

We Are One

*We are one in the Spirit;
We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day
be restored,
And they'll know that we are Christians
by our love.*

Set to a simple folk tune, the words sung by the Columbia Union College folk group were eloquent on the last Sabbath afternoon of General Conference. The singers were a part of a program that featured many young people in a series of readings, musical numbers, a story illustrated with slides, a shadow pantomime, and an interview by R. S. Watts, a General Conference vice-president.

The slide story told of 17-year-old Don Stevens, a colporteur, who was responsible for nine people being baptized. And his work is not yet finished. Between 15 and 20 others are studying regularly with the pastor in the area.

The pantomime was the story of Sam DeShay, a sophomore medical student who discovered he had cancer. After much soul searching Sam decided to drop out of medicine and enter the ministry. Soon he learned that his brother was suffering from a rare fatal disease. Both prayed for healing and God answered Yes. Sam completed the ministerial course and then returned to Loma Linda University to continue medicine. He and his wife are now at the Masanga Leprosarium in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Those participating in this portion of the program pantomimed so that their bigger-than-life shadows fell on a large screen behind them.

Elder Watts interviewed Ruthita Jensen, a student missionary in Saigon, and Urbano Castillo, a Philippine layman who has raised up some 120 churches. Then holding high one another's hands, those on the platform and those in the audience joined in singing the session theme song, "That the World May Know."



A musical number composed by Lowell Litten of the GC Missionary Volunteer Department for the special youth program, was sung by quintet of Columbia Union College.



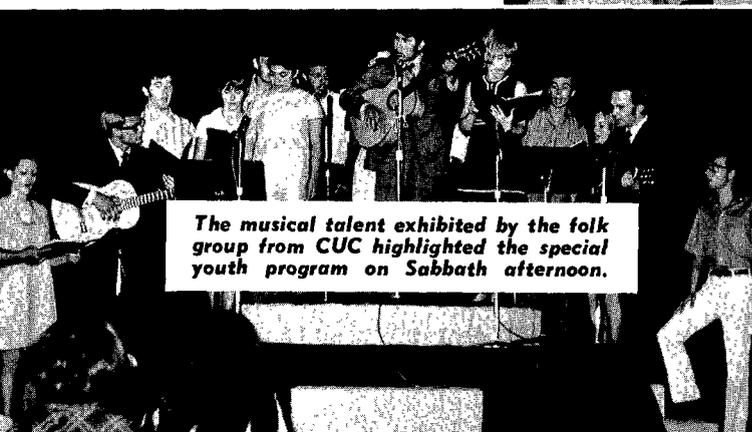
Charles Wilkens (left) and David Hudson participate in enacting the pantomime.



The script was read by three CUC students.



At the climax of the youth program the participants and the audience joined hands and sang the session theme song, "That the World May Know."



The musical talent exhibited by the folk group from CUC highlighted the special youth program on Sabbath afternoon.

Facing the Future Courageously

Sabbath Morning Sermon, June 20, 1970

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A little white frame church in Washington, New Hampshire, which I visited last August to take part in annual homecoming services, is the birthplace of the first Sabbathkeeping Adventists. It was built in 1841. This was some three years before William Farnsworth, on October 22, 1844, called his little brood to the breakfast table and spoke to them in words something like this: "Children, this is the day we have been waiting for, this is the day when Jesus will come, this is our last meal together on this earth. Tomorrow we will be with Jesus in heaven." After breakfast the Farnsworth family, with many of their neighbors, went to the little white church. They spent the day there waiting expectantly. Evening came, and the Lord had not appeared. The shades of darkness that drew around them were symbolic of their great disappointment, and we can imagine the scene as they trudged down the dirt road and back to the homes they had left with such finality a few hours before.

Before long they discovered that God had not forsaken them after all, and that their understanding of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 had missed one vital point—that instead of Christ's coming out of the heavenly sanctuary to bless His waiting people, He on October 22 went into the Most Holy Place to perform a work there before returning to this earth.

In 1844 William Farnsworth and certain others in Washington accepted the seventh-day Sabbath through the witness of a Seventh Day Baptist. We can look back across the decades and imagine William Farnsworth standing up before his family and friends and announcing that henceforth he and his family would worship God on the seventh day of the week. These were the first Sabbatarian Adventists (the name Seventh-day Adventist was not adopted till 1860). Some time later, on one of their visits to Washington, New Hampshire, James and Ellen White found difficulties in the church. There was some backsliding; there was some trouble between members; there was a lack of unity. William Farnsworth had reverted to his habit of chewing tobacco, but he was doing it (as one historian has put it) "on the sly." His son Eugene knew it. He had seen his father spit in the snow and then try to cover the yellow stain with fresh snow. As Eugene sat in the little white church and listened to Ellen White the thought crossed Eugene's mind. If she is a prophetess—the messenger of the Lord—she should know what father is doing. He was electrified when Mrs.

White pointed at William Farnsworth and said, "I see this brother is a slave to tobacco. Worst of all, he is trying to deceive his brethren." Brother Farnsworth repented, not just of the tobacco habit but of other things that were destroying his Christian experience, and many others experienced a revival of their first-love experience at Washington, New Hampshire.

Eighteen young people wished to be baptized. This was in the month of January, when the ice was reportedly two feet thick. Many of the parents suggested waiting until spring, but the young people insisted that they did not wish to wait until spring. So a hole was chopped in the ice on a day when the thermometer had risen to 10° below zero, and 12 of these young people were baptized. The other six waited until spring.

A Missionary Church

One of the men who came to Washington, New Hampshire, became the first missionary to be sent overseas for the church. His name, of course, was J. N. Andrews.

The church of the remnant was destined to be a missionary church, a world church, and J. N. Andrews was the first of thousands to be sent out, and they are still being sent out. These missionaries forsake homelands and the ties of home and friendship, for the privilege of following in the steps of the Master Mis-

sionary. Perhaps you saw in the heart of the exhibit area on the floor below this auditorium one of the cabin trunks that Elder Andrews took with him to Switzerland in 1874. On the commercial market that trunk is just about worthless today, but as a symbol of the toil and sacrifice of thousands of dedicated overseas workers, it is a priceless possession.

What a tragedy it would have been if that trunk and its owner had stayed in the United States of America. What a tragedy if the members at Washington, New Hampshire, Portland, Maine, and Battle Creek, Michigan, had drawn a boundary line around their communities and had decided that their efforts would be limited to local or nationalistic circles. They were poor in this world's goods; they counted their funds in pennies, but they had caught an enlarged vision, and no power on earth could prevent the fulfillment of their dream of a world church. Their power was the power manifested at Pentecost. They were consumed with the conviction that all God's biddings are enablings. There were problems aplenty and preoccupations without number, but there was only one direction to go—forward.

I have here in my hand a copy of the letter that A. G. Daniells sent to his fellow workers on August 24, 1909. Listen to certain extracts from it:

"Up to August 1, 1909, we have received on the 1908 Ingathering \$43,359.91. We believe we should receive this year at least twice this amount and would be exceedingly glad if we could raise the sum to \$100,000. Last year we used in the campaign 700,000 copies of the *Review and Herald*.

"Our treasury is empty. For weeks and weeks the General Conference and mission board have not had so much as \$1,000 in the bank and its tills. We are greatly behind with our foreign work, and we are remitting to these workers only enough to keep them from serious want. This condition cannot long continue. . . .

"We shall be glad to hear from you concerning this matter. . . . Let us lay it before the Lord day by day in our



For the first time the REVIEW, "our church paper for the world," had its own booth.

prayers. . . . Every little helps. It was the dream that Gideon heard the men reciting in the tents that inspired him with courage to undertake the battle."

The letterhead reveals that in 1909 the General Conference staff consisted of the president, a vice-president for North America, a vice-president for the European Division, another for the Asiatic Division, a treasurer, a secretary (W. A. Spicer), one assistant secretary, and a secretary for Europe. How did these eight men in a small building in a suburb of Washington, D.C., come to the conclusion that they had a responsibility to the whole world, that they headed a world church? By ordinary standards they were at best dreamers and visionaries, but their dreams and their visions were God-given, for God had a message that was to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

In the early days of our work, Elder Daniells remarked at one of the camp meetings, "The time will come when our people will give \$1,000 a day to missions." One of the brethren arose and said: "Elder Daniells, we believe in missions, but do not discourage us. The time will never come when our people will give \$1,000 a day to missions."

We all know that Elder Daniells has been proved to be right. As a matter of fact, Seventh-day Adventists have fulfilled his dream more than a hundredfold. The General Conference treasurer, Kenneth H. Emmerson, tells me that the world mission budget of the church now amounts to approximately \$136,000 a day. The Adventist family is a liberal family, and the more they give for the finishing of God's work in the earth, the more they have.

Emulate the Pioneers

We would not wish to go back to the circumstances or to the methods of 1909, 1874, or 1863. But we would do well to remember and emulate the spirit of that day—the spirit of consecration, dedication, and sacrifice that consumed those early Adventists. Methods change, but the foundation of the church will never change, for it is the solid rock, Christ Jesus. Paul says: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

Christ spoke of the relationship that must exist between Him and His followers. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). This passage describes the experience of the Christian's complete dependence upon Christ, such as each one of us must have if God's church, to which He has entrusted the finishing of His work in the earth, is to carry its task to a successful completion. The membership of the church has reached the two-million mark, and we thank God for this large and faithful membership. But we are not satisfied with this figure and long to see it greatly increased.

