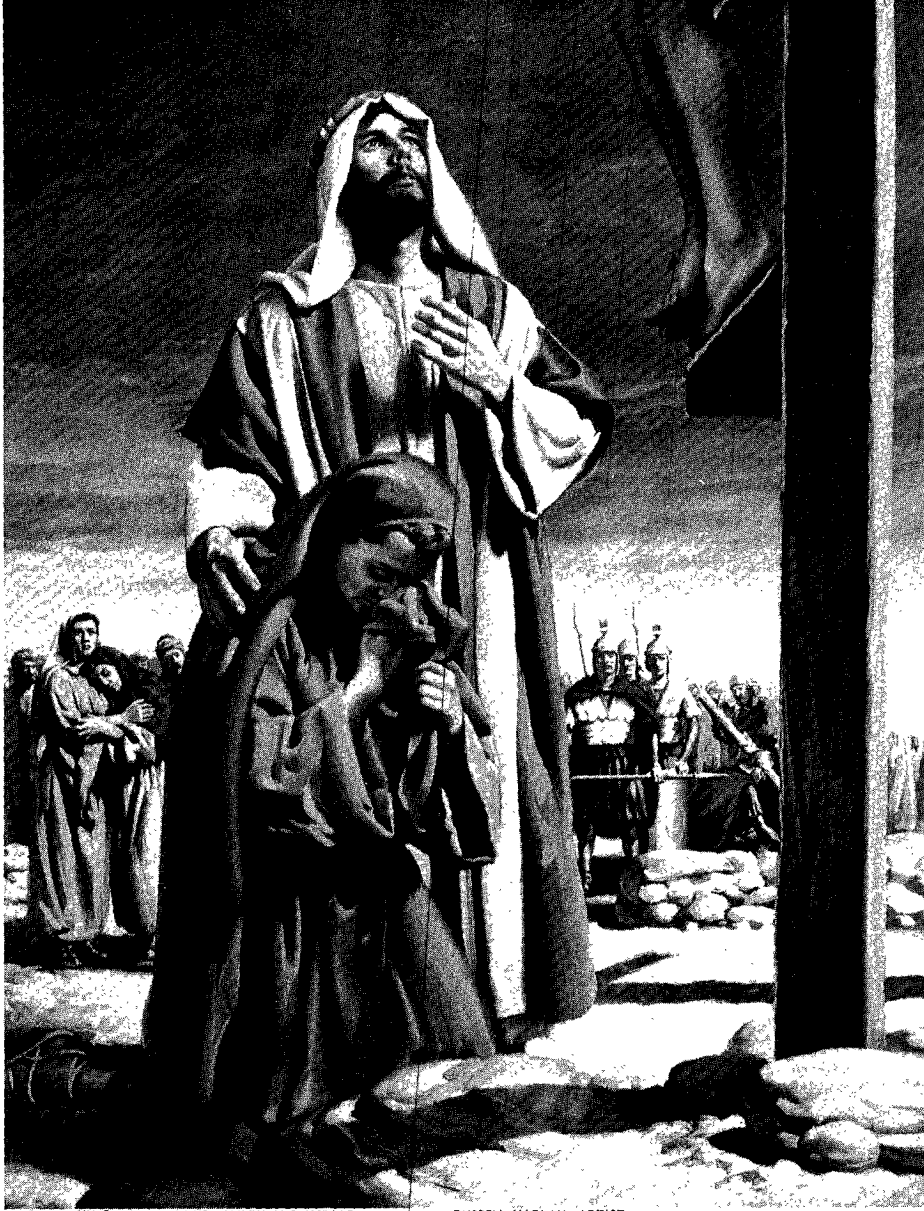
When another call came for more

money for the new building I had not raised one dime on my pledge. The pastor said, "We are going to dig a little harder." When the last call came I stood and said, "I have not raised one dime yet, but I am canceling my \$25 pledge and want to make it \$100."

The little lettuce-and-cucumber crop I had planted on the acre of ground looked very discouraging. The lettuce was then about one inch tall. After I made the new pledge of \$100 I went to my employer Monday morning and asked, "Sir, do you think my little share in the acre will be worth \$100?" "Oh, yes," he said cheerfully. Then I asked, "Would you advance me \$100 now?"

He scratched his head and thought for a minute. I was secretly praying. "Yes, I guess I could." Then I told him what I had done. He gave me the check, so I hurried to the pastor with my \$100, the only difference being that now I owed it to my employer.

When the time came to make my shipment, it went in on a good market, and I was able to repay my employer the \$100. After half of all the expenses had been met, I had \$550 left. I was ever grateful to the Lord for the way He provided for me and rewarded my faith.



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RUSSELL HARLAN, ARTIST

LIKE John, Judas had access to the divine grace that transforms character, yet he could not bring himself to yield his own ideas in order to receive wisdom from Heaven. He had a high opinion of his own qualifications and looked critically upon all the other disciples, who, he thought, would never be fit to lead out in helping to establish the kingdom of Jesus. Peter was impetuous, John was a poor financier, Matthew was so particular about being honest that he would never make a success of anything. And as for Jesus—why did He dwell so much upon that which was discouraging? Why did He constantly predict trial and persecution for Himself and for His disciples?

Judas thought of himself as an honor to the cause, but never submitted himself to the molding influence of the Master. He chose to retain his own judgment and opinions, and cultivated a spirit of criticism. He permitted avarice to become the ruling motive of his life.

Jesus gave Judas an opportunity to see and correct his weaknesses. By ministering to others he might have developed an unselfish spirit. But when he did a little service for Christ, or devoted time to religious purpose, he would pay himself out of the meager funds that had been entrusted to his care. In his own eyes these pretexts justified his actions, but in God's sight he was a thief.

Christ's oft-repeated statement about His kingdom not being of this world offended Judas, who continu-

The cross brought forth in their fullness the love and loyalty that burned in the heart of John, and the self-love and treachery that had been smoldering in the heart of Judas.

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A Tale of Two Men—Part 2

JOHN and JUDAS

By HELEN BOND

ally advanced the idea that Christ was to reign as king in Jerusalem. At the feeding of the five thousand he was the first to take advantage of the enthusiasm excited by the miracle of the loaves, to foster the plan to take Christ by force and make Him king.

In all that Christ said to His disciples there was something with which, in heart, Judas disagreed. To practice the truths Christ taught was at variance with his own desires and purposes. While John humbly learned of Jesus, Judas revealed himself, not as a doer of the Word, but as a hearer only. The one, dying daily to self and overcoming sin, was experiencing sanctification, while the other, resisting God's grace and indulging selfish desires, was brought into bondage to Satan. John and Judas had equal advantages and disadvantages, but one became known as the "beloved disciple," and the other as the betrayer of the Son of God. (See *The Desire of Ages*, pages 716-722.)

For 30 pieces of silver Judas sold himself, not Christ.

Which Example Will We Follow?

The sanctification of the church is God's object in all His dealings with His people. He has chosen from eternity that they should be holy. He gave His Son to die for them that they might be sanctified through obedience to the truth, divested of all the littleness of self, and from them He requires a personal work, a personal surrender.

The reason why many in this age of the world make no great advancement in the divine life is that they interpret God's will to be what they themselves will to do. Those who would gain the blessing of sanctification must learn the meaning of self-sacrifice. The directions laid down in the Word of God leave no room for compromise with evil. His children must follow where He has led the way, at whatever sacrifice of ease or selfish indulgence, at whatever cost of labor or suffering. They must maintain a constant battle with self. "Put your will on the side of Christ," we are told, "and in acting upon His word you will receive strength."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 85.

John did not teach that salvation was to be earned by obedience, but that obedience was the fruit of faith and love. The Lord would have all His children happy, peaceful, obedient. Through faith every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, and every excellence developed.

"Whatever may be the evil practice, the master passion which through long indulgence binds both soul and body, Christ is able and longs to

deliver. He will impart life to the soul that is 'dead in trespasses.' He will set free the captive that is held by weakness and misfortune and the chains of sin."—*Ibid.*

A Personal Decision

God requires the homage of a sanctified heart prepared by the exercise of faith that works by love. He asks for a whole heart. Give it to Him. It is His, both by creation and redemption. He asks for the intellect. Give it to Him, it is His. He asks for your money. Give it to Him, it is His. We are not our own, for we are bought with a price.

Desire the fullness of the grace of Christ. Let your heart be filled with an intense longing for His righteousness. God wills your sanctification. Is it your will also? Or will you be satisfied with the mere form of godliness?

Are you a doer of the Word, or only a hearer? Are you yielding yourself to the molding power of Christ and seeking to be in harmony with the divine pattern? Are you opening your heart to the transforming power of the gospel, dying daily to self and overcoming sin, or is the practice of truth at variance with your desires and purposes?

Are your faith in the promises of Jesus and your determination to act upon His Word strong and firm? And do you believe that as you act upon His Word you will receive strength to overcome, or are you waiting for some miracle to remove your defects and stains of sin?

Can you talk of Jesus' love as John did, because you know Him as a personal friend? Or do you become strangely uncomfortable if someone speaks to you of God in a very personal way? Is it possible that yours is merely a religion of the head, that your heart is still captivated by the pomp and power of the world, and that you have never come to the point of full surrender?

As we ask ourselves these questions do we discover that our characters still possess some of the attributes of the sons of thunder? Some of the self-confidence, the ambition, and the greed of the son of perdition? Recognizing the love of Jesus for us and earnestly longing for its transforming power, what will you make the response of your heart?

When Jesus returns will we be among those who call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, in the realization that we—like Judas—have betrayed His love, and that it is too late? Or will we with awe and wonder exclaim with John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" (1 John 3:1).



Training Animals —and Tongues

By HELEN KELLY

THE ANIMAL TRAINER stooped under the weight of the four-hundred-pound tiger on his back, but he was not afraid. In fact, he was happy, for many hours of work had gone into training for that moment. The tiger, Beauty, was not bent on killing anyone, but wanted to play. Once more Hans Brick had persevered until he had succeeded in gaining the friendship and cooperation of a wild beast.

Beauty was not the only pet Hans Brick had. For many years he exhibited a lion whose name was Habibi. This is Arabic, and means "my friend." The skilled trainer gradually won the confidence of Habibi, whom he caught in Africa when the lion was two years old. This lion was well trained indeed. People were amazed every time he obeyed a word or gesture from his master.

The animals Mr. Brick has trained make a long list. Besides members of the cat family, he has worked with wolves, kangaroos, camels, bears, horses, rhinos, hippos, elephants, monkeys, other small animals, reptiles, and various kinds of birds.

Mr. Brick began working with wild animals before he was ten years old. He discovered that to be a successful trainer, he must learn as much about each animal as possible. He needed to know its natural enemies, its favorite foods, its keenest senses, its manner of hunting, and other interesting and helpful information.

Narrow escapes have taught Hans Brick that a trainer must be alert at every moment. Carelessness can mean serious injury or death. The zebra's kicking hoofs, the tiger's fangs, the alligator's jaws, the kangaroo's powerful jumping legs, the bear's claws—all warn of danger.

Hans Brick's profession is not a new one. From ancient times men have tamed animals. Some animals such as horses, camels, and elephants have been taught to work for man. Other beasts have been trained for people's entertainment.

In the Bible (James 3:7, 8) we read that men can train all kinds of animals to obey. But the Bible says that we all have something that many of us fail to train properly. Boys and girls, as well as grownups, have a hard time controlling it. It is the tongue!

In working with a wild animal, Mr. Brick teaches it to obey him. We must teach our tongues to obey our Master, Jesus. When our tongues obey, they will not be rude. They will speak only pure and true words. Won't you let Jesus help you train your tongue?

DIVINE HEALING

By EDNA PATTERSON, M.D.

RECENTLY a patient said to me, "Doctor, have you ever seen a miracle in your work?"

"Yes," I replied, "every day we see the healing of wounds following surgery, the normal development of an eight-pound baby that grew from a single cell, the maturing of a son into manhood."

You will say these are truly marvelous, but only natural processes. One dictionary defines a miracle as an "occurrence which cannot be explained by the laws of nature, something spectacular which startles the attention." It is an occasion where God works in an unusual way. The greatest miracle in life today is man, and the greatest endowment extended to man is the gift of life.

The Bible advises that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). But when buoyant health is ours and all seems full of happiness and nature seems to smile on all we do, we seldom stop in gratitude to consider the great Giver. But tragedy strikes and sorrows come.

If ever a medical worker feels desperately the need of prayer, it is when he sees strength failing and the life of a patient slipping from his grasp, when routine medical procedures fail and all human efforts seem of no avail. The heart cries out in anguish, "I can

*Man's extremity is
God's opportunity.*

do no more." Then we turn from human wisdom to a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God, with the assurance that He will never fail to answer requests that come to Him in sincerity and faith.

Some years ago while I was working in the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Washington, D.C., the following case came under my care in the maternity department.

The patient was a model of young motherhood. It was her first baby, rou-

tine prenatal calls were made, and at the time appointed she entered the hospital for maternity care. All seemed to progress normally up to a certain time. Then labor seemed to slow down, and finally stopped. A careful recheck revealed the baby to be in an abnormal position. An instrumental delivery of an 11-pound baby girl was carefully done. All seemed well, but after 24 hours the baby seemed cyanotic and refused to eat, drink, or even cry. Then convulsions developed around her face.

The mother was not an active Christian, but her pleading eyes followed each nurse with the unspoken plea, "Won't you pray for my baby?" The chaplain was called, and we arranged for a special prayer service for the little patient, according to the admonition of James 5:14, 15—"The prayer of faith shall save the sick."

We did not know what the future held for this child or what the Lord knew was best for her, so we left it all to His care. After careful searching of heart, the chaplain, head nurse, the

The Great Physician is ever near to bless in times of need, and at times to reach forth a healing hand as He did so often in the long ago.

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mother, and I knelt around the baby's little crib. Oh, how cruel suffering is on the face of an infant!

