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IT is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. . . . Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

Some will say: "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed." Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your fam-

ilies. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 38, 39.

“Reason From Cause to Effect”

ONE of the most important lessons to learn in life is that effect follows cause. If a person steps off a ten-story building, he will fall to his death. If a person contributes generously to God's cause and worthy projects, he will starve covetousness to death. If he is “willing and obedient, . . . [he] shall eat the good of the land” (Isa. 1:19). If he violates God's laws, he will suffer the penalty of wrongdoing. “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Gal. 6:7).

This was the first—and hardest—lesson taught to our first parents. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, surrounded by everything necessary to satisfy their needs. He withheld but one thing—the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. “Thou shalt not eat of it,” He commanded (Gen. 2:17). Simple enough. Obey and live; eat and die. A succinct statement of cause and effect.

Tragically, Adam and Eve disobeyed. The result? Expulsion from the Garden, and millenniums of indescribable misery, suffering, and sorrow.

Was God too harsh? Foreseeing the devastating results of this apparently minor transgression, should He not have provided a way to avoid the consequences? Should He not have reasoned that Adam and Eve had not been sufficiently informed and warned? Should He not have argued that “It is hardly fair to permit one mistake to ruin their lives”? Should He not have suspended sentence?

Doubtless it would have been impossible to restore innocence, for the commission of sin deranges the system. Disobedience did something to Adam and Eve that could not be removed merely by a divine willingness to give them “one more chance.” But in this experience God also was teaching the important lesson of human responsibility. He was teaching that ideas and acts have consequences. He was teaching that effect follows cause. He was teaching that the universe is orderly, not whimsical.

This lesson must be internalized by mature human beings today, and must be taught to the young. To parents Inspiration says, “Teach your children to reason from cause to effect. Show them that if they violate the laws of their being, they must pay the penalty in suffering.”—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 126. “To every transgression is affixed a penalty.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 67.

But perhaps nowhere do parents fail more decidedly than in this responsibility. Many not only neglect to teach that consequences follow actions, they actually encourage their children to believe the opposite. With misguided devotion they help their children escape consequences. If son or daughter is arrested for speeding, “fond” parents endeavor to get the ticket “fixed.” If the schoolteacher gives a lower grade than Johnny thinks he deserves, the parents accept the child's excuse that “the teacher has it in for me,” and then endeavor to get the teacher to revise the grade upward. If the child spends his entire allowance on some foolish pur-

chase, then later in the week needs money for a necessity, the parents supply the extra funds. Repeatedly throughout his growing-up years, this procedure is followed until the young person has been thoroughly schooled in the philosophy that unpleasant consequences can be avoided.

The pattern often continues when the youth transgress the seventh commandment and learn that an unwanted, unexpected, new little human being is on its way. Of all the difficulties that they have yet been involved in, this is the most serious. What to do? Get married? Have the baby secretly and adopt it out? Have an abortion?

In these modern times, too often the latter course is the one chosen. Without discussing here the moral issues involved in this choice—and we believe they are numerous and major—we should like to point out that often the lesson it teaches is that the penalty for transgression can be avoided. It adds further to the young person's unrealistic, distorted view of life. It continues to teach the fiction that laws can be violated with impunity.

We are well aware of the arguments that parents and others sometimes offer for helping their children evade the consequences of wrongdoing (“Their whole lives are ahead of them; we can't afford to let their future be affected by one mistake”; “They're not meant for each other; it would be tragic for them to get married merely to give a home to their child”; “It is unfair to any child to be born to people who don't want it”; et cetera). But if God expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, and permitted the whole sorry result of sin to follow, can we honestly believe that He would suspend the law of cause and effect today? If we are to represent God aright, should we not rather do what God did—involve ourselves in the problem, identify with the wrongdoers, assure them of our love, encourage them, and help them learn whatever lessons the experience may hold?

Life may never again be the same for one who commits a serious sin—e.g., it wasn't for Adam and Eve nor was it for the Gibeonites in Joshua's day—but every wrongdoer can know that God loves him and freely forgives if he truly repents. Thus he may gain from the experience a lesson that will enable him to make better judgments in the future, and to live successfully in the eternal world. He will see that God blends love and justice in permitting consequence to follow cause and then sharing with sinners the penalties of their wrongs, even as He did on the cross.

And always, of course, there is the other side of the coin—the fact that pleasant consequences follow right doing; that absolute conformity to God's will brings happiness. “*Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. . . . He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting*” (Gal. 6:7, 8).

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MORMONS URGE PEOPLE TO PREPARE FOR SECOND COMING

SALT LAKE CITY—Alvin R. Dyer of the Mormon Council of 12 Apostles, governing body of the church, said there are signs that indicate the nearness of Christ's second coming.

"The Lord identifies the present day as a time of preparation," he said. "Living in the last dispensation, we must be aware of the fact that there will not be another . . . that all God has intended for the redemption and salvation of man upon the earth through the gospel plan will culminate in this dispensation."

ETHIOPIA, NIGERIA, AND INDIA RECEIVE AID FROM LUTHERANS

NEW YORK—Lutheran World Relief has allocated more than \$300,000 for rehabilitation and development efforts in Nigeria, Ethiopia, and India.

The largest grant was a \$250,000 appropriation to the Commission on Rehabilitation of the Christian Council of Nigeria for a four-part program it has undertaken in areas affected by the civil war.

A \$50,000 grant to Ethiopia will help in the purchase of oxen and seed and the creation of an agricultural extension service and a harvest cooperative.

RED CHINA TO BE SATURATED WITH "GOSPEL" BROADCASTS

WHITTIER, CALIF.—A \$1 million "Open Door Project" designed to saturate all of Red China with gospel broadcasts has been announced here by the Far East Broadcasting Company.

The Korean Government has issued a franchise for construction of a 250,000-watt radio station on Cheju Island, 125 miles from Communist China. A second station

of equal power is planned for the west coast of Luzon in the Philippines.

Robert Bowman, president of the company, said "on the air" date for the new operations is scheduled for March, 1972. More than \$100,000 has been committed, or received for the project.

Christian broadcasts have been beamed to China from Manila by short wave since 1950. In 1960 a station in Okinawa began AM transmissions into China. Letters from the mainland have indicated the effectiveness of this continuing ministry.

U.S. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT "VIRTUAL STANDSTILL"

NEW YORK—Church membership in the U.S. remains at a "virtual standstill," according to the latest tabulation released here. The increase in a year was only 3/100ths of 1 per cent.

This is indicated in the total of 128,505,084 members shown in the 1971 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches, published here by the National Council of Churches. The study covers 230 church bodies.

MORMON CHURCH GAINS IN TONGA

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND—The church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is building 30 to 40 new churches annually in the Pacific island kingdom of Tonga, according to the Reverend Justin Gooderham, president of the Tongan Methodist Conference.

Mr. Gooderham, who recently visited Tonga, said the Mormons' annual building expenditure of some \$1.25 million compares with a state budget of \$4 million. Duties on building materials and other equipment imported by Mormons constitute a big source of government revenue.

According to the Methodist leader, the Mormon Church in Tonga is "creaming off" the most promising pupils into its big secondary school outside the capital, Nuku'alofa. Mr. Gooderham noted that half of the school's enrollment of about 1,200 formerly attended Methodist schools.

This Week...

When the committee planned for the cover of this issue someone suggested that camp meeting time was approaching. Suddenly just about everyone became nostalgic. And although most of the staff members make it to at least some meetings on a campground every year (the editors usually visit three or four campgrounds a summer), everyone seemed to begin reminiscing about the camp meetings of his childhood. Some told of their family's planning the summer vacation around the camp meeting schedule. Another mentioned especially enjoying the seven-o'clock morning meetings when the early risers began the day with old-fashioned prayer bands. One staff member recalled her college days when she renewed friendships that began in the junior tent at camp meetings from summer to summer. "It was interesting to notice how several of the young people I remembered from camp meetings were the spiritual leaders on our college campus." Perhaps that was a significant statement.

There seems to be something spiritually substantial about a Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting. There comes a good feeling of unity, a feeling that you belong to a church with direction. But it is a feeling that can't really be defined. You have to be there.

The camp meeting photo on the cover is the Central California Conference campground at Soquel near Monterey Bay.

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*The Christian who is justified by
faith keeps the law not to be saved but because he is saved.*

Salvation Without Deeds of Law

By EDWARD HOEHN, M.D.

PAUL, the great champion of salvation by grace through faith, wrote: "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Rom. 2:13). But scarcely had that ink dried when he wrote again: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (chap. 3:20). Here we have two statements that seem to contradict each other. But is there really a contradiction, or is the reason these statements appear contradictory that they are read out of context? Surely no one acquainted with the teachings of Paul would accuse him of contradicting himself; that would throw a cloud of doubt on the inspiration of his writings. To me that is unthinkable. But what is the answer?

A reading of the second chapter of Romans makes clear that Paul is writing about holy living when he makes the statement that "the doers of the law shall be justified." In this setting Paul's statement is in perfect agreement with the writings of all the holy prophets and apostles, and also with the teachings of Christ Himself. When asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:16, 17). Keeping the commandments as an act of love is the "good thing" God expects of His people.

When the prophet Samuel rebuked King Saul for not carrying out God's instruction, he told Saul, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Sam. 15:22). The prophet Isaiah wrote: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 1:19, 20). Obedience to God's commandments was a divine requirement in Old Testament times, and it always will be. As one studies Bible history he is made aware of the fact that Israel was chastised again and

again, and even carried into captivity because of disobedience to the law of God. On the other hand, God promised great blessings for obedience.

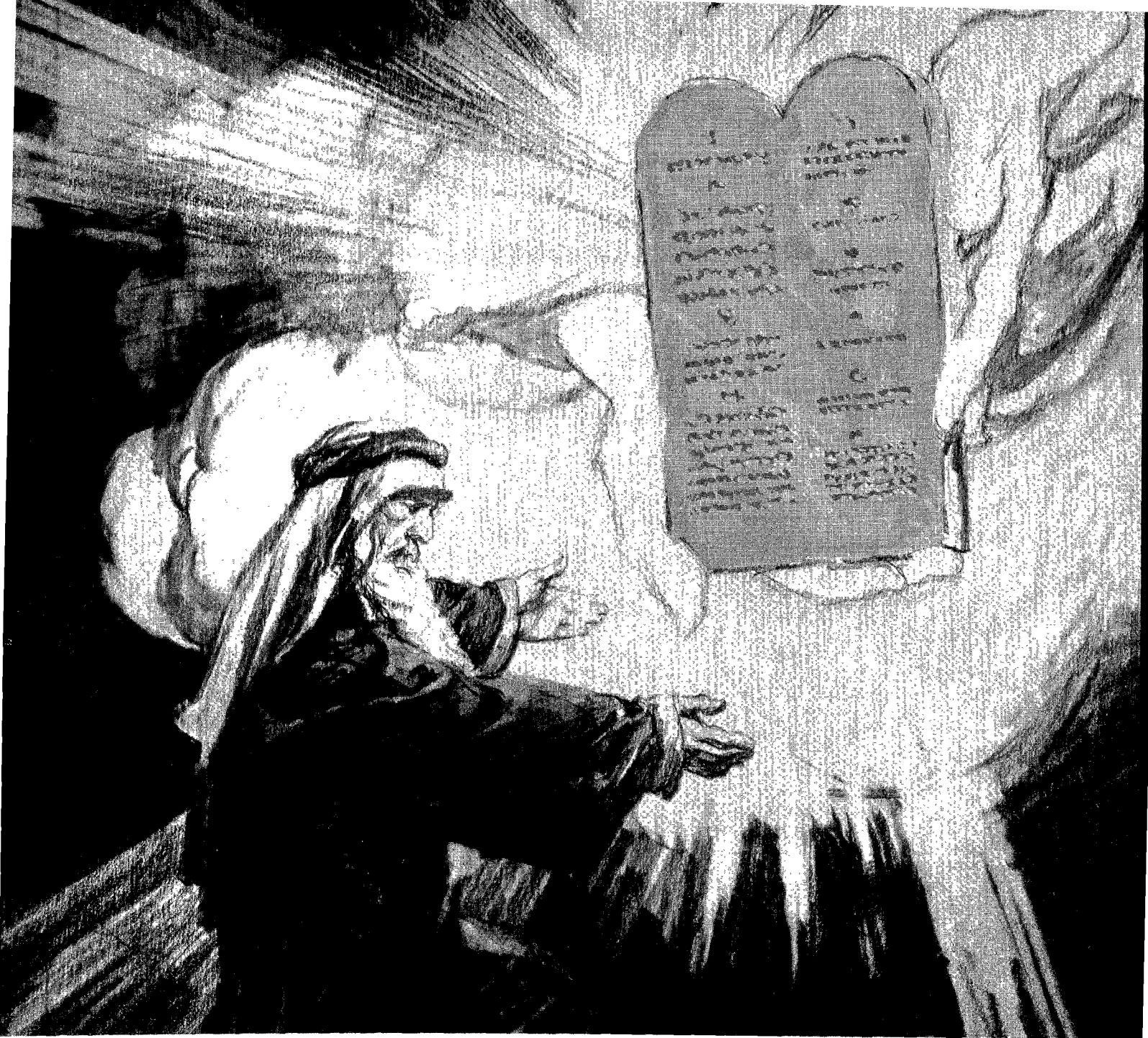
Christ says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Again He says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (verse 21).