Today we count the annual budget of the church in millions of dollars and thank God for the faithfulness of the membership in returning the tithes and giving liberal offerings. But we remember the words of the messenger of the Lord given to the church in 1875: "It is not our



A corsage was given to Arthur S. Maxwell (above) during a meeting at which retirees were honored. (Right, top) Mrs. R. R. Bietz pins a corsage on Mrs. H. E. Rice as Dr. Rice and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards look on. (Right, bottom) Theodore Carcich enjoys a poem being recited by A. A. Esteb, SDA "poet laureate."

numbers nor our wealth that will give us a signal victory; but it is devotion to the work, moral courage, ardent love for souls, and untiring, unflinching zeal."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 404.

Again the servant of the Lord speaks of our need to empty the soul of self so that God can work through us. "Just as soon as we realize our inability to do God's work and submit to be guided by His wisdom, the Lord can work with us. If we will empty the soul of self, He will supply all our necessities.

"Place your mind and will where the Holy Spirit can reach them, for He will not work through another man's mind and conscience to reach yours. With earnest prayer for wisdom, make the word of God your study. . . . We do not half pray. We do not half believe."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, pp. 213, 214.

Once the soul is emptied of self and the Holy Spirit fills that vacuum, wonderful things begin to happen. Before the birth of John the Baptist the angel of the Lord told Zacharias: "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, . . . and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:15-17).

This was a prophecy of the work that John would do as forerunner to the Saviour. A similar work needs to be done before Christ returns the second time. Perhaps in all the history of the world there has never been a time when the work of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children's to their fathers was more necessary. Perhaps in all the history of the world there has never been a time when we needed a John the Baptist movement more than we do today. Most of all, and most necessary of all, is the work of making ready a people prepared to meet their Lord. Such a work God has entrusted to His church and to each individual member of that church. We will not succeed until

we are filled with the Holy Spirit even as was John the Baptist.

The apostle Peter also demonstrated the miracle of the Spirit-filled life. See him first sitting in the outer court of the high priest's palace on the night of Jesus' trial. Listen as he curses and swears and denies that he has ever seen Jesus, but remember that this was before he received the Pentecostal infilling of the Holy Ghost.

In contrast to this experience, listen as Peter later, before the "rulers and elders and scribes," makes his defense for the healing of the lame man. "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:8-10, 13).

Peter and John had been with Jesus. But what the rulers, elders, and scribes could not understand was the mystery of the apostles' being filled with the Holy Ghost. This was the miracle; this was the change; because of this, harvests such as the following were recorded. "The number of the men [which heard the word and believed] was about five thousand" (Acts 4:4).

This is the experience that we need above all else in the church in 1970. This is the experience that you need and that I need for the finishing of the work.

When will the work be finished? When will the Lord come to take His saints home? Will there be another General
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Final Report of the Plans Committee

[At the fourteenth business meeting, 9:15 A.M., June 19, the following were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

Ministers and Workers in Relation to the Church

25. That the first sentence of the second full paragraph, page 174, be amended to read:

Conference committees do not have the right to authorize a licensed (preacher) minister to go from church to church baptizing or performing other church rites pertaining to the functions of an ordained minister.

The Church Election

26. That the Sabbath school Vacation Bible School director and the Sabbath school Investment secretary be included in the list of officers elected by the church and that the appropriate record be made on page 183 of the *Church Manual*.

[At the fifteenth business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 19, the following recommendations were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

Church Discipline

27. That paragraph 2, of the section "Reasons for Which Members Shall Be Disciplined," page 234, be amended to read:

Open violation of the law of God, such as worship of idols, murder, adultery and fornication and related perversions, stealing, profanity, Sabbathbreaking, . . . etc.

28. That paragraph 3, page 237, be amended to read:

At a Duly-Called Meeting.—Members may be disciplined by the church for sufficient cause, but only at a duly-called business meeting of the church, provided the meeting is presided over by an ordained minister or a local ordained elder of the church concerned.

Organizing, Uniting, Disbanding Churches

29. That second paragraph under *b*, page 248, be amended to read:

On the disbanding of such a church all its books, records, and funds shall be turned over to the secretary and/or treasurer of the conference. If at the time of disbanding . . .

Insurance

30. That the first full paragraph, page 263, be amended to read:

Insurance.—The church, through its officers, is under obligation to see that the properties of the denomination, such as the church building, (the parsonage and) the church school buildings, as well as other miscellaneous buildings and their contents, are kept adequately covered by insurance in safe companies. An insurance

(agent) manager, usually the treasurer, has been appointed in practically every (union) local (fields) field and is always ready to give advice on insurance matters and to secure (policies) the broadest possible multiple peril coverage in reputable companies for institutions and church properties. (If the property is located in a section where tornadoes are likely to occur, insurance should include both fire and extended coverage.) "The General Conference Working Policy" suggests that the coverage be on the basis of replacement values of buildings and contents where applicable. All insurance on church properties should be in the name of the corporation. Provision for this expense should be made in the church budget.

Ministerial Manual Revisions

We recommend, The following amendments and additions to the *Manual for Ministers*:

1. Chapter III, page 44, amend second sentence and third sentence in second paragraph.

The granting of such licenses confers the right to develop the ministerial gift (but not to preside at any of the church ordinances.) and to assist in the ordinances and services of the church such as the Lord's Supper, baptism, and the marriage ceremony. (Nor can a licensed minister administer baptism or the Lord's Supper, or perform the marriage ceremony.)

2. Chapter IV, pages 47, 48, amend the sentence commencing on the last line of page 47 to read:

(He is not authorized to conduct any of the ordinances of the church, or to preside at business meetings, or to serve on the church board, unless he has been elected as local elder.)

When elected and ordained as a church elder, he is authorized in any church that so elects him to conduct the communion service and other services of the church and to preside at business meetings and serve on the church board.

3. Chapter XII, The Marriage Service, strike out the first sentence, page 96.

(Among Seventh-day Adventists, only ordained ministers are authorized to perform the marriage ceremony.)

Amend the second paragraph to read as follows:

In some lands a minister may, so far as the public is concerned, perform the ceremony in the church, but the marriage contract is legally signed by the district registrar, who usually sits in the vestry and listens to the approved form of marriage declaration. In still other lands a (the) minister cannot perform the ceremony at all, for it is recognized as a state responsibility and is looked upon as a civil con-

tract. In such cases the wedding party (our members) usually retires to the home or place of worship after the civil ceremony has been performed, and there the (ordained) minister or local elder conducts a special service asking the blessing of the Lord upon the couple.

Page 99, at end of third line, add a new sentence:

The licensed minister may assist in such instruction and rehearsals.

Page 99, last paragraph, amend second sentence to read:

In some countries it is customary for the bridegroom and his associates to follow the minister or ministers onto the rostrum.

Page 99, third line from bottom, after the word "message" insert the following new sentence:

An ordained minister, a licensed minister, or the local elder, may deliver the prayer, the sermonet, or the closing benediction.

Page 100, in the second full paragraph substitute "suggested" for "suggestive."

These suggested sermonets and vows show . . .

Page 104, in the first line of the third paragraph substitute "suggested" for "suggestive."

Suggested prayer:

Page 111, amend the italicized language in middle of page to read:

(Here follow the charge, the vows, and the marriage pronouncement or declaration, all by an ordained minister. Sometimes it is effective if this sermonet is divided, part coming before the vows and part later. If it is desired (a minister can introduce the vows at the conclusion of paragraph three,) the vows may be introduced at the conclusion of paragraph three, and followed with the main prayer, the rest of the sermonet being given as kindly counsel before the closing benediction.)

Page 117, amend the italicized language on this page to read:

Benediction by the ordained minister, a licensed minister, or the local elder (using any one of these examples):

4. Chapter II, "Ordination" under paragraph I, of the section "Examination of Candidates for Ordination," page 20 add the following:

n. A Christian understanding of human relations in a world of different cultures and races and a willingness to teach and work accordingly.

Autumn Council Outside North America

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a world church with an increasing worldwide membership. Nevertheless, because of the location of the denominational headquarters and for other understandable historical, financial and administrative reasons, all General Conference sessions, and all Autumn Councils since 1907 have been held in the North American Division. It would be, however, desirable in the future to hold such meetings from time to time in other Divisions in order to foster the worldwide nature and development of the church.

Voted, To recommend that the General Conference Committee consider making provision for the holding of at least one Autumn Council outside of continental North America during the next quinquennium.

A World Within Our Reach

God has given the mass communications media that the world may know. Opportunities to increase the knowledge of His Word lie ahead in unprecedented profusion. International broadcasting, communications satellites, and low-cost receivers give access to the ends of the earth.

We see in radio and television a means of spreading the gospel and to educate and uplift. Yet vast areas of the earth are still untouched by a significant Adventist broadcasting outreach. New skills and a wider vision are needed if the church is to reach the divine goal of carrying the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

We recommend, 1. The appointment of an international radio and television commission and inter-division or division radio and television commissions to determine and advise on the role of the church in the media. The General Conference Committee shall develop guidelines for these commissions.

2. Careful and continuing study of every opportunity, national and international, to spread the message by radio and television; including in this opportunities for international short-wave broadcasting now presenting themselves in Europe, the Caribbean, and the Philippines as well as the potential of new communications satellite systems. The purpose of this ongoing study is to achieve and maintain global coverage.

3. Where feasible, the purchase or establishment by the denomination of broadcasting facilities of local, national and international significance. Adventist laymen interested in establishing privately-owned and operated broadcasting facilities dedicated to the spread of the Advent message will be encouraged.