While the chaplain was offering the first prayer, the baby uttered a normal rafter loud cry. It was the first sound the child had made in more than 24 hours. It was thrilling to hear that little voice, which seemed to say, "Count my little prayer in with yours." After each person had prayed we arose from our knees to see, not a child in convulsions, but a normal little face with bright eyes looking straight ahead, and heaven's peace resting upon her. We felt most grateful. Truly, God had done great things for us, whereof we were glad. Would the healing continue, with full restoration? It still took faith, but we did not have long to wait, for soon mother and baby were wrapped in peaceful slumber.

Later the infant was given water and normal feedings. Progress was fine. It was a joyous going-home party when we placed a pink, chubby baby girl in the mother's arms as she departed.

At the end of the month during our regular clinical checkup I thought this baby was a little larger and more intelligent than the rest of those at the clinic. There was not a sign of the previous illness.

My Own Experience

Recently, I was to face death in a new form, not in the person of a patient, but in my own case. Many times in the past, in my office, a woman having a routine examination would say in a pleading voice, "I hope I don't have cancer." This was our common enemy.

I was feeling fine and looked the picture of health but for one small thing. The doctor had found a little thickening in the glandular tissue. He thought it was not malignant, but a biopsy microscopic test was made, just to be sure.

I remembered a very fine Christian young woman in Washington, D.C., who thought diet and prayer would prevent any malignancy of the breast, so she did not have a small nodule removed surgically. However, in time it proved to be malignant. Cancer developed in her breast and spread over a wide area of her body. It could have been prevented.

It was a shock to me when the biopsy showed early cancerous changes. The surgeon advised a mastectomy followed by X-ray treatment. The outlook was dark. A patient friend wrote me, "Why should this condition come to one who has given her life in the service of saving human lives?" Surely there had been trials enough along life's pathway. Why this too?

Surgery was done and the breast was removed, but the wound was slow in healing. Much time was spent in the hospital. Spirits were low, and in utter helplessness I requested special prayer for healing. It was a dedicated hospital, with Christian doctors and nurses who are workers together with God. We planned special prayer in harmony with the instruction of James 5:14, 15.

Prayer for the sick is a most sacred service, and all who participate must search their hearts. Has the one to be prayed for contributed to his own illness by improper living, by errors in eating, drinking, overwork, et cetera? He must confess his sins and forsake his old habits. God is the author of

both nature's laws and moral laws; both laws must be carefully obeyed.

The patient does not ask for unconditional healing. We are not wise enough to read the future. If the Son of God could say, "Not my will, but thine, be done," how much more important that we should be willing to lay all of life's plans at the Master's feet. We have the assurance that Christ is the same compassionate helper now as when He walked among men. One does not ask for healing for a selfish purpose. The extended life is to be dedicated to God for service in His cause.

At the appointed hour our pastor and two visiting elders were present. The Scripture was read, the prayers

The art of living

By MIRIAM WOOD

when you're Young

THE "FOOD" PEOPLE While thinking the other day about people, and how endlessly complicated and fascinating they are, I found myself comparing people to different types of foods. The comparison, I'm sure, is only superficial; nonetheless, it may have value of a sort—and you undoubtedly will be able to add many more kinds to the following list.

The soft, warm roll and oozing butter type. These people like everything that's "placid, pleasant, and proper." They have a vast distaste for life's sharper realities or for sharpness of any sort. They're wholesome, certainly; in fact, that's their greatest virtue. They can't withstand much pressure, since their "squashability" factor is high. They like comfort, security, and uncomplicatedness (how complicated can a warm roll get, anyway?). For times of trouble there's always more melted, oozing butter to be poured over the recalcitrant machinery.

The highly seasoned salad dressing type. People of this sort are stimulating, certainly, because they're full of "spice." There are all sorts of "nips" and "tang" to their personalities. The only problem you may find is that there's likely to be a strong concentration of vinegar occasionally, which will really burn your tongue and send you coughing and sputtering to the nearest ice-water dispenser. In small helpings the spicy salad-dressing people can provide endless variety for your life; it's only safe to warn you, though, about the large helpings. Often when you're most off guard you'll find your emotional taste buds burning and stinging. There's a real "aftertaste" here.

The glass of warm milk type. Blandness is the outstanding characteristic of this group. According to them, what's

ideal in babyhood is ideal in adulthood. They never irritate—except by their *lack* of irritation! Certainly they'll never do you any harm; you're entirely safe in their company. Of course, if you're not satisfied with eternal blandness, this can be a problem. (But remember the "salad dressing" people. Ouch!)

The exotic, unusual, stuffed-grape-leaves and things-on-flaming-sword type. Never look for the ordinary with this person. "Ordinary" is what he emphatically is *not*. In fact, to him conventionality is the cardinal sin. He makes a real fetish of being different just for the sake of being different—never mind the solid virtues he's repudiating! An occasional nibble of this type may be all you can take. If you plan whole meals of him, I'd advise you to take the precaution of carrying along some pills marked "For Emotional Indigestion."

The bubbling, well-prepared, and perfectly baked casserole. Ah! Here's a type who's a real treat. Blended into his mysterious makings is an endless variety of worth-while items. Perhaps you'll find on your first sampling a well-seasoned chunk of potato (enthusiasm? maturity?) done to a turn. The next bite may turn up a rosy, sweet-but-not-too-sweet slice of carrot (ambition? common sense?)—or there may be a small amount of tasteful onion (good disposition?)—or—but the list is endless. All the major ingredients are blended together with a smooth sauce composed of the ability to get along with people. You won't be inviting either emotional boredom or emotional dyspepsia if you indulge in very large helpings of this type.

Well, as I said in the beginning, I'm sure there are many more types we could categorize. What type are *you*?

were offered. We felt the divine presence as Heaven bent low to grant our request. There was no commotion or excitement. We rose from that service feeling that the Master, indeed, had passed by. Joy took the place of sadness, strength of weakness. Where there had been depression, there was now happiness. How grateful we were for prayer!

Healing is not always instantaneous. If it is gradual, it is nonetheless from God. Sometimes He may reply, "Not yet," or "It is not for the best," or as He did to Paul's request, "My grace is sufficient for you." One of the precious promises given especially for the closing days of earth's history is "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Rev. 14:13). In any event, we have the sweet assurance that He is with us to impart strength to endure the test.

In my case it took time to regain strength. Even a month after my operation—at the time we prayed—the open wound on my chest had not healed. However, a skin graft was done, and five days later all the dressings were removed and healing was complete. How grateful we are for the gift of life!

Our part is to comply with Heaven's appointed conditions. These include following the ideal diet God originally gave to man, drinking nothing harmful to the body, finding time for rest, getting an abundant supply of fresh air, not defiling the body with narcotics or other poisons, and taking daily physical exercise.

Most important of all, we are to maintain faith, confidence, and trust in our heavenly Father through meditation and prayer.

Of these last days God's messenger to the remnant church wrote: "Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers."—*Early Writings*, p. 278.

As verily as there are genuine miracles of healing, so there are counterfeits, and we may expect these deceptions to increase as we near the close of time. "Satan appears as a benefactor of the race, healing the diseases of the people. . . . While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 589.

If it were possible Satan would deceive the very elect. Let us watch and not be deceived.

"The healing of His seamless dress is by our beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again."

LETTERS TO THE

Fellowship of Prayer

CHANGES MANIFESTED

EDITORS: We want to thank you for your continued prayers. There is a great spiritual change in the three persons we asked you to pray for.—Mrs. G., of California.

PROBLEMS SOLVED

EDITORS: Several years ago I wrote you of problems that seemed too complex to admit of any satisfactory solutions. The situation seemed hopeless. God has wonderfully solved each complication. I would say to those who have seemingly insurmountable difficulties, "Never give up. God will never let you go. His grace is sufficient." God help me never to forget the wonderful way He has led.—Name withheld.

EDITORS: Two and a half years ago I wrote asking for special prayer for a relative, that he might get help for his alcoholism. Within a month he was seeking help, which has proved successful. He had fought drink for 13 years. Now he is a free man, to my knowledge.—Mrs. M., of Oregon.

PRAISE GOD!

EDITORS: My brother for whom you have prayed is progressing well in his study of the Scriptures with our pastor. I believe in the united prayers of God's people at the sunset hour on Friday.—Mrs. L., of Massachusetts.

DESIRES BAPTISM

EDITORS: I earnestly desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist. I am 18 years of age. My relatives are violently opposed to my changing my religion. Mother has taken away my Bible and the Bible studies I was taking. I am not allowed to worship on the Sabbath.

I ask that you help me by praying that I may be allowed to be baptized as soon as possible and be permitted to attend church. I desire to serve as a good example to my family that they may see the truth also.

Some very kind Adventists wish to help me attend an Adventist college, but my family is opposed to this. Please pray that some way may be found so that I can go. I have faith. "With God all things are possible."—Miss B., of Connecticut.

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

EDITORS: I wrote you recently requesting prayer for a niece who was seriously ill. She had an unusual operation, and no one thought she would recover. I felt very much impressed to write to the Fellowship of Prayer requesting healing if it could be God's will, and also prayer for her conversion. She

made a rapid recovery and gave her heart to God. She expects to be baptized in the near future. She and her sister are overjoyed for God's great love to them. They requested me to thank you for your prayers.—Mrs. A., of Maryland.

EDITORS: What a wonderful Saviour we have! You helped me and my loved ones pray for my boy in the Navy two and a half years ago that he would not marry a non-Adventist. Soon after that he gave up his association with his non-Adventist friend. You helped me pray for his hardship discharge when I became unable to make my living. Two months later he was honorably discharged and sent home. Five months later he married a lovely, consecrated Adventist girl. Now he is Sabbath school superintendent and MV leader of the church he attends. During the Ingathering campaign he was a band leader and attained his Silver Vanguard goal. I thank God for keeping him and his wife busy and close to the Lord.—Mrs. S., of Missouri.

GOOD NEWS

EDITORS: About six months ago I wrote asking you to pray for the conversion of my two sons and their families; also that my husband would stop smoking and accept Jesus. My oldest son is ready now for baptism. His daughter is looking forward to attending our academy. My younger son and his wife are studying. She says that the Bible makes sense to her and that ours is the right church.

My husband has not changed as yet, and my daughter has grown cold. I join you at vespers. Thank you for your prayers.—Mrs. P., of Oregon.

AN ANSWER AND A REQUEST

EDITORS: We want to tell you how much we enjoy and depend upon the dear REVIEW. It is without doubt the best spiritual food next to the Bible that we have in our home, and we just would not be without it.

Several years ago I wrote asking you to pray for our son who was an alcoholic. Praise the dear Lord, he joined the A.A. and has not been drinking for several years. Now I am asking prayer for him that he will see the Sabbath truth and give his heart to the Lord and also that his wife might be converted. This would give our teen-age grandson a chance to know Jesus too. We do wish to be a united family in the Lord.

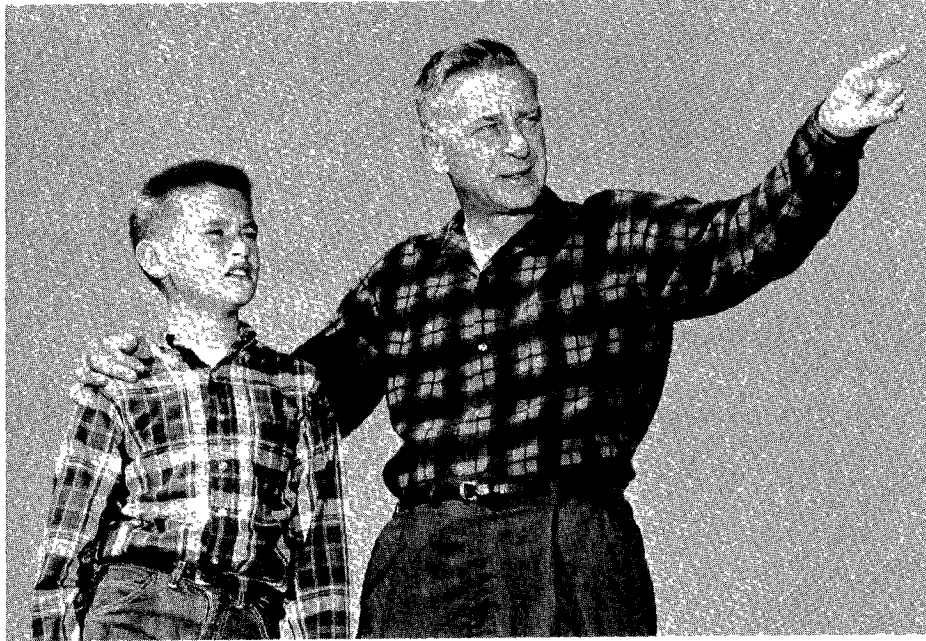
Another thing that weighs on my heart is that we should all join in praying for our ministers and their families and for the teachers in our schools that they might hold our standards high.—Mr. and Mrs. B., of Colorado.

This column is dedicated to the encouragement of prayer for others at the sunset hour each Friday evening. Because of the large number of requests received and the complexities of the problems presented, it is impossible for us to answer each letter personally, but all requests will be acknowledged and will be kept on file in our office. Portions of letters, especially those that tell of answers to prayer, will be published as space permits.



For Homemakers

CONDUCTED BY PROMISE JOY SHERMAN



A. DEVANEY

Not only a parent's language, but the tone of his voice affects a child's character.

has made your home comfortable, your food agreeable." H'mm! Andrew had never tried this system before and was a bit hesitant. How would Mary take it!

Mary came into the room and began sewing a shirt front for him. Andrew struggled with his thoughts, and finally leaned forward and said, "You are doing the work very beautifully, Mary." Mary relaxed a bit, and Andrew found it easy to talk on until he said, "I love you."

The Talent of Speech—2

What Did You Say, Daddy?