Thus it is clear that Paul's statement that the "doers of the law shall be justified" is sound Bible doctrine. But what about Romans 3:20? Is that also sound Bible doctrine? Is it true that "by the deeds of the law" no one will be justified? Yes, this is equally true. In the last half of Romans chapter two and all of chapter three, Paul is writing about justification of sinners, and not sanctification of saints. He is addressing sinners who need pardon and is not instructing saints in holy living. He says: "We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; . . . There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:9, 10). But there is no law that can pardon sin. "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). The bringing of sacrifices was only a means whereby men could express their faith in the promised Lamb of God through whom is forgiveness.

Harmony Demonstrated

It is clear then that these two seemingly contradictory statements are in complete harmony with the teachings of the Scriptures on two different aspects of God's plan for our salvation. "The wages of sin is death"; and only by death can that penalty be met. Man must either die *to* his sins and accept Christ's atonement for his transgressions, or else he will have to die *for* his sins and be eternally lost. There is no other plan. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The atonement of Christ is the only provision for the pardon of the sinner, and the love of Christ in our hearts is the only power that will keep us from sinning. We must conclude then that both of

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these texts are in complete harmony with the teachings of the Bible. One teaches holy living by obedience, while the other teaches salvation through faith in the atonement of Christ.

Only by love to God and man can we "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (chap. 8:7). It is only when we, like Christ, can say, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Ps. 40:8), that we can truly keep the law and give it real meaning. Christ says, "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). To this agree the words of Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Paul did not teach that Christ came to lower the standard of religion, or to make church membership

easier. Christ came to change man; to elevate and ennoble him, thus making it easier for him to serve God. John says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). When we study the life of Paul, we can see that his concept of faith was not something that would relieve man of all responsibility, but that would enable him to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Hebrews chapter eleven tells how "faith subdued kingdoms, . . . stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, . . . turned to flight the armies of the aliens" (verses 33, 34). How different that faith is from the modern brand which, instead of meeting Satan's obstacles through trust in the power of God, wants to abolish God's requirements.

Some wonder why Paul had so much to say against salvation by works of law. That Paul was a strict commandment keeper himself is clearly evident. He declared that the "law is holy, and the commandment holy, and

just, and good" (Rom. 7:12). He wrote further, "Being circumsised . . . means nothing. What matters is to obey God's commandments" (1 Cor. 7:19, T.E.V.).

Keeping the Law Matters

Since Paul agrees that keeping the law is what matters in righteous living, what is this "works of the law" that is so futile in his esteem? We know from the writings of Paul, from history, and from the teaching of the Jews even today that they believed they could save themselves by rigid observance of their teachings without the atonement of Christ. So what Paul was trying to correct was the wrong object for keeping the law. They made law observance their savior. But when one does any deed, be it the keeping of law, doing good works, or even believing that faith in Christ will save him, without making Christ his personal Saviour, he is rejecting the atonement of Christ for his pardon, and the power of Christ to make him a new creature. In other words, he is not crucified with Christ; the old sinful nature is not dead, and the power of Christ to live a new life is not there. For him the death of Christ has been in vain.

If sin could have been forgiven, then Christ need not have paid the penalty for us. But, thank God, through the atonement of Jesus, God can change and pardon the sinner without endangering the peace and happiness of the faithful subjects of His kingdom. What concerned Paul was the lack of recognition that no one can make himself righteous in the sight of God. This transformation is possible only by the power of Christ living in the heart.

Some ask, What about the text that says that the law which was "written and engraven in stones" was done away? (2 Cor. 3:2-11). Does that not prove that the commandments have been abolished? Paul is simply contrasting two ministrations, the old and the new. Both of these ministries were ordained by Christ and His Father. In the old, the law of God was "written and engraven in stones." Salvation under this ministry was taught by means of the sacrificial system, which in symbol showed that atonement for sin would be made by "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Salvation was then "by grace . . . through faith" in the promised atonement.

In the second ministration, the atonement was completed on the

cross. Salvation is by "grace . . . through faith" in the atonement promise fulfilled. Paul's point is that if the ministry where the law was engraven on stone, and where the dying animals of the sacrificial system foreshadowed the atonement of Christ on the cross was glorious, then how much more glorious is the real ministry in which the law of God is written in our hearts, and where Christ Himself reigns and is our High Priest.

The purpose of the symbolic ministry was to point the repentant transgressor to Christ as the only One who could pay for his transgression and transform his life. But if the law had passed away, there would be no purpose in Christ's ministry as our High Priest to forgive sinners. The law must be in our hearts, for "the letter killeth" (2 Cor. 3:6) when it is only on stone. But when the law is written in our very being, and Christ lives in our heart, then "the spirit giveth life"; and God's law takes on real meaning.

Christ came to reveal His Father and His law. He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Speaking of Christ, John, the beloved disciple, says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (chap. 1:14). In other words, Christ was the law made alive, and we behold the glory of the law as it appears when it becomes a living reality—when it is given real meaning.

Obedience Based on Love

When we realize that the commandments are an expression of God's love, and are given to us as a guide in righteous living and as a means of expressing our love for God and man, then should we not gratefully accept them as such and obey them? By the faithful observance of the last six commandments we enrich our own lives, the lives of our family, and the lives of thousands who are not only looking for these expressions of love but who will gladly reciprocate, enriching their own lives as well as ours.

But what about giving expression to our feeling of love and gratitude to God Himself, our Creator and Redeemer? Are there not commandments that make provision for this? In obeying the first three, we show our love to God by acknowledging Him as supreme. But has not God given us a more tangible and positive way of expressing our love to

Him by doing what will bring honor to Him and joy to us? If there is such a commandment, then should not every Christian cherish it above all others and faithfully obey it? If one really loves God he will be eager to keep all His commandments.

The Unique Commandment

But the question is, Is there one commandment which in the mind of God affords greater opportunity for showing our love for Him, and at the same time gives greater opportunity for us to develop godly attributes and natures? There is such a commandment. There is one, and only one, which God especially asks us to "remember," thereby indicating not only its importance but also the tendency and danger that as man's love for God and man grows cold, he will forget his obligation to them. If he forgets God's memorial of Creation and His love in giving him a whole day every week for rest, enjoyment, study, and worship, and for time with his family, what effect will it have on his Christian experience? God asks us to remember this day so we won't forget who created us and who redeemed us. He Himself rested on that day when He had finished the work of atoning for the sins of man. God calls this day "my holy day" (Isa. 58:13) and the "sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 20:10); and Jesus said, "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Mark 2:28).

The Sabbath is God's day and we have no right to use it for ourselves. He wants us to remember that He has placed a blessing in that day that we can find in no other. By asking us to remember, we may be sure that He knew the devil would do all in his power to have us forget the Sabbath. And what amazing success the devil has had! By forgetting the memorial of Creation and redemption, men have even forgotten whence they came and where they are going. Some even make the monkey their ancestor. To see where forgetfulness of God's memorial has brought this world, all one needs to do is look at the confused, disturbed conditions in the world. How different it would be if everyone had remembered God's memorial and all His commandments! Why should not every Christian take his stand under the Creator's banner and deem it a privilege to give God the honor due Him and claim the blessings He has promised? What wonderful promises! Why not claim them! ♦♦

Revivals Are of Two Kinds

By R. R. BIETZ

IN LAST week's article we mentioned that a spirit of revival is sweeping the country; also that revivals have taken place in Seventh-day Adventist institutions and churches. The question arises, Are all these revivals genuine or are some counterfeit? If some are genuine and others are counterfeit, how can we distinguish between the two? What are the marks of the true? What are the characteristics of the false?

The Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White clearly state that there will be a genuine revival near the end of time. For example, Joel's prophecy has applications also in the last days. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (chap. 2:28).

"Though the prince of darkness will work to cover the earth with darkness, and with gross darkness the people, the Lord will manifest His converting power. A work is to be accomplished in the earth similar to that which took place at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the days of the early disciples, when they preached Jesus and Him crucified. Many will be converted in a day; for the message will go with power."—ELLEN G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald*, Nov. 29, 1892.

"The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the 'former rain' was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the 'latter rain' will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 611.

What wonderful promises these are! Experiences of inexpressible joy are in store for those who pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and who surrender their all to God.

But while there will be genuine revivals, there also will be counterfeit revivals. Referring to the days shortly before His coming, Jesus

said: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24).

The apostle Paul speaks about a great deception in connection with the unveiling of the antichrist. "But the coming of that wicked man is the work of Satan. It will be attended by all the powerful signs and miracles of the Lie, and all the deception that sinfulness can impose on those doomed to destruction. Destroyed they shall be, because they did not open their minds to love of the truth, so as to find salvation" (2 Thess. 2:10, N.E.B.).

Those who have rejected the "love of the truth" will be readily deceived by a spurious revival. Speaking of critical events to come, John the Revelator states: "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:15). "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" (verse 14).

It is clear that this nation will show increasing interest in a false revival buttressed by legislation. The whole world will be involved in this counterfeit awakening. "Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 588, 589. (See also *Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 293; vol. 9, p. 46.) This is a worship, not of the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, but of the beast which denies the validity of the law of God.

"The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False

theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 293. (Italics supplied.)

Mixture of Genuine and Counterfeit

If revivals were all genuine or all counterfeit people would not be easily deceived. No warning would have to be given to the effect that the very elect are in danger of being misled. People are not easily led astray if error stands out in bold relief. However, if it is mixed with truth, the Holy Spirit's guidance is necessary to discern the authentic from the spurious (John 16:13). Satan always mixes error with truth, not because he loves the truth, but to make error appear as truth. Error is extremely hard to recognize when there is a great deal of truth mingled with it. Paul tells us that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4:1, 2).

Commenting on this text Frank E. Gaebelein says: "Such practices are often fraudulent. They are also perilous because of the danger of emotional imbalance and the possibilities of demoniac influences. It is paradoxical that in this age of science and education credulous followers of spiritualism, theosophy, astrology and other kinds of occultisms number in the millions."—*Four Minor Prophets*, p. 178. Someone has said, "Half the truth will very often amount to absolute falsehood."

"In many of the revivals which have occurred during the last half century, the same influences have been at work, to a greater or less degree, that will be manifest in the more extensive movements of the future. There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 464. (Italics supplied.)

It was the great preacher Howard Beecher who said, "Whatever is

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only almost true is quite false, and among the most dangerous of errors, because being so near truth, it is the more likely to lead astray."