4. A continuing program of training which shall include:

a. The holding of regular Adventist Broadcasters' Seminars.

b. The selection and training of workers on a national basis to become experts in the production and placement of

public service and paid-time broadcasts.

c. The inclusion within ministerial training courses of specific material to train future workers for the use of mass media.

5. The use of new and different formats to meet specific markets and audiences:

a. Daily broadcasts in preference to a weekly release.

b. Shorter broadcasts of up to five minutes daily.

c. 30-second and 60-second spot announcements.

d. An outreach to the youth of the world through carefully conceived programs and follow-up plans.

e. The development of programs for racial and national groups using their own personnel.

6. A concerted effort by the church at all levels to provide increased publicity and advertising for our mass media outreach.

The Spirit of Prophecy

WHEREAS, We recognize that the strength and security of God's people accrues from Heaven-given instruction as God has spoken through the prophets' messages recorded in the Scriptures, we dedicate our hearts to an earnest study of the Bible making it the man of our counsel.

WHEREAS, God in His providence and in harmony with the promise of His Word has placed in the church of the remnant the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy for the "comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth" (*Early Writings*, page 78) and

WHEREAS, This gift as manifested in the life and work of Ellen G. White "to bring the minds of His people to His word" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 663) and to instruct concerning "the course that He would have them pursue" (*ibid.*, page 661) provides safe guidance in difficult times, supplies windows through which we may view the future; gives protection from the wiles of the evil one; instructs concerning God's will; furnishes sound guidance for the functioning of the many lines of the work of the church; and causes God's people to "see eye to eye and be of the same mind" (*ibid.*, vol. 3, page 361), thus providing the church and its members with a unique and definite advantage, and

WHEREAS, As families and churches have united in a renewed thoughtful, prayerful study of the Spirit of Prophecy counsels, especially as found in the *Testimonies for the Church* there has been evidenced the special leading and marked blessing of God.

WHEREAS, We recognize that the reformation and revival for which the church longs and seeks cannot take place in its fullness until all the means God employs to purify His church and prepare His people for the events of the last days and for translation are fully appreciated and acted upon, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we place on record our humble but sincere words of gratitude for this gift, recognizing the great blessing it has been and is to us, and declare the disposition of our hearts to receive, accept, and follow it. That we earnestly appeal to our members throughout the world to recall God's special providential leading by means of the Spirit of Prophecy through the years of our history and avail themselves of information concerning this gift in the church in its world outreach and thoughtfully and prayerfully judge by the "weight of evidence" (*ibid.*, vol. 5, page 675).

2. That we encourage throughout the world concerted study programs utilizing the Spirit of Prophecy books available to our members, and that we

a. Concentrate on study of the *Testimony* counsels by continuing and broadening the coverage with the Testimony Countdown program where the *Testimonies* in the nine volumes are available.

b. Encourage the divisions in areas where the nine volume set of *Testimonies to the Church* are not available to launch into this unique study plan utilizing the 3-volume *Testimony Treasures* in English and other languages in which it is available; or the more compact *Counsels for the Church* in areas where these, in one or more volumes, serve.

c. Suggest that the study of the *Testimonies* be followed by concerted study of *Christ in His Sanctuary* and other of the Ellen G. White books, for many of which study guides are available.

3. That sensing the lateness of the hour, and the vital importance of a sound understanding of the place of the Spirit of Prophecy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church we intensify our efforts to inform all members, especially the youth and those new in the faith, concerning the place and operation of the gift, utilizing publications available and especially "The Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course."

4. That we call upon the world divisions of the church to accelerate their efforts to make the Spirit of Prophecy counsels available to our members in vernacular languages, making use of approved, innovative, and inexpensive methods to reach this goal. In lands with few Ellen G. White messages available, study should be given to ways and means for providing the compact but comprehensive grouping of Spirit of Prophecy materials in *Counsels for the Church*.

5. That we urge all divisions to give careful study to the selection of key individuals who give promise of ability and enthusiasm to give promotion to the Spirit



W. E. Murray, retiring president of Southern European Division, greets Lisie Schmidt of South America, whose parents have been appointed to the Trans-Mediterranean Division.



Mrs. G. M. Ellstrom, missionary to Africa, dressed in national costume, plays a solo on her violin during the Trans-Africa Division program at the GC session on Tuesday.

of Prophecy in our churches and institutions.

6. That throughout the world field special efforts be undertaken to present the Spirit of Prophecy in an interesting, helpful, and relevant way to the youth of the Advent Movement through such means as an annual Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week observed in all Seventh-day Adventist schools, and in the issuance of appropriate Spirit of Prophecy materials, and materials designed to inform and instruct concerning this important gift in the church.

7. That we encourage the White Estate, the Department of Education, and the Ministerial Association to press on in the development of aids for the presentation and teaching of the Spirit of Prophecy in our schools, our churches, and evangelistic meetings.

8. That we call upon our publishing forces in the production and marketing of literature distributed by colporteurs to continue to emphasize the sale of the Heaven-inspired volumes such as *The Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *The Desire of Ages* and *Christ's Object Lessons* from the pen of Ellen G. White.

9. That in these times of rapid change and crumbling standards, with the questioning of long established Bible-based positions both in doctrine and in manner of life, attested to by the Spirit of Prophecy, we call upon all Seventh-day Adventists to recognize that while there are areas in which principle is not involved and change is acceptable and even desirable, there are truths and standards which are not negotiable, that what "was truth" in the early days "is truth today" (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 104), and that the standards God has set and especially called to our attention in preparing a people for translation are the standards by which He will in the day of reckoning judge the character and determine the fitness for the reward of eternal life.

Union Temperance Training Institutes

We recommend, That where possible union conferences/missions sponsor and direct an annual temperance training in-

stitute of study and practice where selected conference workers and laymen, pastors, departmental leaders, educators, and institutional workers can be trained to conduct Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking and follow-up programs, the Four-Dimensional Key to the Cause of Alcoholism, school and youth temperance evangelistic programming and the role of temperance as an evangelistic approach.

Study Commission to Reach Other Religions and Other Groups With Temperance

WHEREAS, We have been commissioned, "that God's messengers shall call the attention of statesmen, of editors, of thinking men everywhere" (*Temperance*, p. 251) to the intemperance in our world, recognizing that as "faithful collaborators with God, we must bear a clear, decided testimony on the temperance question" (*ibid.*).

We recommend, That study commissions be set up in each division to consider methods and programs of temperance whereby we may make a more effective contact with other Christian churches, with Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Sikhs, Buddhists, Shintoists, other non-Christian groups, and nonbelievers toward the development of temperance principles for the welfare and uplift of humanity and as a means of extending to them an understanding of our ideals and principles toward better living.

Support for the 4 DK Plan

WHEREAS, Alcoholism has become a major international problem with widespread concern by governments, social scientists, church leaders, educationalists, and youth leaders, and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to outline the cause of this problem, as Ellen G. White asked concerning alcohol, "Why do not those who have excellent reasoning powers reason from cause to effect?" (*Temperance*, p. 103).

We recommend, 1. That divisions, unions, conferences, and missions initiate in each area the new educational and rehabilitational temperance department programs entitled the Four-Dimensional

Key to the Cause of Alcoholism and the 4 DK Plan for Better Living.

2. That these programs be introduced as a community service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church so that effective spiritual aid and follow-up can be given to those seeking this service.

Five-Day Plan Extension and Follow-Up

WHEREAS, The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has become an internationally successful service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the community,

We recommend, 1. That our efforts be intensified to extend this service through increased personnel training, arranging for regular Plans in strategic centers, and making the Plan available to groups in factories, educational establishments and to gatherings of youth.

2. That division, union, conference, and mission committees study with the temperance departmental leader avenues for this extended support and for a greater follow-up service to help participants remain nonsmokers.

3. That the Five-Day Plan be clearly identified as a Seventh-day Adventist Church community service, even when supported by other organizations or civic agencies.

4. That Nonsmokers International be actively supported as a specific follow-up method and that a regional office be established in each division.

Dentists in the Service of the Church

WHEREAS, The suitability and advantages of dentistry as a medical missionary profession have been abundantly demonstrated in several of the world divisions of the church; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of Seventh-day Adventist dentists are taking their places side by side with physicians, nurses, and others, as medical missionaries, witnessing for Christ, applying their expertise to the relief of suffering, and inspiring young Adventist nationals to qualify for similar service; and

WHEREAS, There is a sound and growing interest in mission dentistry among students enrolled in the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, with many volunteering to help swell the medical missionary manpower of the Church;

Resolved, 1. To encourage division and union mission administrators to place calls with the General Conference for missionary dentists to serve in overseas hospitals and clinics and also to find suitable locations where they can develop self-supporting professional practice, while assisting in the evangelistic and public service programs of the church.

2. To recognize and give moral support to the role the School of Dentistry is now playing, which is: (a) to foster and maintain an environment and a program conducive to student involvement in missionary service; and (b) to assist the church with recruiting students and recent graduates for the practice of dentistry in mission lands, and to help with their preparation for such service.

Work for the Handicapped

WHEREAS, The millions of earth's blind, deaf, and many types of physically handicapped persons need missionary

and humanitarian services developed in forms especially for them, and that these millions also must have their opportunity to learn the truths and the love of God soon,

Voted, To invite all division executive committees to give early attention and prayer to the spiritual and humanitarian needs of blind and deaf and physically handicapped persons in their territories, and try to develop tangible and intangible services specifically for them.

