



*JESUS
KNOWS
the Way*

“WHAT SHALL IT

“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” (Mark 10:17).

“He went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions” (Matt. 19:22).

HERE was a young man with a restless discontent. He was dissatisfied with life as he had lived it. He knew that there was something better than what he had experienced. He was reaching out for it.

Thousands upon thousands of people today are personally discontented and long for more enduring satisfaction than they are finding. By no undue stretch of the imagination we can hear echoing throughout the ages the wistful question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Attracted to Christ

The rich young man was attracted to Christ. He had watched as Jesus blessed the little children. He had felt the love that flowed from Jesus' presence and had been charmed by the words of life that came from the Master's lips. No other life had spoken so powerfully to his heart and laid bare the poverty of his own soul. Although he had a high estimate of his own righteousness, he realized there was a lack in his soul that his orthodox living could not satisfy. He needed something beyond what meeting the requirements of the law could provide.

The great questions of human destiny, of death and eternity, troubled him. He had thought that salvation depended upon “doing” something, but he was disappointed. In spite of the fact that he had outwardly kept the commandments, he had no real inward peace, no assurance of eternal life. He was looking for some prescription, some formula, some act to be done that would forever end his search.

But eternal life cannot be won by “doing.” It comes from an inward re-

lationship with Jesus Christ. The idea that God is a heavenly book-keeper engaged in striking a trial balance between this act and that act is a distortion of the teachings of Jesus. We enter into eternal life by being lifted out of ourselves and our fruitless and dissatisfying activities into a great love relationship with God Himself, and with Jesus Christ His Son. We are sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

It is a source of great weakness in the church that so many of its members have never gone beyond being decent, upright citizens to becoming self-giving and loving disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Saviour desired to create in the young ruler that discernment which would enable him to see the necessity of heart devotion. “He longed to see in him a humble and contrite heart, conscious of the supreme love to be given to God, and hiding its lack in the perfection of Christ.”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 519.

“Then Jesus . . . loved him” (Mark 10:21). What an insight we have in this verse into the great, understanding heart of Jesus. Jesus immediately saw the possibilities in the life of the young man before Him. This love is the secret of our Lord's power over the hearts and lives of men, women, and youth everywhere. When people from all walks of life came into contact with Him, they instinctively felt and knew that He loved them and understood them and that He longed for their best good.

“In every human being He discerned infinite possibilities. He saw men as they might be, transfigured by His grace—in ‘the beauty of the Lord our God.’ Psalm 90:17. Looking upon them with hope, He inspired hope. Meeting them with confidence, He inspired trust. Revealing in Himself man's true ideal, He awakened, for its attainment, both desire and faith. In His presence souls despised and fallen realized that they still were men, and they longed to prove themselves worthy of His regard. In many a heart that seemed dead to all

things holy, were awakened new impulses. To many a despairing one there opened the possibility of a new life.”—*Education*, p. 80.

The One Lack

“One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, . . . and follow me.” The young man lacked only one thing, but that was the vital thing. He lacked the love of God in his soul. He loved himself, his riches, his worldly associations and pleasures, more than he loved his Lord.

The young man had deceived himself into believing that he had kept the commandments. The first commandment says, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” There was a god in his heart. Self-love was his idol. He lacked self-forgetfulness. He was seeking a personal good, something for himself.

While it is true that Christ does not require all His followers to sell everything and give the proceeds to the poor, there is a universal principle in His words that they must heed. Each disciple must go beyond the mere seeking of personal good until his life overflows into the lives of others.

There is another important lesson in this story. Jesus did not soften His message in order to win a young and promising disciple. Our Lord did not win His disciples by false pretenses. He did not hide the cross or conceal the cost. The cost of discipleship was clearly set down before the inquirer. Jesus desired to open the young man's eyes to the value of the heavenly treasures. The youth's treasure was on this earth. He cared much for his position, for his standing among men. To follow Christ would mean identification with the humble Nazarene and a few poor, unlearned fishermen who were despised and hated. Pride ruined him. To take up his cross and follow Christ was a price he could not pay.

When Jesus said, “Sell what thou

PROFIT?"

By E. L. MINCHIN

hast and give to the poor," He was not making poverty a requirement or an ideal for everyone. This was a specific prescription for a particular case. As the Great Physician, Jesus does not provide the same treatment for every patient. This young man had a deep-seated malady that required drastic surgery.

"He went away sorrowful." This young man made the world's greatest blunder. He missed the most wonderful friendship he could ever have known. Think of what it would have meant to him to have worked side by side with Jesus! Seeing Him. Hearing Him. Talking with Him. Perhaps he could have been the author of a fifth Gospel. But for a few paltry, earthly possessions "he went away sorrowful."

How similar the situation today. Men are blinded by their possessions. They cannot see the heavenly treasure Christ offers them. Too often, like the young man, they come running excitedly to Christ. Then when they see the high cost of discipleship in self-surrender and self-discipline, they go away sorrowful, for they have great possessions of self-love that they cannot bring themselves to surrender.

We see this same failure in so many walks of life. The youth enters college with excitement and zest, but when he discovers the cost of securing an education—intensive study and self-discipline—he cannot face it. He makes a sad retreat and gives up before graduation. We see it so often in marriage. How many come running excitedly to the marriage altar, only to learn in the months and years that follow how great is the cost for successful marriage in self-discipline and self-forgetfulness. Too many retreat sorrowfully, for they have great possessions of self-love, self-pity, and self-care.

The young man in our story passed by life's greatest adventure. He is a tragic figure in the gospel story and represents millions who down through the centuries and today are so blinded by their own great pos-

sessions that they cannot see the heavenly treasure and the enrichment of life Christ would bring to them.

Life's Choices

Life is made up of choices. We may choose the pathway that leads to life, to enrichment, and to true success, or we may choose the road that leads ultimately to eternal loss. Some time ago the president of a Christian college lost his brother. Shortly afterward he wrote a letter to a friend: "My faith is strong and my desire for eternal life is greater than ever before. My brother was once a Christian boy, but he drifted away from the church and out into the world. At the time of his death he made no profession of religion. He smoked heavily and drank. It was hard for me to stand by his casket and realize that in all probability I was looking upon him for the last time eternally. But, I recognize that God is just and merciful and that His ways are right. Each one of us has the opportunity to accept or reject the claim of God. As we sow, so shall we reap. As boys both of us had the same opportunity. My brother chose one way. Thank God, I have chosen the other. My determination is to stay in the way of truth and right until I reach the kingdom."

Here were two brothers who had the same opportunities. Before each of them were set the two ways. One lad chose the way of unrighteousness; the other the way of life. For a time the younger boy lived life to its full, but he chose a way of life without God that led ultimately to an untimely death without any opportunity for repentance or preparation. The other boy chose the way of life. His treasure was in heaven. He became a dedicated and influential leader in our educational work, influencing hundreds and thousands of our young people around the world.

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

It is still true today that we never

really find our life until we lose it. To give it away to Christ is to find it forever. The early disciples came under the mastership of Christ. They were passionately devoted to Him. They gave up all for Him. Their devotion shook the world and brought the kingdom of God to men. It will do it again.

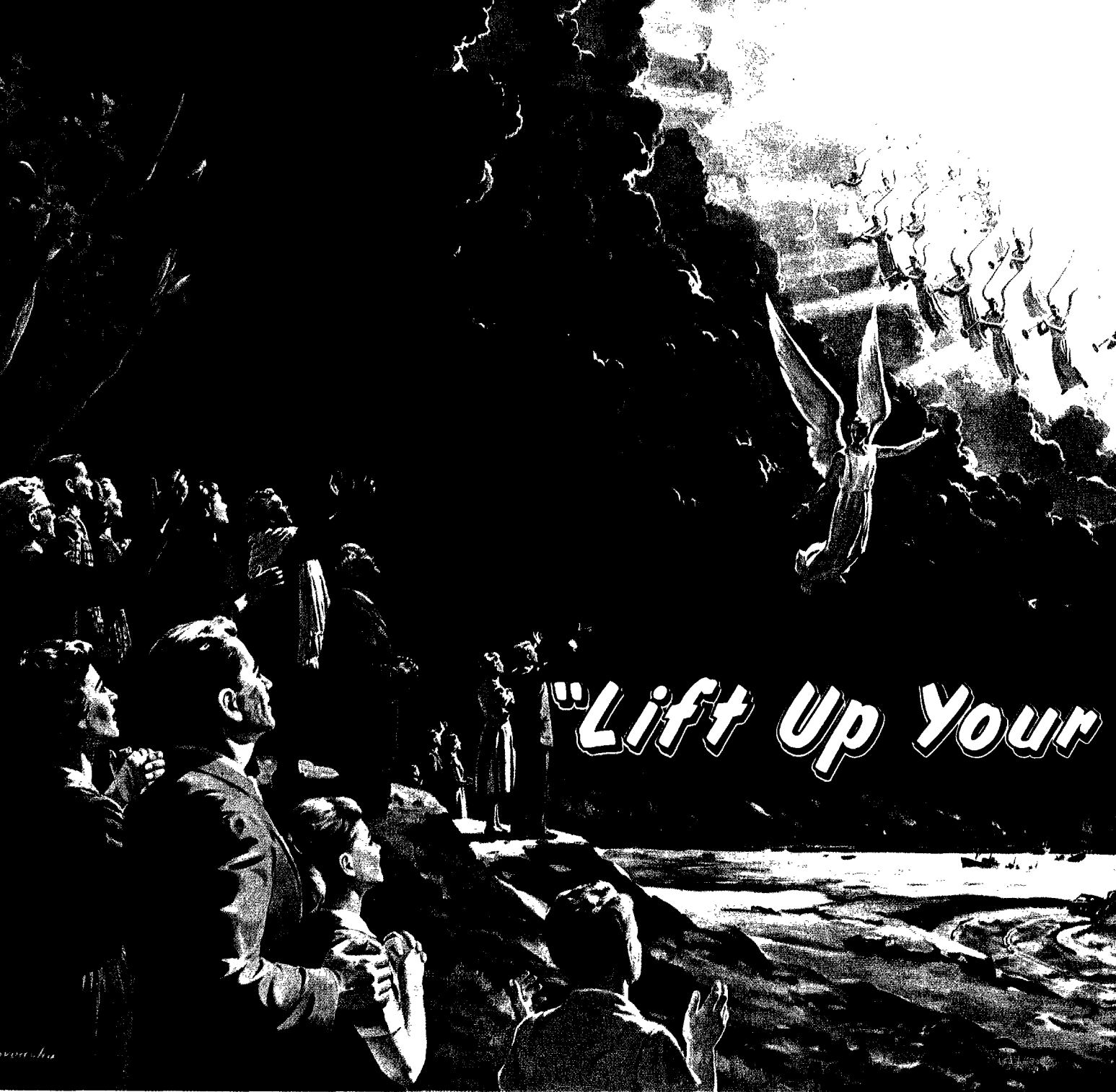
Why has Christ the right to exercise this absolute control over our lives and service? Because first, we are His by right of creatorship, and second, we are His by right of redemption. "Ye are not your own" "for ye are bought with a price." No one who has truly faced the cross of Christ and its claims can ever really free himself from Christ's right to his time, his talents, and his service.

Christ owns you, but does He possess you? There is a vast difference. I own several books that I do not possess. I have lent them to certain persons who have not returned them. They are mine, but they are not "at my service." That is true of many Christians. Christ owns them, but He does not possess them. They are not "at His service." They refuse to allow Christ to cut across their own cherished plans and ambitions. They chafe at any of Christ's requirements that restrict their freedom and selfish desires.

The young man drew back because it seemed that the service to which he was called would bring impoverishment to him. He saw only the immediate, the things that are seen. The material had blinded him to the glorious realities of the spiritual.

Many are making the same mistake today. They are engrossed with the material, and are so busy making a living that they have neglected or forgotten to make a life.

The great issues of life, death, and eternity are before us. Spiritual realities are the greatest realities. God lives. Christ is a living Saviour. He is coming soon to take us to Himself and to a real and a glorious home. This is our faith. The hope and the destiny of the human race center in it. It is ours to proclaim.



"Lift Up Your

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FROM my bedside radio in the early morning I heard the newscaster's faltering comment, "He was only 42 years old." Instantly I knew that a young U.S. Senator and Presidential aspirant had lost his fight for life. Father of ten children with another on the way, he was gunned down in an attack that injured five others.

A few weeks before, a world-renowned civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner had met a similar fate, leaving four children fatherless.

Four and a half years earlier the President of the United States had been killed by an assassin who himself was slain two days later.

As I reviewed these momentous events I recalled this graphic description of Noah's day: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Gen. 6:11).

U.S. news media have been full of headlines such as: "Violence Hits Schools and Colleges — Rebellion Spreads to High Schools." In more and more cities teachers and pupils

alike are victims of terrorist violence — beatings, slashings, and gang attacks. Efforts of school authorities to cope with the problem of student anarchy often are blocked by militant parents who not only condone but support their children's defiance.

One Chicago principal of a Southside school testified before a city council committee: "December 6, 1967, is a day I'll never forget. At 11:25 A.M., two boys took out a sawed-off shotgun from a brief case. They began firing away on the playground. You would

World Events Proclaim Christ's Soon Return

examinations. Weeks later commencement exercises were marred by demonstrations of revolt.

Violence hit France with a vengeance at the same time that world attention was focused on Paris as a city of peace in which arbitration was being carried on to end the Vietnam fighting. Students there were called "the enraged ones" by French newspapers as sympathy riots broke out in a dozen university cities. Strikes continued for weeks, creating a national crisis.

Rioting and serious disturbances have also taken place in Germany, Britain, Spain, and other countries of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Many countries of Africa have suffered the devastating effects of violence.

By

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What does all this mean to you?

As the Lord intervened and ended the civilization of Noah's day, so He will intervene again, and end our own.

Driving recently down one of the streets of Washington, D.C., I suddenly found myself staring at the incredible results of rioting and looting which erupted there in early April. At first my mind refused to accept the fact that this shocking destruction leveling many city blocks had been deliberate.

Those riots left 11 persons dead and 1,200 injured! Arson and looting caused more than \$19 million in insured losses alone, with riot-connected costs for the D.C. Government estimated at \$6.2 million. The riots were brought under control with the aid of 15,000 troops.

As chairman of the appropriations subcommittee for the District of Columbia, Senator Robert C. Byrd in a speech before the Senate asserted that in Washington "women cower in fear behind locked doors." And people "are afraid to venture out in the streets at night."

And this is the story in only one city. Riots in the streets occurred in more than 100 American cities this spring.

Can anyone seriously suggest that

this is nothing new? Or that we have always had conditions like this?

In the U.S. since 1960 there has been an 88 per cent increase in crime, while the nation's population has increased only 10 per cent. And even worse, if the present rate of new crime continues, the number of rapes, robberies, assaults, and thefts in the United States today will double by the end of 1972!

A recent survey in high-crime areas of two large cities showed that 43 per cent of those interviewed stayed off the streets at night, 35 per cent did not speak to strangers, 21 per cent used only cabs and cars at night, and 20 per cent wanted to move to another neighborhood—all because of lawlessness.