Ellen G. White speaks about the servants of God hastening from place to place to proclaim the message by thousands of voices all over the earth. During this time miracles will be wrought. The sick will be healed. But *at this same time* Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. There is a mixture of the genuine and the counterfeit, and both are in progress concurrently. "At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. . . . So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 593.

"While new life and light and power are descending from on high upon the disciples of Christ, a new life is springing up from beneath, and energizing the agencies of Satan. . . . With a subtlety gained through centuries of conflict, the prince of evil works under a disguise. He appears clothed as an angel of light, and multitudes are 'giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.' 1 Tim. 4:1."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 257 (Italics supplied.)

Since there will be both true and false revivals and comingling of both, how can we distinguish between them? The following guidelines will help us to separate error from truth.

We Must Exercise Caution

In the early stages of a revival it is sometimes difficult to tell whether it is genuine or false. If persons claim conversion or healing, or victory over evil habits, are we to doubt their experience? In this matter we have counsel from the servant of the Lord. "Because there are spurious revivals and spurious conversions, it does not follow that all revivals are to be held in suspicion. Let us not show the contempt manifested by the Pharisees when they said, 'This man receiveth sinners.'"—*Gospel Workers*, p. 170.

It is well for us to remember the counsel of Gamaliel. His fellow members of the council had passed the death sentence on the apostles and were ready to take their lives. However, Gamaliel gave instruction

that is still valid today. "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5:38, 39). What Gamaliel actually did was to propose a waiting period. He advised them to be cautious and guarded. The wise Christian is not in a hurry to make final judgments.

The Spirit of Prophecy speaks about a revival of primitive godliness in the last days "as has not been witnessed since apostolic times." Then she goes on to say that "at that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 464.

Many of the true followers of God are still in other churches. To pass hasty judgment on the experiences of others is contrary to the Spirit of Christ. There are many honest-hearted people outside of Seventh-day Adventist congregations. Unfortunately, there are altogether too many dishonest ones inside the Adventist Church. It could be that many will accept Christ in revivals not conducted by evangelists of the remnant church. We should not categorically pronounce everything that happens outside of our church spurious. The honest in heart are seeking for truth, and to help them find it the good Lord may surprise us as to the agencies He will employ.

Rather than pronouncing an immediate verdict, let's exercise wisdom and patience by waiting. Speaking about false prophets coming in sheep's clothing Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16). He did not say that we know the trees by their branches, by their leaves, or their bark, but by their fruit. It is the fruit that counts. Those knowledgeable in trees can usually recognize the kind of tree by the leaves or the bark, but to be safe, Jesus admonished us to wait for the fruit. Don't express definite opinions until you are sure. Wait until the evidence is in.

False Revival in North Dakota

I remember as a young lad hearing my parents talk about an offshoot minister, who in the early days of the Adventist Church in North Dakota, visited a fairly large number of churches. He was a talented and a seemingly effective revivalist. He preached with such "power" that people became greatly

stirred emotionally. Some started to speak in tongues and became "filled with the spirit." Some became stiff as a board and had to be carried out of the meetinghouse. Although critical of the church and its leadership, his eloquence and ability convinced many members that he was sent of God.

The members were cautioned by the pastors to investigate before pronouncing this man's teaching as genuine. They rejected the counsel. My grandparents on both my father's and mother's side, and some of my uncles, became involved. They were very earnest and dedicated Seventh-day Adventists, but they were misled. They left the church and followed the "new light" Holy Ghost revivalist.

A short time later the fruit started to appear. His activities gave ample proof that he was preaching a counterfeit revival, and that he himself was a false prophet. He finally committed suicide and his followers were scattered. My grandparents saw the error of their ways, repented, and came back into the church. One of my uncles became an atheist and remained in this state of unbelief until the day of his death. It was always a depressing experience for me to talk to him about Christianity and the Bible. We are always safe when we follow the counsel: "By their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt. 7:20). It was Thoreau who said, "All good abides with him who waiteth wisely."

Fruits of Genuine Revival

The fruits of a genuine revival are clearly and distinctly outlined in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. We are told, "Wherever the word of God has been faithfully preached, results have followed that attested its divine origin."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 461. A number of results or fruits of the genuine revival are listed in the book *The Great Controversy*, pages 461, 462, and 468 as follows:

1. People will be "convinced of sin and of righteousness and of judgment to come." (See John 16:13.)

2. They will bring "forth fruit meet for repentance." (Acts 2:38.) The genuine revival always brings reformation. "A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. . . . Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. . . . Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 128.

3. "The things they once hated they now loved, and the things they once loved they hated."

4. "The proud and self-assertive became meek and lowly of heart." (See Matt. 5:5.)

5. "The vain and supercilious became serious and unobtrusive." Those who are filled with the Spirit will not blow their own trumpet. They will not push themselves into the limelight. They will not glory in their righteousness. They will be unobtrusive. A person who has experienced genuine conversion hesitates to be made a showpiece.

6. "The profane became reverent, the drunken sober, and the profligate pure."

7. "The vain fashions of the world were laid aside." Those who have experienced the Spirit of God will not ape the world by accepting every fad and fashion which comes along. They will be guided by eternal principles rather than by fleeting fashions of the day.

8. They "rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer reproach . . . for the sake of Christ."

9. "The community was benefited by their influence." Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth. . . . Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13, 14). Those converted and revived do not become a nuisance in society by their antisocial behavior.

10. They will love and obey the law of God. "In the new birth the heart is brought into harmony with God, as it is brought into accord with His law." "Without the law, men have no just conception of the purity and holiness of God or of their own guilt and uncleanness. They have no true conviction of sin and feel no need of repentance." True revival must emphasize obedience to the law of God.

More Than Faith Necessary

Speaking about an emphasis of which we hear in modern revivals, Ellen G. White says: "There is a spurious experience prevailing everywhere. Many are continually saying, 'All that we have to do is to believe in Christ.' They claim that faith is all we need. In its fullest sense, this is true; but they do not take it in the fullest sense. To believe in Jesus is to take Him as our Redeemer and our Pattern. If we abide in Him and He abides in us, we are partakers of His divine nature, and are doers of His word. The love of Jesus in the heart will lead to obedience to all His commandments. But the love that goes no farther than the lips, is a delusion; it will not save any soul. Many re-

ject the truths of the Bible, while they profess their love for Jesus; but the apostle John declares, 'He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.'"—*Historical Sketches*, pp. 188, 189. (Italics supplied.)

Many people today want everything instantly. They even want instant sanctification.

Recently a young lad was approached on the beach with a little four-by-six card which read, "Grace and reality came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). "Jesus saith unto him, I am the reality" (John 14:6). Then followed this instruction: "Just say Amen, Lord Jesus." The idea was expressed that to be converted all one needs to do is repeat three words. Genuine revival, however, consists of much more than repeating, "Amen, Lord Jesus." It is true that justification comes instantly, but even this experience consists of much more than repeating slogans or accepting neat little formulas. A magician may accomplish his goals by the use of gimmicks, but a Seventh-day Adventist Christian is not produced by prestidigitation.

Meaningless Salvation

"A young girl wearing an earring in her nose and a champagne-colored robe was chanting enthusiastically, 'It's so pure, so good, so right. . . . You simply chant "Hare Krishna" [a salutation to the Hindu deity Krishna] to find Krishna consciousness, and you're saved. Try it; hundreds of kids like me are.'"—*The National Observer*, March 8, 1971. It appears that many who hit the "sawdust trail" make salvation as meaningless and irrelevant as the worshipers of Krishna.

We are told that "as we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 117, 118.

Through the years we have heard many sincere people exclaim, "I have the Spirit," but being possessed of the Spirit consists of more than making noise. In fact, those who have the Spirit will not talk about it. They will speak about their Saviour—Jesus Christ (John 16:13, 14). The Word of God says, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom." "The Old and New Testament Scriptures show us the only way in which this work should be done. Repent, repent, repent, was the message rung out by John the Baptist in the wilderness. Christ's message to the people was 'Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish' (Luke 13:5). . . . The Lord desires His servants today to preach the old gospel doctrine, sorrow for sin, repentance, and confession."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 19.

The Christian's Responsibility

Through diligent study of God's Word and the writings of the messenger of the Lord, plus much earnest prayer, we will be able to separate the true from the false. Within true revivals themselves there may be traces of spurious elements. Hence the presence of such elements does not necessarily brand a revival as of antichrist. On the other hand, even in false revivals genuine conversions may occur. The Holy Spirit seeks to lead to a full experience those who are awakened in such revivals.

Because of the complex nature of these operations, the mature Christian carries a heavy responsibility. Instead of standing on the sidelines merely to judge as to whether a revival is true or false he should seize every opportunity to lead those who turn to Christ, under whatever circumstances their conversions may have occurred, to a genuine, wholesome, satisfying, and saving relationship with Christ. God does not reject the reachings out after Him of innocently deceived souls, nor should the servant of Christ spurn such souls because of the questionable origin of their conversions or bizarre manifestations of their immature experiences.

Let us pray that revivals occurring in our schools and in our churches may continue to bring forth fruits unto holiness; that spurious elements, if there be any, may be detected and eliminated; that our members with a new experience will follow on to know the Lord and be led into the full experience of "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23). These are the fruits of a genuine revival. For this kind of experience the Holy Spirit is pleading: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). ♦♦

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By LILLIAN BEATTY

What About Credit?

Laura's brown eyes smoldered with hurt pride as she bent over the pile of bills on the kitchen table. John's defiant stance remained as stiff as his last remark, "If you are smart enough to charge all those things, you can just figure out where to get the money. My folks never used credit cards and they had what they needed."

"But, dear, my mother always used credit cards. She got along O.K. I don't know how I got into this awful mess," Laura wailed. "What can we do?"

Thousands of newlyweds are experiencing a rapturous buying spree on credit. Is it good? Or are there unseen traps to lure the unsuspecting?

A few months ago a caller on the telephone, inquired, "Have you heard about the new store that is opening in the plaza near you? Would you like to have a credit card?" Not content with my "No, thank you," the store sent me a letter two weeks ago, "Because of your fine standing in the community, we have already opened a charge account in your name." As I entered the new store, a big sign greeted me:

"Spend \$100. Don't pay until February" (three and one-half months later). Today a letter came, "We'd like to include you among our preferred customers. Spend \$200 now. Pay next year."

I spoke to a friend about credit cards. "Oh, I wouldn't be without them. It is so convenient, for I don't have to carry money, and it is so good to have a good credit rating established."

A few weeks ago I received from my bank, unsolicited, a Master Charge and Check card. My name and number look rather glamorous on the red-and-orange card. "Congratulations!" says my letter. "You are now the owner of the first combined check and charge card. It is for ease in shopping, dining, traveling, or entertaining."

Having been brought up by frugal parents who never spent money unless they had it, who saved for the education of their four children, who faithfully paid tithes and offerings, I had not learned about this glamorous new way of buying on the installment plan or on credit cards. In a store when I say "Cash" in response to the clerk's "Is it a

charge?" I feel she thinks of me as a freak or an idiot.

Maybe I don't know what I am missing. Should I take advantage of this daring, exciting, easy, comfortable way of life? Why scrimp and save before I buy? Why not have new furniture instead of the old marred relics? Just see what the furniture brochure says. Under a picture of a lovely padded rocker, "Buy today. Rock your cares away. You save \$20.07. No cash. Charge it!" Beside the picture of a radio, "Wake up to music. Charge it." So what? I'll rock my cares away. I'll wake up to music. A friend brags, "I can get things this way. Otherwise I would never have anything." What a grand easy way!

As I look through my mail, I find that with a certain oil company's card I can charge a vacation from coast to coast—food, hotels, motels, gifts, baby-sitter (although I don't need one), gas, tires, batteries. The card declares, "It's free." I could even travel luxuriously around the world. What fun it will be to eat out as often as I want! How I'll enjoy all the new clothes I can charge! If the car needs repairing,

I don't need any money. And just think! I can even charge my income tax in my own State and in nine others.