Reporting Baptisms

In the interest of coordinated evangelism, and to simplify procedures and minimize the possibilities for reporting duplications, and to provide information concerning which specific church activities led baptismal candidates to become Seventh-day Adventists,

We recommend, That space for recording this information be provided on the form pastors fill out for each person they baptize, with the understanding that any department desiring to keep its own record of baptisms may continue to do so.

Sabbath School Reporting

In the *Church Manual*, page 147, last paragraph, and page 148, first paragraph should be changed to read:

"The secretary should make the report in quadruplicate—the original for the conference Sabbath School Secretary, a copy for the pastor, one for the Sabbath School superintendent, and one for the secretary's permanent file."

Reaffirmation of Educational Principles

WHEREAS, A condition of moral declension is eroding many schools of the world and we are counseled by the Spirit of Prophecy that "eternal interest should be the great theme of teachers and students. Conformity to the world should be strictly guarded against" (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 436),

We resolve, (1) to reaffirm our determination to preserve in our elementary, secondary, and collegiate schools the high Christian principles and standards set forth in the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy. (2) That efforts be put forth to inform parents, administrators, and students of this high resolve by the use of such educational methods as pamphlets, school bulletins, official church papers, and at various meetings, where our members, students, or workers may be in attendance.

Re-emphasis for Temperance

We recommend, A re-emphasis of our Christian choice for temperance and against intemperance in all its forms—alcohol, tobacco, drugs, tea, coffee, cola drinks, and any other narcotics or stimulants.

Further, That we actively educate not only the community toward better living and self-control in Christ to resist these practices but that we make special emphasis to present these principles to our youth in colleges, academies, elementary schools, and youth societies.

Sabbath School Objective for the Ensuing Quinquennium

In recognition of the critical shortness of human probation and the desperate nature of human need,

We recommend, That the world Sabbath school address itself to the following objectives for the coming quinquennium:

1. To enlist the maximum interest and active cooperation of every member in direct soul-winning endeavor, realizing that "every branch in me [Christ] that beareth not fruit he taketh away" (John 15:2). This goal is to be attempted in part as follows:

a. The use of the small Sabbath school class as a basic unit for soul winning. The class shall be so employed in carrying out plans initiated by the Sabbath school and in cooperating with soul-winning programs sponsored by other departments.

b. Wholehearted cooperation with all other church departments and service in coordinated evangelism, making full use of Sabbath school resources, records and class organization in vital evangelistic and reclamation projects, such as CONCERN.

c. The selection of Sabbath school teachers who are qualified, not only to present lesson material and to lead discussion, but to lead each class unit in consistent personal evangelism. They should demonstrate a willingness to remain with their respective classes for the duration of their one-year term in order that more permanent work may be done by both teacher and class members.

d. Each Sabbath school conduct annually one or more Vacation Bible Schools, neighborhood Bible Clubs, or similar programs in which parents are won through the interest of their children.

e. By following up Vacation Bible Schools, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, and other programs of missionary seed sowing, with more permanent Branch Sabbath

Schools as sources of continuous growth.

f. The promotion and utilization of the *Sabbath School Worker*, or its successor. This department organ, in contemporary design and fresh format, will aim at informing, inspiring, and involving every member in the spiritual work of winning and keeping precious souls.

g. The providing of training and guidance to develop Sabbath school programs that are fresh, vital, Christ-centered, and evangelism-oriented, thus helping to recapture and retain the involved interest of every member, as well as helping to lead individuals to Christ.

2. To make a concerted and concentrated effort to engage every member in a fresh, deep, and intimate acquaintance with the Word of God, knowing that "none but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict" (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594). This objective is to be attained primarily, from the human standpoint, by means of:

a. The preparation of Sabbath school lesson materials that are relevant, stimulating, inspiring, and enlightening for students at each level of age and experience.

b. The preparation of a thoroughly qualified and consecrated Sabbath school teaching ministry, with increasing emphasis on recruitment and training, and with insistence that teachers pursue a Sabbath School Teacher's Training Course periodically in order to keep abreast of the best teaching techniques and the latest soul-winning trends.

c. The wide dissemination to church and Sabbath school members of the best available counsel and instruction on how best to study the Bible for present pleasure and eternal profit.

3. The cultivation of a deepening sense of world mission and the fostering of a fervent spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice in support of the world work. This is to be done in part by the following means:

a. The conscious and continued emphasis on the kind of deeply spiritual experience that leads naturally to faithful stewardship.

b. The employment of fresh, on-the-spot reports from mission lands, such as the Mission Spotlight program.

c. The vigorous promotion of the Investment plan, which has consistently tapped resources that otherwise are largely undiscovered and unused.

The streets of Atlantic City were crowded with vehicles Sabbath morning as thousands of visitors tried to reach Convention Hall in time for the morning services.



Departmental and Other Special Council Meetings

[Immediately preceding, and in connection with, the General Conference session, a number of the departments conducted special meetings for those directly concerned with the various phases of activity. A brief summary of these meetings is presented herewith.]

Sabbath School Department

By R. CURTIS BARGER

The future of the *Sabbath School Worker* as the official voice of the Sabbath School Department and the inauguration of the Mission Spotlight program of documentary audio-visual reports direct from mission lands, were among the significant items of discussion in the Sabbath school advisory committee.

The continuance of the *Worker* was approved, but in a fresh, contemporary format that will seek to open up new lines of communication between Sabbath school members and department leadership. New objectives for the journal were spelled out, designed to give it a wider role in promoting Sabbath school ideals and particularly in the involvement of all members in soul-winning work.

Mission Spotlight, a new plan for promoting world missions, was given a pilot run in several conferences of North America a few months ago. Now it has been adopted for wider use, initially in North America, employing up-to-date methods of slide and tape presentation in Sabbath schools during the Sabbath morning program and at other suitable times. Trial programs have been generally well received.

The advisory committee adopted a set of objectives for the ensuing five-year period, which were later accepted by the delegates in session. These objectives include a more consistent use of the small Sabbath school class as the basic unit for soul winning. Renewed emphasis was placed upon active cooperation with other church departments in evangelistic programs.

Matters of major concern to the advisory committee members were the apparent need to revitalize Sabbath school programs, to make a concerted and concentrated effort to engage every member in a fresh, deep, and intimate acquaintance with the Word of God, to prepare Sabbath school lesson materials that are relevant, stimulating, inspiring, and enlightening for students at each level of age and experience, and to prepare a thoroughly qualified and consecrated Sabbath school teaching ministry.

Sabbath school leaders, representing the world field, pledged themselves to continue the cultivation of a deepening sense of world mission and to foster a fervent spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice in support of the world work. It was felt that every effort must be made to emphasize the deeply spiritual experience that leads naturally to faithful stewardship.

Brief reports from overseas Sabbath school leaders gave inspiring glimpses of the progress being made in many lands toward reaching the high ideals and objectives of the Sabbath school as an organization that has come of age in the realization that it is to be more than the traditional "church at study," but ideally the "church in action," fortified by the Word of God.

Radio-Television Department

By J. J. AITKEN

Atlantic City afforded an excellent opportunity for the radio and television secretaries of the world field to get together and exchange ideas and make plans for the effective use of the media. W. A. Fagal, director of the Faith for Today telecast, opened this important session by keynoting the importance of faithfully transmitting to the world by sight and by sound the glorious message with which this church has been entrusted.

The year 1970 is an important milestone in the development of Adventist communications media, for it marks two important anniversaries: Forty years of broadcasting by H. M. S. Richards and 20 years of telecasting by W. A. Fagal on Faith for Today, America's first religious telecast. Elder Harold Richards reported on the important step taken at the beginning of this year when The Wayout broadcast for youth was initiated. This program has captured the interest and imagination of more than 40,000 young people in the United States.

The unity of the two evangelistic teams, Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy, was symbolized by the blue coats that both organizations have adopted to set apart their workers in a united evangelistic front to the public.

Special emphasis was given during the pre-session meetings to the following programs of the Radio and Television Department:

1. Strengthening our mainline national and international programming of Faith for Today, Voice of Prophecy, and It Is Written.

2. Encouraging and developing local broadcasting through the organization of a Pastor's Script Service.

3. Reaching the entire world with the Advent message through powerful short-wave and satellite broadcasting.

James J. Aitken, secretary of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference, and Walter Scragg, associate secretary, both pointed out the extreme urgency of unifying all denom-

inational thrusts in radio and television for one supreme purpose—the winning of souls for Jesus Christ. The quicker the church awakens to the potential of the media the closer God's people will come to finishing their task.

It is our business to communicate now while we have the entire world within our reach—that the world may know Christ.

Lay Activities Department

By C. C. WEIS

In precouncil session with division, union, and local lay activities secretaries from many parts of the world, the General Conference Lay Activities Department designated 1971 as Laymen's Year. In order to reach our aim of proclaiming the gospel in every house and to every family, the call to the church is for every-member participation in house-to-house evangelism. More contacts will lead to more visits, more visits to more Bible studies, and more Bible studies will lead more people to a decision for Christ and His kingdom.

In this critical time—so near the end of all time—Christ challenges the Advent army of laymen around the world to do their part in the finishing of His work on earth. Through His servant Ellen G. White He has promised "that in the time of the end, when God's work in the earth is closing, the earnest efforts put forth by consecrated believers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are to be accompanied by special tokens of divine favor" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 54).

In 1971 the spotlight of the denomination will be focused for an entire year on the service activities of laymen. The objective of one million Bible studies each month for the greatest harvest of souls through lay evangelism is not impossible with consecrated, Spirit-filled laymen responding to the call of God to enter His service in this critical hour of earth's history.