Though poverty is often blamed for this explosion of crime, in recent years America has grown wealthier and has distributed its means to all of its people more widely than any other country on earth. But crime has increased three times faster than the gross national product! Furthermore, juvenile crime and drug abuse by teen-agers are to be found even in the affluent suburbs of today's populous cities.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, which recently approved an anti-crime bill, reported, "Crime is the most critical and urgent domestic problem facing the nation."

Who can view situations such as these without alarm? And what student of the Bible can view them without remembering the fateful days of Noah?

Influence of Parental Example

For almost half a century now I have attended the Adventist Church and been exposed to its teachings. But important though this has been, the main religious influence on my life has not been church services but my parents' consistent, dedicated lives. The fact that their sons are both in the ministry is perhaps the highest tribute to the attractiveness of their convictions.

One thing they believed with all their hearts: Soon Jesus, keeping a centuries-old divine promise, will return to earth. And they taught me to believe this also. As I grew older and listened to sermons at church, camp meeting (we always stayed the full



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have thought you were in Vietnam, with youngsters diving for cover. I have police in the building and they responded immediately. They came out firing. It was only by the grace of God that no one was hurt."

Campus Revolt

Recently campus after campus has been rocked by revolt as mob rule has been attempted in great centers of higher education such as Columbia, Northwestern, Stanford, and in smaller institutions. At New York's Columbia University the faculty terminated formal classes for the rest of the spring semester, canceling final

ten days and were reluctant to see the session end), and occasional evangelistic services, I developed for myself the firm conviction that someday soon our Lord will return. I even felt concerned that He might come before I had a chance to complete my education and enter His service as a minister.

But you see, it was evident back there—40 years ago—that the signs were taking place that Jesus had given in His Word to signal the approach of His advent. He must indeed come *soon*.

Now I have been in the ministry more than 25 years, and my son looks forward to a place of service in God's cause. How do I feel now? With the passing of time have I concluded that "My lord delayeth his coming" (Matt. 24:48)? Have I given up my faith and gone out to live a life full of worldly satisfactions but empty of that which really counts? No, I could not do that, because I believe more than ever that He is coming back to earth, and *soon*.

To anyone who really desires to see, the world seems amazingly full of fulfillments of divine prophecies. Every-

where one looks he cannot help seeing. And having seen, how can he help recognizing his need of preparing to meet Jesus?

Jesus predicted, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars" (Matt. 24:6). And indeed we do. He added, "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (verse 7).

What does all this mean to you? To me it means that the moving discourses based on Matthew 24, Luke 21, and James 5 to which I listened as a boy are being fulfilled. It seemed to my family then that the waters of trouble swirled about our ankles, revealing the beginnings of problems that would beset mankind before the end. But those waters have now risen to our necks and threaten to engulf us.

An Approaching Storm

Recently I observed the distant sky become ominously dark; shortly the sun was obscured and the wind began to blow in great gusts. Like everyone else, I recognized signs of an approaching storm and closed the windows in my auto and home. Some lawn furniture that could be dam-

aged, I brought inside. In a short time when the rains came, I was indoors and safe.

Conditions in the world about us indicate that another and far more serious storm is approaching; every sign indicates that what we have preached for years is about to happen. To us it means "Jesus soon will come."

How are you preparing for this event? Gathering in the children, shutting doors and windows? Or, incredibly, making no preparation, are you saying, "Everything is as it always has been. There is no change. Why is anyone concerned?"

My confidence in the fact that Jesus is coming *soon* is high. Knowing what I know, how could I believe otherwise?

Could one person be reading these words who once "waited for redemption" but in the passing of time lost sight of the goal? "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; . . . the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his

The art of living

when you're young

By MIRIAM WOOD

THE FIGHT FOR SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL Being young in today's world is hardly a condition without problems. That most poeticized, eulogized, rhapsodized, and glorified of all the "seven

ages" of man (Shakespeare's term) has many potentially catastrophic elements presently working against it. As young people you are buffeted simultaneously by the "new morality," traitorous clergy, violence as a method of settling differences, prejudice, "freedom" secured by drug addiction, loss of identification with life's true meanings—this list of hazards could be extended indefinitely. That so many of you survive spiritually is a miracle, the miracle of Christ's tender care. (I don't want to overlook good home training, strong teachers, and your own remarkable backbones, either!)

I've been giving a great deal of thought to this fight for spiritual survival in which every young person is involved whether he wants to be or not. It's simply not possible, you see, to be a disinterested onlooker (or even an interested one). There is no figurative Mount Everest that one may scale and, from its splendidly detached height, view the battle below—through binoculars. You can't even emulate members of the royal family of Troy who, if we are to believe Homer, perched comfortably on the broad walls of the city and watched the Greeks and Trojans winning and losing, losing and winning, on those "ringing plains"! You are totally involved because you are alive and young and are in that time dimension known as *now*.

If fight one must, it's my feeling that every red-blooded (or even anemic!) young person will derive tremendous satisfaction from hurling himself headlong into the inevitable. Offense, not defense. Just what form his offense takes will, of course, make all the difference. With such a fearsome array of adversaries, he certainly cannot afford to deplete his energies in furious

assaults on windmills, à la Don Quixote. Every spiritual blow must count for something. Cool analysis and sanctified intelligence are not only desirable, they're essential, as is what I've chosen to term a spiritual battle plan, the broad outlines of which might be as follows:

1. Before rushing into the unknown quantity of each day, be certain that you are wearing that impenetrable spiritual armor known as a personal experience with God. This cannot be obtained by hearing about God, or talking about Him; it is obtainable only by serious personal study of His Word, by private prayer, and by ironclad determination to make this God-experience the most important single aspect of your life.

2. By dint of whatever super-heroic effort that is necessary (some people find this more difficult than others) disentangle yourself from those deadly spiritual handcuffs known variously as "not wanting to be different" or "wondering what everybody will think" or "people may laugh at me." Were I in a physical war zone, I'd much prefer to be laughed at for "hitting the foxhole" unnecessarily than to be mourned over for standing splendidly(?) and stupidly erect in the road during a bombing raid.

3. Regardless of the amount of practice it takes, keep using the two-letter word **No** until it fits your mouth as naturally as a spoon. You will, I can promise you, be absolutely amazed at the spiritual foes that disintegrate completely before this simple weapon, spoken firmly. I've been tempted at times to think that there's almost a magic inherent in those two letters—but the "magic" is, of course, the vast power of self-discipline with strong conviction behind it. A word of caution, though. If you hesitate, some of the power is drained away; if you qualify or water down your **No** by saying *but*, you are in deadly peril.

4. During some quiet three minutes winnowed from the loud clashings of the conflict, turn your thoughts with love and gratitude toward another young Person who by any computer standards had little, if any, chance for success in His own spiritual battle. Gloriously, though, He *did* succeed.

You can win the fight for spiritual survival through Christ who *will* strengthen you.

portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:48-51).

The Lord will come at a time when many a man "looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of."

The second advent of our Lord will come as an overwhelming surprise to many. But you need not be among that number.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (verse 44).

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (verse 46). If you are not ready for Jesus to come, *get* ready and *keep* ready.

Eventual Arrival

By river steamer and jeep we had covered many miles in the hinterland of Brazil. On a certain day we were to be back at a remote town where a hired airplane was to rendezvous with us to carry us back to civilization. On the appointed day we were there, but the plane was not. All day we waited expectantly but no engine drone greeted us from the skies.

Night fell and we waited indoors. Since we had to be ready to go on an instant's notice, our bags were packed and we were dressed for the journey. Finally at about midnight the kindly missionary suggested that I lie down and rest while he and others kept watch. Fully clothed, I did so, and fell asleep almost instantly. Several times I awakened and heard the low voices of the faithful watchers in the next room.

With the coming of morning we received a call from the lone telephone in the village that could make contact with the outside world. It revealed that we had not been forgotten but that bad weather had forced the pilot to delay his departure. As soon as he could, he would come for us as he had planned.

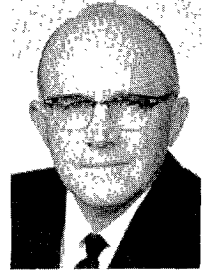
Most of the second day passed before we heard the welcome sound of a little engine in the skies. With delight we rushed to the airport and met the pilot who had come for us. Soon we were on our way toward civilization and home.

Soon Jesus, our heavenly Pilot, will come for us. It cannot be long; we must be ready. "Cast not away therefore your confidence" (Heb. 10:35). Wait patiently, fully prepared to go with Him at a moment's notice. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt. 24:42).

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

A Personal Message From Your General Conference President

HEART to HEART



Sydney, Australia

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

'Most every preacher has a favorite subject he enjoys presenting. Personally, I love to speak of Jesus, my all-sufficient Saviour, and of the home of the saved. Do you know what Jesus' favorite theme was? The servant of the Lord tells us, "Christ's favorite theme was the paternal character and abundant love of God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 55.

David puts it in these words: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Ps. 103:13).

A godly pastor lost his wife. He was left with an infant boy to rear. He became both father and mother to the little fellow and reared him with all the tenderness of the mother the boy had lost.

A Father's Love

One morning the father was preaching on the love of God. He was likening the heavenly Father's love to that of a mother. At the climax of his parallel he exclaimed with emotion, "What could be as great as a mother's love?"

The pastor's little boy, sitting in his usual place on a front seat, responded promptly to his father's question. "I know—a *daddy's* love!"

When the Word likens God's love to that of a father I understand God's affection for me better, for I am a father. I know how much our own two sons mean to me. I shall never forget when those tiny bundles of my own flesh and blood were placed in my arms for the first time. How precious to my father heart! Then, what father can ever forget the thrill when that little boy or girl of his first lisped, "Daddy"? Every father who has had such an experience knows the joy that was mine when I baptized each of our sons.

Every vicissitude of life that has touched their lives has tugged at my own heart too. Some of them stand out in bold relief. It was not easy to leave a 17-year-old son on the railway station platform as we returned to the mission field halfway round the world. But such experiences are part of the love locked deep in a father's heart.

I understand God's love for me better when I read that He is my *Father*. If this is the God of John 3:16, if He is my

Father, I will love Him! If He loves me that way—like a father—everything will be all right. I can trust Him with my heart, my life, my all. I can understand a father's love. If God's love is like that, it is very real to me.

I need not be anxious about my future—it is in my Father's hands. I shall not be discouraged over hardships, trials, or heartaches, for my Father knows how hot the steel must become to achieve the proper temper. He will see me safely through the trials of life.

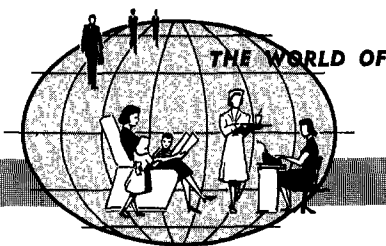
Anxiety Pointless

I shall not worry over real or supposed slights or wrongs. My reputation is in my Father's hands. I do not know what the morrow may bring—for weal or woe—but my Father knows. I would not have it any other way. He knows the future as He knows the past. I can trust Him as well with my tomorrows as with my yesterdays. All may be well with me spiritually, temporally, and physically because my Father knows and cares!

How great is the love of your Father and my Father for each of us! "All the paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean when compared with the infinite, exhaustless love of God. Tongue cannot utter it; pen cannot portray it. You may meditate upon it every day of your life; you may search the Scriptures diligently in order to understand it; you may summon every power and capability that God has given you, in the endeavor to comprehend the love and compassion of the heavenly Father; and yet there is an infinity beyond."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 740.

God loves *you*, He loves *me*, with such a love! Shall we not on our part love Him more and serve Him more faithfully!

Yours in the Father's love,



The Adventist Woman

Conducted by DOROTHY EMMERSON

An interview with Barbara Westphal, daughter-in-law of the J. W. Westphals, pioneer missionaries to South America.

Parents Par Excellence



Barbara Westphal

Q Barbara, it's a well-known fact that parents have a great influence upon their children. With this in mind, I have always wondered about families such as the Westphals. Can you think of any outstanding characteristic that helped them in bringing up such a family as they did, with so many of them becoming workers in God's cause?

A.—Yes. While I was discussing this with my husband, Henry, the other day, he assured me that his father and mother were so completely and sincerely convinced of the truths of our church that their faith naturally rubbed off onto their children. In other words, they lived what they believed.

Q.—I'd like to come back to this point later, but let's go back to the

beginning. When and where did the Westphals serve as missionaries in South America?

A.—Joseph Westphal moved with his family to a rural area of Argentina beside an Adventist school, now River Plate College. This was in the year 1901.

Q.—Surely it would have been more convenient for him, as the first president of the South American Conference, to have established his headquarters in one of the main cities, wouldn't you say?

A.—True, a metropolitan area would have been more advantageous so far as his traveling all over South America is concerned, but he wanted his boys to work on a farm and to be where they could attend an Adventist school.

Q.—No doubt this meant he was away from home a great deal of the time.

A.—Yes, it meant also that his trip to the farm took an extra two days while he traveled up the Paraná River, and then over rough roads in a horse-drawn wagon.

Q.—Evidently Jennie Westphal was a pretty rugged individual to be able to cope with the situation created by her husband's travel.

A.—Unfortunately, mother was seriously ill during the 25 years the children were growing up. She had determined when as a young Bible instructor she had married the widowed Kansas Conference president that she would never keep him from his lifework. Soon after she became his wife and stepmother of his children, she fell victim of tuberculosis.

Q.—Naturally the mission board didn't send them to South America with Mrs. Westphal in that condition!

A.—But they did! And here's how it happened. While Joseph Westphal was attending the 1901 General Conference session in Battle Creek, Jennie had a premonition that he would be asked to go to South America. Fearing that he would refuse such a call if she were too sick to attend the session, she decided to join her husband. Her doctor warned her not to go, but she insisted, and finally got her brother to carry her onto the train. However, when the call actually came for them to go to South America her husband found Jennie in the hotel room suffering from sharp pain.

"Joseph, please kneel here and pray," she urged. He prayed. She prayed. The pain left and she was able to get up. Taking this as a sign of God's approval, they accepted the

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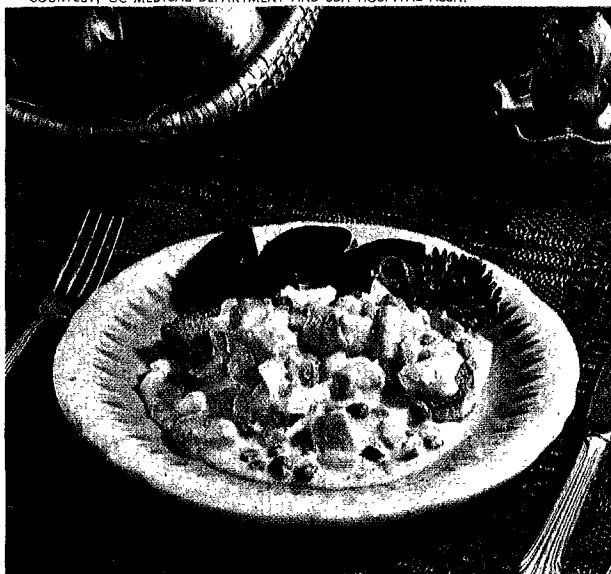
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6 tablespoons green onions
4 ounce can mushrooms and juice
3 tablespoons pimento
7 ounce can nutmeat
2 hard-boiled eggs
½ cup cooked frozen peas
3 cups white sauce

Braise chopped pepper, onions, mushrooms and pimento in a little oil. Dice nutmeat and eggs. Add all ingredients to cream sauce made with 3 tablespoons oil, 3 tablespoons flour, ½ teaspoon Ac'cent, ½ teaspoon salt, and 3 cups milk. Serve over toast or in timbale shells.