Only in the smallest of print is anything said about paying or interest charges. I hardly notice the words. Why worry about paying someday? I have found the new cheap way of living! Oh, if I should get in trouble in the dim, distant future, I'll take advantage of a revolving fund, where I pay a little each month. Or listen. My radio assures me that I can be "free of money problems by just calling A—'s." I can get any amount I want and even have cash for my pocket. A letter begs me, "Let's Swap! You give me your due and past-due bills, I'll see right now about making a loan to pay them for you. Add up your bills. Include any cash you need. I'll write the checks and mail them without cost to you." Also I hear about a charge card that allows me to write checks for more than I have. "It's just like having a little bank in your pocket."

Who Are We Kidding?

Now, let's forget the satire! All charge accounts do cost unless the bill is paid immediately, usually within about three weeks from the time the bill is made out. I would just as soon pay for the article when I get it. If I don't watch out I'll be paying interest. Usually the charge is about 11½ per cent a month or 18 per cent a year on all charges that are not paid by the end of the month. Eighteen cents added to every dollar of cost. As a Christian, I have better uses for that 18 cents.

I must keep in mind that stores encourage charge accounts because they increase their business. A trim little credit-department worker who appeared on TV affirmed emphatically, "People buy a great deal more with credit cards than they do when they have to pay cash." A relative who sells cars told me that they like to have people buy on time. It means more money. When the banks saw that the game was profitable, they got into it. Besides collecting for some of the stores, they have their own cards. Bank managers know well that thousands of people do not know how to handle money. Although not much is advertised about the sad plight of such people, I am sure that the losers in the credit game soon find that all politeness and assurance is gone—and fast.

Real danger comes when credit cards are lost or stolen. Many people have been shocked to receive a

bill for hundreds of dollars of merchandise they have never bought. A lost card often furnishes for the finder a buying spree of new suits, new furniture, and an evening out at a fancy restaurant or bar. An estimated 300 million cards are in circulation with more being added every year. One authority claims that \$100 million a year is charged on stolen cards.

My radio is spouting, "What a divine card!" On the contrary, there may be some tricks of the devil connected with charge cards. I am realistic enough to know that young people often must go into debt for a house and car. These items are so big that the young couple has not been able to save for them. I have wondered, though, why a modern bride has to have finer furniture, appliances, dishes, and sterling silver than her parents ever have been able to acquire in a lifetime. Yes, it is too bad that the groom had to drop out of school to pay for all the luxuries bought on credit, plus the 18 per cent.

In our pay-later society, where parents have been dependent on charge cards, adept or not, young people have never experienced the satisfaction of saving before buying necessities or luxuries. They do not know that it is cheaper to save first and buy later, for credit cards have

paid for their birth, their baby stroller, their baby food, their family vacations. Their parents sent them to college on a Government loan and paid for their wedding on a Master Charge.

Yesterday I heard of John and Jill, a young couple, who solemnly agreed that they would not buy appliances and furniture on time. They wanted the satisfaction of saving together. What does it matter if they have to patch up the secondhand washing machine? They are not in debt. Pay-laters do not know the joy of saving together, of being able to pay tithe first from the pay check, of being able to pay some on church expense, of planning for a Sabbath School offering, of contributing to a worthy charity. Being in debt denies a person that pleasure. It often denies children the right to a Christian education. I have read, "Shun the incurring of debt as you would shun leprosy."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 272.

It is a pleasure for me to throw away an attractive, colorful furniture brochure that came in the mail. I choose to ignore the 23 words—smart, high-level, ultra, luxurious, elegant, distinctive, up-to-date. . . . I'm not going to get so heavily obligated to earthly creditors that I am unable to give generously to my Master and His work. ♦♦

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Jeannie's Long Trip—4

By JOYCE WILLES

ONE of the days Jeannie liked most on her trip was the one spent at Atlantic City, New Jersey. She enjoyed walking on the Steel Pier, which was different from the other piers jutting out into the ocean, because it wasn't built of wood, but steel, of course. It was also called the Million-Dollar Pier.

She was thrilled by the diving horse. A young woman on a big horse dived from what seemed a dizzying height into a big tub of water. Jeannie thought how well trained he had to be to jump like that. And she knew the young woman was very brave to go down with him, staying on his back until they got out of the water.

In a building on the Steel Pier Jeannie saw something that she could have looked at all day and all the next day too. A man had loaned his collection of dollhouses. All the furniture was just the right size. Oh, how Jeannie wished she had a dollhouse just like one of them. She could play by the hour with the furniture, moving it around, and playing with a make-believe family.

All too soon the day was over, and Jeannie and her mother and daddy and

grandmother had to go home to Aunt Claire's house for the night.

Another aunt of daddy's lived in New Jersey, so the next day they went to see her. Aunt Alma was tall, and very friendly to Jeannie. Soon Jeannie found herself telling her all about the dollhouses she had seen, and how she wished for one.

"What a coincidence!" laughed Aunt Alma, with a wink at the others. Bringing down a box from the upstairs bedroom, Aunt Alma explained, "I've been looking for a girl just about your age to give this to. I made some of the furniture myself, and there's a lot of it to arrange the way you want."

Looking in the box, Jeannie saw a beautiful dollhouse that had been taken apart for easy carrying home, and even a family of four to play with. There was carpeting on the floor, and Jeannie noticed that it had seven rooms and lots of furniture. What a very happy girl Jeannie was as she thanked Aunt Alma for her gift. She could hardly wait to get home to Washington State to play with it.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR VICTORY

Mr. H. was a pleasant, buoyant Christian who never mentioned failure, but always talked faith and victory. He could have found many excuses to act and talk defeat if he wanted to look for them, for his wife was not a Christian and was bitterly opposed to the truth he believed.

He revealed the secret of his spiritual success when he remarked, "If only we could learn to accept every trial and meet every temptation as an opportunity for victory, how different our lives would be." It was apparent that Mr. H. had himself learned that lesson. He had discovered that difficulties, obstacles, tests of patience and endurance "are not the smallest blessings in our experience. They are designed to nerve us to determine to succeed. We are to use them as God's means to gain decided victories over self instead of allowing them to hinder, oppress, and destroy us."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 344, 345.

When faced with a hard situation or a business emergency, a certain corporation executive used to say, "I need this experience, I can learn something from it." How much more the Christian needs to take that attitude. How important it is for him to realize and accept the fact that troubles and hardships teach needed lessons and polish off the rough corners, thus fitting him for the courts of heaven.

Above all others, the Christian may have an optimistic attitude toward even the seemingly most crushing conditions, the most destructive weaknesses, the strongest opposition, the darkest errors. "In every emergency we are to feel that the battle is His. His resources are limitless, and apparent impossibilities will make the victory all the greater."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 202. "Through the grace given us we may achieve victories that because of our own erroneous and preconceived opinions, our defects of character, our smallness of faith, have seemed impossible."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 159.

When we have suffered temporary defeats, we must not lose courage. Instead, we must use them as incentives to greater conquests over sin and self. "If you have made mistakes, you certainly gain a victory if you see these mistakes and regard them as beacons of warning. Thus you turn defeat into victory, disappointing the enemy and honoring your Redeemer."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 332.

There are three requisites for victory: faith, prayer, and persistence. When our sins and human frailty or the evil one seem to be gaining the ascendancy, let us in faith go to God in prayer. "When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy."—*Early Writings*, p. 46. "No one of us will gain the victory without persevering, untiring effort, proportionate to the value of the object which we seek, even eternal life."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 511.

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The Emerging Unity of Mankind—2

EARTH'S LAST CHANCE IN OBEDIENCE—NOT MERE UNITY

We noted last week that there is a growing disenchantment among many ecumenical leaders as well as with their constituents that organic church union may not be

the answer to the waning influence of the Christian church in our secularized world. But they do see an ecumenism that seeks to unite the human family, Christian and non-Christian, on common solutions to the profound problems that all men face, such as racism, nationalism, poverty, war, and environmental pollution.

In addition, concerned scientists are insisting that man's most urgent problem is to unite the goals and energies of men everywhere in a worldwide program to save life itself on this planet.

Many indications suggest that we are entering a new era of religion and "feeling for mankind" such as this world has never seen. Mankind has suddenly been forced to look itself squarely in the face; it is frightened by what it sees.

People everywhere are awakening to the fact that man's problems are no longer temporary and geographically limited. Stockpiling of international weaponry has always ended in calamity but, hitherto, its effect has been generally localized; its use today would have global and unthinkable consequences.

Through instant communication the world has become, in this generation, as small as one's back yard; each local disaster or difficulty is amplified immediately and the usual time for reflection has been erased. The threat of environmental disaster is not science fiction. What happens in Alaska or Africa eventually affects everyone everywhere and soon—because we have run out of frontiers—there is no place to hide or to start over fresh.

Old and young everywhere are beginning to realize that to think hopefully of the future, man in general will have to unite as never before—no man or nation can go it alone anymore.

Material Emphasis Robs Meaning

For uncommitted Christians, the emphasis of the twentieth century on material growth, strength, and comforts has robbed meaning from life itself. Consciously and unconsciously men are sensing increasingly that the human spirit was not meant to be pacified with material things. The revulsion is evident in the great interest of the past decade in astrology, Eastern mystical religions, witchcraft, psychedelic quests, spiritualism, and simple copouts. This modern phenomenon is akin to a religious epidemic. It springs from a deep spiritual hunger; it may lead to a profound union of religiously thirsty men and women, young and old everywhere. The tragedy is that in itself it will not lead to the kingdom of God. It may, however, lead to a world brotherhood that will rally around spiritual benefactors who extol a form of love without its discipline. The romantic feel for the "value of life," without an authentic commitment to the God of life, will excite and impassion the masses in a false security of world brotherhood.

As in all romantic movements, the stress is placed on immediate experience and gratification. The transcendent God, even though His name is frequently invoked, and His Holy Word read often, is not primary in matters of ethical decision.

The goal of the awakened, in religion, science, humanism, youth cultures, and others, is that mankind will use its last opportunity to create a world society wherein war, pollution, racial inequality, and deprivation do not arise.

Let it be clearly said, however, that every committed Christian should offer his strength, prayers, and personal example in reaching these goals. Yet the Christian also realizes that such a society will be possible only when

Jesus creates all things new after His second coming; that the issues which may unite the whole world in the last days are issues caused by sin itself and not merely by ignorance or a lack of money. He knows that there is a greater issue to which he must give his primary loyalty—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

The facts seem clear—we stand on the threshold of a worldwide religious awakening, but it will be different from all previous awakenings.

Universal Confederation

The last generation on earth, according to Revelation 13:12 and 16:12-14, will be a universal confederation of hitherto divergent and conflicting groups. Moslems and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, Hindus and Buddhists, humanists and heathen, will bury age-old differences and unite in the best interests of mankind. Their primary concern will be the peace and well-being of mankind. Doctrinal differences will be unimportant, irrelevant, and divisive. Dissident voices, no matter how winsome and logical, will finally be considered in conflict with the best interests of mankind. The voice of a Biblically taught conscience will not be tolerated; he will not be able to "buy or sell," he will be set apart "to be slain" (Rev. 13:15, R.S.V.).

It will be difficult indeed for Sabbathkeepers to stand against well-meaning neighbors who plead for our cooperation and understanding. The unity of mankind,

the well-being of the human race as Doomsday hangs over its head, will seem to most to be more important than the fourth commandment. The importance of the fourth commandment will be made to appear most inconsequential in comparison with the well-being of the human race. The loving thing to do, the coalition of peacemakers will say, is to support your nation's program for the uplifting of your fellow men in earth's last chance. Division brings no honor, they will say, to the Christ who prayed that "they may all be one; . . . so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21, R.S.V.).

After all, their crowning argument will be, "The sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27), and to unite the world in observing one Sabbath, as mankind never has done before, would be the ultimate offering man could give his Maker.