By PATSY MURDOCH

FATHER." Such a masculine-sounding word! Webster states, "Father, one who has begotten a child." Personally, I prefer to use the term "Father" in connection with God. I like the word "Daddy" better for my earthly father. But whatever you call him you usually think of a real he-man.

Daddy, the breadwinner, the man who makes home possible, the playmate, the confidant, the lawmaker for the home, and the family priest.

There always have been, and always will be, good and bad fathers.

Sometimes the tree frogs on our hillside drive me to distraction. At other times I can imagine choir voices all blended together. Then, silence, except for that little fellow over there in the corner. Apparently he didn't see the "leader" signal for silence. Soon the "leader" seems to say, "O.K., let's go!" This time there seems to be a solo at the end. And so it goes.

God gave the tree frogs their "song," even though at times we think of it as racket.

But what of your conversation, Daddy? Do you ever find fault with your wife? How do your children find your talk—harsh and hasty? or kind? And remember, too, that "your wife needs tenderness and love. . . . You can make her life happy if you will" (*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 260).

Praise Your Wife

Andrew Lee felt that his home was especially gloomy and unhappy. His wife always wore a clouded brow and rarely spoke. O for a little sunshine! After supper one especially gloomy evening he sat down and took a newspaper from his pocket. The words "Praise your wife!" seemed to pop out at him. "Give her a little encouragement; it won't hurt her."

Praise her for what? Andrew wondered. Then came the answer, "She

When Andrew saw his wife's radiant face, he realized that he had turned on the sunshine in his own home!

"Control the tongue."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 698. A simple suggestion, yet not an easy one. How many try it?

Again, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

Dorie often heard daddy use bad language. One day she mimicked him. He told her to stop, but she repeated the word several times. Before Dorie knew what had happened, she had been punished! She learned that daddy meant, "Do as I say, not as I do!" How much better would it be for daddy not to use such language.

Ellen G. White also wrote: "Let fathers . . . feel . . . the need of keeping the home atmosphere free from the influence of unkind and hasty speech. . . . By leading a consistent

life and exercising self-control, parents may mold the characters of their children."—*Child Guidance*, pp. 481, 482.

Probably it isn't unusual, but it came as a surprise to me when we visited in one young minister's home to learn that he had three churches, and visited all three churches every Sabbath. This included Sabbath school in one church. His wife and three small children accompanied him every week except when there was illness in the family.

The Sabbath we were there, not only did that young man minister to all three churches, but the young married people of the church we visited asked him to their fellowship supper, and invited us to go along. Not once that whole long day did I hear him raise his voice at his wife or his children.

"If you refuse to storm or fret or scold, the Lord will see you through."—*The Adventist Home*, p. 443.

Christ was your example, Daddies. Why not follow Him!

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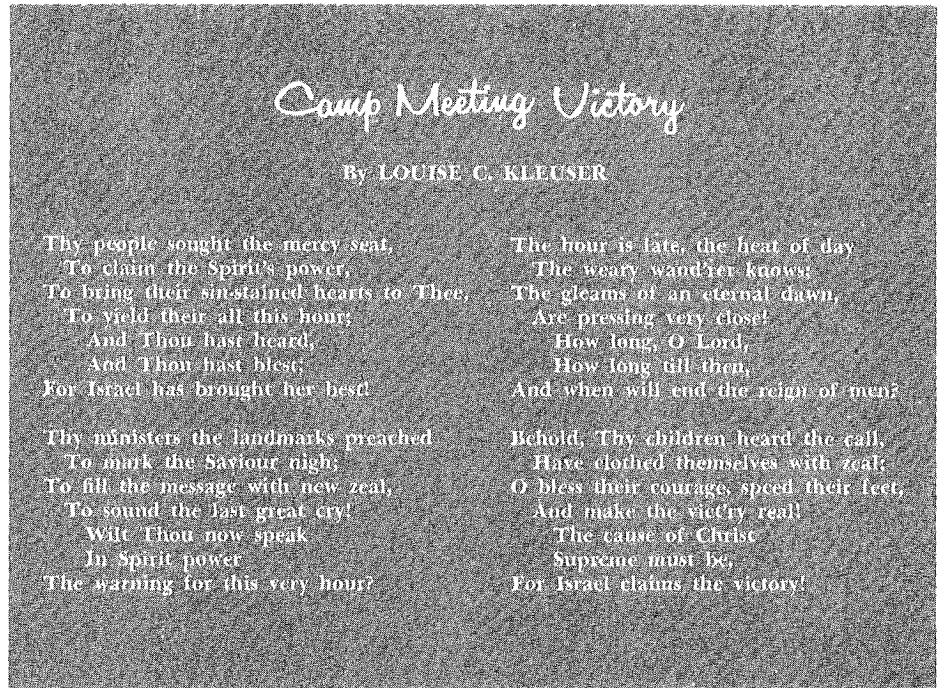
Keeping House



By CAROLYN E. KEELER

JULY and the fourth, and a little grandson's birthday, and a son's birthday—a month of celebrations. Our New York camp meeting is usually the last of June, extending into July. We usually plan to drive over to Union Springs both weekends. The meetings are always an inspiration, and it is heart warming to meet old friends and to make new ones.

The gardens really begin to produce in July. There are small new potatoes and green peas in cream sauce, and fruit for raspberry shortcake and cherry pie. Greens from the garden. Tender little summer squashes. Picnics down by the lake or right in our own back yard. We have fixed up a little picnic spot at the back of our property where we have made a pool in the glen. We have a little outdoor fireplace of stones, with a grating on top on which we can fry Linketts or Vejalinks or Big Franks to insert in buns and eat with the potato salad (what's a picnic without potato salad?), a dish of sliced cucumbers, a bowl of cottage cheese, and for dessert slices of ripe red watermelon. For a drink we can have lemonade with mint, or if the evening is cool we can have hot Postum. Dooley slashes



Camp Meeting Victory

By LOUISE C. KLEUSER

Thy people sought the mercy seat,
To claim the Spirit's power,
To bring their sin-stained hearts to Thee,
To yield their all this hour;
And Thou hast heard,
And Thou hast blest;
For Israel has brought her best!

Thy ministers the landmarks preached
To mark the Saviour's night;
To fill the message with new zeal,
To sound the last great cry!
Wilt Thou now speak
In Spirit power
The warning for this very hour?

The hour is late, the heat of day
The weary wanderer knows;
The gleams of an eternal dawn,
Are pressing very close!
How long, O Lord,
How long till then,
And when will end the reign of men?

Behold, Thy children heard the call,
Have clothed themselves with zeal;
O bless their courage, speed their feet,
And make the victory real!
The cause of Christ
Supreme must be,
For Israel claims the victory!

around in the pond, and eats the crumbs that fall from the table.

Here's an extraspecial dessert you can make sometimes to surprise the family. It is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Orange Fig Whip. Here's how you prepare it. Whip a cup of heavy cream, and into this fold 1 cup of broken fig-filled cookies. Add 1 cup of orange sections, and a cup of broken nut meats. Every single item is delicious, and when combined they are superdelicious.

When Patty and her family come to visit us it is always more fun to have a picnic at home. Carolyn Elizabeth's eyes are full of wonder and mischief. She is walking now and gets into everything. Of course grandpa and grandma notice the new words she is saying, and how much she has grown in the past week or two. I often think, Wouldn't it be fun to see her and little Bobby, whom we have never seen, playing together?

I wish every family had a little woods with a brook running through it. It is a wonderful place for children to play, and it's a wonderful place to go into. Ours is just a little woods,

perhaps one and one-half acres. At one edge is a little section of pines, and bordering the pines are a few poplar trees to welcome you. Their leaves dance and shine in the sun. In early spring there are several dogwoods in bloom. There are also maples, oaks, hickory trees, and black birch. When you step into the woods they seem to enfold you with their green arms and admit you to their cathedrallike greenness. You come out strengthened, inspired.

The tomato plants that almost filled our kitchen this spring are now growing in the garden. There are spring giants, fireball, and earlibest. It was very cool and wet this spring, and for three nights when the temperature went down to 28, 26, and 22 we almost held our breath. The pear trees were in bloom too, and we were afraid they might freeze. The apple trees bloomed after that.

Orin made a new garden for the black and red raspberries we salvaged from the old plot. We ordered strawberry plants, a few boysenberries, and a few blackberries.

I found a new recipe for pea soup in one of the government bulletins. It is called South Sea Soup. It is a bit unusual, and you might wish to try it. In a medium saucepan put one package of dried green pea soup mix, 2 tablespoons of finely grated orange peel, 1/3 cup of orange juice, 1 1/2 cups of milk, 1/2 teaspoon of your favorite seasoning. Then add 4 cups of hot water and cook uncovered over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for ten minutes or so. Serve at once in mugs, with a few kernels of popcorn on top.

Life's Best

By THAIS COLE

The truest way is God's way,
The finest ever planned,
For the purest love is God's love,
Bestowed without demand.

The kindest thoughts are God's thoughts,
And we are His delight;
And the greatest men are God's men,
Who walk His paths of right.



"IN THE BEGINNING . . ."—3

Last week we examined the key words of Genesis 1:1—"beginning," "created," "heaven," "earth"—to ascertain whether the Genesis account of Creation provides any clue as to whether the primordial substance of our planet was brought into being on or before—perhaps long before—the first day of Creation week. The Bible, we found, does not answer this question. It defines "earth" as the surface of our planet; "heaven," in the phrase "heaven and earth," as the atmospheric heavens; "create" as used in Genesis 1, as the rearrangement of existing elements to form the atmosphere, water, and land, and their many living things; and "the beginning," as Creation week.

The Creation narrative attributes the surface features of our planet and its myriad forms of life to a fiat creation within the span of six literal days. But as to the origin and age of the basic substance of our planet the Bible is content simply to affirm that whenever it was that God created matter He did so *ex nihilo*—out of nothing (Heb. 11:3).

Spirit of Prophecy Comment

This week we turn to passages in the Spirit of Prophecy writings that appear to have a bearing on the subject. Typical are the following:

"The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 36.

"Infidel geologists claim that the world is very much older than the Biblical record makes it. . . .

"Many who profess to believe the Bible record are at a loss to account for wonderful things which are found in the earth, with the view that creation week was only seven literal days, and that the world is now only about six thousand years old."—*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 3, pp. 91, 92.

"The Sabbath institution, which originated in Eden, is as old as the world itself."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 336.

"When the foundations of the earth were laid, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy, then was laid the foundation of the Sabbath."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 455.

The Meaning of "Earth" and "World"

Forgoing comment on other aspects of Creation touched upon in these passages, let us inquire if they provide any clue to the age of the primordial substance of our earth. As in Genesis 1:1, the answer to this question depends upon the sense in which the later inspired writer uses the words "earth" and "world." If these words refer to our earth as a planet, the statements plainly imply that its basic substance came into being on or just before the first day of Creation week. If the statements refer to the formation of the surface of the earth as a suitable abode for man, and to the origination of its myriad life forms, they are not at all concerned with the primordial substance of the earth or its age. Can we know which meaning of "earth" and "world" was intended?

At this point three established principles governing the relationship between the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy come to our help. First, we accept the writings of Ellen G. White as an inspired commentary on the Bible. Second, we affirm that the Scriptures are the standard by which these writings are to be judged, or tested—and not vice versa. Third, we believe that, rightly understood, the two are in complete accord.

Applying these principles to the problem at hand, we found last week that the Bible itself defines for us the sense in which the terms "earth," "heaven," "created," and "beginning" are to be understood in Genesis 1:1. Obviously in these and similar statements Mrs. White is commenting on the Creation narrative of Genesis 1 and 2, and the principles already noted lead us to conclude that she uses the words "earth" and "creation" in the same sense in which the Bible writer uses them—of the shaping of the land, sea, and sky and their myriad forms of life during the six days of Creation week. We would expect what the Holy Spirit revealed to Mrs. White to comport with what He had formerly revealed to Moses. We choose to believe that the Spirit of Prophecy is in full accord with the Bible on this as on all other points. In their Biblical context these statements are not concerned with the origination of the primordial substance of this planet, but with the creative acts specified by the inspired writer of Genesis 1—the rearrangement of its surface elements into a suitable abode for man and the origination of living things by infusing the element of life into selected aggregations of matter.

In at least one statement on Creation, however, Mrs. White does clearly refer to the origin of the basic substance of which our planet is composed and not to the arrangement of its surface: "The theory that God did not create matter when He brought the world into existence is without foundation. In the formation of our world, God was not indebted to pre-existing matter."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 258. Note the expressions "create matter," "brought the world into existence," and "pre-existing matter," which make clear that the "world" here referred to is our planet. It seems clear that Mrs. White was making this statement in the context of the then widely accepted dogma that matter is eternal.

Not a Valid Issue

This statement does not tell us when God created our planet *ex nihilo*, but simply affirms that, whenever He did so, He "was not indebted to pre-existing matter." The *time when* this event took place is irrelevant to the passage in question. Had it been essential for us to know the age of the primordial substance of our planet, God would doubtless have revealed this as clearly as He has other essential facts of faith. That He has not done so suggests that it is not a vital issue. And at points where God has not clearly spoken, we shall do well to express our finite opinions with moderation and humility.

The age of the basic substance of the earth is not a valid issue. To make an issue of this, or any other point on which there is no plain "Thus saith the Lord," is to engage in a battle He has not commissioned us to fight and in which we cannot expect His blessing. It is the wrong battle on the wrong ground, and all who participate in it are bound to lose much and gain little, and to squander time, effort, and talent that might better be

devoted to the great, decisive issues of faith. For *this* battle, Inspiration *has* armed us and given us assurance of victory. Let our zeal for God and for truth be according to knowledge—the knowledge that comes to us with His own seal of approval.