Garnish with apple rings and parsley. Serves 8.

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invitation to South America. Back home, Jennie alighted from the buggy in such a sprightly way that all their children were astonished.

Q.—I doubt that any doctor or mission board would allow such a sick person to go as a foreign missionary nowadays. Did she make it?

A.—Proof of God's guiding providence is in the fact that Jennie stayed 29 years in South America with only one furlough during the first 25 years.

Q.—You mean she was ill in South America all those years?

A.—Yes. Her children remember seeing her always in bed. But that did not keep her from governing her household in her husband's long absences.

Q.—I would think that home would be a rather sad and gloomy place with a sick mother.

A.—Not at all. Henry says his mother was always at home ready to hear about the six children's activities when they returned from school. Even when her boys got up at three in the morning to work in the wheat harvest she would call them to her room for a word of prayer. On weekends the home was filled with young people from the neighboring college and sanitarium, and Saturday night gatherings at the Westphals were the usual thing.

Q.—Tell me something about Joseph Westphal. What was he like?

A.—He was a great advocate of thrift and frugality. Indeed, it was necessary to watch the pennies if six children were to be fed, clothed, and educated on his meager salary. Since the locusts yearly destroyed the garden, father would bring home a gunny sack full of beans, rice, macaroni, or hard biscuits from wherever he found them cheapest in his travels.

Q.—I can't get Jennie out of my mind. A young wife, delicate of health, with stepchildren, going to a strange land for the first time—she must have had considerable difficulty adapting.

A.—Someone who was there says that after the first Sabbath mother laid aside the little hat she had worn while traveling to South America, and tied a large scarf over her head to be like the other women she observed going to church. The Westphals learned to be one with the people.

Q.—No wonder people loved them!

A.—The children were good mixers too. The parents' example brought them close to their neighbors and made them approachable and friendly to people of all nationalities.

Q.—I've heard parents complain that if they accepted a call to a mission field, their children would miss much educationally and culturally.

A.—The Westphals never thought so! They sent their children to church

school with the South American children, and they welcomed students into their home as companions to their children. In this way they obtained an appreciation of the cultures and customs of others, a knowledge of two foreign languages, an international outlook, and a sympathy for the needs of less privileged peoples.

Q.—I'm sure this prepared them to be good second-generation missionaries.

A.—Of course. It was just second nature to them. They didn't have to unlearn attitudes as do many missionaries on first arrival in a new country.

Q.—Barbara, can you think of some other typical Westphal characteristic?

A.—Yes, I remember that not once did the children ever hear their parents criticize the leaders of the church. At one time father went through a heart-rending experience because of the attitude of a colaborer in the ministry. His children knew nothing about this until years later when the story came to them from others. Only

day Olive heard through the school grapevine that one of her brothers had been punished. She confided this to mother after school. It wasn't long until the downcast brother returned from school and went directly to his room without a word.

Mother watched until she saw the teacher pass through one of the fields on his way home. Then, though weak, she went out to meet him. The teacher was sure mother had come to justify her son's actions, but to his surprise she said, "I haven't talked to my boy yet. I want to know first from you what happened."

While the rest of the family had dinner mother talked and prayed with her boy. Then he walked across the fields to his teacher's home and apologized for his behavior.

Q.—Discipline of such a large family must have been rather difficult when the father was gone for months on end.

A.—Mother expected obedience and never permitted her children to



Jennie and Joseph Westphal in Spain following 29 years of service in South America.

mother knew and prayed with father during the trial. The children of both families, not suspecting the tension between their fathers, played and worked happily together. The mothers knew, but they prayed and remained friends.

Q.—That's wonderful! Any other examples?

A.—Yes. This same policy applied to teachers too. The children knew from experience that it would be useless ever to complain about a teacher, though I'm sure some of the teachers in that pioneer school lacked both experience and training.

Q.—You mean not even when the children were punished at school did the Westphals criticize?

A.—Not even when punished. One

talk back. Yet, not a single time did she punish in anger.

Q.—Your answers to my questions have been most helpful. From what you've said about this amazing family one thing seems clear—the so-called "old fashioned" virtues and principles of child rearing—obedience, Christian education, faith, work, loyalty to church leaders and teachers, daily family worship—have much to commend them. Do you think that parents today who try to rear their children along the lines followed by our pioneer families two generations ago will achieve similar good results?

A.—Indeed I do. The many contemporary Adventist families who are trying such a course are the best testimony of its worth.

D. E.

"No Man Cared for My Soul"

By N. R. DOWER

IF THERE is a legitimate criticism of the church of God today, it would doubtless be the indictment that the members lack loving concern for one another. We are so occupied with our own interests, activities, and the tight little circle of our loved ones and friends that we have little or no time for anyone or anything else.

Such a preoccupation is often a keen disappointment to those who leave other communions and come into the fellowship of our church. Having broken with old associations, and rightly so, to find replacements in the church, they hope for true Christian friends and for a fellowship that will provide warmth, encouragement, and strength to their lives. They desire an association in which it will be as natural to talk about the things of the kingdom and the love of God as formerly it was to talk of the things of the world and its pleasures. Unfortunately, in many cases they have not found what they were anticipating.

When persons become interested in the message of Seventh-day Adventists, ministers and others working with them visit them frequently. But after baptism, personal attention seems to dwindle or abruptly stop. Thus, these new converts are left miserably alone in the church. Those, for example, whose home is not united face many difficult problems as they endeavor to live for the Lord. They long for the fellowship of someone who cares, someone who will take an interest in them and be a friend and brother to them. Too often they are disappointed. This is not as it should be in the church that is to give the final and full display of the love of God.

Unfaithful Shepherds

One of the strongest indictments to be found in all the Bible is the charge lodged against the shepherds of Israel in Ezekiel's day:

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of

Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them" (chap. 34:1-6).

Tragic Indifference

This passage is a tragic story of indifference and neglect—of a pathetic lack of concern. It is a story of shepherds too involved in their own interests to care for their flocks. The sheep were hungry and no one fed them. They wandered, and no one took any notice of it. They were abused and no one cared. They were lost, and no one sought after them.

Writing of his own experience in a time of deep distress the psalmist cried out, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Ps. 142:4).

The pathetic lament "no man cared for my soul" is repeated often in the church today, and is a sad commentary of the members' sinful lack of concern. The result is disappointed hopes, unfulfilled desires, and a pitiful longing for friendship that goes unsatisfied. This is the lament that is heard around the world from many who were once with us, and for a time have strayed away from us.

It is interesting to notice that the psalmist says, "No man that would know me," that is, no one really cared enough for his soul to put forth the effort to become acquainted and to try to be of help. Many members who attend our churches Sabbath after Sab-

bath are virtually unknown to others in the church. This is especially true in our larger churches, but it is also true, at times, in the smaller ones.

Let us put forth special effort to become acquainted with, and to provide fellowship for, those who are lonely and in need of encouragement. Let us care enough to befriend them. Let us develop a fellowship with them that will enrich their lives. Let us all, both ministers and members, be concerned enough to care for and comfort one another in the church. The result of such total involvement will be truly rewarding in every way.

We sometimes sing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Many wonder what is that tie and how does it bind? The church is a family. Its members come from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. We are bound together in a great brotherhood in which the love and the loyalty of family relationships must be constantly manifested. We love one another deeply, and therefore take a genuine interest in bearing one another's burdens, and in sharing one another's joys. In this way we partake of our Saviour's concern when He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you" (John 13:34). This is the measure of the love that should exist within the fellowship of the church. If one member suffers, all suffer with him. Anyone who loves and cares deeply must know the meaning of such sympathetic involvement. This is the tie that binds.

Many people, however, do not want to become so involved. They live in an atmosphere of selfish detachment. They try to insulate themselves from the distress and suffering that are always about them. Their "I could care less" attitude is a manifestation of a loveless heart.

When a brother is involved in trouble, their reaction may be, "How foolish can you get? Won't people ever learn? He ought to have known better." Thus, they seek to dismiss from their minds as of little consequence the suffering of others. A member of the church may get sick and die. The reaction of the unconcerned may be, "Oh, well, it had to happen sometime, and I am sure he is better off. He wasn't a special friend of mine. In fact, I hardly knew him." In this way they try to seal themselves off from any sense of guilt for not having put forth the effort to become acquainted and to be Christian brothers to one in need. A young person may slip away from the church, and the reaction may be, "He never was a very faithful member anyway. I always had my doubts about him, he always seemed so worldly. It is too bad, yet we must expect such things these days,

for you know this is the shaking time." But the love of God does not react this way.

See the Saviour standing upon a hill-top overlooking Jerusalem and weeping as He says, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:37, 38).

Jesus loved Jerusalem, and the destruction of the city was a great personal loss to Him. See Him also at the tomb of Lazarus. Because He loved, He shared in the sorrow of the family and friends, and even though in a little while a resurrection was to take place, the "man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" wept. Think of His look of sympathy and understanding as for the third time Peter denied Him. That unspoken expression of love and tenderness melted Peter's heart and brought about the genuine reconversion of a blacksliding disciple. Think of Jesus as He dealt so tenderly with the woman taken in sin. His action was not one of censorship or of indifference, but rather one of love—"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more," He said (John 8:11).

In these, as well as in countless other experiences, we have a demonstration of how church leaders and members should act to manifest a full display of the love of God.

Concern for Those Outside the Church

The love of God must be revealed also in loving concern for those who are outside the church. In a striking and sobering statement we read: "If you feel no burden of soul for those who are ready to perish . . . , there will be no room for you in the kingdom of God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 103, 104. In the light of this amazing observation, every Christian should pray most fervently for a great burden for souls.

There are two loves that should fill our hearts. The first is a love for God that is full and complete. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30). This is a supreme love. And as we contemplate the goodness of God to us, we should have no problem at all in loving Him supremely. The second is a love for our neighbors, whom we are to love as ourselves. The parable of the good Samaritan teaches that everyone who is in need is our neighbor and deserves our love and attention.

This means that our hearts should

be constantly filled with a loving interest in, and concern for, people. We have a responsibility to enrich their lives and to labor for their salvation. We must seek to become acquainted with them, and study how we may best serve them. We need their friendship, and they need ours. We need to learn how to approach them tactfully and lovingly so as to lead them to Christ. We need to carry a great burden upon our hearts for their salvation, to pray for them and seek to win their confidence so that we may help them become children of God and subjects of God's kingdom.

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."—*Ibid.*, p. 189.

Rewards of Loving Ministry

Ellen G. White does not here present a difficult, complex formula, hard to be understood. She calls, simply, for a Christlike attitude and relationship. When our neighbor sorrows, we sorrow with him. When he rejoices, we partake of his joy. Whatever we have that has blessed our lives we gladly share with him. We serve him in any way we can with grateful hearts. We give to him with willing spirit. In the atmosphere of the love of God we seek to make his life full and complete. For us no sacrifice is too great, no service too menial. We share in Christ's unselfish ministry, and rejoice that we may be partakers of His Spirit.

The glad day is coming when the righteous shall receive their reward. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:34-40).

A demonstration of the love of God must be given in these closing hours of earth's history. It is for the want of loving witness that the world is perishing and the church is languishing. Let us each determine to show forth the glory of God, and let us give to all men everywhere, in the church and out of the church, this final and full display of the love of God. This is what happened at Pentecost. It must happen again.

"As the apostles set forth the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, three thousand souls were convicted. . . . The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Believers were reconverted. . . . One interest prevailed. One object swallowed up all others. All hearts beat in harmony. The only ambition of the believers

was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character, and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom. . . . These scenes are to be repeated, and with greater power."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 120, 121.



Hidden Birds

By RUTH WHEELER

JERRY WAS planting tulip bulbs by the walk. The birds were flying here and there through the trees in the yard. A flock of bush tits came to the bath. Jerry stopped to watch them bathe. A whole row of them, nine or ten, sat around the edge of the bird bath. They splashed and fluttered. Then they flew up into the trees to shake the water out of their feathers, and another group of bush tits came down to the bath.

After the tiny birds had gone, Jerry went back to his work. Suddenly he heard a strange sound. From all parts of the yard came a peculiar trill. He looked into the trees where the birds had been fluttering here and there, but not a bird was moving.

Everything was still except for this strange trill that came from the trees. Then Jerry saw something move. It was a hawk in the top of a small oak tree. The hawk was looking all around as though he was hunting for something. In a moment he flew away.

When the hawk had gone the trees were full of moving birds again.

That evening Jerry told his father about what he had seen. Father nodded his head. "Yes, I have seen the same thing. That must have been a sharp-shinned hawk, and he was after a bird for his dinner. The little bush tits are not swift-flying birds, so they could not get away from a sharp-shinned hawk by flying. The only thing they can do to protect themselves is to confuse the hawk. When they all make the trilling sound at the same time the hawk cannot find them."

"I looked everywhere," Jerry said. "I couldn't tell where the sound was coming from, for it came from all around me. And I couldn't see any birds, either. Not a bird was moving."

Jerry's dad said, "Every bird has some way of protecting itself. Some birds are dark on top, so an enemy looking down on them while they are on the ground cannot see them. They often are light underneath, so an enemy looking up at them cannot see them so easily. Working together, these small birds can escape their enemies."

"I'm going to watch the birds," Jerry said, "and see if I can find out how each one best hides from its enemies. It will be fun to find out."



FORGIVENESS IS A WONDERFUL GIFT

It's uncomfortable to feel at odds with people who love us. It's miserable to find ourselves drifting away from a life of peace. It's unnerving to struggle with changing values and drifting personal standards of right and wrong.

Anyone who has belonged to the church and has felt the magnetism of the world knows these sensations. Leaving the church does not offer the relief he expected. The anticipated freedom from restrictions and doubts soon evaporates.

Depending upon Jesus is somewhat like eating. Occasionally we may become so interested in what we are doing that we choose to miss a meal. But soon lightheadedness and hunger force us to realize that eating is essential.

The one who begins to drift away from Christ may feel that he is going to be better off, but soon the heart is aching. He who once knew complete and perfect fellowship with Jesus suffers the most.

Will God take the sinner back? Of course He will! Speaking of the person who has gone his own way, He says, "I have seen his way, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him" (Isa. 57:18).