Throughout the days of debate and pleading, the environmental disasters become more pronounced. Reason gives way to fear and consternation. The thought even arises that the unrelenting Sabbathkeepers are responsible for the calamities (*The Great Controversy*, p. 614).

The details of earth's final chapter cannot now be written. But we can see the plot clearer than we could a few years ago. This is a time for serious Bible study and frequent, open, energetic discussion by those who carry the only message that can offer hope and sense to a world more aware than ever of its predicament. H. E. D.

LETTERS

... to the Editor

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SADNESS OF LOVERS

We appreciated "Thoughts From a Layman" [Dec. 31, 1970]. My favorite quotation from Elton Trueblood's *Incidental Fellowship* is, "When a Christian expresses sadness about the church, it is always the sadness of a lover." I like to apply this to people as well as the church. Only when it is hard to tell a person his fault is it safe to do it.

ELEANOR ANDERSON

Yakima, Washington

INSTANT AND LASTING

"Thank you" is inadequate to express our appreciation for all the warming, thrilling, inspiring, arresting, arousing articles in the REVIEW. One that stands out for its instant and lasting appeal is "So Much Responsibility" [Nov. 19, 1970]. It was precious—so simple and yet so profound in its appreciation of the important experiences of childhood.

GENEVIEVE REED
FRANCES VIELHAUER

Lebanon, Oregon

CHRISTMAS CLUB BONUS

Last year my daughter, Linda, and I had our first Christmas Club experience [March 11] for which we thanked God at

the end of the year as we had doubled our payments and gave half of it to our lovely church. How thrilled we were to be able to give whereas we wouldn't have been able without the Christmas Club plan.

MRS. GLADYS WILSON

Athens, Alabama

COURTESY, AT LEAST

It seems thoughtless for persons on the rostrum to rise and speak before the organist or pianist completes his number. The musician has probably spent hours in practice for the prelude, offertory, and other presentations, and serves as a very important part of the total worship service.

MR. AND MRS. CLAIRE M. STRONG

Spokane, Washington

MAKING CHRISTMAS MEANINGFUL

This past Christmas we chose to help a poor family overseas. We divided the amount we felt we could spend on Christmas (without buying any extra decorations or candy) among our own children and parents and included the destitute Adventist family overseas. I sent them a cashier's check of their share and told them it was our Christmas gift to them and suggested they use it to buy food.

The answer came back, "I could not read your letter because I could not see the words through my tears when I opened your letter and your check met my eyes. Before I could read the letter, we all knelt down giving thanks to God that He answered all my prayers, and especially as I can see you very busy and sacrificing so much for the sake of my family. It was indeed a true Christmas gift, and I did as you said—I bought viands with it, for we had none."

Later we discovered more about this

family, and learned that the father, being unemployed because of blindness and a malignant illness, could no longer support his family—in a land where welfare aid under such circumstances is nonexistent. The two younger girls, grades three and four, are in public school because they do not have the money to pay the monthly tuition. I found out that we could put both these girls through our Adventist school over there for U.S. \$1.51 monthly. With three of our own children away in boarding academy and college, even \$1.51 does not come easy.

However, since we have no children living at home to enjoy the two kittens we had, we found a home for them both and have dedicated the money we would have spent on cat food to pay the tuition of these little girls who say they wish to become workers for the Lord. The joy we get from spending the cat food money in this respect knows no bounds. It is a cheap investment, financially, but the rewards are priceless!

I asked the girls to write me a story of how God led in their lives. They did, and I rewrote their story from the broken-English account they sent, and sold it to a magazine. The check was made out in the name of the little girls so they could buy themselves some shoes, books, and clothes for school which begins again in July for the coming school year. This is my new Investment project. And it is simply *thrilling!* No one could understand unless they try it.

ELLA RUTH ELKINS

Elgin, Oregon

WRAP-AROUND NURTURES

Congratulations on the scenic wrap-around [March 4]. It nurtures the esthetic mood. In other words, I like it much.

H. M. TIPPETT

Takoma Park, Maryland

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cuba

By ISRAEL GONZALEZ VALDES

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Israel Gonzalez Valdes is a former president of the West Cuban Conference and alternate president of the SDA Church in Cuba, 1966-1967.

THE Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cuba is a community of more than 7,000 members; the major Adventist groups are found in Havana and in the eastern provinces.

As in all countries where the rights of conscience are recognized, the church in Cuba is organized for its task, although with some special differences that were recognized by the national authorities in order to maintain the best relationship with the national government. This type of church government has given form to six provincial delegations to the national organization. This national organization is represented by the National Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The national governing board of the Adventist Church is made up of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. At the present time these officers are Pedro de Armas, Alejandro Delgado, and Gervasio Rivas, respectively. The presidents of the six provincial delegations, with two additional members, and the three officers, constitute the National Board of the church. This organization constitutes part of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

There are some 120 ministers and other employees in ministerial lines, working under the direction of this organism, attending to the more than 70 churches and to the administrative work of each provincial and national field. The president of the National Committee attends to matters of public relations, especially to those that fall under the supervision of the Department of Associations, which deals with church matters.

In addition to this, and in connection with the other leaders, the president fosters and sustains rela-

tions with the States Department, which supervises cults and which is appointed by the Central Committee of the government party. This States Department deals with affairs that aim at a harmonious relationship between church and state. The National Association functions like a union; the provincial delegations function like missions. Every two years a congress meets to assess the provincial and national leadership.

Many Baptisms

At present we do not publicly advertise our meetings, but many religious people who appreciate the way Adventists study the Bible and the faithfulness with which they carry out their teaching in practical life, attend our places of worship and listen to the preaching. The baptismal services in our churches are very well attended; many who study the Sacred Scriptures and understand Biblical baptism are eager

to witness the solemn act. Many of these desire to be baptized.

Anyone desiring baptism must, of course, go through a probationary period and show that he fully understands and believes and has experienced the new birth.

The government recognizes our right of meeting, provided we meet in places identified as "temples" or houses of worship dedicated exclusively to church activities, including recreational activities.

In Cuba education is reserved exclusively to the state with the exception of religious seminaries. The Adventist young people receive their basic education in the public schools. In many cases they face serious problems because, as in some other countries, especially those following the European system, students attend school six days of the week; only Sunday is a free day. Adventist young people, nevertheless, place loyalty to God first and make every effort to be good scholars, to be exemplary in conduct and in study and in attendance, with the Sabbath excepted. We hope for the day when the educational authorities will consider more sympathetically the case of Adventist students, because our young people wish to be useful to the nation as physicians, engineers, technicians, and in other fields. The church has submitted various propositions, respectfully presented for consideration by the Minister of Education



Hialeah Hospital Graduates Its First Nurses

Sixteen students in the first school of practical nursing class of Hialeah Hospital, Hialeah, Florida, graduated April 11. Thirteen of the 16 have been employed by the hospital to participate in a pilot study to help evaluate the school. The school of practical nursing is the first total educational program at Hialeah Hospital.

DAVID L. JONES

PR Director, Hialeah Hospital

with the hope of achieving the same comprehension that we have found in the Ministry of the Armed Forces, respecting our young people. The Adventist Church conducts a seminary with a maximum capacity of 25 to 30 students. This institution is situated in the building containing the national offices of the church, in Rancho Boyeros, La Habana.

The government has recognized the right of the Seventh-day Adventist citizen to refrain from bearing arms and to be exempt from activities and secular instruction given on Sabbath. On the other hand, the young Adventist recognizes the right of his nation to demand his services as a servant of his country in such activities as are proper for a noncombatant.

Each year there is held in each delegation (territory) a convention for the members of the church. The members of our principal churches are happy to offer their place of worship, their homes, and all they have in order to receive the blessing of these conventions. At times a single family has accommodated 16 to 20 brothers and sisters from the remoter parts of the province. Those who attend these meetings bring along the bulk of their food; the rest is made up through the blessings of God and the effort of the workers and brothers of the church.

Inasmuch as musical contributions are highly appreciated on such occasions, we are using songs especially prepared for similar meetings in our world conventions. This adds a universal touch to those much-cherished meetings, for the Adventists of Cuba feel themselves an integral part of the world Seventh-day Adventist Movement.

In many of our churches there is a noticeable increase in sacred music. As far as possible, the young people learn to play instruments. Practically all churches are provided with good pianos, recording machines, and record players. Moreover, in many churches there are organized choirs. Our youth are devoting themselves more and more to Christian music and are losing their love for the profane music that saturates the world of our day.

Many of even the smallest children possess spiritual maturity and are able, when asked, to give the reasons for their faith. At times they have given expression to their principles by singing the spiritual songs learned in the home and in the church.

Many of our brethren, eager to



Minnesota Conference Is Cited by Governor

Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor Rudy Perpich (right) presented a citation of honor to the Minnesota Conference on April 20 for the free camps the conference has held for children over the past seven years.

With the lieutenant governor (from left) are: Arthur Kiesz, Minnesota Conference president; Norman Haas, conference youth activities director; and Morris Hursh, Commissioner of Public Welfare.

NORMAN HAAS

Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Minnesota Conference

live up to their Christian principles, seek agricultural employment. Their love for Christ makes them look for such work in preference to other responsibilities in the city which render Sabbath observance difficult. There are many who are qualified for specialized work who yet support their families by working on the land.

Something Surprising

Undoubtedly, many of my readers realize that, owing to the great stress in such fields as technology and industry, there is a strict rationing of many commodities, food products among others. But here is something surprising that has taken place among our members. Although practically none of our members in Cuba own the book *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, by Ellen G. White, yet, thanks to the counsels contained in the *Testimonies* and other books and thanks to the good example set by the majority of the workers' families who minister to our churches, many of our brethren do not include flesh foods in their regular diet. Here we witness a real awakening, free from sentimental manifestations, but solidly rooted in the principles that God has given us. God, in His love, has blessed the efforts by the brethren and they have obtained a precious experience through the practice of these principles. God

is fulfilling His promises, and our people, in general, enjoy better health than those who have access to seemingly better articles of food.

Our Cuban youth maintain a high level in their daily lives. They feel their responsibilities in their relation to their church and its activities, and they are examples to others, being admired and respected for their high moral principles although this sometimes entails the loss of certain social and cultural advantages.

In general, our people are generous, and brotherly love rules among all. A good spirit is felt throughout the field. The churches provide for financial emergencies among our faithful brethren and help them while they are in search of work.

Of our 70 church buildings, 40 are of solid construction and adequate for the present membership. Some are not big enough to accommodate all who attend, and two services on the Sabbath must be conducted.

Every time our people meet—on Sabbaths, on Sundays, on Wednesdays, and on Fridays—they remember in their prayers not only the needs of the local church and of the churches of their country but also Seventh-day Adventists the world over. And, with their brethren the world around, their great hope is the second coming of Jesus Christ. ♦♦

Laymen Win Many for Christ in California

By KENNETH H. LIVESAY

Lay Activities Secretary, Southeastern California Conference

The North Park church, San Diego, California, began a program in 1969 based on the New Testament concept of personal evangelism. A group of laymen agreed to meet twice a week, in cooperation with their pastors, so that they might learn how to more effectively follow up interests and bring people to a decision to become Seventh-day Adventist Christians, discuss their need in personal work, unite for spiritual devotion and prayer for the families whom they would be visiting.

They also have a Bible class where they study in a group situation. From 40 to 50 people attend this class each week, which is held at 9:30 on Sabbath morning. One interesting aspect about the class is that it is being taught by a layman, Fred Birden, 79.

When Mr. Birden retired from his business in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a few years ago, his pastor, Harold Richards, Jr., urged him to do Bible work. He accepted this challenge. In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Birden won 20 people to the remnant church. In 1970 the Lord gave them 16 converts. Mr. Birden has worked with the Voice of Prophecy, George Vandeman, and other evangelists as a lay Bible instructor. In his experience over the years, he has had the privilege of seeing more than 150 persons come into the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank St. Pierre are

also in this laymen's group. God gave them nine converts in 1969 and six in 1970.