With respect to the origin of our world, this essential knowledge consists of belief in a fiat Creation *ex nihilo*—in the Genesis account of Creation being a true record in simple, nontechnical language, in the formation of the surface of the earth and of all forms of life upon it in six literal days, and in the complete harmony between the observed facts of nature, rightly understood, and the statements of Inspiration, also rightly understood. These things are matters of faith; the age of the earth's primordial substance is not.

Let us devote our attention and our labors to the great landmarks of faith God has clearly marked out for us, and not be lured aside from the path of truth and duty by the siren song of a false issue.

R. F. C.

(Concluded).

"BE OF GOOD CHEER"

Perhaps never in the history of the world have worry and anxiety been so widespread among people of all nations as at present. And not without reason. On the political front, crisis follows crisis. On the war front, casualties are mounting. On the economic front, taxes are rising. On the food front, consumers are increasing faster than production. World problems, national tensions, family troubles, all combine to oppress the spirit and fill the mind with worry.

For the person without Christ the load of worry becomes so heavy that often it leads to self-destruction. The rising suicide statistics reveal that multitudes, weary with problems and anxiety, feel they can no longer go on; they must seek a way out. True Christians, however, have discovered how to deal with worry. They have internalized the inspired message given through the apostle Peter: "You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him [God], for you are his personal concern" (1 Peter 5:7, Phillips).*

The Greek word *merimna* is correctly translated here, "anxiety." Webster's Dictionary defines anxiety as "painful uneasiness of mind respecting an impending or anticipated ill." It is a synonym of care, which is defined as "mental suffering; grief. A burdensome sense of responsibility; heavy anxiety."

The apostle indicates that the Christian should cast or throw his anxiety upon God. The form of the Greek word, being a first aorist participle, suggests that the act of casting is not done continuously but once and for all. The process is not one of transferring anxiety little by little to God, but rather a decisive act at a given time.

The text, moreover, excludes the idea that the Christian will retain part of his anxieties. It indicates a transference of *all* anxiety to God. The Greek phrase, "all your care," is emphatic. It does not allow for the Christian to carry half of his cares and Christ the other half.

If the Christian places all his anxiety on Christ, he not only frees himself from the burden but also avoids the mistake of placing it on another human being. Too often, husbands and wives, for example, burden each other with worries, thus not only failing to receive full relief themselves but weighing down a fellow human being who is totally incapable of carrying the load. While they should counsel together regarding their problems, neither should

expect the other to carry burdens that only Christ can bear.

"He careth for you." Here is the assurance that we need. We are not left to our own devices. We are not abandoned by Heaven and expected to carry successfully a load of worry and anxiety. God loves us. He cares for us. He invites us to leave our anxieties with Him.

Come You Who Are Weary

How beautiful are Christ's words, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest! Put on my yoke and learn from me. For I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30, Phillips). Christ invites us to leave not merely our anxieties with Him, but to cast away our burden of sin and our anxious efforts to obtain salvation by works. How wonderfully comforting is the statement, "Two sparrows sell for a penny, don't they? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Never be afraid, then—you are far more valuable than sparrows" (chap. 10:29-31, Phillips). "He careth for you."

How may a Christian obtain the experience of perfect trust in God, of freedom from anxiety? Not by closing his eyes to problems. Not by pretending that all is well when it is not. Not by avoiding issues. The Christian will face squarely every difficult and trying situation in his life. He will seek to understand its involvements. Then he will use all of his God-given powers to solve the problem. If he only partially succeeds, he will not be downcast. He will realize that God loves him, and that infinite power and wisdom are at hand to open a path through the Red Sea, if that seems necessary.

To obtain true peace of mind, to cast all one's care upon God, the Christian must know and claim the promises of God's Word. He must know his Bible so that promises such as these will come to mind: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" (Ps. 46:1, 2).

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (chap. 37:5).

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what men shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:5, 6).

The Power of Prayer

Beside knowing the Scriptures, the Christian must know the power of prayer. He must know what it means to talk with God. He must be in an attitude of prayer at all times. Daniel prayed three times a day (Dan. 6:10). With a prayer life such as he had it is small wonder that this man of God knew how to cast all of his care upon his heavenly Father. Though faced with the prospect of being torn to bits in the lions' den, he was calm and unafraid. He had put his trust in God, and this trust was not misplaced.

The process of conquering worry, of course, involves more than merely Bible study and prayer. It involves an understanding of the character of God. It involves an absolute belief in His love. "When we really believe that God loves us and means to do us good we shall cease to worry about the future. We shall trust God as a child trusts a loving parent. Then our troubles and torments will disappear, for our will is swallowed up in the will of God."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 101.

Another secret of conquering worry is to believe that as the future unfolds, as problems come, God will give

* The Bible texts in this editorial credited to Phillips are from *The New Testament in Modern English*, © J. B. Phillips 1958. Used by permission of The Macmillan Company.

us the grace and wisdom we shall need. "Christ has given us no promise of help in bearing today the burdens of tomorrow. He has said, 'My grace is sufficient for thee' (2 Cor. 12:9); but, like the manna given in the wilderness, His grace is bestowed daily, for the day's need. Like the hosts of Israel in their pilgrim life, we may find morning by morning the bread of heaven for the day's supply.

"One day alone is ours, and during this day we are to live for God. For this one day we are to place in the hand of Christ, in solemn service, all our purposes and plans, casting all our care upon Him, for He careth for us."—*Ibid.*

"Why should we be ungrateful and distrustful? Jesus is our friend; all heaven is interested in our welfare; and our anxiety and fear grieve the Holy Spirit of God. We should not indulge in a solicitude that only frets and wears us, but does not help us to bear trials. . . . It is not

the will of God that His people should be weighed down with care. . . . In view of all that God has wrought for us, our faith should be strong, active, and enduring. Instead of murmuring and complaining, the language of our hearts should be, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.'"—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 294.

The Christian will have his share of problems. Like the people around him, often he will hardly know which way to turn. But he will not be overwhelmed with worry and despair. Filled with faith, and aware that God loves him, he will face the future with confidence and serenity. And why not? Ever he hears his Master's voice saying, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, R.S.V.).

K. H. W.

LETTERS

From Readers

ARTICLE AVAILABLE

EDITORS: Do you have a reprint or pamphlet on the article by G. R. Nash, "When Days Are Dark" (Feb. 16)? I have many friends that are shut-ins and I would like to have it to pass out to these folks. If the reprint is available, kindly state the cost.

GOLDIA TREES

Arcadia, Indiana

► The article is being expanded, and will be part of the *Pocket Companion* series of booklets. Price, 25 cents. Order through your Book and Bible House.

SPECIAL THANKS

EDITORS: My special thanks for two items in your April 13 issue: Elder Carcich's strong and specific stand against class and racial prejudice, and Elder Yost's editorials on the importance of Christian witness through secular channels.

DONALD E. HALL

Stanford, California

DEFENDS USE OF UNIFORMS

EDITORS: I was very interested in the letter (May 18 REVIEW) concerning school uniforms, sent by a reader from San Francisco. May I point out that I do not take issue with her viewpoint just because I am in favor of uniforms.

As a youngster, before my parents became Adventists, I attended a parochial school. I do not feel that I was robbed of my individuality simply because I wore a uniform. The uniform merely pointed out that I attended this particular school. It had no bearing on my thinking, my habits, my wants, or needs.

I do not feel that we would be following the examples of other schools if our youngsters were to wear school uniforms. We would not be sacrificing our principles just because of a uniform. Our Pathfinders wear uniforms, yet does it make them like the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts?

Perhaps I am disappointed with the all-too-short clothes that many teen-agers and

even older women are wearing. How many teen-agers today really choose clothes with the thought that they are becoming yet proper for a Christian to wear?

No doubt I am somewhat prejudiced in favor of uniforms, since my husband wore a Navy uniform for sixteen years. During all that time, in no way did he lose his individuality because he wore a uniform.

Perhaps there would be no need to even think of school uniforms if all of us would take to heart God's instructions concerning dress as given to us through Sister White's wonderful writings.

PRISCILLA M. GARNER

Seattle, Washington

EDITORS: I wish to add my vote to those in favor of school uniforms. I think it's a great idea! Although my children aren't school age yet, I hope that by the time they are, uniforms will be the accepted thing in our schools.

MRS. R. WEIGLE

Hyattsville, Maryland

DEFENDS MEAT FLAVORS

EDITORS: A letter in a recent REVIEW reminded me of a complaint I have heard from several sources recently: that there is something almost "sinful" in the flavor of ham, chicken, or other meat dishes. Personally, I fail to see anything sinful in the *flavor* of ham, chicken, et cetera.

I am not employed by any of the food manufacturers and can only guess at their motives for flavoring their products as they do. The letter writer states that many Adventists would not know the flavor of these meats if it were not for the vegetarian products of our food companies. But there are many new Adventists who before joining the church lived for years on ham, beef, chicken, and other meats. If the flavor of our prepared foods can help them to make the transition from a carnivorous diet to a vegetarian one, I think the effort is worth while.

And, incidentally, while I was brought up a vegetarian Adventist and am not reliant on these meat-flavored foods for my protein, I find they make a very welcome addition to my diet.

I say Thank you to the scientists who discovered how to make them.

RAYMOND A. LEE

Collegedale, Tennessee

BLESSES THE STEPPINGSTONES

EDITORS: Let's suppose there is a great, wide, deep, long river somewhere. On one side a beautiful, fruitful land—the other not so. The only way to cross is by huge stones in the river. Let's suppose, too, that this beautiful land is endless (room for all) and many people want to go across, using the steppingstones. Is it for the people who have always lived in the beautiful, fruitful land to call the stones ugly and say, "Let's remove them"? To me (recently an Adventist and more recently a vegetarian) I'm very thankful for the steppingstones. What are they? The meat-flavored substitutes! We don't use very many, but while our tastes were changing, we were very thankful for them. So may I say, Bless the links, the sausage, the chicken flavor, the ham flavor—all the steppingstones. But what's more, Bless all those who are coming to use the steppingstones. *And they are coming!*

ARLENE HACKEROTT

Portland, Oregon

SDA'S AND PR

EDITORS: Associate Editor Yost's editorials (April 27, May 4 and 11) on "Christians and the Mass Media" make a contribution of great value. For the first time, in these thoughtful pieces, the REVIEW AND HERALD has gone in depth into a much-misunderstood area.

From these editorials emerge some points which, at least to those of us engaged whole-heartedly in public relations evangelism, are of significance:

1. Public relations evangelists cannot, nor should they be asked to, make members of the church appear better in the public press than they really are. It is a dishonest act to expect the public relations representative to make a "bad" Christian appear "good" in the press. Conversely, good Christianity always makes for good press relations.

2. Needing desperately to communicate Seventh-day Adventism through every possible avenue, the church, nonetheless, seems to hold its corporate breath when it contemplates using the public press. This breathless, if not openly mistrustful attitude, is not understood by the press and is itself a deterrent to good press relations.

Editor Yost has, I repeat, applied a much-needed clearing agent to a pool of water that has been clouded for a very long time.

HERBERT FORD

Glendale, California

Leaders of Work in Jordan Evacuate, Spend Last Hours With Faithful Members

By W. J. CLEMONS
President, Jordan Section

As Monday, June 5, dawned in Jerusalem there was little cause for alarm or reason to think war was imminent. I did not realize as I drove to my office near the Israel-Jordan border that the battle had already begun in the south. This was to be a day I would never forget.

When I arrived at the mission headquarters a group of workers from India who had been touring the Holy Land were preparing to return home. Dr. S. H. Horn of Andrews University was visiting at the office and stated that he was planning to leave the country that evening. Owing to the situation the excavation at Heshbon, which was sponsored by Andrews University and under Dr. Horn's direction, had been canceled.

In a matter of minutes the shocking news of the outbreak of war had reached Jerusalem. Everything was in confusion as merchants began closing their shops and people ran in all directions trying to decide what to do. I immediately telephoned our mission health director, Reuben Lorensen, who was working at the Crippled Children's Hospital on the Mount of Olives, and told him we must leave town as soon as possible. It was certain that anti-Western sentiment would increase.

Norman Gulley, of Japan Missionary College, who was in the country for the "dig" at Heshbon, joined us in our journey from the Holy City through the Jordan Valley and up to Amman, the capital of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.

Upon our arrival in Amman we met W. A. Potter, pastor of the church there, and went to the American Embassy for advice. We were told of the possibility of driving east through Iraq to Iran. We started out but were disappointed to find one border closed because of hundreds of troops coming into Jordan to assist in the "Battle of Destiny." We then drove to the Syrian border only to find it closed. The only thing left to do was to go back to Amman, but that way was now blocked!

A policeman directed us to a village where we were put into an air-raid shelter with about 150 students from the University of Damascus, who had just been released from classes to return to their homeland to fight. Two hours later we were permitted to leave.

On the way to Amman we were stopped several times by Iraqi troops but we finally arrived at our secondary school just minutes before the curfew. For the next week our church members provided us with food and other necessary items.

Intense fighting had taken place in Jerusalem. Dr. Horn left the city under heavy gunfire. He had stayed a few minutes longer than we had.

Tens of thousands of refugees streamed into Amman from across the Jordan River during the next few days. We made many of them welcome in our schoolrooms. It was a pathetic sight to see these despairing people come in with babes in their arms, having left loved ones and friends behind, some dead. What a glorious day it will be when there will be no more suffering, when all tears will be wiped away!

The evacuation of several hundred for-

eigners was delayed because the airstrip had been bombed the first day of the war. These were days of eager anticipation for deliverance. News finally came on Sabbath, June 10, that the evacuation would be the next day. We were to meet at a hotel early in the morning and travel by car convoy to the airport.

Several church members came to the school and visited us that Sabbath. We prayed with them, and as the sun was setting, a group of us had sundown worship together. We realized that this might be the last time we would see them. As we bade farewell to our dear friends we were made more aware of the day to come when all God's people will be reunited, never to part again, in the earth made new.