Will other Christians take the sinner back? Of course they will! They will follow the recommendation of Paul: "Be generous to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32, N.E.B.).*

Forgiveness Needed

One time while she was in Europe, Mrs. Ellen G. White received a letter from a woman in despondency because of her failures and mistakes. That night in a dream Mrs. White seemed to be in a garden enjoying its beauties and fragrances with the owner, when the woman who had written the letter, as she also walked through the garden, pointed out the briars that were in her way. She had not been following the owner along the path. She was attempting to find her own way and was among the thorns complaining and fussing.

The owner of the garden said simply, "Let the thorns alone, for they will only wound you. Gather the roses, the lilies, and the pinks."

The story, related in *Steps to Christ*, pages 116 and 117, illustrates the state we find ourselves in when we are always concentrating on the troublesome things of life. The briars and thorns may be the attitudes and acts of professed Christians; they may be serious mistakes in our own past. In any case, we are advised to turn our attention to the bright spots in our experience and to look for God's promises, like fragrant flowers growing along our pathway.

Everyone has struggles and disappointments. When these low-pressure systems sweep across the landscapes of our lives, bringing clouds of doubt and storms of impatience, we feel how great is our separation from God, who loves. We crave His smile again, but Satan often convinces us that our sorrows are deserved and that we have no right to try to return to God and the church.

The Bible writers, aware of human frailties, make it very clear that all men in some way have broken their connection with God. They have lost a Friend. Peter

tells us the way to regain our connection with God: "Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:19, N.E.B.).

The man, the woman, who sincerely desires to come back home is greeted with open arms. The story Jesus told about a wayward son teaches us that the Father is watching for us to reject our old ways and return to Him.

The first words the lad spoke as his father embraced him were a request for forgiveness: "I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight." And the father forgave.

Forgiveness Received

We may not know everything there is to know about God, but one thing is sure: what He promises He gives. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). To those who claim the promise of forgiveness, confessing their sins, He freely offers pardon. In fact, one purpose of Christ's coming to this earth was to provide mankind with forgiveness. If we believe in Jesus Christ, we must believe in forgiveness. Paul said: "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified" (Acts 13:38, 39). Peter said: "Through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Through Christ's atoning sacrifice there is forgiveness for the greatest sin and the least sin.

When we have received forgiveness, a great burden rolls from our backs and we enter into a satisfying fellowship with Jesus our Elder Brother. Joys sweeter than we have ever known are ours. The company of those who have loved us and prayed for us is ours once more. Above all, we have the assurance of life eternal, the gift supreme.

F. D. Y.

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TO THOSE IN THE "FAR COUNTRY"

Not long ago we received a letter from a man whose daughter had placed in his hands several copies of the *REVIEW*. She had been given these papers by her local pastor. The man commented, "I had not read, or so much as looked at, a *REVIEW* in more than 20 years. I was amazed to read such interesting stories as appear in its pages. My late mother used to receive the *REVIEW* years ago, but it seems that I recall they contained few pictures. I work and live at a downtown hotel and pass the *REVIEW* on to an elderly lady here. Shortly I shall send you a money order for a year's subscription. I have attended many Seventh-day Adventist churches in the city where I live, but I have never quite gotten around to being baptized and becoming a member."

Another letter came from a woman who said that many years ago she had been a faithful Seventh-day Adventist, but after marrying a man who did not share her love of the church, she eventually gave up her convictions. When she wrote she said, "Some time ago a friend gave me some copies of the *REVIEW* and the Sabbath school quarterly. I read them. My heart was filled again with love for God and His church and all that the church stands for. . . . I am homesick for the church and I long to be a child of God. . . . I know it will be a miracle if

my family accepts the truth, but God has worked many miracles."

Two other people, who described themselves as "backsliders," wrote of their reaction when copies of the REVIEW came into their hands. The first said, "It was like getting a letter from home." The second said, "When I got the REVIEW I cried and I wanted to study the Bible again."

These letters, and others, remind us that the REVIEW has some readers who, like Peter of old, are following the Master "afar off" (Luke 22:54). Some have once known the joys of total commitment to Christ. Some have shared the blessings of deep involvement with the Advent Movement. Some were reared in Adventist homes. Some attended Adventist educational institutions.

But now their experience with the Lord is far from satisfactory. Their love has grown cold. Their faith has withered. Their hope to be ready for the soon return of Jesus has faded. They may still be in the church—or they may be out in "the world"—but in either case, like the prodigal son, they are in the "far country." They are as unready for the return of Christ as is a person who has never heard "the message."

It has occurred to us that we seldom publish material in the REVIEW especially for this group. This editorial is an exception. In it we wish to speak directly to all who are in the "far country," discouraged, and homesick for the Father's house.

God Loves You

The first point we want to make is that God loves you. Can you doubt this as you look at Calvary and see your Saviour dying for you on the cross? Read John 3:16, then place your own name in the verse. Make it personal. "For God so loved me [your name] that He gave His only begotten Son, that if I believe in Him I shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Read also Jeremiah 31:3, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

On page 14 of the little book *Steps to Christ* Ellen G. White says, "Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity." How much God loves you! "The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite, and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child."—*Ibid.*, p. 15.

Think of the moving story of the prodigal son. In the far country the prodigal was bankrupt, diseased, dirty, and starving. His moral nature was warped. His finer sensibilities were dead. He was sick at heart.

But of one thing he was certain. He knew that his father still loved him. Because of this he decided to go home. No doubt Satan tried to discourage him. Perhaps he suggested that it was too late to make a new start, that if he would just hang on a little longer economic conditions might improve and he could continue his "fun." He warned that if he went home he would be less "free." Satan always endeavors to keep people from making the decisions that will lead to true happiness. Fortunately, however, this wayward son saw clearly that Satan's promises lead only to disappointment. He saw that Satan lies and deceives and will go to any lengths to hold his prey.

And so the prodigal exercised his will. He made the choice that would inevitably result in a radical change in his life. And when he did, the power of God gave him the strength and stamina necessary to carry out his decision and make his way successfully to the father's house.

The wonderful welcome that awaited the son upon his return is too well known to require detailed restatement here. We wish, however, to emphasize one point. When the father ran to meet his son in the pathway, having seen him "a great way off," he immediately placed about him his own gorgeous robe. This act restored him to full sonship, and symbolizes what Heaven does for every repentant sinner. God places about him the robe of Christ's righteousness. He accounts him righteous. Regardless of what may have been the past life, "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

Jesus yearns to do that for you. He is thinking of you, longing to have you make the decision that will turn your steps toward home. You may have denied your Lord even as did Peter on the night of Christ's trial; you may have wounded the heart of your Saviour.

But think of how gently the Master dealt with His erring disciple. Instead of issuing a stinging rebuke, He turned and looked at Peter with such deep love and compassion that it broke his heart. In deep repentance Peter determined that in the future he would be faithful; and Jesus, with typical thoughtfulness and love, sent a special message to Peter on the resurrection morning. Through His angels He sent this message by the women who came to the sepulcher early Sunday morning: "Tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee" (Mark 16:7). Later that day Christ appeared personally to Peter (Luke 24:34).

Since Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8), we know that His message to every prodigal today is the same as it was nineteen centuries ago. "Tell Tom (Sally, or anyone else who has denied Me) that I still love him. I will freely forgive him. I will help him make a new start. I will give him a new heart." "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

"I'm Coming Home"

Apply to your own heart God's earnest appeals. "Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isa. 44:22). "Return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously" (Hosea 14:1, 2).

Then believe God's promises: "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (verse 4). "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins" (Isa. 44:22).

We join the Spirit in issuing an earnest appeal to every soul that needs to make a decision to get right with God. Perhaps you intend at some time to return to the Lord and commit yourself fully to the way of truth. To you we would say, Do not put off the decision even for a moment. Time is too short, the hour too solemn. On every hand are signs that indicate that Jesus will soon finish His priestly ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. Soon it will be too late to leave the far country and start for the Father's house. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. Today the door of mercy is still open. Today with urgency Christ appeals: "My son, give me thine heart."

Even as you read these lines, respond to the invitation of the Spirit, in the words of the familiar hymn:

"I've wandered far away from God,
Now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod;
Lord, I'm coming home.

"Coming home, coming home, nevermore
to roam;

Open wide Thine arms of love;
Lord, I'm coming home."

Jesus waits to welcome you. Your fellow church members are eager to restore you to full fellowship. Decide. Come.
K. H. W.

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE BACKSLIDER?

A man came to us after a prayer meeting some time ago greatly distressed over a text in Hebrews that seemed to him to imply that there is no hope for the backslider. We were happy to assure him that the text has a specialized application and does not close the kingdom of heaven against all backsliders.

The text reads as follows: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:4-6).

Admittedly the language is strong and far be it from us to dilute the warning.

But the text must be understood in its context and must be compared carefully with the general scriptural teachings on repentance.

Another Translation Possible

Actually, another translation of the words "seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" is possible. The relationship of the clause to the rest of the sentence, rather than being construed causally as in the King James Version, may be construed temporally. This part of the verse may then be translated, "while [or, "as long as"] they persist in re-crucifying the Son of God and in holding Him up to contempt."

Such a translation immediately relieves us of the problem, for it declares that repentance is impossible only so long as there is persistence in open opposition to Christ. However, the translation, or slight modifications of it, although allowable so far as Greek grammar and syntax are concerned, has not found much favor, for it is believed that the new rendering reduces the author's statement to a vapid truism. Because of this lack of favor, let us inquire into the implications of the passage, assuming that the causal idea is correct.

Obviously, the sin described in these verses is enormous. But such open, insolent opposition to Christ is rare, and few men are guilty of it. Nothing is said here about God's unwillingness to forgive such a sin; the passage says simply that it is impossible to renew persons with such an attitude to repentance.

In a sudden change of tone the author turns in verse 9 from warning to encouragement: "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation." This encouragement every backslider should take to himself, for the warning most probably does not apply to him. As other scriptures show, there is hope even for severe cases of backsliding.

The term "backslider" occurs only once in the Bible (Prov. 14:14), in a passage not particularly enlightening to the subject under discussion. The terms "backsliding" and "backslidings" occur 16 times, 13 of these in Jeremiah and the rest in Hosea. Hosea lived in the darkest period of the history of the northern kingdom of Israel immediately before that nation went into captivity because of its rebellion and sin. Jeremiah lived in the darkest period of the kingdom of Judah immediately before that nation

went into captivity for doing even worse than Israel. But each prophet held up hope for those who had backslidden. Speaking through Hosea the Lord said, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him." Addressing those of Israel in captivity in the northern provinces of the Assyrian Empire, Jeremiah said, "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God" (chap. 3:12, 13).

Hope Despite Grievous Sin

In spite of the grievous sin into which the descendants of Jacob had fallen, their cases were not hopeless. Isaiah, too, a contemporary of Hosea, conveyed the same assurance. He did this with a full awareness of the enormity of Israel's sin. With vivid imagery portraying Israel's failure, he said: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. . . . The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores" (chap. 1:4-6).

Could any spiritual condition appear more hopeless? But Isaiah followed up his bitter delineation of Israel's sin with one of the most comforting passages in the whole Bible: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (verse 18).

O the love of the heavenly Father for His children! "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Eze. 33:11).

It is Satan who represents God as a cruel tyrant seeking to condemn and to destroy, unwilling to forgive the sinner so long as He can find the least excuse for refusing to forgive. Throughout the whole Bible this malicious propaganda is counteracted.

But while God's willingness to forgive sins is repeatedly emphasized, Bible writers make clear that one day the opportunity to receive forgiveness will pass. That is why warnings such as those in the book of Hebrews are in order. On the one hand, the end of man's life marks the end of his opportunity; on the other, the end of probation will come suddenly, unexpectedly. In mercy to the world the day of probation's close has been postponed. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

"The long night of gloom is trying; but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God's unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for so long delay."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 194.

Yes, today there is hope for the backslider. How many tomorrows there may be we do not know. There is too much at stake to take any chances. Therefore let us "seek . . . the Lord while he may be found, call . . . upon him while he is near" (Isa. 55:6).

Let us repent while it is possible for us to be renewed to repentance. If we are lost it will certainly not be God's fault. There will have been no arbitrary withdrawal of God's love and opportunity. The choice will have been ours.
D. F. N.

LETTERS



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

EDITORS: We surely do enjoy "Letters From Readers"—only would like to have more each week. The matter I want to write about is the plan of having fellowship dinners—potluck—at the church about every month. The pastor invites visitors to come for fellowship with the members, but often there are only a few of us who try to make the visitors welcome. And all the talk about work, trips, et cetera, certainly is not very good Sabbathkeeping. And the food is not a very good example to the "interested" people considering the wonderful health message we have. The cakes with frosting half an inch thick surely are unhealthful, yet this section of the table is the most popular with the majority. Even leaders and officers and doctors go back two or three times for more. Why shouldn't we have training and direction on healthful foods to be used at these gatherings? I have found that many of the visitors and newer members are much more interested in learning to live healthfully than are some of our older members. It is difficult to get the new members to accept healthful living if the older members do not live it. How about some help along this line?

NAME WITHHELD

California

CAN'T OUTGIVE THE LORD

EDITORS: It is much easier to give if one sets aside a certain portion of his income to be used for various offerings. The Lord has issued a challenge to us in the book of Malachi. He says to prove Him. Why not take Him at His word and do so?

I know an Adventist member who determined some time ago that he would set aside the same amount for offerings that he set aside as tithe. He did so for a few years, and in harmony with the Lord's promise He blessed him. This man then decided that he would like to set aside more, so he began to set aside 21 per cent, then 22, then 25 per cent. At present his total tithe and offerings are one third of his salary. He knows that the Lord does not need his money, but his spiritual condition is better and he is able to give more than he would if he waited until the end of the month and then gave what was left over. The adversary in that case generally sees to it that there is nothing left over, or it seems almost impossible to give anything.

Inasmuch as he has a certain amount laid aside, when the call comes it is not necessary for him to wonder whether he can give. He only has to decide whether he should give to Sabbath school, missions, religious liberty, church expense, Midsummer Offering, or some other need.

You can't outgive the Lord. The Lord has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing. This blessing may come in various ways, but this Adventist has taken the Lord at His word and has been greatly blessed, not only in health and in the various necessities of life, but financially as well.

I believe that a program of this kind will help many other church members to give more, and enjoy it.

WARNER R. POWERS

Oakland, California

EDITORS: In the April 11 REVIEW a reader asked, "Is it possible to give 25 per cent of one's income to the church?"

My husband and I have given for years over 30 per cent, and last year it came to almost 45 per cent. The more we give, the more the Lord blesses us.

A number of times when there were special offerings in the church, we have given 50 per cent and the rest of the members the other 50 per cent. Our church has a membership of 150. If more people would lay their all on the altar of God, how much more could be done in mission fields and at home. We are a middle-aged couple and have no children.

A CHEERFUL GIVER

New Jersey

USE THE TALENT!

EDITORS: If I understand the lesson of the talents, so beautifully presented in *Christ's Object Lessons*, there is a great treasure of talent buried in some of our large centers and States in the persons of our faithful retired ministers.