Two years ago, during the Ingathering campaign, a gift-Bible enrollment card was given to Mr. and Mrs. William Balliett. They began to study the lessons. Mr. Birden studied with them, and they committed their lives to Jesus Christ, were baptized in 1969, and joined this laymen's group almost immediately. They began to share with others the joy and the peace that they had found. The Lord gave them a convert by the end of that year. In 1970 God blessed them with seven converts.

Mrs. Caroline Hyatt has found real fulfillment in working with this laymen's group since her husband, an Adventist minister, passed away. God gave her nine converts in 1970.

Elwood Staff, the present pastor of the North Park church, is forming another group of workers. These will train other laymen in the work of personal evangelism and witnessing.

We believe that any Adventist church that will follow the plan Jesus used in training His disciples will experience a lay revival in its area. For example, if 25 laymen were trained to do personal work for a minimum of three hours a week, great things would happen in that church. The churches in our conference that are following this plan are winning more souls to Christ

than before. Our laymen are ready and waiting to be used of the Holy Spirit. If they are successful in the arts, the professions, the sciences, industry, and the trades, we have a conviction that they will use their talents to be successful in their pursuits to bring men and women to follow Jesus Christ.

One of our young women wrote a very honest and objective letter to the General Conference in 1970. This letter was printed in *The Ministry* magazine recently. The essence of what she was asking for was "to show us how" to work for the Lord. We believe strongly that there is an answer in the program referred to above. When our consecrated laymen are trained to lead people to Christ, the work will be finished swiftly. Ellen G. White wrote: "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath-school classes, how to best help the poor and how to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 149.

Bible study and witnessing are increasing everywhere in the world field. Our neighbors are concerned about the events that are taking place in this world. They do not understand the prophecies of the future, they do not have the peace of God in their hearts that comes through knowing Jesus Christ. It is up to us, workers and laymen alike, to give them understanding, to point them to peace.

RWANDA:

Central African Union Holds Session at Gitwe

Workers and delegates from the six fields of Rwanda and Burundi and from the three institutions of the Central African Union met in January at Gitwe, Rwanda, for the union session. P. G. Werner, president of the union, presided over the session.

Inspirational studies were presented by V. A. Fenn, treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division, and E. W. Pedersen, a general field secretary of the General Conference.

A goal was set to baptize 18,600 people during Laymen's Year 1971. C. Bru, lay activities secretary of the Central African Union, proposed several methods by which this might be done.

During the session it was reported that Gitwe College is to be advanced to a six-year secondary school. This calls for a new administration building, a new dormitory, and new faculty housing. It was also announced that Kivoga College is to provide teacher training and that the Mugonero Hospital is progressing in its nurse's training program.

Eighteen men were ordained during the session.

JOHN P. STAFFORD
Teacher, Kivoga College



Some members of the North Park SDA church, San Diego, who are active soul winners.

ATLANTIC UNION:

God Blesses Business When Owner Obeys

Some months ago I conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Mario DaSilva and family. I studied the doctrines of the church with these people for some seven months.

During these months Mrs. DaSilva had a dream in which she saw Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven. This impressed her to be baptized and join the church, but she wanted to be baptized with her husband. However, he was reluctant because he would then have to close his restaurant on the Sabbath. "I cannot do it," he said. "I make more money on that day than on all other days combined. If I close my restaurant on the Sabbath day I will lose my customers and go bankrupt."

Then Mrs. DaSilva had a second dream. In it Jesus told her to remove the big sign in front of their restaurant advertising pork sausages and other types of unclean foods. As she talked to her husband about it, he said: "That sign cost me \$700. How can I take it down? Impossible!"

As he continued studying the doctrines of the church, we assured him that the Lord would not let him go bankrupt. He thought about it and decided to talk things over with God. He knelt down in his bedroom and asked the Lord to show him what to do. Then he heard a voice telling him to follow in the footsteps of his wife. He rushed to the kitchen and related to her what the Lord had just said to him. They hugged each other and cried together.

The sign was removed, the restaurant



Mr. and Mrs. Mario DaSilva and daughter Rosemary learned that the Lord keeps His promise to those who determine to obey.



Alvin Goulbourne (left) and J. Hall (right) stand with members of the Adams family.

was closed on the Sabbath, and Mr. and Mrs. DaSilva were baptized. The following week he was surprised to find more customers patronizing his business than before. Delinquents paid their bills with interest, those who had robbed him returned the stolen items, and his employees began to question what was happening. "I have never seen so many miracles in my whole life," said Mr. DaSilva.

In addition to carrying on his business six days a week, Mr. DaSilva gives two hours of his time to visiting, praying, and sometimes selling our religious literature in his neighborhood.

Before he became a Seventh-day Adventist he complained to me that in the church he attended the officials were only after money and that each member of his family had to give 25 cents each Sunday to the church. Now he gives 15 per cent of his income to our church and says that the more he gives the more he is blessed. He loves Ingathering and has raised \$400 in a week's time.

Mr. and Mrs. DaSilva are rejoicing in the message and are preparing for the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Their daughter, Rosemary, who was baptized before they were, attends Pioneer Valley Academy, New Braintree. They also are praying for the conversion of their two sons so that their family may be one in the remnant church.

LEONARD WESTPHAL
District Pastor
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

ATLANTIC UNION:

Brooklyn Family Won to Christ by Bookman

Literature Evangelist Joseph N. Hall, working in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York, in 1965, visited the home of Mrs. Mary Adams selling *The Bible Story* set. Mrs. Adams informed him she was interested in purchasing the set but did not know how to explain the contents to her children. If he would come and read the books to the family she stated that

she would purchase the set. He consented, and the sale was made.

Mr. Hall found the family to be one of the most rewarding contacts in his literature-evangelist experience. The children asked many challenging questions. After two weeks of reading together, the children informed their mother they did not want to eat any more swine's meat. During the second week of study, one of the boys told his mother that on the next Friday he would be home from school early. He had decided to complete his assigned chores before sunset so as to begin the Sabbath on time. After the third week of study, all of Mrs. Adams' children began keeping the Sabbath.

All of the Adams children were baptized by Alvin R. Goulbourne, pastor of the Mount of Olives church, in 1969. Mrs. Adams was baptized in 1970.

Many other people have been brought to Christ by Joseph Hall as he works as a literature evangelist in the city of New York.

DAVID E. HENRY
Press Secretary
Mount of Olives Church

CANADIAN UNION:

Sixty Finish Testimony Countdown Series

More than 60 members and friends of the Lacombe, Alberta, church received diplomas on April 3 at the completion of a Testimony Countdown course.

Two thousand dollars' worth of Ellen G. White's writings were bought by those attending the series. A friend of the church who attended the Countdown series became so interested in reading the *Testimonies* that during the ten-week series she read volumes one to six, sometimes continuing until four o'clock in the morning.

The class was conducted by the pastor, Wadie Farag, assisted by Willis Clark and A. V. Dick, both instructors in religion at Canadian Union College.

A. V. DICK
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I Accepted the Third Invitation

By **ONG MENG JIP**, as told to **CHESTER H. DAMRON**
Director, Singapore Voice of Prophecy

THE day was warm and humid. People hurried to shops, restaurants, and roadside stalls in search of food to satisfy their afternoon hunger. The air was polluted by the fumes and filled with the noise of many vehicles. I breathed a sigh of relief as I entered the quiet, air-conditioned reference library in downtown Singapore. Little did I realize then that I would encounter three offers that afternoon on which my eternal destiny would hang—three offers to accept or reject everlasting life.

As I was carefully searching through the books on the library shelves, a card caught my attention. Slipped in between the pages of a book was a card inviting me to enroll in a Voice of Prophecy course. I was not particularly surprised or impressed by it. I had come across invitations to enroll in Christian courses before. Without much thought I placed the card back. But as I continued to search, I came across another card slipped between the pages of another book. I was quite surprised. For a moment I considered filling out the card and mailing it, but decided not to. Putting it back, I continued searching for the books I wanted.

It wasn't long until I came across another VOP enrollment card. Three times in the space of a few minutes I had found one of these cards. A deep conviction came to me that there must be something in this course that I ought to know that would have an important bearing on my life, something that could decide my eternal destiny. So I filled in the card and sent for the Way of Life Bible course.

The first lessons came a few days later, and I found I enjoyed studying them very much. As I studied I realized that I had been groping for a better way of life, for peace, real joy. I was finding the answers in the study of the Holy Bible. My reaching out—mentally and emotionally—for something beyond material things was being satisfied. I found that my longings were really a desire to know God and His truth.

When I realized this, I did something about it. I decided to attend a popular church. However, I found the atmosphere too formal and the ritual meaningless since I couldn't understand the words. I came away with mixed feelings. My yearnings were still gnawing uncomfortably in my heart. Perhaps the Voice of Prophecy could help me, I thought. I wrote and asked for help. This is the letter I sent to the Voice of Prophecy office.

"DEAR VOICE OF PROPHECY:

"I would like to attend church serv-

ices, but I do not know what I should say or do. Can you please tell me of a church I can attend and what I should do in church? What time are services held?

"Yours faithfully,
 "ONG MENG JIP"

In a few days a letter arrived informing me that a representative would be visiting my home to help me. One Saturday morning the representative came and introduced himself as Gary Tay. With a big smile he invited me to attend the Balestier Road church. I accepted his invitation and have been attending there ever since.

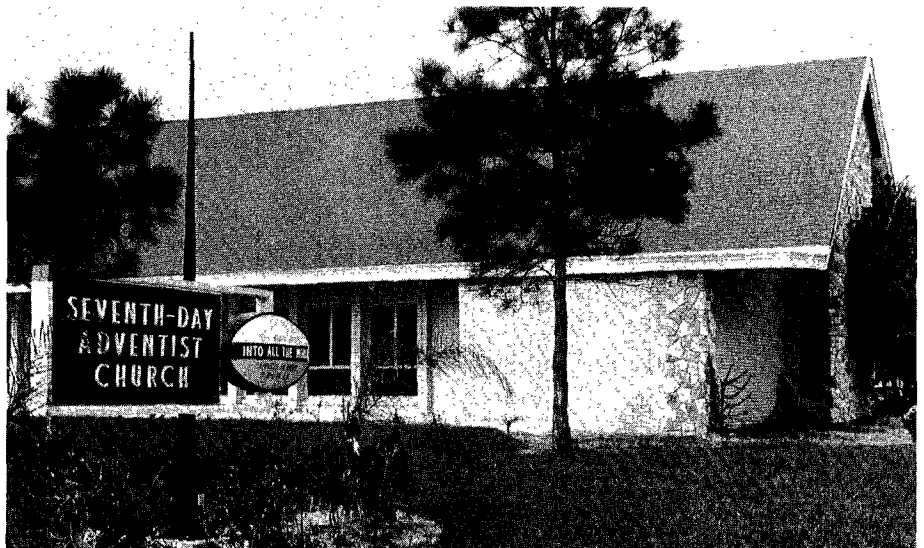
As I attended the Bible class conducted by Pastor T. K. Chong, the first VOP convert here and now president of the Malaya Mission, I was thrilled and listened with rapt attention. Often I found myself holding onto the sides of the chair leaning forward to catch every word. As the Word of God was unfolded, I realized that this was what I was looking for. I had found how and by whom the yearnings of my soul could

be satisfied. As I listened to Tang Swee Keng speak and give his testimony about the urgency of the times and the nearness of Christ's second coming, I made up my mind to be baptized. At the first opportunity, on August 19, 1967, I took my stand and was baptized.

What a time of rejoicing it was as I left the old life and started walking in newness of life in Christ. As I look back at my old life I can say with Paul that whatever I had "I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 3:7, 8, R.S.V.).

Since his baptism Ong Meng Jip has been active in sharing his new-found faith in Jesus Christ. He has completed two years of ministerial training at Southeast Asia Union College and is looking forward to completing the four-year ministerial course and becoming a worker for God. Young people like Ong Meng Jip, who have come out of non-Christian religions into Christianity, are bright prospects for future leaders in God's work.