Recent events have made a deep impression upon our members in Jordan and have caused them great concern. Many of them have experienced war and other disasters in the past. The seriousness of the present crisis has renewed their interest in what God has revealed to His people regarding the last days, especially the promises of redemption and deliverance of the faithful.

As the rescue planes landed the next morning there were hundreds of deeply grateful evacuees waiting at the airport. In just a few hours 11 plane-loads of passengers were on their way to Teheran, Iran, where they were graciously received and cared for by Red Cross representatives and embassy officials. Our families had been evacuated two weeks earlier. We were thankful that they had not gone through this experience with us.

The Holy Land has been the scene of many terrible wars through the centuries. Untold suffering has resulted. Surely the time is coming soon when war shall cease and the redeemed will dwell in that glorious and holy land—the new earth. It has been a privilege for me to live in Jerusalem, Jordan, but what a surpassing joy it will be to live in the New Jerusalem, the capital of God's new world.



Curious About the "Sun Worshiper"

An employee of a British factory left work early one Friday afternoon. One of the workmen turned to his associate and said, "There goes a sun worshiper." When asked what he meant, he said, "That man worships the sun every Friday evening at sundown. He's one of those Seventh-day Adventists."

W. Kitchen, the inquiring workman, became curious, and at his first opportunity he asked about "this strange custom." He started to read the Bible, took studies, discovered the error of what he had heard about Sabbathkeepers, and soon was a Seventh-day Adventist. Almost immediately he became a literature evangelist. He has had remarkable success selling his books and witnessing for his faith.

Recently he sold a copy of *Your Bible and You* to a woman in one of the towns of North England. Soon after the purchase of the book her brother, an atheist, came to make his home with her because he was in the last stages of cancer and had only a short time to live. The sister appreciated the book and put it beside his bed, hoping he would read it. He didn't open it until the last two weeks of his life; then he read eagerly. He died a Christian, with a prayer on his lips. The book transformed his life.

The whole town was so impressed with the story that some of the people who did not buy the book when it was being sold went to others who had bought it and tried to buy it from them. A minister heard of the story and was so impressed that he wrote to the United States for a copy of the book. Now there is much interest in that town. Bible studies are being conducted, and it is expected that soon an evangelistic meeting will be held there.

At the time of the British Union institute Mr. Kitchen was awarded a trophy as the literature evangelist of the year for the union.

W. A. HIGGINS
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Convert Disappears, Wins Entire Village

By KALEE PAW
President
Burma Union

Among those converted in a 1962 effort in Mandalay, Burma, was young Maung Tin Shwe. After baptism he faithfully attended church for a month or two and then disappeared. Church members tried to locate him, but after failure by both the pastor and lay workers, they gave up all hope of finding him.

Suddenly, five years later, he reappeared in the Mandalay church, accompanied by an older man. "We have come to ask you to come back with us to Kanee. We have 500 people there preparing for baptism, and we have already gathered money and lumber to build a church and a teacher's house," he told the surprised pastor.

Pastors Elisha Paul and Baw Dee returned with the two men and were welcomed by the village elders. They were shown the lumber that was all ready for the buildings. The elders said, "We have already gathered 3,000 kyats (Burmese rupees) and we will have another 4,000 kyats as soon as we sell our peanuts." These former Buddhists had selected a location for a church and house and had eagerly awaited the arrival of a teacher.

"How did it all happen?" the two pastors asked Maung Tin Shwe.

"Well," he replied, "not long after I was baptized I got a job from the government as a farm tractor driver, and was stationed here at Kanee. I liked it, and soon I married and settled down. Of course, I kept my light shining, and soon the people began asking questions about our family worship and our weekly Sabbath school. Every day people asked me questions about Christianity. I did my best to explain, and soon the whole village was keeping Sabbath with me. But I told them I didn't know enough. What they needed was a church and a teacher so they could learn more about Christianity, and have their children taught in a Christian school. Now do you think you can give us a teacher?"

Of course, we are planning to hold an effort there right away, and are earnestly looking for a teacher who can be stationed there. If this whole village accepts Jesus Christ no doubt other villages in this area along the Chindwin River will also become Christian.

South India Converts Baptized Despite Trials

By V. D. EDWARD
President
Tamil Section

Evangelist J. P. Masillamoni recently concluded a successful evangelistic series of meetings in Palamcottah, South India, with a baptism of 25. Many accepted the truth in the midst of severe trials and persecution. One woman was beaten on sev-



Soul-winning Literature Evangelists in Kenya

Each of the literature evangelists shown here organized a branch Sabbath school last year, gathering together a total of 223 new Sabbath school members. This is an example of the evangelistic work being done by literature evangelists in the Kenya Field of East Africa. In this field 152 persons were baptized last year from literature evangelist contacts.

W. A. HIGGINS

Associate Secretary, GC Publishing Department

eral occasions by her husband for attending the meetings, but she courageously took her stand and was baptized.

An elderly man of 87 was baptized in this effort also. He took Pastor Masillamoni to his home and surprised him by showing a number of people with whom he had already shared his faith, including many of his relatives. This man was a politician and was much involved in state affairs. He had built up quite an influence among the officials, but he also had many crimes charged against him. The truth worked a transformation in his heart. He has already won his wife and some relatives to the truth.

P. V. Jesudas, Sabbath school secretary

of the Tamil Section, with the help of his team of workers, opened work in a strongly anti-Christian area where other Christian bodies for years were not welcome to preach Christ. They were stoned and driven out of the village.

Pastor Jesudas with prayer and faith began his work, visiting the people in their homes, enrolling them in the Voice of Prophecy Bible school. When he held a series of meetings almost the entire village came out to attend the lectures, and as a result 23 people were baptized and ten more are in his baptismal class.

A boy of 14 began attending the meetings regularly. His parents, being non-Christians, were not pleased with his new

Church in Duisburg Germany

An overflow crowd of visitors joined the members of the Duisburg, West Germany, church, April 1, for the dedication of the newly built Advent church at Kalkweg.

R. Kaufmann, president of the North-



ern Rhenish Conference, gave a welcome to the congregation. Guest speaker was E. Denkert, president of the West German Union, who spoke on Psalm 84:1-5. "May this newly built house be a place of worship and communion where the great truths of God for our time are to be proclaimed," he said. "SDA's are Christians who put pure Biblical principles on the candlestick."

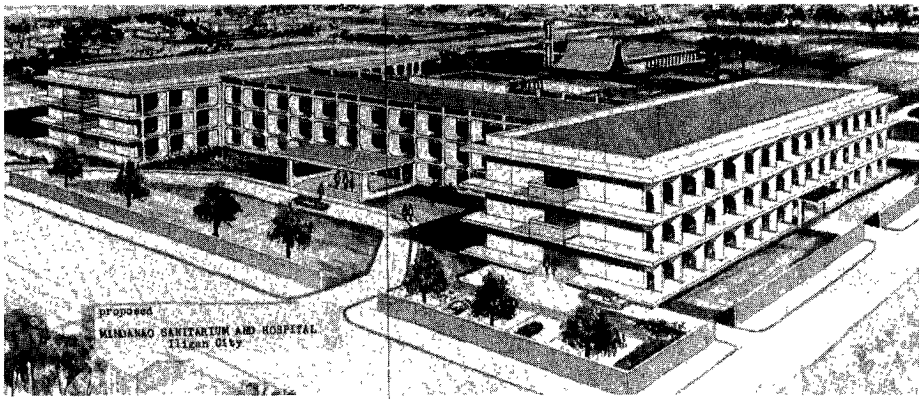
The prayer of dedication was offered by R. Kaufmann. W. Leiska, business manager for the administration of all the church premises within the union, spoke on the building procedure. He pointed out that in an industrial city such as Duisburg, we live not only by diligent work but also by worship and contemplation.

The focusing feature of the sanctuary is a threefold concrete-and-tinted-glass-brick window. The worshiper may be edified by its refracted light. The different colors symbolize the vicissitudes of our life from dejection to anticipation, from burden bearing to exaltation.

The church choir and a brass choir provided music for the service.

M. LISCHIEWSKI

Condensed News



Major Construction Planned for Mindanao Hospital

Architect's drawing of the proposed expansion of Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital in Iligan City, Northern Mindanao, Philippines. This institution was begun in 1954 by Dr. F. T. Geslani. Dr. A. P. Roda is now medical director.

V. L. VILLANUEVA
Public Relations Secretary
South Philippine Union Mission

interest and advised him to stop attending the meetings. The lad continued and soon stopped going to school on Saturdays, when he learned it was God's Sabbath. This provoked the parents to anger, and they punished the boy severely. Although they gave him no food for three consecutive days, he remained strong in his conviction. He has been baptized.

A police official named Mohan Das accepted the gospel and now serves on the staff of Spicer Memorial College. He is a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Siromani, of the Bombay church. The Siromanis accepted the truth several years ago after going

through great trial. Some of the reproach and ridicule was from their own relatives, friends, and employers. Their loyalty and faithfulness so impressed Mohan Das that he began to inquire about this faith and asked them scores of questions. Mr. Siromani satisfied Mohan Das, and he began to study the Bible. When Mohan Das was fully satisfied he resigned his work in the police department and was baptized with no promise of any future employment anywhere.

Being a graduate of Madras University, Mr. Mohan Das was soon taken on by our college as a teacher-student.

Zealous for Christ

Despite his handicap, Wang Yung-Nan is one of the most successful Taiwanese workers. Evidently as a boy he had polio, which left one leg completely useless. Yet today he has raised up a flourishing church at Hsuang Chi (Double Creek).

In his late teens Yung-Nan was sent to our hospital by some members of the Nazarene Church. Dr. Sung advised amputation. During convalescence John Tai, one of the student nurses, studied the Bible with the lad. He was baptized and felt impelled to take this new-found message back to his own people in the mountains of eastern Taiwan. For this reason he entered the Taiwan Missionary College in Hsin Tien, where he proved to be an alert student.

While at the college he was active in church work, at one time conducting Sabbath school in one of the nearby villages where we have a small church. He was not only a good student but an energetic soul winner on weekends, as well. During his school days he was instrumental in bringing several people into the church. His zeal for Christ has not abated.

IRENE DAWSON MILLER



Korean Adventist Nurse Chosen for Florence Nightingale Award

A Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital nurse, Mrs. Grace Kim, has been selected to receive the Florence Nightingale Award, the highest international award in the nursing field. She is assistant director of nurses and assistant supervisor of the school of nursing of the hospital.

Cecil A. Williams, president of the Korean Union, reports that this is the second year in a row that a Korean Adventist nurse has been given this award. Last year the recipient was Helen Lo, director of nurses of the Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital. This award, one of 27 given throughout the world, comes as a result of nationwide balloting by nurses.

Mrs. Kim is a 20-year-old employee of the Seoul hospital. She will be given the award sometime this fall.

D. A. ROTH

Division Writers' Conference Held at Spicer Memorial College

Carol Hetzell, associate public relations secretary of the General Conference, has conducted a four-week writers' conference at the Spicer Memorial College, Poona, India. Thirty attended from various parts of Southern Asia—teachers, editors, evangelists, departmental men, secretaries, and students of the college.

Purpose of the program of study was to help denominational workers to write in conformity with the newswriting style that the reading world expects today. College credit was earned by those who so enrolled. The institute was organized by Sunderaj James, division public relations secretary.

Miss Hetzell, before launching into the institute, had opportunity to visit several leading newspaper offices and their editors.

I. K. MOSES

Kwahu Hospital in Ghana Bids Staff Physician Farewell

The Chief of Atibie and the Chief of Mpraeso participated in a recent farewell program for Dr. Lester H. Rhymes as he left Kwahu Hospital, Ghana, West Africa.

In one of the classrooms, transformed into an auditorium for the occasion, staff members, friends, former patients, and dignitaries crowded until even the window ledges were occupied. Both chiefs spoke of the high regard in which Dr. Rhymes is held in the hearts of the people. By a quiet, gentle approach he had endeared himself in the neighborhood. Indeed, many present were enjoying a fuller measure of health for having been under his care.

JEAN S. RISK

New Religious Climate Favors Sale of Adventist Literature

By HERBERT WHITE

Associate Secretary, GC Publishing Department

Adventist books are being advertised in Catholic and Protestant church papers. Adventist books are being sold to Catholic church school libraries. And Adventist films are being shown between masses in Catholic churches.

Recently J. W. Proctor, Lake Union publishing secretary, arranged a demonstration of *The Bible Story* at a Catholic teachers' convention in the diocese of Lansing, before 1,500 teachers, sisters, and brothers. This testimonial from the diocesan department of religious education was the result:

"At our Diocesan Institute Day in October, we featured a table offering for sale *The Bible Story* in ten volumes edited by Arthur S. Maxwell. Our staff here at the Department of Religious Education is very well impressed with this particular series. We feel that the combination of art work, application and identification of the student within the Bible narrative are all conducive to a deeper understanding and appreciation of Sacred Scripture.

"The gentlemen representing Home Health Education have come to see us regarding an endorsement for schools and homes where they may be visiting. We want you to know that their product has merited a high endorsement and that we feel this particular series is especially usable in a cooperative program of parent-teacher religious education.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,
(Signed) "REVEREND WILLIAM FITZGERALD"

This remarkable testimonial followed three years of gradually increasing contacts between Adventist literature evangelists and Catholic educators. In September, 1964, Literature Evangelist Jack

Von Stiegel, of Detroit, in harmony with the specific counsel of the Lord's messenger, "Take the books . . . to teachers of the gospel" (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 39), visited a priest and secured a recommendation for *The Bible Story*. Shortly, the idea was born that it would be a wonderful thing to advertise *The Bible Story* in Catholic and Protestant church papers.