Many of these brethren can preach just as well, and administer a church program just as well as the young men who, hired by the conference, sometimes with an assistant, now perform this service. Many of these retired men would gladly assume such responsibility. This would release younger men for much-needed service, particularly evangelistic work, in other fields.

Sister White did not cease her labor at 65. In British Columbia we have had two men actively assisting district pastors, with several churches, till well in their 80's. Personally, I have never been much busier or happier than while assisting recently in a large district though I am past the three score and ten years.

FRED H. WAGNER

Westbank, British Columbia

FOR CLASSES, NOT MASSES

EDITORS: I quite agree with the thought expressed in your issue of May 9 when Don Welch, writing about our need for more faithful study of the Sabbath school lesson, stated, "The lack of individual study, it seems to me, is the greatest danger today in the Seventh-day Adventist Church." This is quite true, and he might also add that a very similar danger is the lack of thorough preparation on the part of some Sabbath school teachers.

The great dearth we so often see in Bible study is related to the Laodicean indifference manifested in some churches. This is likewise related to the practice of eliminating individual classes and presenting the Sabbath school lesson to one large group. This plan stultifies study incentive, as few if any questions are asked. There is little or no class participation; moreover too often very poor attention is given by the group. The life of the Sabbath school is Bible study and group discussion.

In order for the Sabbath school to fulfill its purpose it should be made up of many Bible study groups. One of its main purposes is to contribute to the spiritual vision and Christian development of each member and "that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 11).

The very heart of the Sabbath school is the ministry of the teacher. If the teacher fails in ministering to the spiritual needs of his class, the blessings of the Sabbath school are tragically diminished. The teacher's influence and example are a powerful force in all features of Sabbath school work. A teacher who is content merely to stand and lecture and who fails to stimulate real class participation is losing a great blessing—for himself and for his class. A Sabbath school conducted as one large, unwieldy gathering is not making its best contribution to its members. That type of teaching is detrimental to teacher-pupil relationship. The Sabbath school teacher should take as one of his main objectives in teaching, that of developing and stimulating to more diligent Bible study.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS

Lodi, California

The Most Important Place

By ERNEST LLOYD

The most important place in the world for each of us is the place we occupy today, however humble and ordinary it may appear to be. "If only I were somewhere else," "I feel I cannot give my talents full play here," are refrains we too often hear. Doing your very best where you are will help place you elsewhere when God wants you elsewhere.

How do you think Jesus felt in the narrow confines of that little village of Nazareth, working in a carpenter shop? What did He do about it? He glorified it. He redeemed the commonplace. You remember that He became aware of what His lifework was to be when He was only 12, but He was subject to His parents until He was 30 years old. He was a worker long before He was a preacher, and in that carpentry work He learned to be sympathetic with the laboring people, the toilers of earth.

The Master's spirit made that old carpenter shop in Nazareth a holy place. Yes, it was just an ordinary shop, but made holy by the presence of God working through His Son. And well will it be for us if we follow the example our Lord set for us in His carpenter-shop years, as described by Ellen G. White in *The Desire of Ages*, pages 72 to 74.



The practical nursing students sang for more than 400 political prisoners in the prison situated just outside Saigon, while Mrs. Holm directed and Dr. Holm played the accordion.

Saigon SDA Hospital Opens Nursing School

By D. A. ROTH
Assistant Secretary
Far Eastern Division

Lost in the bloody shuffle of the Tet offensive, which swept South Vietnam early this year, was news of the birth of the new school of practical nursing of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Amid the battles of Saigon the first classes were held, with 15 girls enrolled.

Directing the program of the school is Juanita Holm, wife of Dr. Jess Holm, director of the Saigon Hospital. Only three of the students are Seventh-day Adventists. The rest, despite their Buddhist backgrounds, fit into the daily schedule without any difficulty. They participate in daily worships, and every Sabbath they attend church services. Recently they made their debut as a singing group when they visited a political prison in which there is a church of almost 50 members.

In commenting on the beginning of the new school, Dr. Holm said, "The start of this new school—which teaches the saving of life—right in the middle of some of the heaviest fighting in Saigon, where hundreds of lives were being taken, is a paradox befitting the Christian way."

At the present time the girls live in makeshift quarters at the rear of the Holm residence. The single classroom was formed from the living room of an apartment. Because the intense fighting in the city area cuts off the electricity nearly every night, the girls study by candlelight and flashlights. But plans

have been made for the construction of a school of nursing building on the mission compound. This unit will include a dormitory, classrooms, a laboratory, and administrative offices. The course of study will eventually make the girls valuable additions to the Adventist hospital in Saigon.

Instructors of the new school include physicians and nurses on the hospital staff as well as guest lecturers from the community who are specialists in various fields.

Former Auto Thief Joins Chilean Literature Work

By FRANK KUNTZ
Departmental Secretary
Chile Union Mission

A cold rain was pelting the pavement when Samuel Angel Espinoza stepped out the main gate of the Santiago, Chile, penitentiary a free man. Many months before he had predicted that his release from prison would take place on a Friday, so that the next day in church he could give thanks in worship to his new-found Friend and Saviour, Jesus. His prediction had come true.

But the most amazing part of this story is that only the day before, a court had sentenced him to 25 years in prison!

Angel was born in 1937 of a Christian mother but a drunken father. The father in his debilitated state believed Angel not to be his son. His resentment for the boy turned to open hostility. He even made several attempts to take his son's life.

With such a home life Angel could hardly be expected to be an angel. His

first criminal conviction came at the age of 11. A moment before boarding the bus on his way to detention for this first offense, Angel darted for the bank of a river and threw himself into the storm-swollen waters. He made good his escape, and for the next nine years he perfected his trade of thievery.

A natural leader, Angel soon had a following of a criminal element who held great admiration for him. In 1957, at the age of 20, he developed what became the largest ring of auto thieves Chile had ever known. In one 45-day period 67 cars were stolen. The vehicles were used as getaway cars for robberies. On February 10, 1959, Angel was apprehended, and within a few weeks, while waiting to be tried and sentenced, he fell ill with paralysis. Prison doctors expected recovery to take from seven to ten years.

Into this unhappy situation walked Bernabé Lefimil C., a layman who has dedicated his service to those in prison. Mr. Lefimil began telling Angel about a wonderful friend of his, a friend who was influential, a friend who could help him with his physical ailment, a friend who could raise him from his degraded condition. Angel longed to meet this person. Then during one of his visits Mr. Lefimil revealed his personal friend to be none other than Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician and Giver of final pardons.

For the first time in his life Angel learned to pray. He studied the Bible with great zeal and determination. And within three months the paralysis disappeared. Now Angel wanted to devote his life to service for God. With consecrated enthusiasm he prayed for God to open a way that he might do this. Weeks lapsed into months and months dragged into years; yet Angel's hope and confidence in God never wavered.

One day while visiting with Mr. Lefimil, Angel made an interesting and curious statement: He said, "When the day comes for me to leave prison, it will be on a Friday so that I will have the following Sabbath to worship with Jesus."

It was nearly three years after his apprehension that Angel's case finally came to court, and on November 8, 1962, he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. It was late evening when Angel was taken back to prison, where he spent a sleepless night. He relived his youth and all



The former auto thief, Samuel Angel Espinoza (center), his wife, and Bernabé Lefimil.

the evil years right to that moment and experienced a remorse that nearly rent his heart. But before the night was over, with the strengthening help of God, he buried his sordid past. Through communion with God he received that experience which comes with the forgiveness of sins and the knowledge of acceptance by Heaven.

The next morning found a remarkably changed and new man. The guards were amazed at his cheerfulness. After all, what did he have to be happy about? A few hours later his sister and his friend, Mr. Lefmil, came to visit him. They too were surprised, but very happy, at seeing peace on his face.

Angel explained that if God should mean that he must be in prison the rest of his life, then he would accept it, for there were many in prison to be saved and perhaps he could be instrumental in helping to save them.

That same evening at nine o'clock Angel was called for questioning. An odd hour, he thought. It had been only one day since his sentencing. Why more questions?

After almost an hour of waiting and answering a few irrelevant questions, Angel was told to gather his meager belongings. He was free to leave prison at that very moment.

It was a speechless and mystified Samuel Angel Espinoza who walked out of prison that night. His freedom remains to this day unexplained. There is no doubt in the minds of the many church members, friends, and relatives who know the Espinoza story that his release from prison was a modern-day miracle.

Shortly after his release Angel was baptized. He is now one of the most successful literature evangelists in Chile. In 1965 he married, and his wife works with him in the literature ministry. They are a literature team, with three persons baptized to their credit. The fourth candidate for whom they are working is a youth in jail. Angel, as you can understand, has a special burden for youth behind bars.

Guadalajara Students Operate Medical Clinic

By GERALD SHULTZ

During the month of May I visited the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, where my nephew, William Dalton, is a senior medical student. Guadalajara, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, has a population of more than a million. It has an excellent school system, of which the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (University of Guadalajara) is a part. At this institution 90 Seventh-day Adventists are taking the medical course. These students come from India, Pakistan, South America, China, and the Far East, to mention only a few.

There are two SDA churches in Guadalajara, one Spanish and the other, which most of the medical students attend, English. The pastor of the English church is F. C. Petty.



Antonio, once at the point of death with dysentery, now wins the heart of his volunteer foster grandmother, Mrs. Harold Shultz.

Ten years ago the medical students of the university, saddened by the poverty and disease in a certain section of the city, opened Clinica-Granja. Under the direction of a teacher at the university, Seventh-day Adventist students in their last two years of medicine operate the clinic.

Clinic housing is woefully inadequate. There is a small waiting room, four examination rooms, and a drug room. There are no laboratory or X-ray facilities, and there is no rest-room.

The Adventist church members and students are now building a new modern clinic that will be owned by the mission. When I was there they needed \$16,000 to complete the work and move into their new building.

The need for medical service is great. The people suffer from malnutrition, infections, and the various tropical diseases common to the area. There is also a need to teach the people a healthful way to feed their families. They need to be shown how to sanitize their homes so that insects will not carry sickness to the family. The new clinic will provide space for showing films and giving lectures on hygiene and other topics related to preventive medicine. Student wives who are nurses plan to give lectures and demonstrations on subjects such as dietetics and child care.

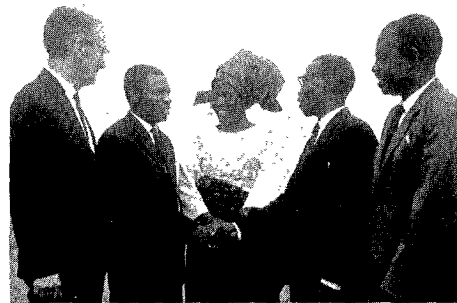
The clinic is known favorably throughout a wide area. Patients come from distances as great as 150 miles.

The desperate need of the people was brought to my attention by the case of little Antonio, who, suffering from dysentery and extreme dehydration, was brought to the clinic by his mother as the last resort. Dr. William Dalton did all he could to check the illness. Knowing that if he sent Antonio home the baby would surely die, and realizing that there was no money to put him in a hospital, Dr. Dal-

ton took Antonio home and placed the child in his wife's custody, with detailed instruction for his treatment and care. Four-month-old Antonio responded to the care and the love of the family and made an excellent recovery. Then came the decision as to what to do. If Antonio was returned to his former environment he would surely die. Knowing this, and realizing that she could not give him proper care and food, his mother begged the young doctor to keep her child. So now the Dalton family has three children instead of two.

Little Antonio seemed bright and happy when I was there. He had just become acquainted with his new grandmother, Mrs. Harold Shultz, an old hand with children. She had five of her own, three of whom were missionaries—Warren Shultz in Taiwan, Marvin Shultz in Haiti, and Leland Shultz who is on his way to Accra. She also reared a little boy in China who graduated from Loma Linda Medical College and hopes to go back and take care of his own people someday.

Little Antonio was sent to the Clinica-Granja to get well. He not only made a complete recovery but he was adopted into the great Advent Movement. As I looked at him sitting on his grandmother's lap, and thought of the three terms she had spent in the great mission field of China, and how she had given her three boys to carry on the work, I returned the smile of little Antonio and said to myself, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."



Ordination in Nigeria

One of the first theology graduates from the Adventist College of West Africa to be ordained was J. A. Adeniji (second from left). He had been a successful soul winner before attending college.

Pastor Adeniji is chaplain at Ile-Ife hospital in West Nigeria. In addition to hospital work he is conducting evangelistic campaigns. Last year he prepared 90 persons for baptism.

The ordination took place at Ede Secondary School, February 3. Th. Kristensen (left), union president, preached the ordination sermon. J. O. Olomjobi (right), lay activities secretary, offered the ordination prayer. J. M. Adeoye, radio and TV secretary, gave the charge.

Here D. K. Omoleye (second from right), president of West Nigeria Mission, extends a welcome as Mrs. Adeniji looks on.

J. O. OLOMOJOBI



Those attending the editorial council of the Far East: Seated (from left), R. H. Parr, M. R. Lyon, H. W. Bedwell, M. R. Thurber, W. P. Bradley, P. H. Eldridge, E. A. Brodeur, Naim Awais. Standing (from left), K. P. George, M. H. Wauran, M. Inada, P. C. Banaag, R. H. Woolsey, T. A. Davis, Y. H. Lee, Daniel Lee, L. E. Gonzaga, and Miss Meri Blost.

Far Eastern Division Editorial Council Meets

By MERWIN R. THURBER
Book Editor
Review and Herald Publishing Assn.

Editors of the Far Eastern Division were joined by editors from Australasia, Southern Asia, and the Middle East in a council in Singapore, June 12 to 17.

Present from the General Conference was W. P. Bradley, who served as chairman. Also on assignment by the General Conference was M. R. Thurber, book editor of the Review and Herald. E. A. Brodeur, publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, served as secretary, with M. R. Lyon as his assistant both in the division and in the council. Meri Blost served as recording secretary.

Delegates were: Y. H. Lee, of Korea; M. Inada, of Japan; R. H. Woolsey, L. E. Gonzaga, and P. C. Banaag, of the Philippines; Daniel Lee, of Singapore; M. H. Wauran, of Indonesia; R. H. Parr, of Australia; T. A. Davis and K. P. George, of India; and Naim Awais, of Lebanon. J. K. Tsao, of Taiwan, and Le Van Khoa, of Vietnam, were unable to attend.

Twenty-nine years had elapsed since the world editorial council convened in 1939 in Washington, D.C. It was with real rejoicing, therefore, that these workers with similar interests and problems met for fellowship, study, and planning. This first editorial council in the Far East will not be the last if the editors of these fields can have their way.

The program consisted of devotionals by various delegates, daily lectures by Elder Thurber, five panel discussions under the chairmanship of Elder Bradley, four round-table discussions under the leadership of Elders Brodeur and Lyon in which all participated, and papers presented by the delegates. Each one in attendance had some significant part in the program.

The morning devotionals were pre-

sented by P. H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division, Elder Bradley, Naim Awais, R. H. Parr, and K. P. George.