Conference leaders and pastors will conduct Bible evangelism classes to prepare church members in the art of giving Bible studies. Classes will be conducted with the new series of study guides based on the *Welfare Ministry* and *Christian Service*, motivating church members to work for others.

Adventist Men's seminars for business and professional men will be conducted around the world to prepare male members of our churches to speak for God, to give more efficient leadership in our churches, and to assist in disaster-relief services.

Laymen's classes will be conducted by delegated representatives who will teach special layman-to-layman sharing of techniques and decision types of follow-up programs.

We appeal to our church members to join hands and hearts with the minister to finish God's work in all the earth as quickly as possible and hasten the return of Jesus. Resolve to win a member in 1971. How wonderful it would be for each Adventist family to work toward the goal of winning two souls for Christ during Laymen's Year! Christ's love has

found you. Your love will find others. Christ's sacrifice has saved you. Your spirit of sacrifice will save others. He that saves others, will himself be saved by the grace of God. God's Word admonishes each one of us in these words: "Compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

Temperance Department

By FRANCIS A. SOPER

Past and future met at the pre-session of the Temperance Department. Five-Day Plans, publications, films, youth programs, and other kinds of temperance evangelism were reported from around the world.

Some ten million, it is estimated, have benefited from the Five-Day Plan. Rapidly it is becoming a major community service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Overseas divisions reported a tremendous increase of temperance interest.

In a special evening ceremony awards were given to North American conferences achieving their 1970 *Listen* objectives. Ten conferences received these awards: Idaho, Montana, Arkansas-Louisiana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Indiana, Nevada-Utah, Colorado, and Chesapeake. Special recognition was given to the Northern Union as the first union conference to achieve its objective.

High light of the session temperance programs was the appearance on Sunday afternoon of Senator Frank Moss, of Utah, and Attorney John F. Banzhaf III, of Washington, D.C., as the champions of abstinence in the smoking controversy in the United States. In a public meeting they told the background story of the legislation that at the end of 1970 will go into effect banning all cigarette advertising from the air—both radio and television. This is the outgrowth of the Fairness Doctrine, which requires, under law, radio and television stations to present both sides of any public issue considered controversial.

The doctrine made possible the airing of effective antismoking ads, which were given major credit in reversing the trend of cigarette smoking in the United States. However, the challenge remains for more effective work in the future, since the percentage of youthful smokers is still going up, although the rate has been slowed considerably.

Efforts are under way to persuade airlines and other transportation companies to provide nonsmoking sections in planes, trains, and buses for those who do not wish to smoke. More and more emphasis is being placed on the legal rights of nonsmokers to breathe pure air.

During the General Conference session a community Five-Day Plan was offered in Borton Hall of the Dennis Hotel by Dr. Marlow Shaffner, of Kettering Hospital, and Euel Atchley, of the General Conference Temperance Department. Scores of smokers attended the meeting and were able to quit the habit. In addition the Five-Day Plan was given evening by evening over radio station WOND, of nearby Pleasantville. One major result of these efforts was to persuade Mayor Somers, of Atlantic City, to declare the week of June 14 to 21 as Nonsmoking Week

in the Atlantic City area. This was given wide publicity.

Another community service during the session was a pilot 4 DK Plan given by E. H. J. Steed, General Conference Temperance secretary, and Dr. L. A. Senseman, who returned from his teaching assignment at Velour Medical College in India for this purpose. People were attracted to this unique program from as far away as Philadelphia.

Featured at this plan was a series of animated display films on the major dimensions of life, which are being leased by Disney Studios specifically for the 4 DK Plan. The interest shown in this plan by both those attending from the community of Atlantic City and by the session delegates indicates that this will soon become a major service by the church around the world.

Also introduced at the Plan was a new series of films on alcoholism, produced by the Temperance Department—two documentary and two animation, showing the four-dimensional approach to the cause of alcoholism.

Introduced to the pre-session was a new drug kit designed to provide information and methods of procedure for pastors, youth counselors, and others in dealing with the drug problem. This will be of major assistance in aiding the church to provide needful assistance to people caught up in the modern drug scene.

It is evident that temperance is providing major opportunities for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be of service to people in need and opening doors for the people to become acquainted with the church's beliefs and world program.

Legal Association and Trust Services

By A. C. MCKEE

The highly specialized and technical nature of services rendered through Conference Associations and General Conference institutions requires constant vigilance in meeting the legal requirements of individual State governments and current Federal Government regulations respecting tax incentives available through charitable giving.

The men involved in this unique but important work, as secretaries of local and union conference associations and development officers of General Conference institutions, met for two days prior to the opening of the 1970 General Conference session to give study to these technical aspects of their work and to lay plans for a more progressive program for the next five-year period.

In addition to the time spent with denominational treasurers and auditors in the study of various phases of trustee responsibility, the agenda included areas of trust administration and communication in making these services better known and more meaningful to our constituency throughout North America and around the world.

Denominational trust services, as a part of individual estate planning, has become a very respected concept. Churches and charitable institutions are benefiting as increased emphasis is being given by those

trained to counsel in the mechanics involved and the special advantages available. This rather delicate and complex approach involves a working knowledge of human and economic factors, the relationship of the husband and father to his family and of a Christian to his church. If properly executed, however, these plans help the individual to enlarge, conserve, and distribute his possessions in ways that are Christ-centered, that bring inner satisfaction, and are helpful to God and man.

The Department of Stewardship and Development

By W. M. STARKS

The second advisory council of the Department of Stewardship and Development in its pre-session meetings at Atlantic City reviewed the accomplishments of the past two and one-half years of its existence, and set meaningful goals for the future.

Among the objectives set was the recommendation that stewardship be made relevant on every level of Christian education, through stewardship courses made available to our academic institutions. It was further recommended that a cross section of our editors, educators, and writers be called together to form a committee to give study to the organization and implementation of the concepts of Christian stewardship and that these concepts be communicated in such simple form as to challenge even the boys and girls of the church.

Consideration was also given to make stewardship concepts available to the committed Christian in the home who may not have the opportunity to attend one of our schools.

In the appeal to capitalize on the inherent quality of evangelism in Christian stewardship it was discovered that one of our secretaries, along with his other responsibilities, had baptized 106 persons. It was therefore recommended that the Department of Stewardship go on record supporting the president of the General Conference in his challenge to the church to win one million souls by the next General Conference session.

The advisory committee also gave study as to how it might cooperate with the funding of our educational institutions, and is laying plans whereby more definite support may come from the grass roots of Adventism.

It was also revealed through practical experience that the preaching of Christ, of His crucifixion and His love as the basis and foundation of true Christian stewardship, brought about a response that in many instances was phenomenal. One of our brethren from Haiti told of an experience where he went in to one of his churches and by simply holding up and preaching Christ and Him crucified, making Him the center of the grace of giving, led many to seek him out asking what could they do in support of the cause of God.

Another high light of the advisory committee meeting was a more simplified and detailed overseas manual, which makes it possible for any stewardship secretary to readily grasp, present, and execute both the theory and the implementation of the

stewardship program. This manual is now prepared and was introduced by R. Mattison, stewardship secretary for the South American Division.

The members of the advisory committee pledged themselves to a greater togetherness, and a greater effort in making the gospel of stewardship meaningful around the circle of the earth.

World Foods Service

By E. W. HOWSE

Representatives of the food ministry of the church from Japan, Switzerland, France, Germany, England, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and North America met together in Atlantic City June 10, 11 for the first council of the World Foods Service. This was a significant meeting for the leaders of this branch of church activity, which represents a total of 27 food factories, 2 research laboratories, 1 plant development division, 30 warehouses, 41 retail stores, and 3 cafeteria snack bars. Important items relating to the future development of World Foods Service were discussed from an international standpoint. Of particular importance was the study of plans to advance technology and product research and improvement.

A cordial welcome was extended to Dr. Harry W. Miller, who more than 60 years ago went to the Orient. He has served not only in medical practice but in developing products from soybeans. He challenged all to work diligently on formulating new products, particularly for the poorer classes found in every country today.

As all branches of the church are to be evangelically oriented, study was given to ways whereby we might strengthen the evangelical contribution of this branch. While the talents of men and women are employed in the manufacture of food, special efforts are also to be made to supply the multitudes with the bread of life.

Other items on the agenda that received careful attention dealt with areas of future development in operating retail stores, fruit-juice snack bars, and restaurants; product range; staff training in specialized fields of the food industry.

God has richly blessed this aspect of the church's comprehensive health message during the past seven decades, but we believe the brightest days are just ahead as we follow the clear counsel of the Lord and work in close cooperation with the Health Department in promoting the program of health education and reform.

Department of Health

By R. F. WADDELL, M.D.

Three hundred and fifty health workers from all parts of the world field assembled in Atlantic City for the church's health pre-session meetings prior to the opening of the fifty-first General Conference session. "Making the health services of the church effective means of finishing the work" is the consuming desire of our

dedicated physicians, dentists, hospital administrators, nurses, dietitians, social workers, health secretaries, chaplains, and other health workers.

Enthusiastic panels described how successful community involvement of the church's health programs had opened doors for the reception of truth. Dr. F. T. Geslani described the village clinics, jail bands, cooking schools, and other activities carried on by the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines, and how these had helped them baptize 69 converts in a single year.

Total health programs involving the inner cities, Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, home nutrition instructors' training programs, Better Living centers, and a host of other related activities have been shown to be outstanding means of demonstrating the relevance of Christianity in a world torn with strife and hostility.