Favorable Review

Investigation followed showing that if a set of *The Bible Story* could be sent to the chancery office in Detroit, a reading committee would review the books and then they would be passed on to some hospital for the children there. These volumes were delivered to the chancery office with a review request. About five weeks later back came the word that the review was favorable. It stated that *The Bible Story* books were without moral or doctrinal error. As a result, a few days later an advertisement appeared in the *Michigan Catholic*, the official paper of the diocese of Detroit.

Directly following this, Elder Proctor came into the picture, and he quickly carried the program from there to the various dioceses in the Lake Union territory. The books were approved by Cardinal Meyer's office in Chicago, and an advertisement for *The Bible Story* appeared in at least eight diocesan papers in the Lake Union territory. A few weeks later it appeared in the *Priest* magazine and then came out in the official handbooks of several of the dioceses within the Lake Union territory.

Cardinal Meyer's office then assisted in having the books approved by various dioceses across North America. To date,

more than 70 sets have been placed in various dioceses.

The results of such dialog with highly placed church officials have been rewarding. The way is now open to bring blessing in reading pleasure to multitudes in other communions.

The *Universal Fatima News* of December, 1966, in "a tribute to the Seventh-day Adventists," featured the following:

1. A reprint "due to thousands of requests" of *Why Seventh-day Adventists Succeed*. (This appeared on the front page with a picture of J. D. Smith, president of the Lake Union, and Elder Proctor.)

2. Advertisement for *The Bible Story*, *Bedtime Stories*, *God's Minutes*, *Psalms for Tiny Tots*, and *The Desire of Ages*.

3. Announcement that "J. W. Proctor, Great Lakes representative of *The Bible Story*, spends his time in visiting and building good will among all churches. He will be in Greater Chicago after January 1 visiting parochial and public schools in the interest of promoting good literature in the homes. We will print the exact dates of Proctor's visit in the next issue so that teachers and sisters will have advance knowledge of his itinerary. He has been visiting schools for years, lecturing on preparation for the future."

4. Presentation of a review of *The Bible Story* under the title "Makes the Holy Bible Glow." Four hundred Catholic papers across North America are ready to reprint this review.

Diocesan Catholic school conventions, with a total attendance of 15,000, have studied *The Bible Story*. This set has also been reviewed by 15 different dioceses for use in Sunday schools. Study is also now being given to the possibility of using *My Bible Friends* for preschool children.

In another unusual development the Lake Union is placing annually 20,000 *Triumph of God's Love* (*The Great Controversy* in modern dress) in its territory—many in Catholic homes.

In order that the sale of *Triumph of God's Love* would be properly represented in Catholic circles, Elder Proctor sent 40 copies to 40 leaders in the Catho-

Left: A Catholic school library now features *The Bible Story*. Right: The parochial school children are enjoying these inspiring volumes.



lic Church—two were cardinals, one was a bishop, three archbishops, and others were monsignors and priests. The general response was that *Triumph* is a correct Protestant version of the Reformation.

Pope Urges Cooperation

On one occasion when Elder Proctor was visiting with Cardinal Meyer the cardinal had just completed a telephone conversation with the Holy See. In course of the telephone conversation he had mentioned that *The Bible Story* had been studied and approved by two committees of review, whereupon the Pope said that Cardinal Meyer should do all in his power to cooperate.

That Catholic papers across the country and, we hope, the world should carry our advertisements, and that departments of education should approve the purchase in Catholic schools and rectories, is evidence, indeed, that they do have approval. It is a wonderful thing that our literature can play its part in blessing the lives of people of all persuasions.

The Northern New England publishing department secretary, F. W. Nieb, reports: "To date the film *Mightier Than the Sword* has been shown in conjunction with a short talk on juvenile delinquency and a display of our literature in well over 40 different Catholic schools, churches, PTA organizations, et cetera. These programs have been very well received and enjoyed by the priests and sisters and parents everywhere.

"Negotiations are now being made for the showing of the film *Mightier Than the Sword* and a display of our books between masses in a large church in Maine.

"A monsignor in New Hampshire has recently given permission to one of our literature evangelists to contact all Catholic schools in the State with the books. A list of these schools was given him with the addresses and number of students enrolled, the names of the sisters in charge, et cetera. Many of these have al-

ready been contacted and sold, and arrangements are being made for the showing of the film.

"In Vermont more than 20 Catholic priests have already bought our literature. We have supplied each one of our full-time literature evangelists with the film *Mightier Than the Sword* so that there would be no waiting when a program is secured.

"We have not confined our program to the Catholic Church, but we have also had great success in many of the Protestant churches. One church in Farmington, Maine, allowed us to present the program, and as a result more than \$1,000 worth of our literature has already been sold. In addition to this, an offering

was taken at the time of the showing and the proceeds were given to our colporteur to help defray the expense. The minister of this church stood up after the program and had special prayer that God would bless our work. He spoke very highly of what we are doing."

What is now transpiring helps us understand that the way is now being speedily prepared, in a special manner, for the work of "another angel," referred to in Revelation 18:1. As Ellen G. White wrote: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 140.

Trans-Ocean Phone Call Featured in Nashville Thirteenth Sabbath Program

Sabbath school members and the Far Eastern Division worker group felt a special excitement as they anticipated a Thirteenth Sabbath telephone call from friends and relatives in the United States.

Half a world away the Sabbath school program began in the Nashville, Tennessee, First church and after the preliminaries, at exactly 9:45 A.M., the telephone on the pulpit desk rang. Ralph S. Watts, vice-president of the General Conference, said, "Hello, is that you, Ralph?" and nearly 10,000 miles away, Ralph S. Watts, Jr., Sabbath school secretary of the Far Eastern Division, clearly answered, "Yes, Dad, this is Ralph."

The 15-minute father-son conversation revealed experiences, needs, and hopes of the mission field to the listening Sabbath school audience. Rapt attention, excitement, and some tears marked the faces turned toward the platform.

Elder Watts, Jr., told of the sacrifice of the believers there. Because the little chapel being built for a group they had organized lacked a roof, one member and his wife with their own hands took the roof and windows from their own home to complete the little church. They found old tents to stretch over their home, and when it rains they use pans to keep the water from leaking on the floor.

The need for new hospital facilities in Korea is not only desperate but critical. The buildings have gone through two wars and must be replaced.

Paul Eldridge, president of the division, came on the line with greetings from the field and said that the reports coming in indicated by far the greatest offering ever received. They wanted to show their appreciation to the members in America and around the world by their own sacrificial giving. They were inspired and cheered

Left: Ralph Watts, Jr., Sabbath school secretary of the Far Eastern Division, speaks from Singapore with his father. Right: Sharing the conversation with the senior Elder Watts are Pastor Thomas P. Ipes and Anne Denslow, press secretary at Nashville First church.



to know that the people in Nashville thought of them and wanted to hear from them directly on Thirteenth Sabbath.

Pastor Thomas Ipes conveyed greetings from the church in Nashville and assured the workers there "that our hearts and prayers are with you as you work on that side of the world."

Tom Amos, superintendent, expressed for the Nashville Sabbath school the real thrill they shared in this direct mission contact and said, "It will give us great inspiration as we give this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering."

Before concluding, Shirley Eldridge, elder in the Nashville First church, and Elder Paul Eldridge, long-time friends from college days, conversed briefly, and Mrs. Watts also talked to her son.

The response of the Nashville First church Sabbath school to this direct appeal was reflected in their offering. It was two and a half times larger than any previous offering.

Elder Watts, Sr., was in Nashville for revival meetings.

ANNE DENSLow, *Press Secretary*
Nashville First Church

Voice of Prophecy Lays Plans for New Youth Program

"North America has 90 million youth 25 years of age and under," said H. M. S. Richards, Jr., associate speaker of the Voice of Prophecy, at the advisory councils held at Banff, Alberta, recently. "Youth's ways are not adult ways. We, as a church, must recognize this fact; we

must be willing and able to give the right answers to youth problems."

In the light of this challenge he outlined plans for a youth broadcast, in conjunction with the Voice of Prophecy program—a program that will speak the language of youth, with music and terminology that they will recognize as theirs, without losing its character as a Christian broadcast.

The younger Pastor Richards has been visiting college and university campuses, learning student problems and studying how best to help solve them. He has been attending Youth for Christ, Teen Challenge, and other young people's programs, to learn further ways of understanding and communicating effectively with youth and their needs.

THEDA ILES KUESTER

Atlantic Union

BRIEF NEWS

THREE June baptisms in Elmira, New York, were the result of a series conducted last fall. More than 26 persons joined the Elmira and Corning churches, reports Henry Uhl, district leader. Plans are being made for the Voice of Prophecy to be aired daily for six months in coordination with a city-wide evangelistic series.

VOLUNTEERS at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts,

were honored May 10 at a volunteer-recognition program. Administrator Raymond L. Pelton presented awards to the volunteers who had a total ranging from 50 to 2,000 hours of service. Miriam Moore, director of volunteers, and Patsy Rushing assisted in the presentation. Guest speaker was Dr. Michael Scarpitto, superintendent of the Stoneham schools. Other participants included Mrs. Stuart Zimman, auxiliary president; R. Berwyn Daniel, pastor of the Stoneham Congregational church; and Walter E. Kloss, hospital chaplain.

ON SABBATH, April 22, members of the Jay, Maine, church began worshipping in their own sanctuary. Eighty-five persons were present as C. P. Anderson, president of the Northern New England Conference, spoke. Others taking part in the program were: Walter H. Smith, conference treasurer; Arthur Boothby, church elder; and C. Dale Chaffee, pastor. The building, formerly a schoolhouse, was purchased in July, 1965. Church members lowered the roof five feet and are in the process of transforming the interior into a sanctuary. More than 5,600 hours of donated labor have already gone into the project.

THE Jim Gilley-Dave Peterson Crusade for Christ in Taunton, Massachusetts, concluded a series of meetings April 29. E. A. Roberts reports that an average of more than 200 persons attended during the series, with many more coming on weekends. Ten people have been baptized and Pastor Roberts is conducting a Bible class for 30 persons.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

House Prayer Breakfast Hears SDA Speaker

James J. Aitken, secretary of the General Conference Radio-TV Department, spoke not long ago at a Congressional prayer breakfast held at the first International Exposition of Flight at Las Vegas, Nevada. The Honorable Don Clausen, Congressman from the First District of California, invited Elder Aitken to speak on "The Airplane in Missionary and Medical Aviation."

Arthur Godfrey, radio and television personality, was chairman of this general aviation conference to which a large number of the members of Congress and their wives were invited. Congressman and Mrs. Jerry Pettis, of California, a supporter of mission aviation, were present.

Congressman Ben Reifel, president of the prayer breakfast group of the United States House of Representatives, gave the welcome. Senator Alan Bible read from the Old Testament, and Congressman Don Fuqua read from the New Testament. Dr. Cameron Townsend, of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, told of his efforts to distribute Bibles throughout Latin America. Mayor Oran Gragson, of Las Vegas, then challenged the prayer breakfast group to use the airplane to bring speedy help to all those who need spiritual as well as medical assistance.

Attending the prayer breakfast group for Congressmen at the International Exposition of Flight were (from left): Front row: Senator Alan Bible, Nevada; Mayor Oran Gragson, Las Vegas; Senator Howard W. Cannon, Nevada; Congressman Chet Holifield, California. Middle row: Congressman Richard C. White, Texas; Congressman Ted R. Kupferman, New York; Congressman Don Fuqua, Florida; Congressman Harold T. Johnson, California; Congressman Craig Hosmer, California; Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, California. Others: Congressman Ben Reifel, South Dakota; James J. Aitken, General Conference; Congressman Don Clausen, California; Dr. Cameron Townsend, Wycliffe Bible Translators; Rev. Bakewell.



Central Union

BRIEF NEWS

THE Springfield, Missouri, church school recently conducted a science fair. Under the leadership of their teacher, Mary Margaret Robinette, the children conducted research and prepared booths.

DAVID DENNIS and family, missionaries on leave, have been making appointments in the Kansas Conference, showing slides of the work in South America.

CLARA W. ANDERSON, *Correspondent*

Columbia Union

Loma Linda Salesmen Meet; Sales Up Over Last Year

Sales representatives from Loma Linda Foods Eastern Division met at Mount Vernon, Ohio, recently for the annual sales convention.

Sales are escalating much faster than the general trend noted in food marketing. Some territories reported more than 100 per cent increase in sales, as compared with a similar period last year.

The meeting was under the general direction of division manager D. J. Keeler. Others attending were general manager C. P. Miles, Robert MacGowan, Clifford Harrison, and Werner Carlson. In addition to the company's executive officers, L. L. Albers, pastor of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, church, and C. R. Beeler, of the Ohio Conference staff, participated in the two-day meeting. W. D. Walton, secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, represented the company's governing board of directors.

WERNER E. CARLSON

BRIEF NEWS

SPEAKING at the West Chester elementary school commencement exercise, T. S. Geraty, associate secretary, General Conference Department of Education, placed strong emphasis on making Christ the center of our lives. C. L. Brooks, educational superintendent of the Allegheny East Conference, presented several vocal selections. Vernon Hill, principal, presented the diplomas.

DELEGATES from the 73 churches in the Potomac Conference have voted a \$2 million educational expansion program for Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, and Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland. Takoma Academy will build a new auditorium-gymnasium seating 5,000; Shenandoah will construct an administration building with space for a library and more classrooms.

THE Joint Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature reviewed the State's blue laws June 13 in Harrisburg.



At their yearly meeting, Loma Linda Foods salesmen reported a rapid gain in their sales.

Urging the repeal of the four sections of the Commonwealth's Crimes Code were Elvin Benton, union religious liberty secretary, and T. H. Weis, religious liberty secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference.

RADIO station WASH, Washington, D.C., donated 800 records to the music library of Columbia Union College. The classical records will be used for the music education program. Don Winslow, a recent graduate of CUC and now an employee of the station, was responsible for the gift.