Most of these young people have no financial support from parents, who are not sympathetic to Christianity, for acquiring a Christian education. Ong Meng Jip and others are being helped through the Singapore Voice of Prophecy scholarship fund established by friends who are interested in preparing leadership for God's work in Southeast Asia.



Retired Pastor Raises Congregation, Builds Church

The Naples, Florida, church was dedicated on Sabbath February 6. The church was made possible by the vision and labor of H. R. Veach, a "retired" pastor.

Retiring in 1963, Elder and Mrs. Veach settled in the unentered city of Naples, Florida, and began to do house-to-house work distributing literature and conducting Bible studies. He also conducted public meetings. On December 2, 1967, a church of 32 charter members was organized.

Later, Elder Veach led in building the new church home for his, by then, 65 members. Together, they raised \$81,000. Approximately 95 per cent of the construction of the church was done by this retired pastor, who is now 72, and his members.

THEODORE CARCICH
GC General Vice-President

World Divisions

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

✦ Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the last quarter of 1970, which was assigned to the Inter-American Division, was received by the Antillian College Academy, Puerto Rico. Because most of the 225 adult members of the college church are students, special efforts were ordinarily necessary to raise \$400 for a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow. However, when church members learned that their school was to benefit from the recent offering they set themselves a goal of \$1,500. When the quarter's offerings were totaled, December 19, it was found that \$1,516 had been raised.

✦ Mexican Union evangelist C. E. Aeschlimann, who has been conducting an evangelistic series in Bogotá, Colombia, spoke to the Police Officers' Club and the army's Noncommissioned Officers' School on two occasions. In recognition of his services, the police Public Service Department presented him with a certificate during one of his lectures.

✦ The first public relations workshop to be held in the Mexican Union was conducted in Mexico City, Sunday, February 28. Among those attending were Fernando Chaij and Tulio Peverini, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association; Velino Salazar and David G. y Poyato, Mexican Union president and public relations secretary, respectively; Central Mission president Samuel Guizar, and mission public relations secretary, Jose L. Campos.

✦ The tenth biennial session of the East Jamaica Conference was held in Kingston, March 31 to April 3. All conference officers and departmental secretaries were re-elected.

✦ More than 100 attended an MV camp held at Lake Masaya, Nicaragua, April 4-11.

L. MARCEL ABEL, *Correspondent*

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

✦ Delegates from most of the medical institutions of the Far Eastern Division attended a scientific-religious professional meeting of the Department of Health of the Far Eastern Division held in Singapore in mid-April. Separate sections were conducted for dentists and physicians. The week-long session was directed by G. C. Ekvall, M.D., secretary of the division's department of health.

✦ A Far Eastern Division-sponsored Study Commission on Health Care was held in Hong Kong in late April. Nearly 100 delegates representing unions and medical institutions within the division attended the week-long meeting designed to chart the future of the division's medical program. Directors of the session were Paul H. Eldridge, division

president, and G. C. Ekvall, M.D., secretary of the department of health of the Far Eastern Division.

D. A. ROTH, *Correspondent*

Atlantic Union

✦ Within the past four months members of the Linden Boulevard church, St. Albans, New York, have sent 11 boxes of clothing to the needy in Alabama and Virginia; have distributed 3,000 articles of clothing; and contributed 1,000 hours to missionary work. A cooking-and-sewing class is being conducted every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M., with the attendance growing weekly. D. B. Reid is the pastor, and Mrs. Isabel Bass is leader of the Health and Welfare Society of the church.

✦ Four students were baptized at the end of the Week of Prayer at the Hartford Intermediate School, Hartford, Connecticut, March 21-26. Leonard Bierlein was the speaker.

✦ A company has been organized in Haverstraw, New York, as a result of the efforts of the Spanish Manhattan church and Gerardo Brito, a literature evangelist in Greater New York. A branch Sabbath school was begun by members of the Spanish church several years ago. Recently Mr. Brito was able to get a vacant club hall, which church members renovated for a church building. The new building was inaugurated on January 30 by L. L. Reile, Greater New York Conference president. The group will be organized into a church soon.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

Canadian Union

✦ Maritime Conference pastors A. I. Hands and O. L. Lee baptized 34 persons at the conclusion of an It Is Written series of reaping meetings held in the Halifax-Dartmouth area of Nova Scotia from March 5 to April 2. The meetings were conducted by George Knowles, secretary of the Ministerial Department of the Canadian Union, and D. S. Crook, conference evangelist of the Maritime Conference.

✦ Henry Bartsch reports a full house for his evangelistic meetings in Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories. A baptism is planned for the near future. The new Tarangle Medical Clinic is presently under construction.

✦ Radio station VOAR in St. John's, Newfoundland, the only Adventist-owned AM station in the world, has begun a new program called Sunday Superlatives, hosted by Edward Hodder. It

consists of sacred, secular, classical, and folk music, with interviews, narration, poetry, and comments. VOAR, which has been operating since 1929, has a potential listening audience of 100,000.

✦ The Sabbath school department of the St. John's, Newfoundland, church has been sponsoring a series of nutrition classes over the past few weeks.

✦ Golden Anniversary Jubilee celebrations were held at Rest Haven Hospital, Sidney, British Columbia, May 8-12. The hospital first began its operation in 1921 at its present site.

THEDA KUESTER, *Correspondent*

Central Union

✦ Nursing students on both the main campus of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, and the college's clinical division campus in Denver united in raising funds to send a set of bandage scissors to the nursing school at Saigon Adventist Hospital, South Vietnam.

✦ Representatives from the St. Louis and Sikeston, Missouri, MV societies attended the Illiana MV federation held in Indianapolis, Indiana, recently. S. H. Cox, Central States Conference MV secretary, was the speaker at the Friday evening service.

CLARA ANDERSON, *Correspondent*

Columbia Union

✦ Six academy seniors of the Columbia Union Conference have been selected to receive scholarships to Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, Ohio.

✦ The Ramah Junior Academy, of Cleveland, Ohio, recently underwent a \$250,000 improvement program, bringing the total value of the plant to \$400,000.

✦ Sixteen were baptized in the Ethan Temple church, Dayton, Ohio, during the first quarter of 1971.

✦ John Parrish, director of development and public relations, Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, Ohio, was recently elected president of the Ohio Association for Hospital Development at the association's annual meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Donald Hansen, administrator of Harding Hospital, Worthington, Ohio, is the newly elected treasurer.

✦ The one-year-old Luray, Virginia, church recently officially opened a Community Services center in a ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Luray's mayor, Fred Walker. Also participating were H. J. Harris and R. A. Bata, lay activities secretaries of the Columbia Un-

ion Conference and the Potomac Conference, respectively. James E. Curry is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Anna Hufford is director of the center.

MORTEN JUBERG, *Correspondent*

Lake Union

† Seven persons who raised more than \$5,050 for the church goal of \$18,000, for the Shiloh church in Chicago, Illinois, Ingathering campaign were: Annie Gully, Deanner Moore, Mattie Willis, Oscar Underwood, Lottie Norman, Ruth Blevins, and Lillian Baynes.

† Eight lay-training workshops are being held in the Michigan Conference by Mary Walsh, of the Pacific Union, and by Wesley Amundsen, a former General Conference departmental secretary.

GORDON ENGEN, *Correspondent*

North Pacific Union

† Twenty-four persons were baptized following an evangelistic series in Bend, Oregon.

† A student walkathon in Bandon, Oregon, was the means of raising \$664.67 for Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy.

† Church members in Plentywood, Montana, are witnessing to their community through their Socials to Save program. Recently community women volunteered to help in baking and packing 50 dozen cookies for servicemen overseas. The program has been effective in reaching several people and arousing interest in the church.

† The members of the new Richland, Oregon, church recently conducted open-house services, which were attended by more than 160. The new sanctuary was made possible because a layman purchased an old high school building and turned over the auditorium for the use of the Richland congregation of 40 members. Church members have remodeled the auditorium and built two Sabbath school rooms and a minister's room.

CECIL COFFEY, *Correspondent*

Northern Union

† A group of Sioux Indian children from the Pine Ridge Mission School in South Dakota visited the State capital at Pierre recently. The group was accompanied by their principal, Guy Gatewood, and Pastor and Mrs. Max Sing-



Doctor-Pastor Team Holds Temperance Program

Dr. Michael T. Oliverio (left) and J. D. Johnson, pastor of the Adventist Hospital, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, examine a mini-lung smoking apparatus used in a recent two-day antismoking-and-drinking program held in the Ile-Ife church.

During the two-day program, the anti-smoking film *Countdown* was shown. Dr. Oliverio gave a thought-provoking lecture to large mixed audiences of Africans and Europeans. As a result of these health-oriented meetings requests have come in for the films and talks to be given elsewhere.

J. D. JOHNSON

Press Secretary

Ile-Ife Hospital and Church

hurst on the tour, which included the State capitol building, where they met Senator Trask, who conducted them on a tour of the building and introduced them to the State director of Indian affairs. They also met Governor Richard S. Kneip and sat in on a portion of the senate proceedings.

† Seventy boxes containing 1,500 pounds of clothing were shipped recently by the Wahpeton, North Dakota, Dorcas Society to the New York welfare depot.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

Pacific Union

† The Glendale Adventist Hospital has initiated a chaplain's internship with three months' training. Hospital chaplains Osiris Weiss and G. Edward Bryan supervise the course.

† Adventist health messages are being spread over Southern California with special emphasis in East Los Angeles by White Memorial Medical Center. Five doctors have presented the principles in Spanish. Food-service director Audrey Klein appeared with two sports stars and an opera singer on all three major networks in discussion of food and nutrition.

† California Heart Association summer research fellowships have been awarded to four Pacific Union College premed students: Lee Carter, Liver-

more; Phil Roos, Loma Linda; Vince Hanson, Redondo Beach; and Gordon Peterson, Loma Linda.

† More than 200 boys and girls are attending a Sabbath afternoon Story Hour conducted by Pathfinders at the Los Angeles White Memorial church. Youth Pastor Edward Johnson, and Pathfinder directors Jess Melendez, Diana Villegas, and James Brewer are supervising.

† The Sharon church of Tuscon, Arizona, has undergone refurbishing and renovation. Pastor William Kirlew hosted opening services when six non-Adventist churches and two of their choirs participated. J. P. Middleton, of Los Angeles, a former pastor, gave the message.

† Bob and Karen Ford, of Burlingame, Central California, have become members of the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps. They are scheduled to teach conversational English at the Osaka, Japan, Adventist Center.

SHIRLEY BURTON, *Correspondent*

Southern Union

† More than 450 junior Pathfinders from the Florida clubs participated in the annual junior camporee held this year at Highlands Hammock State Park, April 2-4.

† The fourteenth annual music festival of elementary schools and junior academies in the State of Florida was held at Forest Lake Academy, April 22-24. Fourteen schools were represented by a 200-member band directed by Mrs. Pat Silver and a 325-member choir directed by Francis Cossentine. Coordinator of the program was D. K. Griffith, educational secretary, Florida Conference.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

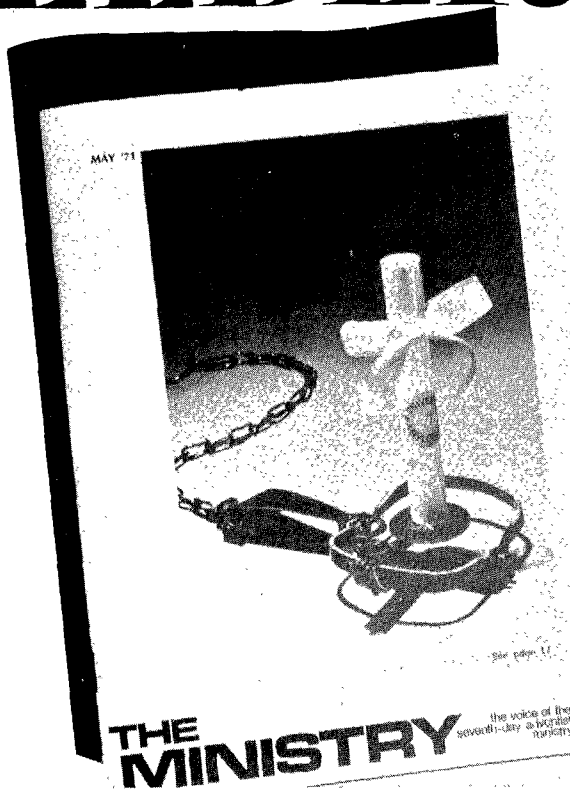
Southwestern Union

† Southwestern Union literature evangelists report sales of \$116,000 during January and February. This is a 34 per cent gain over the comparative period of 1970. During the same two-month period they distributed more than 3,800 pieces of literature, enrolled 464 persons in the Bible school, offered more than 1,000 prayers in homes, and gave 191 Bible studies.