The panel discussions included "The Ecumenical Movement," "A Timely Convincing Presentation of Truth," and "Combating the Social Disorders (divorce, juvenile delinquency, and parental delinquency)."

The group discussions covered the editor's program and influence, the training of future editors, and the content of a magazine.

All the participants expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the accomplishments of the council. They especially appreciated the privilege of talking with fellow editors from other fields, and the opportunity of making new friends. They returned to their fields with a new vision of the possibilities in literature evangelism, and a firm resolve to do their part to preach God's last message of mercy to the world.

New Organ Installed in Budapest Church

By B. J. KOHLER
Treasurer
Southern European Division

Adventist workers and members in Budapest, Hungary, met on the Sabbath before Easter to dedicate a new organ in our largest church in Budapest.

I arrived Friday afternoon and spent the entire Sabbath day in the church. It was filled to overflowing. All were happy at the acquisition of the new pipe organ. Most of the money had been collected over a period of years by the church members, and the remainder was provided by the union. A festive spirit was apparent as O. Szabo, union president, preached the dedication sermon and when Karoly Berzenczei, union secretary-treasurer, handed over the organ key. The church organist, a professional musician, rendered several organ pieces.

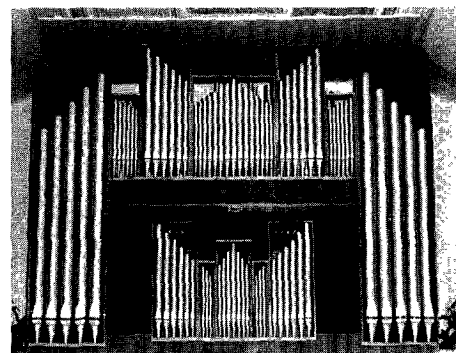
Present also was Alexander Palatay, a representative from the Free Churches, who said he rejoiced with the church members over their new instrument. I spoke in the afternoon and afterward greeted the many members and felt again the spontaneous warmth and love that are so much in evidence in Hungary. In the evening Jozef Szakacs, secretary of the ministerial association, was in charge of a musical program.

On Monday of my five-day stay I visited the school in Budapest. I was surprised to find the classroom completely full. I had expected some ten to fifteen students, so was unprepared to find 42 there.

The school, a new venture begun in 1967 after permission had been received from the Ministry of Religion, is unique inasmuch as all students are fully employed and meet with the teachers only once a month. When they meet, they spend a day together during which they receive seven hours' instruction and attend two worship periods. During the intervening time the students study at home, guided by detailed outlines prepared by well-trained teachers.

Students can take either a three-year course preparing them to take positions as elders or Sabbath school leaders and teachers, or a five-year course making them eligible for the ministerial internship plan.

Christian doctrines, introduction to the Old and New Testaments, and several courses in history were offered this year. I was interested to meet the students and learn their professions and reasons for attending the school. Some have to travel up to 100 miles every



Above: There are 1,237 pipes in the Budapest church organ. Below: B. J. Kohler (left) preaches in the Budapest church.

month to attend. Some hold responsible jobs and most of them have families to support.

Many of the students and their families have made substantial sacrifices to be able to attend this Bible seminary. One young man, a new convert, asked his wife whether she would be willing to have his salary cut in half in order for him to attend the school. When she understood that this would help him to serve the church better, she willingly gave her consent. In May five young men passed the examination admitting them to the internship plan.

The next day we were taken some 40 miles from Budapest to the union old people's home. The Hungarian state takes care of its older citizens, but it allows the Hungarian Union to have its own home where the residents can have the food they prefer and have their own worship and Sabbath services.

The home, situated in the small village of Tass, was modernized in 1966 and now has central heating and plenty of hot water. When I arrived most of the 29 residents were waiting in the chapel. I spoke to them during the worship period and talked with them afterward. With those who did not know any German, I could at least shake hands and we could smile at one another—a language of love understood all over the world.

The home is spotlessly clean and efficiently run. Two nurses are on duty at all times, and the village doctor comes once a week or whenever necessary.

While there I met the first Bible instructor in Hungary, Ida Vespreni, who was baptized by J. F. Hunergardt, a pioneer worker in Hungary. Although 95 years old and confined to bed, she greeted me with a radiant smile, and told of her hope in her Saviour.

Young District Worker Leads Davao Campaigns

By D. J. CELIZ
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So far this year 71 have been baptized in the region of Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte, Philippines, as the result of campaigns by Pastor and Mrs. Severino Paypa.

Despite difficulties and threats, this young couple began a series of meetings December 10 at La Libertad, a barrio five kilometers from Santo Tomas. A minister of another church tried to hinder their work. He told his members not to attend the meetings. But our consecrated lay preachers conducted Bible studies in the homes of interested people during the day, and preaching continued every night.

Finally the minister came directly to our young district worker and said, "Mr. Paypa, do not visit the homes of my people any more, for if you do, something will happen to you."

Pastor Paypa, however, answered him, "Pastor, I will not stop visiting the peo-

ple, unless they tell me to stop. But no one else will stop me, even at the point of death."

Among the 19 baptized on January 15 was the treasurer of the opposition church, two deacons, the president of their youth group, and the most active of their lay Bible women.

Shortly after the baptism at that barrio Pastor Paypa moved his meetings to Santo Tomas. Soliciting the cooperation of the members, he constructed a beautiful Flight of Time Center with a seating capacity of about 100. It was strategically located in a wide plaza adjacent to the municipal hall. More than 200 people gathered that first evening for the meeting.

A pilot school was also conducted by this young district worker among the lay preachers. This system proved very helpful as the laymen assisted in giving Bible studies as a part of their laboratory work. As a result, 52 were baptized April 6 by Pastor N. A. Quipanes of the Davao Mission, and Pastors C. S. Rosco and S. L. Llaguno, ministerial and MV secretaries, respectively, of the South Philippine Union Mission.

Servicemen's Center to Open in Seoul, Korea

By H. R. KEHNEY
*Departmental Secretary
Korean Union Mission*

A Seventh-day Adventist servicemen's center is nearing completion on the Korean Union compound in Seoul.

The new building, scheduled to be open this summer, will provide guest rooms, living room, kitchen, and chapel for the GI's stationed nearby.

The number of servicemen attending church here is continually growing. Missionaries have been inviting the GI's to come to their homes and spend the Sabbath hours; however, the group is growing so large that at times it is difficult to

find enough room for all. These new facilities will enable more men to come to the center for the Sabbath.

At present there are about 50,000 servicemen stationed in Korea. As many as 40 have been attending the English church service held in the publishing house chapel. The new building will provide for the growing attendance and also other expansion needs of the union.

Overseas workers take turns preparing Sabbath meals for the GI's. Their homes are open for the boys to read, listen to music, or just relax. Some of the servicemen are active in missionary projects.

A request has been made by the Korean Union Mission for a full-time civilian chaplain.

Division Leader Holds Evangelistic Meetings

By WINIFRED CRAGER WILD

Southern European Division president Marius Fridlin recently concluded six nights of evangelistic meetings in Thun, Switzerland. The meetings were held in a hall of the Freienhof Hotel, with a seating capacity of 180.

Urs Tanner, pastor of the Thun church, will continue the meetings with a Wednesday evening series entitled "Bible in the Hand." The transition from the hall to the church was made on Sabbath afternoon when Elder Fridlin showed pictures of the countries in which he has visited and worked.

One woman attending the meetings responded on the third evening, after the Sabbath and Creation had been presented, "What shall I do? Shall I leave my church? Shall I join the Adventist Church? I am in full agreement with everything you have said in these three lectures." Elder Fridlin counseled her to continue to come to the meetings and God would show her what she should do.

Music for the meetings was provided each night by the 34-voice Bern choir.



A servicemen's center, Seoul, Korea, on the Korean Union compound, nears completion.

Miracle in Manhattan

By DON HAWLEY

Communications Secretary, Greater New York Conference

An attractive four-story building in upper Manhattan used to ring with the captivating cadences of Shakespeare. This is the story of how it came to reverberate instead with the three angels' messages.

The members of the Spanish Broadway Seventh-day Adventist church had become desperate. They were meeting in a second-floor walk-up, sandwiched in between a restaurant below and a clubroom above. In addition to putting up with the noise, members had to remove all kinds of filth from the narrow stairway before entering their place of worship. One hundred and eighty persons tried to crowd into the single-room facility. The specter of fire hung constantly over the rickety old building.

Although there was little money to work with, Pastor Conrad Visser patiently walked the streets looking for other accommodations. Nothing. Then one day a church member breathlessly announced that he had found an unoccupied building.

In following up the lead, the pastor found a white brick, four-story building, with two basement levels. It was in good condition and would obviously be an ideal place in which to meet. It was also obvious that its cost would be prohibitive. Nevertheless, the pastor tracked down the owner.

Originally, the building had housed the New York Japanese Club. During the 1940's, when the United States and Japan were at war, the members were turned out and it became an Elk's Club. Finally, it

was purchased by a wealthy banker for his wife, that she might have promising young people trained in the theater arts. Instruction was given in acting, singing, and television performance.

When the woman died, the school ceased to function, and it had been empty for a year and a half. The owner was asking the reasonable but unreachable price of \$200,000. Even so our local church leader asked for the key that he might show the possibilities to the conference officials. With a faith that seemed akin to presumption, he told the owner he felt this was to be his building and hoped he would never have to return his key.

For two months the church wrestled with the problem. Then the pastor called a special day of fasting and prayer. In less than a week, the owner lowered his asking price by \$25,000, and local, union, and General conferences decided to support this congregation's sacrificial giving for a new church home. The building was theirs—they never had returned that front door key.

Perhaps inspired by such an earnest group, the owner did not bother to remove the building's contents. Left behind were four pianos in excellent condition, one for each of the Sabbath school divisions; 36 air conditioners, all functioning properly; five hi-fi record players; several microphones; and numerous other items of considerable value.

The ample facilities allow each department of the church to have an office, along with offices for the pastor, the elders, and the treasurer. One attractive room will be used for church board meetings, and a reception and information area has been designated. There are also a dining area and kitchen facilities.

At the present time the 50-room edifice is being remodeled. Although conference building director Jerry Little is supervising, the members themselves are doing most of the work. Objects left behind by the former tenants (including a library and dozens of large mirrors) are being used whenever possible. For instance, the long wooden exercise rods for the ballet dancers are now holding up draperies, at a saving of \$150.

One hundred and eighty had crowded into the former building used previously, which, by the way, caught fire a short time after the congregation vacated. On the first Sabbath in the new building, 215 were present. By the fifth Sabbath, there were 240, and more than 30 newcomers are now in the pastor's visitors' class. People in the neighborhood are beginning to show an interest in all the activity around a building so long vacant.

For the present, the congregation is overflowing what will eventually be a 200-seat youth chapel. The main auditorium, now under construction on the first

floor, will seat 500. All the first-floor facilities are to be ready by the second week in August, when Evangelist A. Arteaga, of the South American Division, will begin public meetings.

Of course a structure of this size will serve as something more than a place to hold Sabbath services. Activities are being planned to meet the varied needs of the surrounding community. On the agenda are classes in English, occupational training, health, and housekeeping, along with regular Five-Day Stop-Smoking clinics. Youth activities will be designed to attract non-Adventist youth.

The members in Manhattan's Spanish Broadway church consider their new house of worship to be a twentieth-century miracle.

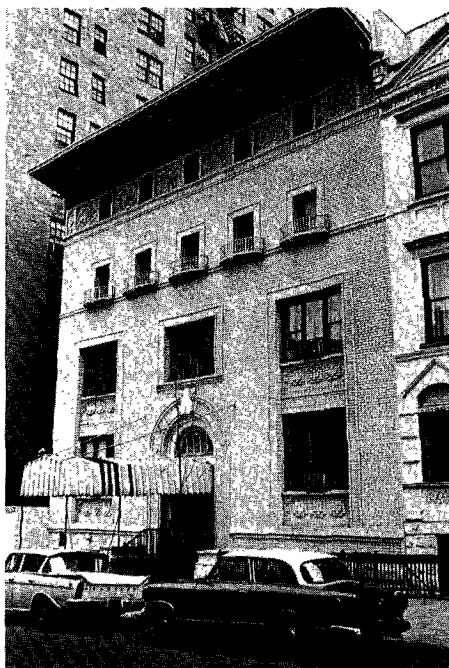
Message and These Times Subscriptions Up This Year

The 1968 campaign for *These Times* and *Message* missionary journals is proceeding with vigor and success. At this time *Message* magazine subscriptions stand 3,000 ahead of last year's figures, and *These Times* missionary subscriptions are 12,373 ahead.

C. W. Skantz and Robert Rider led the Oklahoma Conference to the earliest victory ever in any conference in a two-per-capita attainment. Large churches, small churches, and conference church members all participated, and God gave the increase.

From the Atlantic Union to the Southwestern Union gains have been reported. And with *Message* magazine, practically every conference shows a substantial increase.

R. J. CHRISTIAN, *Manager*
Periodical Department
Southern Publishing Association



Members have moved from an overcrowded sanctuary into this attractive building.

Atlantic Union

✦ The literature evangelists of Southern New England recently sent a gift of \$76 to the colporteurs in Vietnam.

✦ Joan Page, of Bermuda, has won many trophies for Christ since her baptism seven years ago. Through Mrs. Page's influence, May Smith and her daughter Burnette were baptized last summer. Later two more daughters, Marion and Fay, were baptized. After giving Bible studies to families, Mrs. Page keeps these families working, winning souls. In all, she has won 50 converts.

✦ A Hungarian Bible Conference held in the New York Center May 18 drew attendance from New Jersey, Texas, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Canada. Such meetings, held yearly, are designed to foster the work of bringing Christ to those of Hungarian descent, of whom there are 125,000 in New York City alone. Visiting ministers included C. H. Lauda, newly elected secretary of North American Mis-



Maine Centenarian

Mrs. Anna Robbins Littlefield, a member of the Woodstock, Maine, church, celebrated her one hundredth birthday March 20. She has been a member of the Adventist Church for 50 years.

For the past 15 years Mrs. Littlefield has been a resident at the Gordon Home for Senior Citizens in Norway, Maine. Although she needs support in walking, her mind and senses are keen and she enjoys reading current magazines and papers. She attends church during the summer months.

VERNA R. COLE
Press Secretary, Woodstock Church

sions; J. W. Bothe, president of the Canadian Union; and Igor Botansky, pastor of the New Jersey Hungarian church. Leading out in the services were C. J. Sohlmann, pastor of the New York Hungarian church, and Emilio Knechtle, a lay worker of the Greater New York Conference.

EMMA KIRK, Correspondent

Canadian Union

Toronto's "Impact" Crusade to Climax at Fall Council

More than 2,000 people from the ten Seventh-day Adventist churches of Toronto, Ontario, as well as those from other churches within a 50-mile radius, crowded the church and academy auditoriums at North York Branson Hospital May 11 for an all-day service, an evangelistic impact rally.

The General Conference Autumn Council will be held outside of the United States for the first time when it convenes this coming October in Toronto. With this thought in mind, an impact evangelism committee, composed

of General Conference and local conference representatives, met in April to lay plans for a coordinated evangelism program to tie in with Fall Council. Chairman of the committee was Theodore Carcich, general vice-president of the General Conference.