MORTEN JUBERG, *Correspondent*

Lake Union

BRIEF NEWS

R. L. DALE, evangelism coordinator for the Indiana Conference, reports that ten persons took their stand in the recent Indianapolis campaign that used the Bible Speaks program.

ABOUT six non-Adventist children regularly attend Sabbath school in the Streator, Illinois, church as a result of Vacation Bible School.

MILDRED WADE, *Correspondent*

Northern Union

BRIEF NEWS

Two persons were baptized by K. D. Johnson at Spencer, Iowa, May 6. One of the candidates had become interested through a newspaper advertisement about gift Bible evangelism. J. L. Hurst is the pastor.

A SUCCESSFUL Five-Day Plan was held recently at the Kanabec State Bank in

Mora, Minnesota, with more than half of those attending overcoming the nicotine habit. Pastor R. W. Wiedemann was assisted by nurse Howard Coes. Mrs. Wiedemann conducted cooking classes and food demonstrations as a follow-up program.

NINETEEN persons recently graduated from the seven-week Civil Defense Medical Self-help Training Course conducted in the Hinckley, Minnesota, Legion Hall. The program was taught by Howard Coes, director of the local Adventist health and welfare service, and Pastor R. W. Wiedemann.

APPROXIMATELY 11,000 people recently listened to J. L. Dittberner tell of his travels to Africa and watched his color slides over the Fargo, North Dakota, television station.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

Pacific Union

BRIEF NEWS

A WEEK of spiritual services conducted in the Berean church, of Los Angeles, preceded the dedication ceremony for the church, held Sabbath afternoon, June 17. H. C. Retzer, president of the Southern California Conference, gave the sermon. Dennis T. Black is pastor.

HAROLD and Herbert Eslinger, ministers in the Central California Conference, recently conducted a Week of Prayer at the Navajo Mission School in Arizona.

ELIEZER BENAVIDES, formerly of the Southeastern California Conference, is now at Andrews University taking mission-service orientation in preparation for serving in Colombia, South America.

THE Walter-Pumford-Jones evangelistic team is conducting a series of meetings in Antioch, California.

MARGARET FOLLETT, *Correspondent*

Southern Union

BRIEF NEWS

OPENING services were conducted in the new Boynton Beach, Florida, church May 13. W. O. Coe, conference president, was the guest speaker. Harold Haffner is the pastor.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE graduated 131 seniors at commencement services May 28. Dr. C. B. Hirsch, of the General Conference, was the speaker. Robert H. Pierson, GC president, addressed the class at the baccalaureate service and Dr. Frank Knittel, recently elected academic dean for Southern Missionary College, spoke at the Friday night consecration service.

TWENTY-FOUR students from Graysville Junior Academy held a spring Voice of Youth meeting in Spring City, Tennessee. Health lectures were given by Dr. L. F. Littell. Bible studies are being conducted in ten homes as a result.

Two weekend camp meetings in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference were held in Albany, Georgia, and in the Decatur area of Atlanta. Baptisms for the conference reported at these two meetings total 267 for 1967.

YOUTH of Georgia-Cumberland Academy sponsored a spring Voice of Youth evangelistic crusade in Calhoun, Georgia. The program was directed by Vernon Harris, academy Bible instructor; and Gerald Anderson, Student Association pastor. Twenty-three students were speakers.

W. H. PATSEL, pastor of the Meridian, Mississippi, church, reports a recent baptism of six persons as a result of meetings conducted in the church.

FOR the first time in its history, the Carolina Conference was able to hold camp meeting on its own grounds. Facilities have been constructed at Mount Pisgah Academy to accommodate camp meeting crowds.

DR. AGATHA THRASH, of Columbus, Georgia, recently led out in a Stop Smoking clinic in that city.

THE Dalton, Georgia, church recently opened a memorial library. In order to increase the church library a book fair was held during National Library Week, and members purchased books as tributes for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina, members raised \$25,000 at a banquet recently. This brought their building fund up to three fourths of estimated building costs for a new sanctuary. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

HERMON VANDERBERG, pastor of the Charleston, South Carolina, district in the South Atlantic Conference, was ordained to the ministry May 20 at the Atlanta Berean church. He and his family have accepted a call to serve in Liberia, West Africa.

DR. RALPH F. WADDELL, of the General Conference, was principal speaker for the annual Madison College Alumni Association homecoming. The class of 1942 was honored. Elder and Mrs. Robert Stewart were chosen as the "Alumni of the Year" for their long service to both church and community.

THE first conference church-music workshop in North America was held by the Florida Conference at the Forest Lake church June 2-4. Seventy-nine delegates and staff registered. The program was directed by E. J. Barnes, conference educational secretary.

THIRTY-SEVEN persons have been baptized as a result of the evangelistic meetings conducted in Mobile, Alabama, by W. D. Brass, conference evangelist; W. G. Zima, pastor of the Mobile church; and A. V. Voorheis, Prichard district pastor.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

Southwestern Union

New Hospital Wing Equipped With Latest Furnishings

The Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, in Oklahoma, recently opened a new \$50,000 wing, which features facilities new to hospitals in the Southwest.

The modern rooms have wall-to-wall carpeting and walls treated with a sprayed-on fiberglass finish, both innovations in hospital furnishing. The new wing, in addition to adding space for 12 beds, provides for a lobby, storage and utility area, and the inhalation-therapy department.

Mayor Roy Butler and other civic officials were present at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. This

A Letter to the Voice of Prophecy

By ESTHER GARNER

Hearing the Voice of Prophecy program over the air or in person continues to thrill my soul, despite the fact that many years have passed since I had my first desire to keep the Sabbath and become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Each Sunday morning while we were getting ready for church we had the radio on, listening to the Voice of Prophecy. After several Sundays of hearing the announcement for a free Bible course for juniors, dad, a Baptist minister, decided to get it for me. I was ten at the time. Although mom loved the speaking of the Voice of Prophecy after hearing the "shouting" preachers, as she called them, she had heard that this program was sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists and advised against the lessons. Dad always was first in line for anything free, however, so mom conceded, figuring it wouldn't hurt me to learn more about the Bible.

When I came to the Sabbath lesson I was dumfounded and ran to dad's study to ask him if he knew we were keeping the wrong day. He promptly got rid of me, so I went in search of mother, only to find that she had gone to the post office. Soon she returned, and I greeted her with, "Did you know we are keeping the wrong day? Sunday is the first day, and the Bible says to keep the seventh day and that is Saturday."

She said that she knew it. She had just finished reading the book *The True Sabbath* all night Saturday, after receiving it from a woman who asked her opinion of it. She knew before she opened it what her opinion was, but she was such an honest person she had to read it to give her opinion. And this Monday that I discovered the true Sabbath, she was mailing a letter asking this friend to pray for her.

My lessons asked at the end if I intended to keep God's Sabbath. Mom said to write, "By God's help," and ask the Voice of Prophecy to pray for us. She wrote too, and we were assured we were being remembered in the Thursday morning prayer circle.

The way seemed dark for a Baptist minister's wife and daughter, and we had to keep our new-learned truths a secret, not knowing how things could work out.

Unexpectedly, the next summer my older brother, who was stationed at El Toro, California, came home to North Dakota on leave and told the folks about how wonderful California was, and how dad could retire from the ministry and make big money carpentering. My brother pointed out that dad was getting older and still had a girl and twin boys to raise. We never dreamed it possible, but dad left with Walter for California. Before they left, mom told Walter to find out where the Seventh-day Adventist church was in Santa Ana without dad's knowing about it, and if possible to get a house within walking distance.

Believe me, we prayed while they were gone that dad would go through with it, because if he retired from the ministry of his own accord this would open a way for mother to confess her new faith.

We moved in September to within 12 blocks of the church, and before long dad was regretting ever having sent for those lessons. Mom went to work house cleaning for others in order to put my twin brothers and me in church school. The following July, mom and we three children were baptized.

Dad still remains bitter to this day. Mom passed away last October, and as she requested, money was collected for the Voice of Prophecy. I know she never missed a month of donating. One of the twins is finishing this year at the seminary and will be working in the Washington Conference. The other one will graduate from La Sierra in business administration.

Continue to pray for my father. Nothing would be more wonderful than to have him accept this message before he is laid to rest.

is the third expansion of the hospital within a two-year period.

The new wing and an additional wing, which was opened two years ago, were built without government funds, but with support of the Ardmore community and the church.

The hospital gained accreditation for a period of one year May 18 by the Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals. This is the first time that the hospital has applied for accreditation.

WILLIAM V. WIIST, *Administrator*

BRIEF NEWS

THE Texas Conference chapter of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Registered Nurses organized June 4 at Keene.

FOUR hospitals in the Texas Conference had admitted more than 5,000 patients during the past year and rendered more than 42,000 patient-days of nursing care to persons 65 years of age and over. These institutions have operated successfully with a combined gain of more than \$70,000 in income.

IT IS WRITTEN evangelistic programs, featuring George Vandeman, are now appearing on Fort Worth's television channel 5 every Sunday morning. This 30-minute public-service program on WBAP-TV will continue for at least 13 weeks.

THE Van Horn, Texas, Seventh-day Adventist church has just completed a new church building.

SANDIA VIEW ACADEMY will celebrate its twenty-fifth year of operation during 1967 with complete face lifting of all buildings and facilities. Sandia View is the Texico Conference academy.

IT IS WRITTEN is now being seen over WBAP-TV in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. The program is telecast each Sunday morning as a public service of the station. It has a potential audience of four million.

IN CONNECTION with the Go Tell Texas program for laymen, six evangelistic crusades were conducted during April and May. Neville Harcombe held meetings in Laredo; Rodney Dale, in Richardson; H. W. Spiva, in the Dallas Oak Cliff church; Norman Martin, in Richwood; Don Christman and J. C. Kinder, a ten-night series in Grand Prairie; and A. C. Rawson, in San Antonio.

THE death of Grady Fitzpatrick, 17, senior class president of Jefferson Academy, marred the class outing April 23. Grady drowned while swimming with companions at Lake of the Pines, near the Texas academy.

NEARLY 175 Pathfinders and staff members from eight clubs gathered at Bierig Park, in Oklahoma City, May 12, for weekend activities. This annual program was under the direction of E. D. Clifford, Pathfinder director of the Oklahoma Conference.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Request for Literature More Than Fulfilled

By J. A. LENNOX, M.D.
*Medical Director
Kwahu Hospital*

Something wonderful has been happening to the family of Kwahu Hospital in Ghana.

Before returning to the homeland for leave a year ago, I wrote a short note for the Literature Requests section of the REVIEW AND HERALD.

In our few years of mission service in West Africa, there have been times when we have felt as though we were fighting a lone battle out here. I actually had reservations as to whether there would be any response to a request from Ghana. We need not have worried!

Since we returned several months ago we have found how many in our church are interested in missions and are willing, even eager, to help.

We are now receiving parcels of Adventist magazines from many parts of the world. *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, *Review and Herald*, *Guide*, *Our Little Friend*, *These Times*, and *Message* arrive every week. Trinidad, Jamaica, Tennessee, Australia, New Zealand, California, Nebraska, New York, and Great Britain are among the places from which they are sent.

Occasionally we receive a personal note—a post card from Canada wishing blessings on our work or a letter from the missionary secretary of a church in Australia. A woman in the United States wrote and said she would like to send us some flower seeds. We don't know how they will bloom in our climate, but to us it was a lovely thought.

A woman in California spends her time drawing and coloring Bible scenes on felt. She wondered whether she could send us some flannelgraphs for our branch Sabbath schools. She likes to send them to missionaries in various parts of the world. "No need to pay. Just send me a picture of them in use," she wrote. When her package came, it was a piece of cloth 3 feet by 15 feet and was covered with drawings of Bible scenes to cut out. It must have taken many hours of loving work.

We like to send a letter to acknowledge each gift. We use the duplicating machine to print a standard letter every so often, and we send to as many as possible. But sometimes the parcels are anonymous, the stamp giving the only clue as to the country of origin. Sometimes the parcels are so battered we cannot read the sender's address. On the other hand, some people who send several packages probably receive two or three copies of our letters.

A couple in Canada wrote to tell us of the recent death of their 27-year-old daughter, who had been sending literature. She had suffered ill-health for 22 years of her life and had sent many bundles of magazines to missionaries around the world. They had been glad to receive our letter of appreciation.

Not long ago on Sabbath afternoon we were taking a group of our student nurses to their branch Sabbath school at Obo, and they were sorting through a pile of magazines we put in the car for them. There was a pile of Christmas cards that someone had included. They took them avidly, saying, "Do you give them out?"

"Yes, the children love to take one of these home. They are so pretty. The children like the bright colors."

We place copies of the REVIEW AND HERALD at the door of the church on Sabbaths, and the members and visitors take piles home with them. Also we send them out with the district pastors to the other churches round about—there are 12 village churches around us, some of which were begun as branch Sabbath schools by the hospital staff.

Ghana is a literate country. Every village has its school and the younger generation can, and do, read avidly and read to their families in their homes. They do not get enough material to read, and they love the good quality of our Adventist papers. They are receptive to the gospel. We are certain that the influence of these papers will win many whom we could never reach otherwise.

NOTICES

Literature Requests

[All requests for free literature should be sent to the mission or conference office of the area. They will then send on to us such requests as they feel are proper to honor. All literature requested through this column is to be used for missionary work, not personal needs. Mark packages: "Used publications—no monetary value. Destroy if not deliverable."]