Our 353 health-care facilities represent a tremendous chain of concern centers designed to serve as "true interpretations of the gospel." Representatives of a number of our overseas institutions reported on activities they had developed and were planning to develop as out-reaches to serve as "entering wedges" and extensions of Christian witnessing.

The decade ahead challenges the church with a need for renewed dedication, for an increased sense of purpose, as well as for sanctified judgment and Heaven-sent wisdom as the church faces the tumultuous future. Problems relating to the health-care activities of the church, to the recruitment of adequate and competent personnel, and to the financing of a massive chain of community involvements around the world would be staggering were it not for the injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The church has developed a dynamic educational program to prepare health workers at nearly all levels of professional activity to fit into God's program of finishing His work through effective health ministry. Increased attention will be shown not only to the quantity of persons trained for health care but to the quality of education provided and to

even greater competence in the service we render.

Special attention is being focused upon nursing education and nursing service as it relates to the Adventist hospital. The role of the professional nurse is rapidly changing, new areas of responsibility are unfolding, while nonnursing roles are being assigned to those having specific training in their respective fields. The cry of most of our medical institutions is for more and more dedicated professional nurses, highly skilled Christian nurses, to serve as members of teams "to make man whole."

It has been shown that many of the church's overseas medical facilities are languishing because of insufficient personnel to maintain the high levels of health care that are characteristic of Adventist missionary medicine. The attention of the General Conference Secretariat and the Department of Health is focused upon finding ways and means of meeting this challenge by acquainting the graduates of our professional schools with the opportunities, the thrills, and the rewards of making life a missionary career.

Adventists have a story to tell to the nations. An important chapter in this story is the health message given us 100 years ago. John's prayer for the church rings just as true today: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). Health is a right and should be the heritage of the human family. Health of body and health of soul is the goal of Adventist medicine. Medical institutions have been established around the world as a means of making Christ known to the masses. We have been counseled in *Medical Ministry*, page 188: "In these institutions the attributes of God are to be unfolded, and the glory and excellence of the truth is to be made to appear more vivid."

Dental ministry has been shown to be a valuable means of promoting health, of serving our communities in a meaningful manner, and "a most effective instrument by which the ground is prepared for the sowing of the seeds of

Mrs. E. H. J. Steed registers smokers for the Five-Day Plan held during GC at Atlantic City.



truth, and the instrument also by which the harvest is reaped."—ELLEN G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald*, Sept. 10, 1908. Adventist dentists look to the decade ahead as a golden opportunity for promoting health education, preventive dentistry, and preaching the gospel.

Health and diet are closely related. "Our physical health is maintained by that which we eat."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 52. Tremendous progress has been made in the field of nutrition, in defining a balanced diet as such relates to sources of fat, protein, and carbohydrates. Scientific investigators are acclaiming the "Adventist way of life" a superior way, one that adds years to men's lives and health to their years.

Health evangelism has been demonstrated to be most effective and highly acceptable when integrated with the preaching of the Word. When ministers and physicians launch into campaigns as teams, presenting the truths of healthful living and the plan of salvation, audiences are held spellbound, avenues of the mind are opened to the entrance of the Holy Spirit, and conversions are the result.

The decade ahead may well be "the golden decade of Adventist medicine." Although there are threatening signs on the horizon, unrest in many places, and a clamoring of men for more and more of a place in the sun, God has given us a sure foundation. The story we have to tell to the nations will be more clearly understood because of its contrast with the din about us, and our health-care program will take on new meaning as the "Thus saith the Lord" stands out in bold headlines against the selfish and confused practices of the world. God has called His church into being for such a time as this. Blessed with His benediction and filled with His Spirit, the '70's give promise of the best the church has ever known.

MV Department

By JAMES JOINER

More than 162,000 baptisms have been reported from MV Target projects during the past four years. Lawrence Nelson brought this high light of youth evangelism to the attention of world youth leaders assembled at the Missionary Volunteer Advisory Council in Atlantic City just prior to the General Conference session.

Theodore Lucas directed the MV activities of the pre-session, concluding his 24 years of youth leadership in the General Conference. He has been head of Adventist youth around the world since 1955. During the session John Hancock, an MV leader since 1946 and associate world youth leader since 1963, was elected to succeed Elder Lucas.

The MV Advisory Council heard H. M. S. Richards, Sr., H. M. S. Richards, Jr., Herb Ford, and Norm Matiko present plans for the new Voice of Prophecy youth outreach program called The Way Out. Early returns from trial runs of the radio spot announcements have exceeded what was expected. MV leaders will guide youth in cooperating with the Voice of Prophecy to follow up the in-

terests developed in The Way Out program.

Youth observers participated in the pre-session meetings, including the discussion of Project Whitecoat and other aspects of the National Service Organization. Time was devoted also to the study of *MV Kit* and a new plan for the MV Book Club, to be introduced in the fall of 1970. Later, during the session, editors Don Yost and Pat Horning of *Insight* participated with the MV leaders in discussion of the new youth journal. Youth observers also took part in this meeting.

New international Master Guide and Pathfinder insignia were voted. In an effort to prevent language becoming a barrier, letters will not be used in the new emblems; thus the international circle of Seventh-day Adventist youth is emphasized.

Actions taken by the MV Advisory Council included the addition of the following MV Honors: Model Rocketry, Model Rocketry (Advanced), Edible Wild Plants, Rock Climbing, Rock Climbing (Advanced), Glasscraft, Junior Witness, Knitting, Knitting (Advanced), Crocheting, and Crocheting (Advanced). Plans were made to prepare an MV Honor in Winter Camping. One Honor, Needlecraft, was dropped.

Department of Education

By CHARLES B. HIRSCH

The General Conference Department of Education conducted a four-day series of meetings during the pre-session meetings of the General Conference session at Atlantic City. In preparation for the session meetings, the educators, representing the overseas divisions, as well as North America, met in small prayer bands to invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit and God's direction in the important meetings that were to follow.

Underlining the role of education in the worldwide program of the church were Elders Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, and W. J. Hackett, vice-president, who in morning devotionals brought before the educators the continuing need for a closer adherence to the guidelines of Christian education as outlined by Ellen G. White and the Holy Scriptures.

The various groups that met during the four-day period included the Education Advisory Committee, the North American Division commissions on secondary and higher education, the General Conference Board of Regents, the Home Study Institute Advisory Council. In addition, there were meetings of the college and university administrators; secretaries, superintendents, and supervisors of education; and of college and university finance officers who were present during the pre-session.

There were also special meetings with the North American Division union conference educational secretaries and the overseas division educational secretaries. Those present were given to understand that this was the first instance in a General Conference session where there was such a wide representation of overseas educators.

As a result there was much dialog and interaction among the participants, who, from a cursory look at the problems facing the educational work of the church, realized that there was much need for more frequent meetings in an attempt to help resolve the differences that do exist, as well as to work and cooperate toward a more meaningful program of education that would meet the needs and goals of the church.

All of the personnel of the General Conference Department of Education participated and led out in the discussions. During the session there were several meetings of the Adventist Colleges Abroad Committee, and of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Educators, which was organized for the first time.

The Department of Education exhibit, under the direction of Walton J. Brown, had as its theme "Educate, Educate, Educate." The huge exhibit was representative of the educational program throughout the world field, and showed a determined effort on the part of all its educational institutions to unite their forces in giving a strong thrust to Christian education. Included in the exhibit were the Home Study Institute at one end, and the graduate and professional program of the universities at the other end.

Bureau of Public Relations

By E. W. TARR

Because of its intense preoccupation with news coverage of both the General Conference pre-session and session, the Bureau of Public Relations has always found it difficult to carry forward a full-scale program of departmental meetings. Except for one full day, the pre-session period was used in setting up and operating a fully manned newsroom of some 20 persons. This consisted of full-time writers for the local and nearby city news media, organizers for radio and television news and interviews and service-club speakers, back-home coverage for the world field, photographers and darkroom processors.

Though it will be some time before a full assessment can be made of newspaper coverage of the meetings in Atlantic City, indications are that this was extensive. A television show involving overseas personnel, aired from Philadelphia on June 7 as delegates were arriving in Atlantic City, was the first of 45 such radio and television programs broadcast from several Eastern cities. Colorful personalities from many lands were invited to participate.

Pre-session meeting day for the Bureau of Public Relations was June 10. Participating were members of the bureau's advisory committee from North America and overseas, and other interested persons. Features were firsthand accounts of the upsurge of Seventh-day Adventist public relations in many lands, discussions on how PR can be integrated into the total evangelistic outreach of the church, and plans for worldwide coordination of public relations efforts. Reports from some divisions indicated that despite difficulties in securing cooperation of the news media, churches were electing PR secre-

tarials to work. As one division PR director stated, "Slowly but surely, the number of successful PR secretaries is increasing."

Nearly all speakers pointed out that no one activity of the church has resulted in more favorable news coverage than the Five-Day Plan. Around the world, radio and television stations and big-city newspapers give full coverage to this program.

The reports attracting considerable interest were those on the newspaper evangelism program in North America and the report on the survey to measure the public's attitudes toward the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Gallup poll) in the United States. Though neither of these programs extends beyond North America, delegates were interested in progress reports about these recently launched activities.

Facing the Future Courageously

(Continued from page 3)

Conference session? These are questions that none of us can answer this morning, but we know that His coming is nearer than when we first believed. We know that signs that point to His return have been fulfilled one by one. It is for us to be ready, to be waiting, to be working. Let us not allow our faith to erode or our hope to grow dim. This is happening in the world all about us, and at this we should not be surprised, for our Lord implies that faith would be limited when He returns the second time. Here are His words: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8).