Philip Moores, president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, outlined the general groundwork:

1. The first step, already done, was to contact a Toronto TV station concerning carrying It Is Written. The conference is now awaiting word as to whether the request will be granted.

2. The second step was to hold an impact rally for the churches of Toronto, as well as the surrounding churches of Niagara, Hamilton, Oshawa, et cetera. The Gift Bible Evangelism program was emphasized, and the people attending the rally were given Bibles to distribute.

3. People accepting the Bible guides would then be invited to attend an evangelistic campaign to be held in a central auditorium in Toronto, beginning in early September and running until Autumn Council time.

4. Interests from these meetings would be encouraged to attend the evening meetings of the council, where they will hear reports and become acquainted with the worldwide scope of the church and learn more of its doctrines.

5. These people will then be urged to attend sectional evangelistic campaigns to be held immediately after the council in each of Toronto's ten churches, as well as in area churches.

"We have had 100,000 copies of the pamphlet 'Something Wonderful for You' printed for distribution," enthusiastically explained Elder Moores, "and L. E. Dasher, our Willowdale pastor, where Branson Hospital is situated, has gotten a telephone evangelism program well under way."

V. W. Schoen, associate secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, was the speaker at both the Sabbath morning and afternoon services of the impact rally. He also gave the missions appeal in Sabbath school, telling of his recent experiences in the Australasian Division.

While adults were in the academy auditorium for the impact rally, the youth were at the church for a mass Investiture under the direction of J. W. Wilson, then MV secretary of the Ontario-Quebec Conference. A total of 203 were invested in the various MV classes, 14 of whom were Master Guides; 361 honor tokens were awarded.

THEDA ILES KUESTER

Central Union

† Upon retiring from business Lee Hornbacher, of North Platte, Nebraska, gave his electronic equipment to the science department of Platte Valley Academy. Included were a vacuum-tube volt meter,

radio frequency signal generator, DC power supply, and bound volumes of SAM's Photofact manuals.

† As a result of evangelistic meetings held in Holdrege, Nebraska, by Charles H. Buursma and John Sharp, five persons were baptized.

† H. G. Vences reports that 11 persons were baptized in May as a result of meetings held for the Spanish-American people in the Denver area. Sixteen people were baptized during May.

† Jerry Thayer, director of the testing service of the Union College education department, completed his Ph.D. degree in educational research at the Colorado State College in Greeley in May. Mrs. Jane Thayer, who teaches English at the College View Academy, completed her Master's degree at Colorado State.

CLARA W. ANDERSON, Correspondent



New Church in Pennsylvania

The recently completed Harrisburg church, incorporating traditional and contemporary features, seats approximately 540 and cost about \$300,000. The district pastor is W. E. Haase.

LOUIS CANOSA
Departmental Secretary
Pennsylvania Conference

† Hadley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C., closed its maternity unit July 1. The space is being converted into intensive-care and coronary-care units.

† A \$100,000 expansion program at Kettering College of Medical Arts will provide the most sophisticated teaching laboratory of its kind in the country. These facilities for respiratory therapy and radiologic technology are under construction and will be completed soon.

† Three ministers of the Potomac Conference—Clayton Farwell, Vivian Puccinelli, and Robert Roberts—were ordained to the ministry at the recent Potomac Conference camp meeting. Participating in the service were Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference; Fernon Retzer, of the GC Sabbath School Department; James J. Aitken, of the GC Radio-TV Department; and Fenton Froom, president of the conference.

✦ Ground was broken June 17 for the proposed Hershey, Pennsylvania, church. Participants were Mrs. Muriel Habig; W. H. Snider, associate pastor for the Harrisburg district; O. D. Wright, president of the Pennsylvania Conference; W. E. Haase, pastor of the Harrisburg district; E. M. Hagele, secretary-treasurer of the conference; and Donald Landis, chairman of the building committee.

✦ Fifty-four persons were baptized by F. F. Schwindt in his recent Glen Burnie-Linthicum, Maryland, series. David Rose, pastor, and Mrs. Jeanette Worth were associated with Elder Schwindt in the 12-week program. Although Elder Schwindt is past 70 years of age, he still baptizes 100 to 150 every year.

MORTEN JUBERG, *Correspondent*

Lake Union



W. A. Nelson, Illinois Conference president, addresses the new congregation while Pastor J. G. Castro interprets the message.

Spanish Church Organized on North Side of Chicago

On May 4 more than 250 visitors and members of the Central and South Spanish churches in Chicago met for the organization of a new Spanish church on the north side of Chicago.

W. A. Nelson, Illinois Conference president; J. G. Castro, pastor; Antonio Artega, evangelist; and J. D. Woodin, assistant conference treasurer, were speakers.

Elder Castro began the service with a talk about the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world, citing the organization of this new church as marking a new era for the proclamation of the gospel to the 250,000 Spanish-speaking people in Chicago.

W. A. Nelson reviewed the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, challenging the people to be firm in witness-

ing and to "encourage one another and march together to the new earth."

Each of the 38 charter members signed the clerk's record book, then took a chair in the front of the auditorium for a prayer of blessing.

We are hoping, with the help of our Lord, that this church will be the landmark for the north section of the great city of Chicago.

J. G. CASTRO, *Pastor*

✦ Thirty-one persons were baptized in the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University recently. Candidates were elementary, academy, and university students who had been receiving Bible studies from church pastors J. A. Kroncke and Anthony Castelbuono.

✦ The Women's Auxiliary at Battle Creek Sanitarium donated \$780 not long ago for an oxygen tent with humidifier. Part of the funds came from a project called Shopper's Cart. The cart is manned by Auxiliary volunteers and is taken through the hospital twice a week for the convenience of patients and personnel.

✦ Fifty-three persons were baptized at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on May 18. David Lea, pastor of the Wright church, baptized 33, some of whom became members of the Sparta church. Twenty, baptized by John Erhard, were united with the Grand Rapids church. These baptisms were a result of meetings conducted by Robert Collar and Elwin Drake at Wright, and by John Erhard, Gary Stanhiser, and Elva Dresø at Grand Rapids. Eleven more will be baptized soon.

✦ Junior and senior high school girls at Petoskey, Michigan, are helping repair clothing for the SDA health and welfare center. A local civic organization, after sorting the secondhand garments, sends those in need of repair to the Littlefield public school, where the girls in home-making classes make the repairs. Then the clothes are sent to the Adventist welfare center.

MILDRED WADE, *Correspondent*

North Pacific Union

✦ After the arrival of four boxcars of materials from the Armco Steel Company, construction of the new gymnasium at Walla Walla College has begun. It is the first major building to be financed by the alumni association.

✦ Richard Hall, president of the Sarawak Mission in Borneo, spoke at the Seattle Volunteer Park church June 8. Sharing the pulpit was Chief Rayong Matu, a Sea Dyak of the Tatau River region of Borneo. The men have appeared at the various camp meetings in the union conference.

✦ A fire-prevention poster, designed by eighth-grader Ken Leiske, of Olympia Junior Academy, has won second place in the junior division of the 1968 Keep

Washington Green poster contest. His poster will be entered in a 13-State competition at the Western Forest Conservation Association meeting in San Francisco in December. There were 20,000 entries in the State-wide contest.

✦ Arriving by plane, more than 30 "mainlanders" attended outdoor Sabbath services on Shaw Island June 8. Flying is a part of life for those who live on various of the 170 islands of the San Juans. Gary Schneider, pastor of the island district, serves his churches by means of a conference-owned airplane.

IGONE MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Northern Union

✦ D. E. Howe, pastor in Jamestown, North Dakota, is currently conducting a five-minute radio program featuring religious news and titled "The Church Today," over station KEYJ every Sunday. The program time is provided free as a public service.

✦ The tract, "Six Secrets of Family Security," was mailed recently to every home in Onawa, Iowa. In it was an invitation to request a gift Bible and study guides. The same distribution was made in Charles City, Iowa, a city later struck by a tornado.

✦ Residents of Jamestown, North Dakota, toured the new SDA church school May 19. Situated on a four-acre tract, the \$125,000 school building consists of a large gym, the principal's office, teachers' workroom, and three classrooms.

✦ During the Iowa camp meeting, junior youth visited homes in the Nevada area asking for discarded eyeglasses to send to indigent people on the island of Haiti. More than 100 pairs of glasses were contributed.

✦ The General Conference-owned Harris Pine Mills will take over the operation of the mill at Maplewood Academy, Minnesota. A new building will be erected in 1969. To provide space for the increasing volume of bindery business, a new bindery building also will be erected.

✦ Three youth and an 88-year-old woman were baptized at the Beach, North Dakota, church on May 11. Don Hensel is the pastor.

✦ Construction of a third-floor addition to the boys' dormitory at Oak Park Academy in Iowa began June 13.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

Pacific Union

✦ Mrs. Sally Nieto, member of the Hayward, California, Spanish church recently began a weekly Kids' Klub with songs,

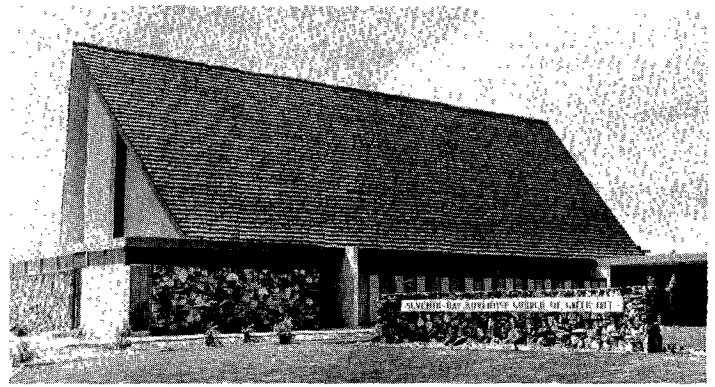


Riverside, California, Church Opened

Members of the Kansas Avenue church in Riverside, California, opened their new church May 4. Featured at the ceremonies was the University of Redlands choir.

Situated on a two-and-one-quarter-acre plot, the sanctuary accommodates 500 worshipers, with overflow space for another 300. The building complex includes Sabbath school rooms for all divisions. Including the land, the church is now valued at \$250,000.

Church pastor is Warren J. Neal.



Victorville, California, Dedication

John W. Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president, was speaker at the dedication services of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Green Tree at Victorville, April 6. The pastor, S. O. Francisco, directed the service.

The church was constructed so that there will be room for a considerable increase in membership beyond the current 150. In addition to the sanctuary and church offices there are Sabbath school rooms for each department.

C. ELWYN PLATNER, *Conference PR Director*

crafts, and story hour. A full-scale Vacation Bible School is planned.

✦ Esther Ambs, chairman of the Pacific Union College home economics department, has been appointed a member of the State of California Home Economics Teacher Education Advisory Committee.

✦ Pledges of nearly \$12,000 were received recently from members in Winnemucca, Nevada, as a first step in planning for a church building as well as for a school. The group is led by William MacCarty.

✦ The Utah State Fair in Salt Lake City will have an Adventist booth sponsored by the Nevada-Utah Conference.

✦ San Francisco Tabernacle church elder Sipai Tupua, has organized a branch Sabbath school for Samoan people of the city. Approximately 50 persons attend each Sabbath afternoon.

HERBERT FORD, *Correspondent*

Southern Union

✦ Baptisms for the Florida Conference during May were 106, bringing the total for the year to 402. This represents a gain of 88 over the same period last year.

✦ Offerings of \$30,000 for evangelism and \$13,000 for a new youth camp were received at the Alabama-Mississippi camp meeting.

✦ The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is forming a new evangelistic team of young ministers to work primarily in unentered counties. Jerry Gladson and Terry McComb were selected and will begin a series this summer in Stearns, Kentucky.

OSCAR HEINRICH, *Correspondent*



Oklahoma Church Dedicated

The Bartlesville, Oklahoma, church was dedicated May 4. B. E. Leach, Southwestern Union Conference president, presented the dedicatory address.

Also participating in the services were C. W. Skantz, Oklahoma Conference president, and R. R. Rouse, conference treasurer.

Construction was begun under the pastorate of Clarence Southard, now of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and was completed under the present pastor, T. E. Dennis. Seating capacity is 375.

Situated on the church's four-and-one-half-acre site are a new two-room school and a modern parsonage, both also free of debt.

ROBERT RIDER

Departmental Secretary

✦ The It Is Written telecast is currently being heard over WAFB-TV in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

✦ Members of the Texico Conference contributed \$13,177 for evangelism at camp meeting in June.

✦ Gordon L. Burton, minister in the Texico Conference, was ordained June 15.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Andrews University

✦ Thirty-six children from Berrien Springs and Eau Claire spent a week at an opportunity camp held at Scott Lake, one of two Michigan Conference youth camps. The children, between nine and 12 years of age, were all guests of the health and welfare center operated by Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial church and Berrien Springs Village church.

✦ WJFM, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently donated an audio control console and two broadcast turntables to educational radio station WAUR on the Andrews campus. The equipment, valued at \$500, will be in operation next September, according to Mike H. Mottler, station director.

Loma Linda University

University Trustees Select New School of Nursing Dean

Marilyn J. Christian became dean-elect of Loma Linda University School of Nursing, July 1.

The dean-elect received a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md.; a Master of Science degree from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; and has completed some work toward a Ph.D. degree at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Miss Christian will succeed Dean Maxine Atteberry at the end of June, 1969.

Layman Gives Studies to 100

By DOUGLAS LOGAN
Lay Activities Secretary, West Virginia Conference

A West Virginia layman who not long ago was too busy for God has given Bible studies to 100 persons this year.

Just a few months ago Paul Snider, owner of four automobile wrecking yards, was so busy that God took second place. He realized that things had to change, so he sold or leased three of his yards and planned to sell the fourth to give full time to work for God. However, he could not sell the fourth wrecking yard.

At this time he had to hire a part-time secretary to help with the business. She was his first Bible Speaks contact. Soon Mr. Snider had tasted the greatest joy of his life when he witnessed Sandy Moore, his part-time secretary, being baptized by R. H. Shepard.

When in December, 1967, Parkersburg's pastor, Elder Shepard, was transferred to another conference, he offered his projector, tapes, and filmstrips to Mr. Snider. With this kit he was ready for a wider witness. One night in a dream God seemed to speak the words to him, "Sixty-eight won to Christ in 1968." This dream was so vivid and definite that he could not forget it.

By February he was actively pursuing his goal. As customers came to see him, he invited them to step into his back office, where he had his projector and tape recorder all set up ready to give Bible studies. "I want to show you something that is really worth while."

After comfortably seating the prospective Bible student, he would turn on the tape recorder and film projector. One, two, three, four pictures would be shown, and then his telephone would ring. At

this point he would tell the customer just to turn the film whenever he heard the "beep-beep," and he could give himself the Bible study. Many times it would not be until the lesson was over that he would return to his guest.

He would enthusiastically exclaim, "Did you like those beautiful pictures?" "Yes," would come the reply.