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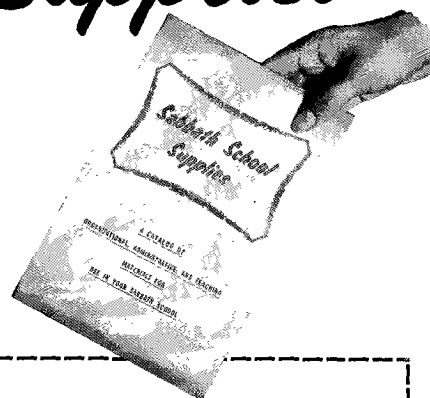
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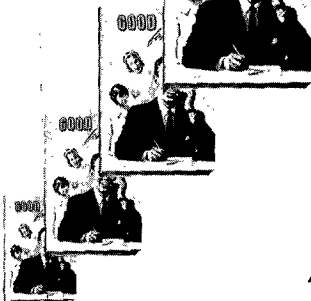
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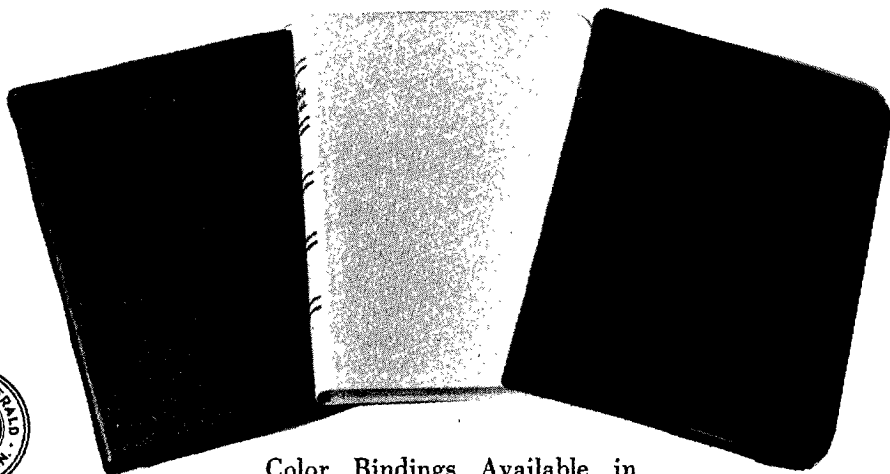
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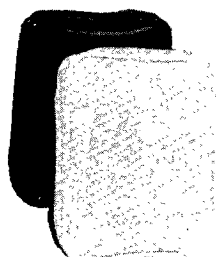
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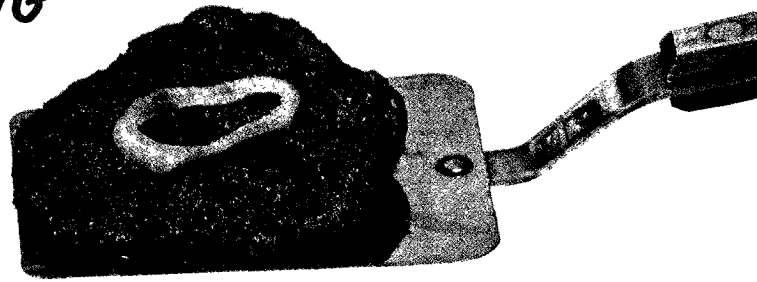
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J. S. Blahovich, pastor, Volunteer Park church, Seattle (Washington), formerly pastor, Des Moines (Iowa).

(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

FROM HOME BASE TO FRONT LINE

Australasian Division

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stiles, qualified nurses, left Sydney, Australia, April 9, for New Guinea. They are to serve in the Hansende Colony, Togoba, Mount Hagen.

Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Thomson and two children, following a brief furlough, sailed April 11 to Madang, New Guinea and then to Angoram on the Sepik River, where he will pastor a local district and care for some of the offshore islands. Pastor Thomson was president of the New Hebrides Mission and of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mission.

Pastor and Mrs. L. Lock left April 13 for Port Moresby, New Guinea, where Pastor Lock will be president of the Central Papuan Mission.

Pastor and Mrs. M. Kennaway and their three children left for Samoa, April 20. Pastor Kennaway served a term in the East Fiji Mission and at the Fulton Missionary College in Fiji.

Linda McClintock returned to the Sopas hospital, Wabag, New Guinea, April 23, following furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. White and two children left Sydney, April 28, following furlough, to return to the Bautama Central School in Central Papua, where Mr. White is principal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McFarlane also returned from furlough April 29. Mr. McFarlane is principal of the school at Mussau, in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission.

North American Division

Ronald D. Strasdowsky (Marienhoehe; Newbold), **Mrs. Strasdowsky** (Marienhoehe), and two children, returning to Uganda after furlough, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Bremen*, June 1, going by way of Germany and Italy. Before marriage Mrs. Strasdowsky's name was Ursula Helene Baldauf. Mr. Strasdowsky will continue as a teacher in Bugema Missionary College.

Dr. Joseph I. Estephan (Middle East College '59, AU '62), **Mrs. Estephan** (AU '61), and two children, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, left Chicago, Illinois, June 2, for Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The maiden name of Mrs. Estephan was Annette Lee Lewis. Dr. Estephan will teach at Antillian College.

Dr. Franklin N. Crider (CUC '42; CME '44), **Mrs. Crider** (CUC '44), and two children, left Los Angeles, California, May 22, returning to Thailand after furlough. Mrs. Crider's name before marriage was Jane Gibson Baumgartner. Dr. Crider serves as a physician in the Haad Yai Mission Hospital.

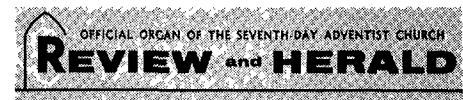
Mr. and Mrs. Luis Palomino left Hollywood, California, May 26, returning to South America. Mrs. Palomino's maiden name was Sonia Hilda Mendoza. Mr. Palomino will serve as laboratory technician and pharmacist at the Stahl Clinic, in Iquitos, Peru.

Lawton G. Lowe (Oshawa '56; Canadian Union College '58), and **Mrs. Lowe**, of London, Ontario, Canada, left San Francisco, California, May 28, for Ceylon. The name of Mrs. Lowe before marriage was Esther Marie Drury. Elder Lowe will be president of the Ceylon Union.

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Church Calendar

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Church Missionary Offering	August 5
Oakwood College Offering	August 12
Educational Day	
and Elementary School Offering	August 19
Literature Evangelism Rally Day	September 2
Church Missionary Offering	September 2
Missions Extension Day Offering	September 9
Review and Herald Campaign	Sept. 9-Oct. 7
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 16
Bible Emphasis Sabbath	September 30
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	
(Southern Asia Division)	September 30
Neighborhood Evangelism	October 7
Church Missionary Offering	October 7
Health Emphasis Week	October 7-13
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 14
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 14
Community Relations Day	October 21



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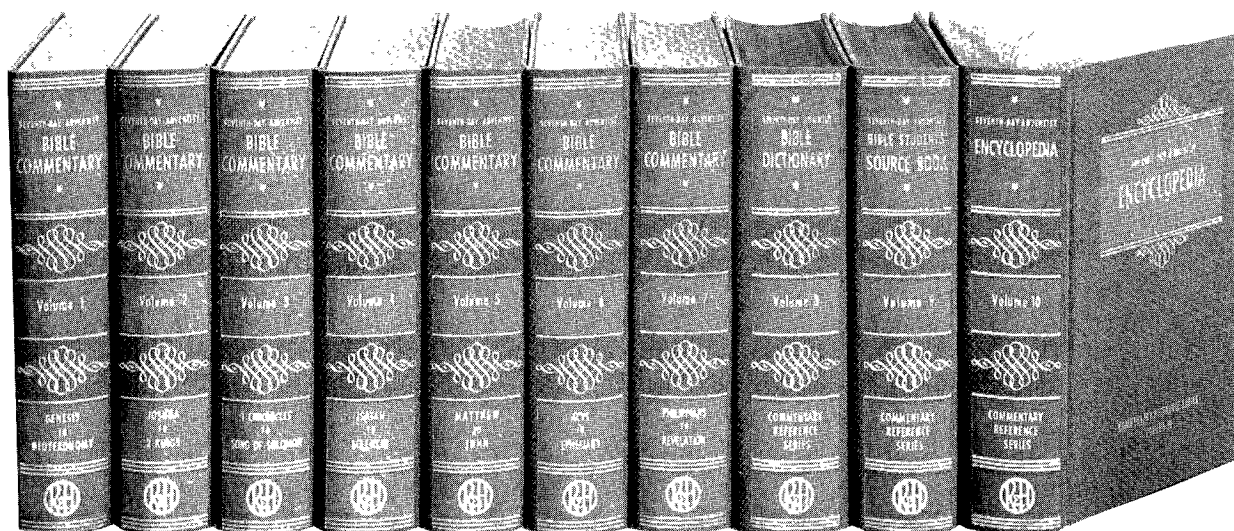
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Benghazi Workers Permitted to Return After Evacuation

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They are Dr. D. C. Ludington, Jr., medical director; D. C. Fahrback, physician; A. A. Ewert, dentist; R. A. Nolin, maintenance superintendent; and J. W. Whitehouse, public health director.

These men will reopen the work at this North African hospital, and their families and other mission personnel will return as soon as conditions warrant.

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Literature Work Thrives in Central African Union

H. J. Matussek, publishing department secretary of the Central African Union (Rwanda and Burundi), reports that his literature evangelists have delivered three times as many books and magazines in the first three months of this year as they delivered during the same period last year. And the baptisms have also set a new record. During the first quarter of this year 134 persons have been baptized from literature evangelist contacts.

W. A. HIGGINS

Trans-Africa Inaugurates New Program for Lepers

The Trans-Africa Leprosy Rehabilitation and Research Service of Seventh-day Adventists has been launched, according to Dr. Ray Foster, the church's orthopedic surgeon in charge of our leprosy work in Africa. The service's Mwami-based aircraft will provide transport for linking the leprosy programs of our Yuka, Mwami, and Malamulo leprosariums.

A recent survey of patients at the Mwami leprosarium revealed that 50 per cent of the 253 inpatients needed reconstructive surgery. Three fourths of these required a remaking of either their hands or their feet, or both. In addition to surgical rehabilitation the service has developed techniques and facilities for making stoves, shoes, and mattresses. Educational programs are being conducted that teach improved methods of agriculture. Instruction is given and demonstration classes held to show how to make and use pot handles so as to avoid the burns frequently sustained by lepers.

Artificial limbs and other prosthesis are urgently needed. Dr. Foster hopes that a brace shop with instruction in brace-making can be developed soon. In this way the patients can be taught how to make artificial limbs, devices, and braces

that will serve not only their own needs but the needs of other lepers.

Dr. Foster concluded his report by stating, "If we had the facilities to make prosthesis for these people, this would represent a unique service that would have a profound influence for good. The potential here is great, probably paralleled only by the problem."

RALPH F. WADDELL, M.D.

Curriculum Revision Group Meets at Andrews University

The General Conference Curriculum Revision Guidance Committee recently completed a two-week session at Andrews University. Approximately 24 persons, representing the elementary and secondary levels, participated in discussions dealing with curriculum and teaching approaches in our schools. Also under discussion were methods to improve the educational program.

Dr. Walter A. Howe and Dr. I. V. Stonebrook, both of the General Conference Department of Education, served as cochairmen for the session.

Similar meetings are scheduled for the summer of 1968.

CHARLES B. HIRSCH

Ethiopia's Crown Prince Speaks at Zauditu Services

"His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Merid Azmatch Asfa Wossen awarded diplomas Sunday to six graduates who completed a three-and-a-half-year course of nursing at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital."

So reads a report on page one of Addis Ababa's *Ethiopian Herald* of June 6.

His Excellency Ato Emmanuel Abraham, Minister of Communication, was also present.

The Crown Prince said the hospital "has given valuable service to the people during the last 40 years. He said former graduates of the hospital were assigned throughout the Empire and that they are serving their country and their fellow men."

The Crown Prince awarded the diplomas, assisted by R. Rigsby, M.D., medical secretary of the Ethiopian Union Mission, and Esther Rose, R.N., director of the school of nursing.

THEODORE CARGICH

Idaho Conference Session Re-elects Officers, Staff

The thirty-eighth session of the Idaho Conference convened at Gem State Academy June 14, 15. One hundred sixty-three delegates represented the 37 conference churches. This field has a membership of 2,908, and during the past two years baptized 267.

G. W. Liscombe and J. W. Griffin were

re-elected as president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Departmental secretaries remain the same with one addition, C. H. Hamel, who will lead out in the lay activities and Sabbath school departments. These departments were not separately staffed previously.

In a June 17 service Harold E. Hall and Harold W. Schwartz were ordained.

R. S. WATTS

New Union Head in Far East

Winston C. Clark, now president of the Japan Union Mission in the Far Eastern Division, has been elected new president of the South China Island Union Mission. Pastor Clark replaces Claude B. Miller, who has retired after serving the denomination for 31 years, much of the time in China as a union president.

The South China Island Union Mission includes Taiwan (formerly Formosa), Hong Kong, and Macao.

D. A. ROTH

United Prayer Feature Will Mark 1968 MV Week

A special feature—worldwide united prayer for our youth—will be a part of the next MV Week, March 16-23, 1968. The General Conference, every division, union, local conference, and mission of the entire world will join in prayer during that week in support of our youth and their evangelistic programs. This early announcement is to share our rejoicing with the church as the plan develops.

The Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer is the most productive period for the conversion of our youth to Christ. Years ago the fathers of our faith saw the perils that Seventh-day Adventist young people face, and they set aside this time when the whole church can work for their salvation. The first Sabbath of the week is always a special day and is designated as MV Day the world around.

Full details of next year's program will be in the hands of all youth leaders early enough to make the MV Week of Prayer of 1968 the most successful in the history of Missionary Volunteering.

THEODORE LUCAS

Full Accreditation Given LLU School of Public Health

The Loma Linda University School of Public Health, recently organized under Dr. Mervyn G. Hardinge, has been given full professional accreditation by the American Public Health Association. The action was taken June 23 in New York City.

The Loma Linda University School is now the fifteenth school of public health in the United States.

The university has previously offered academic degrees in public health. With the accreditation of a school of public health, the professional degrees Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Public Health will be offered beginning in September.

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