Eugene Carson Blake said recently: "The great Christian words are becoming threadbare today. Love seems to mean what goes on between movie stars; charity now typically means patronage of the poor by the well-off; service equals unpleasant, menial duties; redemption is the process by which you get value for the green or yellow stamps; gospel is slang for truth; grace is a girl's name; and faith is believing what is not so."

Let us make certain that these definitions never apply to our faith and our love and our service. It is the studied purpose of the evil one to turn us from our main task to involve us in good things and worthy works just so long as they do not contribute to the finishing of God's work—to distract us and occupy us with questions that are irrelevant and trifling and inconsequential. Let us constantly remember the words of Jesus and make them our first business: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

Before returning to the United States a few months ago I stood on the equator in the Congo and held out my hand to say good-by to an appointee who had come to serve in his new field of labor only four days before this. He and his family had come nearly halfway around the world to open a new school that was much needed in that part of the Congo.

"Would you like to know why I accepted the call to come out here and serve

The pilot, or test, program for the series of advertisements launched in April revealed that doctrinal themes such as "The Sabbath" and the "Time of the End" have more pulling power than non-doctrinal subjects. The main campaign, to begin in August, provides for the insertion of one-fifth-page-single-column advertisements in 146 newspapers. The papers have a primary circulation across the United States and Canada of more than 28.5 million. There will be ten messages appearing approximately once a month in these newspapers and *Ebony* magazine. This tremendous program of communicating the church and its message to the millions through this tried-and-tested tool of communication, must under the power of the Holy Spirit reach the hearts of many who are searching for God.

as principal of the Kivu Seminary?" Max asked me just before we parted. "Well," he said, "it is just like this. I really believe that Jesus is coming soon, and since I really believe that, I felt that I would like to be in some place where there is a great need, some place like this, when He comes. It is just that simple."

Max's faith is a living faith, a working faith, and it will be rewarded.

Soon we shall look up and see our Saviour coming in the clouds. We are nearly at that event—soon we will be home.

Many of you remember the return of the crew of the *Pueblo* to the shores of this country. As I watched the television news one evening I saw the reunion of one of those crew members with his elderly father in Georgia. Many of the townspeople had come out to the airport to see this young man reunited with his family.

We watched as he stepped off the plane and came down the ramp. We saw him embrace his father and finally we heard his father say, "Son, there were times when I thought I would never see you again." We waited for the reply of the young man. Finally he said, "Well, Dad, when I crossed the thirty-eighth parallel I thought, I am going home. When I reached San Francisco I said, Now I am nearly home. But now I know I am home!"

As we have looked backward this morning, to reassure ourselves of the surety of the faith transmitted to us, and as we look into the untried but threatening future, we need the reassuring promises of God expressed in *The Desire of Ages*, page 827:

"All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence."

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The survey to determine the public's image of the church and attitudes toward its beliefs and activities showed that approximately two out of three people say they have read or heard about Seventh-day Adventists. The majority of these say they received this information from friends and neighbors, from literature, or from the newspaper. Best-known public activities or programs are temperance, *Voice of Prophecy*, and *Faith for Today*. Best-known magazine is *Signs of the Times*. The study also revealed that Seventh-day Adventists are still being frequently identified with other church groups. Recommendations arising from the 30-page report from the American Institute of Public Opinion will be considered in days to come.

This meeting of public relations people showed an awareness that in spite of the miracle of electronics, which sends a voice from one end of the earth to the other in a split second, the world's greatest need is for communication. It is through those who can effectively communicate, that the knowledge of God and an understanding of His love come to people.

Publishing Department

By D. A. MCADAMS

As the delegates to the pre-session publishing council walked into Room No. 21 of Convention Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on June 8, they saw the motto "Light the World With Literature." This was the theme of the council.

Greater soul winning was the first item on the agenda. We in the Publishing Department want to be known as team workers for truth. It is the desire of publishing personnel everywhere to cooperate with every other soul-winning agency of the church in order to increase the evangelistic thrust of denominational literature. Special tracts have been provided for literature evangelists to leave in homes where no sale is made. This means that every home visited by a literature evangelist should receive some gospel literature. Literature in every home in all parts of the world is the goal of the Publishing Department of the church. The preacher preaches to the people through their ears; our publications preach to the people through their eyes, which is one of the most effective ways of reaching the mind and the heart.

The council gave careful study to books that sell the best. As a church we must cover the full spectrum of the needs for literature—for children, young people, adults, and older people. Tracts, magazines, soft-covered books, hard-bound books in various price ranges, are now available for distribution in 278 languages and dialects. The division publishing leaders from around the world were present at this council, and they, together with the publishing leaders in the North American Division, accepted the challenge to take back to their leaders and literature evangelists, as well as the members of their churches, the urgency of placing denominational literature in

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Representatives from 13 publishing houses were present at the council, and these, together with the leaders and workers in the other publishing houses around the world, are dedicated to the task of producing the literature that our church members should have, as well as millions of non-Seventh-day Adventists who need this message and who are looking for a better way of life. The 46 publishing houses, the 183 Book and Bible Houses, and the Home Health Education Service offices are the production and distribution agencies for church literature. Through these organizations the literature flows out to the more than 2 million Seventh-day Adventists, and through the more than 6,000 literature evangelists our subscription books and magazines reach millions of homes and bring happiness, hope, and salvation.

It was suggested at this council that a survey of the publishing needs be made in all the divisions of the world. This will be done, and careful plans will be laid in the publishing houses, the Book and Bible Houses, the Home Health Education Service offices, and by the field leaders and literature evangelists greatly to expand and accelerate the distribution of literature. The leaders in the Publishing Department believe that Jesus is coming soon. In view of the shortness of time the program must be stepped up in every possible way. Selling books through non-Seventh-day Adventist channels was discussed, and plans have been made for the books *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* to be placed on newsstands for sale throughout America. This will make denominational literature available to people who do not have access to our Book and Bible Houses. We are sure that thousands of our church members around the world would like to have a part in literature evangelism. God is calling more people into this work in order quickly to finish the message. Many church members must respond to the needs of the church and the needs of the world and help to light the world with literature.

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 3. The time has come for this to be done.

Ministerial Association

By J. R. SPANGLER

"What is the ultimate goal of our mission as a church? Is it to finish the work or to change the world or to demonstrate for peace or to press for social reforms and true racial equality?"

More than 3,000 people, mostly Adventist ministers, heard N. R. Dower, General Conference Ministerial Association secretary, open the Ministerial Association with these challenging questions.

In Elder Dower's keynote address an urgent call was made for "a new repentance, a new morality, a new reformation, a new inspiration, a new conviction, a new certainty, a new clarity,

a new Pentecost, and finally a new demonstration of dedication to Jesus Christ." He pleaded: "Let us not clutter up our beautiful message with terms that cannot be understood. Let us neither obscure it with humanistic philosophy nor discolor it with the vulgarisms of our day nor disgrace it by clothing it in cheap talk or commonplace anecdotes. We may not always be profound, but there is no reason why we cannot always be clear."

His theme and the theme of the entire council, "To Make Ready a People, for the Coming of the Lord," was woven through every moment of the four-day council. This pre-session meeting was not only a deep emotional experience but a wonderfully practical education, for each day different groups gathered to discuss particular areas of ministerial responsibilities. "How to Prepare the Field and the Church for Successful Evangelism," "Health Evangelism," and "Increasing Prayer Meeting Attendance," constituted the subjects for the workshops. While the ministers were engaged in the varied workshops their wives were attending a meeting of their own titled "Adventist Woman Power" under the guidance of Mrs. N. R. Dower, Dollis Pierson, and Bertha Fearing.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 ministers and their wives met at 8:00 A.M. every day for the devotional messages. These centered on the Holy Spirit and His work. It was very apparent that these studies from the Scripture set the mood for the day. After a 30-minute presentation the meeting broke up into smaller groups of between 25 and 40, each under a chosen leader, each becoming a small discussion group—like a large Sabbath school class. This continued for another hour. The last ten or 12 minutes of the time was given over to prayer, and what a moving experience it was to witness these many small groups all pleading for the outpouring of the early and the latter rain!

R. Allan Anderson, former Ministerial Association secretary and *Ministry* editor, began the morning devotionals with the piercing question "Do we know the Holy Spirit?" We searched our hearts when he said, "Is that Power working in you, my brother, my sister? The church began with a few men and women praying in an upper room. The charter members of the church were men of heat, not men of high standing. Even the brilliant Paul was accounted 'mad.' But he and a few of his fellow workers turned the world upside down. We need what they had. Our God is not only the God of the past, He is the God of the present—the God of prophecy. When Paul said at the close of his ministry, 'I have fought a good fight,' every demon in hell could have agreed, for they suffered more from him than he suffered from them. And what was the secret of his power? When one day a man came along pretending to do what Paul did, the devils cried out, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?'"

D. R. Watts, Ministerial Association secretary of the South India Union, speaking of Pentecost, pointed out that "in ten days the miracle lay not so much in the tongues of fire as in the fact that 120 proud, selfish sinners became

one in pursuit of the promise of God." He reported that "in 1969 the Holy Spirit added 5,700 converts to the church [in his field], accomplishing in one year what previously took 45!" Pastor Watts thrilled the congregation when he declared that "villages where Christianity was refused entrance for 100 years, where every attempt to preach the gospel was met with scorn, spittle, and stones, are now sending delegations pleading with us to tell what they must do to be saved. Whole churches are accepting the third angel's message. Other ministers are uniting with us to proclaim the binding claims of God's law. Sick are healed in answer to prayer, devils are cast out, drunkards are converted and backsliders reclaimed. . . . Now, if God can do this work in India He can do it anywhere. And He is going to do it everywhere, only in a far greater measure than we have yet seen."