"Well, why don't you go home and tell your wife and invite all your neighbors and friends in, and I'll come and show you the next filmstrip in your home." Four evenings were soon filled with Bible studies for 22 people.

One Friday evening he was impressed to call a friend of his boyhood days who still lived where he had been brought up. Telephoning his old school friend, he told him what he was doing and said, "Can you have a group get together in your home? I want to come over and show you these pictures."

Tuesday night was arranged, and when he arrived there that evening he found 33 people. Before the week was over he had shown the pictures and had given Bible studies with the Bible Speaks program to exactly 68 people. But he didn't stop with 68. He now has reached 100.

The new pastor, Alan Norman, is following up the interest, and on Sabbath, April 20, 51 of the 100 people with whom Paul Snider has been studying the Bible heard a Seventh-day Adventist preacher for the first time.

Now the ambition of this dedicated West Virginia layman is to reclaim one wrecked soul for God for every wrecked automobile he has purchased during his lifetime.



Some of the 51 potential Adventists Paul Snider (front right) invited to the Parkersburg church, with the local pastor, Alan Norman (front left) and Sandy Moore (second left).

Spanish Change of Flavor Treats from Worthington



Worthington Spanish-Wiener Bake

- 8-10 corn tortillas
- 2 10½ oz. cans WORTHINGTON CHILI
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 8-10 WORTHINGTON VEJA-LINKS
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup seeded and chopped mild green Ortega chilis
- 1 cup shredded cheese

Warm tortillas in skillet or steamer until tender enough to roll. Combine canned CHILI and onion. Place a VEJA-LINK on each warmed tortilla. Top each VEJA-LINK with 2 T. of the CHILI mixture. Roll tortillas around the VEJA-LINKS. Place rolled side down in an oblong baking dish. Combine remaining CHILI mixture with the tomato sauce, water and the chopped green chilis. Pour mixture over the filled tortillas in baking dish. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350°. Ten minutes before removing from the oven, sprinkle with the grated cheese. Makes about 5-7 servings.



Worthington Spanish Rice

- 1 med. onion, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 3 T. butter or margarine
- 1 can WORTHINGTON VEJA-LINKS
- 3 cups cooked Minute Rice
- Salt to taste
- 1¼ cups canned tomatoes

Saute onion and green pepper for 5 minutes in the margarine. Add tomatoes and cooked rice, heat to boiling. Then reduce heat and add VEJA-LINKS. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes more or until the VEJA-LINKS are heated through. Season to taste. Makes about 5 servings.



Worthington Tostados

- Tortillas
- Re-fried Beans
- WORTHINGTON VEJA-LINKS
- Chopped Lettuce
- Fresh Tomatoes

Place tortillas in hot oil and fry for a few minutes until lightly brown. Drain on paper toweling. Heat beans and mash thoroughly. Place beans on tortillas. Cover with chopped lettuce and chopped, fresh tomatoes. Cut VEJA-LINKS in small pieces and place over the top of lettuce. Serve with pickle relish.



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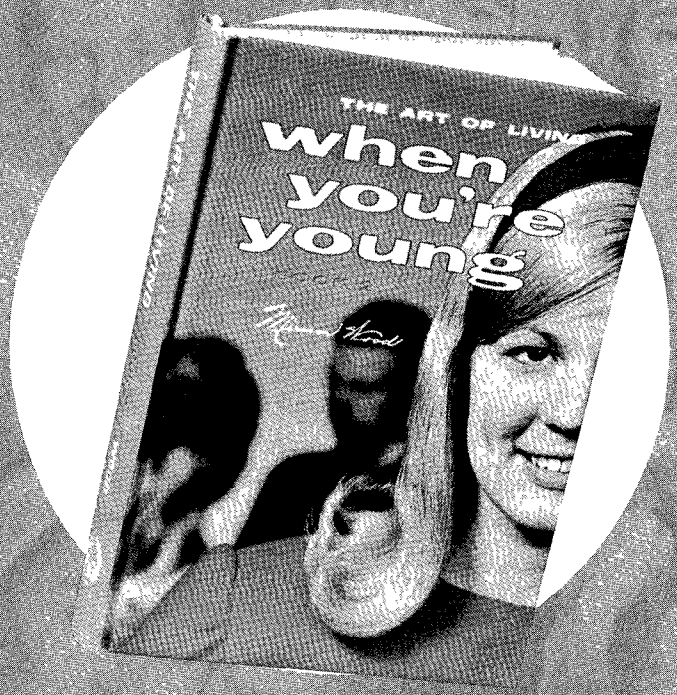
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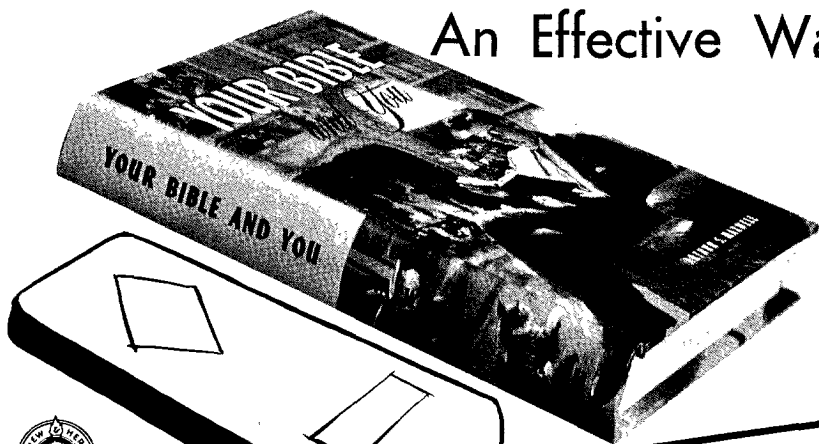
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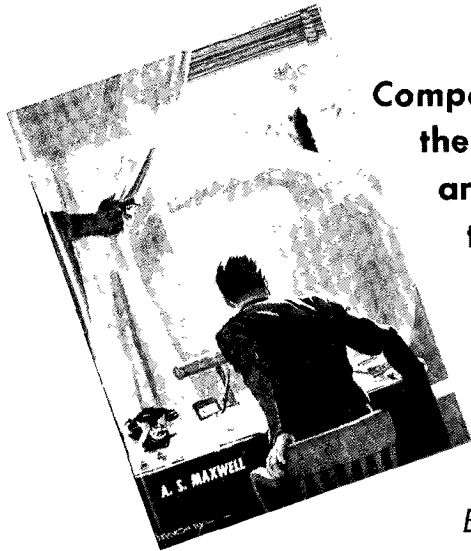
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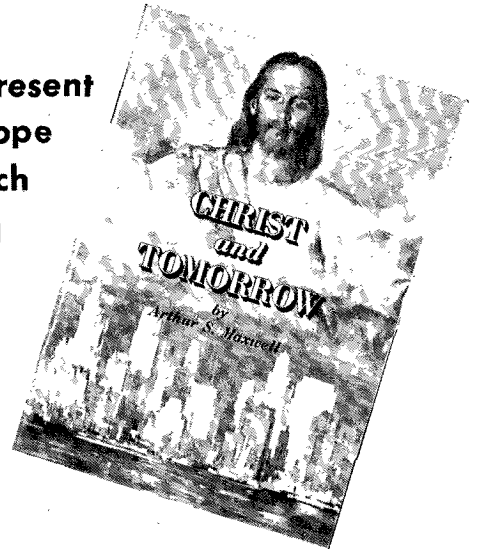
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(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

From Home Base to Front Line

Australasian Division

Mrs. F. Cracknell and infant, to join Mr. Cracknell, who is headmaster, Navesau School, Central Fiji, left Sydney, May 21.

Ray Eaton, to serve in agricultural work and as business manager, Deuba Agricultural Project, Fiji, Mrs. Eaton and child, left Sydney, May 21.

North American Division

Arthur Dale Garner, D.D.S. (WWC '57; LLU '61), returning as dentist, Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan; Mrs. Garner, nee Marilyn Betty Dasher (WWC '54-'57), and three children; left Portland, Oregon, May 22.

Mrs. Marion Seitz Simmons (AUC '33; MC '43; University of Maryland '54), to be elementary supervisor, Far Eastern Division; of South Lancaster, Massachusetts; left Boston, May 23.

W. R. BEACH

Church Calendar

Dark-County Evangelism	August 3
Church Lay Activities Offering	August 3
Oakwood College Offering	August 10
Educational Day and	
Elementary School Offering	August 17
Literature Evangelism Rally Day	September 7
Church Lay Activities Offering	September 7
Missions Extension Offering	September 14
Review and Herald Campaign	September 14-October 12
Bible Emphasis Day	September 21
IMV Pathfinder Day	September 28
Thirtieth Sabbath Offering	September 28
(Inter-American Division)	September 28

What shall it profit? is a question the Christian should continually ask himself, especially when spiritual weal is involved. Raising this query this week is E. Lenard Minchin (page 2).

Born in West Australia, Elder Minchin first served the church as an evangelist in the South New Zealand Conference (1924-1926). After serving as preceptor and music teacher at New Zealand Missionary College from 1926 to 1931, he became MV secretary of the South New South Wales Conference. In 1936 he became MV secretary of the Australasian Union Conference. Moving to the British Union Conference in 1946, he became its MV and Sabbath school secretary and in 1950 became MV secretary of the Northern European Division.

In 1954 he was elected associate secretary of the General Conference MV Department and in 1962 became general field secretary of the General Conference, which position he still holds.

William A. Fagal, who writes on "Lift Up Your Heads" (page 4), is director of

the telecast Faith for Today. He is a frequent contributor to the REVIEW and has authored a number of books, among them *By Faith I Live* and *Pastor, This Is My Problem*.

Telling of the remarkable achievements of the J. W. Westphals in bringing up their children and grandchildren while doing pioneer missionary work in South America, with Mrs. Westphal an invalid, is Barbara Westphal, their daughter-in-law, wife of Henry Westphal (see page 8). Her story is in the form of an interview with Dorothy Emmerson, editorial secretary of the REVIEW, who for years was associated with Barbara Westphal in South America and Inter-America.

As a wife of a missionary (she married Henry in 1927) Mrs. Barbara Westphal spent 18 years in South America, 5 in Mexico, 3 in Central America, and shorter periods in Trinidad.

Mrs. Westphal has authored a number of books, among them *Bride on the Amazon*, *Silver and Spice*, and *Ana Stahl of the Andes and Amazon*.

"No man cared for my soul," lamented the psalmist. This week N. R. Dower, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, makes a modern application of this ancient lament (page 10). He observes that there are many in Seventh-day Adventist churches who feel as lonely as did the psalmist.

Review and Herald

AUGUST 1, 1968

In 1849 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1850 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. Later that year, in November, these two papers merged under the name *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now titled simply REVIEW AND HERALD. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—to preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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News of Note

Philippine Union College Bulging With 1,500 Students

More than 1,500 students are now enrolled at Philippine Union College.

With about 150 more students than last year, classroom space is at a premium. Spanish classes are being held on the stage of the auditorium while physical education classes are being conducted on the floor below. Classes are being taught each period in the dining room. Every available space is being put to use.

The new girls' dormitory is full, and more girls are applying for rooms. The academy and elementary sections have had to close enrollment for lack of classroom space. Many students have been unable to get into science classes, because of the lack of laboratory equipment and available classrooms.

In spite of these problems, the courage of the teachers is high, and a determination to maintain a quality educational program is evident. To prepare youth for God's service is the goal of every department.

OTTIS C. EDWARDS

Vietnam Conflict Claims Life of Sixteenth Bookman

Nguyen Duy Trinh, a credentialed Vietnamese literature evangelist, who has been missing since *Tet*, is now confirmed dead in Quang Ngai, a coastal town in central Vietnam. This word has come to the General Conference from Le Cong Giao, general manager of the Viet Nam Signs Press in Saigon, Vietnam.

Mr. Trinh returned to his home, a village eight miles from Quang Ngai, to visit his family during the *Tet* holiday. His village was overrun, and he was killed in the battle.

A literature evangelist since 1962, Brother Trinh is the sixteenth colporteur killed during the course of the war.

D. A. McADAMS

Chinese of Pacific Union Conduct Own Camp Meeting

A Chinese camp meeting for the Pacific Union was held near Yosemite at Oakhurst, California, July 4-7. About 175 persons were registered for this meeting, and 225 attended on Sabbath.

Most of the members and speakers had at one time worked in mainland China. Speakers included S. J. Lee, C. P. Sorensen, F. W. Detamore, E. H. Wu, and D. E. Rebok. Dr. Harry W. Miller, veteran medical missionary from China, arrived for the camp from Hong Kong in time to help with the mission appeal. W. C. Leong, pastor of the Chinese church in Los Angeles, and Dr. Paul Hwang organized the gathering.

W. W. Chan, in San Francisco, and W. C. Leong, in Los Angeles, pastor our

two largest Chinese churches in California. Among the members in the Los Angeles church there are a number of professional people, including 14 physicians, four dentists, one lawyer, and two college teachers.

DUANE S. JOHNSON

Oakwood College Offering to Be Received August 10

The church members of North America have in the past provided for the continual development of the physical plant on the Oakwood College campus.

As with all institutions of the church, Oakwood's financial needs today are many. A priority need now is a dormitory for college men. Last school year more than 2,000 students applied for entrance, but only 642 of these were admitted, because of a lack of housing facilities.

Oakwood College must do its share in providing denominationally trained workers. Funds received August 10, date of the annual Oakwood College Offering, will do much in providing increased facilities for this college.

F. L. BLAND

Church Responds to Needs of Men in Military Service

The 1968 Servicemen's Fund Offering taken May 11 thus far amounts to \$101,579.14. The \$100,000 goal has been passed with considerable funds yet to come in. Two years ago the offering amounted to about \$93,000.

Clark Smith, director of the National Service Organization, states: "We are grateful for the liberal response of the church membership across the United States. This is the largest offering yet received for our men in military service. For another two years our Adventist servicemen are assured that adequate church supplies will be made available to them."

The National Service Organization continues its endeavor to reach out and find every Seventh-day Adventist in military service. It strives to bring the church to these men in as many ways as possible.

Parents, relatives, and friends are urged to send the names of men in the armed forces to the local conference National Service Organization. Church papers, books, missionary literature, and other religious supplies will be sent free of charge to those desiring them.

C. D. MARTIN



South American Workers Attend Medical Meeting

Pilots of missionary planes, captains of launches, and directors of mobile clinics from all countries of the South American Division met in Manaus, Brazil, for the fourth medical convention in the past 25 years.

The representatives made plans to coordinate the work of the various lines of medical missionary activity. Plans are under way to provide communications from the home base to the various facilities, thus providing continuous contact with those who are carrying the message to the farthest bounds of the division.

At the biennial session of the South American Division, a coordinator will be appointed to strengthen the missionary activities of these men who carry the truth to the needy people in the jungles of Peru, in the Altiplano, and in the Amazon Valley.

Daily meetings were held in the public library. In the picture the author is speaking.

R. A. WILCOX