R. R. Bietz, General Conference vice-president, in his message on church standards appealed to the Adventist ministry to "not only have a position but to make that position known." There was a bell-like clarity to his reasoning when he testified to the fact that he was in complete harmony with the statement that says, "Talk of Christ, and when the heart is converted, everything that is out of harmony with the Word of God will drop off. . . . The ax must be laid at the root of the tree, and then the leaves will fall off, never to return. . . . Cleanse the fountain, and the streams will be pure."—*Evangelism*, p. 272.

He continued, "I have noticed that there are some who use this statement only to avoid talking about standards. They go their own merry way disregarding all the standards of the church but glibly quote, 'If the heart is right, all will be right.' The fact that they ignore the plain instruction of the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy in this matter could be evidence that the heart isn't right. It needs instruction and correction."

General Conference President Robert H. Pierson electrified everyone when he spoke of his recent meeting with the world division leaders and their decision to set a goal of one million baptisms before the next General Conference session. He spoke plainly about the main work of the minister as a soul winner. None could escape the fervency of his spirit as he pleaded with the men to lift up Christ in their own lives and before the world as the Saviour of mankind.

W. W. Fordham, North American Regional Department associate secretary, emphasized that "the great Advent Movement launched in 1844 by divine edict is the agency through which God is working to gather His people out of mystical Babylon." He continued, "There should be no reservations, no evasiveness, no doubting concerning the role of our movement and the fact that it represents the visible remnant church for these last days. . . . And if we are not clear after 125 years as to the distinctiveness of our position, the distinctiveness of our message, our identity as the remnant church, and our solemn commission to call men and women into this church as the place of safety and salvation, then I would

say, 'God have mercy upon our souls as a group of Adventist preachers.'

Theodore Carcich, General Conference vice-president and liaison officer for the Ministerial Association, gripped his audience when he declared, "Certainly there are some people who find all preaching dull, even as some people are bored with a powerful symphony. Still others rate a guitar higher than a pipe organ, a picket sign more profound than a Bible study, and a dialog as something superior to a sermon."

"The overuse of the word *relevance* by some has scared the wits out of some preachers; so much so that some of them have become second-rate psychologists, psychiatrists, and marriage counselors. Relevance, which means little more than being related to our temporary interests and immediate needs, has also panicked other preachers into preaching fantastic, outlandish, and highly diluted sermons."

"If we turn to the gospel record it is quite evident that Christ knew how to relate to the people of His day. He spoke their common language and not some professional, religious jargon. He talked about food, drink, marriage, children, taxes, housework, hospitality, cooperation, birth, death, and all the other things that made up the everyday life of those He lived with. Believe it, He was relevant."

Edward Heppenstall, speaking on the subject of inspiration and revelation, touched the hearts of his hearers when he softly said, "One of our greatest needs is to repent of our self-esteem. This is very difficult to do. In the ministry of church and school there is an almost irresistible urge to water down the need for Christ's righteousness and the power of the Holy Spirit, even while talking about it. It is that tragic error which leads men and women to believe we can be the remnant church of God upon some other condition than by the power of the Holy Ghost and by the power of God's Word."

"To fear God and give glory to Him is beyond the power of human ability, however important that may be. God will not share His glory with any man whose concern is with his own prestige, status, and self-exaltation. We must live totally and entirely within the power of God's saving action in Christ; and by His marvelous grace alone bear witness to Christ's power and glory, and not our own. Then only will this church fully realize the triumph of the third angel's message."

These are just a few of the gems of truth that flashed so brilliantly in the hearts and minds of those who attended this pressession meeting. As we left, we as ministers knew that the only reason for existence as a denomination is to prepare the way of the Lord and make a people ready to meet Him in peace.

Regional Department

By H. D. SINGLETON

The Regional Department of the General Conference is concerned specifically with reaching the 22 million black people of the North American Division territory with the news of Christ's second coming.

The subject of the pressession departmental council held in Atlantic City, New

Jersey, June 10, was "Christ, the Answer to the Urban Crisis." Several panels discussed the subject under such topics as "The Anatomy of the Crisis We Face," "Preaching the Third Angel's Message to Black America," and "Christ's Concern for the Whole Man." The council closed with the theme "Together With Christ We Face the 70's."

During the General Conference session three departmental meetings were held, at which reports from the Regional areas and institutions were given. The Pacific Union reported 164 members won by B. R. Spears and a team of workers in Los Angeles last year, and a \$100,000 youth and inner-city center provided in San Diego, where E. C. Ward is pastor. New church homes in Compton, Pacoima, Riverside, and Altadena, California, were also reported.

In the Northeastern Conference more than 1,000 persons were baptized in 1969, putting the membership over the 12,000 mark, and making it the ninth largest constituency in North America. The tithe last year was \$2 million. A 120-bed nursing home is nearly completed at Hyde Park, New York.

The South Central Conference added 750 persons to its membership in 1969, which was the largest soul-winning record of any year in the history of the conference. The membership is now 6,500. In Memphis, Tennessee, C. B. Rock baptized more than 200. The literature evangelists sold more than \$250,000 worth of literature in 1969.

The Southwest Region Conference, which was small when it was organized more than 20 years ago, reported a membership of nearly 5,000, as well as increases in tithes, offerings, support of the *Message Magazine*, literature ministry, church school enrollment, et cetera.

The Lake Region Conference, with a net gain of 622 during 1969, emphasized the evangelistic accomplishments of the newly acquired Better Living Center in Detroit. The purpose of the Better Living Center is to provide services for people in the disadvantaged areas of Detroit. A \$7,800 welfare van is an important addition to the conference equipment.

The president of the Central States Conference disclosed a plan to hold six tent evangelistic meetings for 1970, with every church an evangelistic center and every layman involved in evangelism. This conference has just occupied a new functional and representative office building.

The Allegheny East Conference reported expansion resulting from the adding of 11 new full-time workers, the work of the youth, the growth of the church schools, the work in the inner cities, evangelism, the faithfulness in tithes and offerings, and the acquirement of church properties. W. A. Thompson, who had been president of the Columbia Union during the General Conference session.

From Allegheny West it was emphasized that this three-year-old conference ranked high in North America among conferences in net gain in membership, being one of the fastest growing conferences. Strong financial and other support is given by the laity.



Four organists played for the General Conference session. From left: Donald Vaughn, Brad Braley, Warren C. Becker, Van Knauss.

The second largest Regional conference is the South Atlantic, with nearly 11,000 members. Its major promotion has been in evangelism. Since its organization 25 years ago it has had a net gain of 7,212 members. Its tithe is in the \$1 million category. Its ministers have set a goal to baptize 1,700 in 1971. This conference has a full-time man working for the disadvantaged in the poorer areas.

Among our institutions, Riverside Hospital is erecting a 50-bed acute-care addition at a cost of \$2.7 million, and Oakwood College has greatly improved its campus and educational offerings.

As we face the next few years the Regional Department addresses itself to the challenge of the hour: revival, reformation, and aggressive promotion of God's program on earth. We aim for an increase of membership from the present 70,000 to 100,000 five years from now.

NOTICE

Environmental Seminar

In cooperation with the General Conference Insurance Service, Loma Linda University will conduct an Environmental Safety Seminar at the La Sierra campus August 3-13, 1970. School personnel in the North American Division are encouraged to attend. Authorities in the field of safety education will present the various topics for which two semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit will be earned. For information write to Dean, Summer Sessions, Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, Riverside, California 92505 J. W. PERKE, Manager, General Conference Insurance Service.

Review and Herald

In 1969 a group of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1970 they also published the issue 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 vital doctrines of the Advent Movement.

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Leon M. Maltby (left), editor of the Sabbath Recorder, 126-year-old Seventh Day Baptist magazine, was an official observer at the session. He chats with K. H. Wood.

REPORT OF THE

License and Credentials Committee

[At the fifteenth business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 19, the following recommendations were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

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- b. Friday, June 12—F. W. Detamore, Voice of Prophecy
2. a. Friday, June 12—Jean Zurcher, French Adventist Seminary
- b. Friday, June 12—C. D. Brooks, Columbia Union

3. a. Sabbath, June 13—R. H. Pierson, General Conference
- b. Sunday, June 14—Emilio Knechtle, Layman, New York
4. a. Sunday, June 14—W. R. Beach, General Conference
- b. Monday, June 15—M. K. Eckeroth, Columbia Union College
5. a. Monday, June 15—H. E. Douglass, associate editor, REVIEW AND HERALD
- b. Tuesday, June 16—C. B. Rock, pastor, New York
6. a. Tuesday, June 16—Gordon M. Hyde, General Conference
- b. Wednesday, June 17—H. M. S. Richards, Sr., Voice of Prophecy
7. a. Wednesday, June 17—Wilber Alexander, SDA Seminary
- b. Wednesday, June 17—R. R. Bietz, General Conference
8. a. Thursday, June 18—K. H. Wood, editor, REVIEW AND HERALD
- b. Thursday, June 18—Leslie Harding, Pacific Union College
9. a. Friday, June 19—E. L. Minchin, General Conference
- b. Friday, June 19—A. Graham Maxwell, Loma Linda University
10. a. Friday, June 19—Enoch Oliveira, South American Division
- b. Sabbath, June 20—C. O. Franz, General Conference

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