† Representatives of the Southwestern Union Conference visited with Seventh-day Adventist medical students at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, April 23-26. Several of the medical students, upon completion of their training, will be returning to the Southwestern Union territory for the establishment of practices.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

TO THE LOCAL CHURCH ELDER



As assistant to the pastor of your church, do you feel the need of special help? Is your pastor often off to another church in the district, leaving you with the responsibility for the Sabbath service and/or prayer meeting? Do you want to know how you can function more effectively for the good of the church, and how you can be a greater help to the pastor and the congregation?

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The Problem of State Aid in Ghana

By W. J. BROWN

Associate Secretary, Department of Education, General Conference

[Early this year the writer, accompanied by B. B. Beach, educational secretary of the Northern European Division, made a nine-week tour of the principal schools of the division. This article is the second in a series reporting on this itinerary.]

It is reported from different areas of Africa that the governments are taking over Seventh-day Adventist schools and that the prime reason for this is that the schools have accepted financial support from the governments. It is a fact that where a government invests money in a school it insists on being heard. It is also true that often government aid has had a direct bearing on attitudes of staff members toward church counsels on Christian education, on the attitudes of students, and on the ultimate willingness of many parents to sacrifice, if necessary, to keep their children in Christian schools.

What initiated state aid in Ghana, and what have its net effects been?

Finances are a prime factor. The low earning power of the average Seventh-day Adventist member, with a monthly salary that may vary between N¢ 25-50 (a New Cedi is practically equivalent to US\$1.00), has been a problem. This is balanced against another factor, that progress in education is rewarded directly by an increase in salary. The more education the higher the salary. However, the Seventh-day Adventist denom-

ination cannot pay salaries equivalent to those paid in secular fields. Nevertheless, a pastor may receive between twice and five times as much as most of his members earn.

Teachers, principals, and superintendents of education (general managers of schools) in the public schools do not receive very much less than their counterparts in other parts of the world, and on the administrative level do not receive much less than administrators in schools in Europe.

This poses a problem for our church-supported Seventh-day Adventist schools. Since there is a great demand for well-prepared educators, Seventh-day Adventists find placement out of the church at the higher salary. Because of this it would be difficult to staff a complete school and support it, even at denominational salaries, without receiving appropriations from sources outside the Ghana Conference.

Small Investments

The school at Bekwai was founded as a church-supported school a number of years ago. Investments were small, and facilities were minimal. Even then there were problems of financial support. On the other hand, as Ghana began to move forward, it felt that the education of its children and youth was of the ut-

most importance. Since at first it had no well-developed public school system, it was willing to provide full financial aid to church-run schools to facilitate the eliminating of illiteracy until it could develop its own system. In order to reach this goal, it started to promote teacher-training schools.

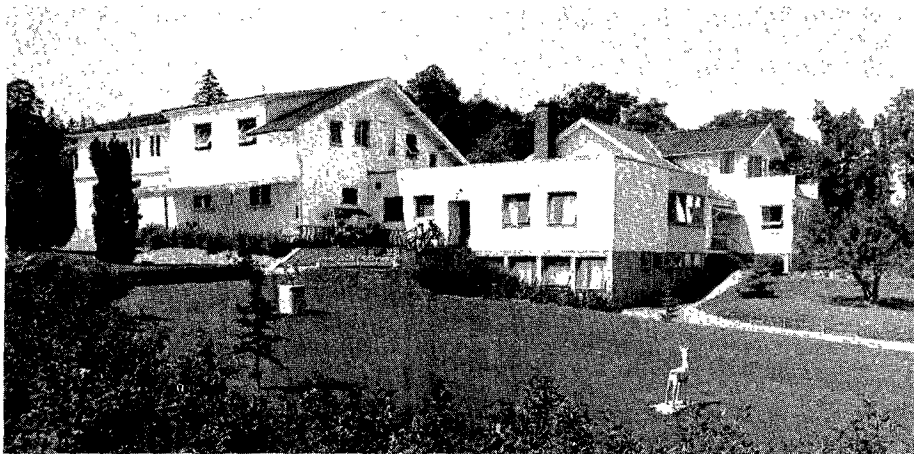
Seventh-day Adventists, with other churches, were willing to participate in the plan. The government provided all funds for operations, and at times gave money for certain capital improvements. In the opening of a totally new school, as at Asokore and Agona, it provided all of the funds. One proviso, which was a drawback to the church, was that the Ministry of Education would assign students to fill vacancies and that teachers must meet state requirements. The same applied in secondary schools. Nevertheless, Seventh-day Adventist students requesting to be assigned to an Adventist school, were, and if a Seventh-day Adventist teacher had the proper certification he also would be assigned to one of the four Seventh-day Adventist schools. This situation still obtains.

However, many Adventist teachers prefer to teach in public schools even though salaries are the same in our schools. This is because they feel there is little opportunity for promotion to higher positions in our schools, with correspondingly higher salaries because there are so few SDA schools.

In spite of the large percentage of non-Seventh-day Adventist students in our four schools and the nurses' school at Kwahu, and the high percentage of non-Adventist staff members, these schools carry on a complete program of Seventh-day Adventist education similar to that carried on in our schools elsewhere in the world. The Ghana system of education requires 40 to 45 forty-minute classes per week. Our schools follow this program but also include the regular Bible classes. All students attend morning and evening worships, vesper services, MV services, Sabbath school, church services, the two yearly Weeks of Prayer, and they participate in the In-gathering campaign, et cetera. Because of the large number of non-Seventh-day Adventist students, baptismal classes are large. For example, there were 70 in a recent baptismal class for the two schools at Bekwai. Last year 50 students were baptized, many of them being from the non-Adventist group. At Agona, 15, more than half of the baptisms last year, were from the non-Adventist enrollment, and all became Seventh-day Adventist teachers.



Student teachers of the Agona Teacher Training College, Ghana, prepare for a field trip. This college is one of three similar schools operated by Adventists in Ghana.



Sanitarium Donated to Church in Norway

On January 1, 1971, the Jeloy Sanitarium, near Moss, Norway, became an institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The institution was started by SDA physical therapists Einar and Ellen Fahlberg 33 years ago. They donated it to the church upon their recent retirement.

During the years when the sanitarium was operated by the Fahlbergs it developed until it could cater to 34 patients.

A new physical-therapy couple, Firthjof and Anny Aasheim, have now taken over the management and will continue the program.

This is the fourth health institution owned by the Norwegian SDA Church. The Oslo Health Home was first opened in 1898, the Skogli Sanitarium in 1946, and the Tromso Clinic in 1952. All these institutions have a steady clientele who enjoy the Adventist spirit and the excellent treatment. More than 90 per cent of the staff are members of the church.

J. D. HENRIKSEN, M.D.

Medical Secretary, Northern European Division

Adventist Standards Maintained

I preached to 700 students at Bekwai one weekend. I could not distinguish between Adventist and non-Adventist students. Non-Adventists were in Sabbath school classes, they sang in the choirs, they obeyed the rules as well as do Seventh-day Adventist students.

It was reported that one of the drawbacks of government control is in the matter of the expulsion of a student from a school. Because of government regulation, it is not easy to expel a student. But the government provides full support for expulsion for such things as smoking, drinking, immorality, stealing, et cetera. Non-Seventh-day Adventist teachers, while on campus, must maintain the standards. The government will support the principal in dropping any faculty member who does not conform to school standards or who does unsatisfactory work in his teaching.

The school is controlled by the governing board, which is composed of 11 individuals, six of whom are Seventh-day Adventists chosen by the Ghana Conference. This board makes all decisions concerning the school except choosing the principal and the vice-principal. These are selected by the Ministry of Education.

If the government should take over denominational schools in Ghana, the financial loss would be minimal, for the church has made practically no investments during the past few years.

In some cases the church has made no investment, but simply has taken over the school to operate for the government. An exception is Bekwai, where the church does have an investment of \$162,000.

What Is Actually Happening?

But what is the government actually doing? For many years it was promoting a large number of teacher-training schools, for its great need was for teachers. Now there are many teachers, so it plans to reduce the number of these schools from 74 to 30 by 1975. It is expanding the number of secondary schools from 125 to 170 to give Ghanaian youth a broader preparation for entry to other professions.

How does this decision affect Adventist schools? Asokore will continue as a teacher-training school. The teacher-training school at Bekwai will be closed down, but its facilities will be incorporated into the secondary school, increasing the number of streams (sections) from two to four, and the number of students from 300 to 600.

The teacher-training school at Agona will be closed. But one and a half miles from the present campus the government is building a completely new and modern campus to serve as a secondary school, and the Ministry of Education will transfer the entire present Seventh-day Adventist teacher-training faculty to the new location. Plans are being made by our church to convert the

Agona campus into an entirely denominationally supported vocational school on the secondary level.

If the day ever comes when the government decides to take over the Ghana Seventh-day Adventist schools completely, there will still have been a gain. Supported by government funds, complete Seventh-day Adventist programs (with some disadvantages) have operated for many years. Thousands of young people have heard the truth, and hundreds have accepted it. Some of these students, both Adventists and non-Adventists, are occupying positions of responsibility both in and out of the government of Ghana. Undoubtedly, when the moment of decision comes, hundreds of others will not forget the instruction received from faithful Christian teachers and will be found among God's people when Jesus returns.



(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

W. S. Banfield, associate secretary (Southern Union), formerly president (South Atlantic).

From Home Base to Front Line

North American Division

Parshall L. Howe (PUC '36), to be relief teacher Bugema Adventist College, Kampala, Uganda, and Mrs. Howe, nee Adelia Florence Swingle (PUC '36), of Angwin, California, left Washington, D.C., March 23.

H. Carl Currie (AUC '40; SDATS '56), to be president of the Zambezi Union, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, and Mrs. Currie, nee Eva Ruth Longway (AUC '40), of Hamilton, Bermuda, left Boston, Massachusetts, March 31.

Stanley George Hagen (UC '65; AU '67), to be lay activities, Sabbath school, and YPMV secretary of the Central Brazil Mission, Goias, Brazil, Mrs. Hagen, nee DeLara Vivian Haas (UC '66; AU '67), and two sons, of Benkelman, Nebraska, left New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2.

Joane Swie Kie Ong (LLU School of Health '70), to be dietitian Tsuen Wan Sanitarium and Hospital, Hong Kong, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, California, April 11. C. O. FRANZ

Church Calendar

Home-Foreign Challenge	June 5
Inner-City Offering	June 5
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Afro-Mideast Division)	June 26
Medical Missionary Day	July 3
Church Lay Activities Offering	July 3
Midsummer Offering	July 17
Dark County Evangelism	August 7
Church Lay Activities Offering	August 7
Oakwood College Offering	August 14
Bible Correspondence School Evangelism	
Day	September 4
Church Lay Activities Offering	September 4
Missions Extension Offering	September 11

More Than 300 Baptized in South Ethiopia to Date

Three hundred and fourteen persons have been baptized in the South Ethiopia Mission so far this year, according to a report received from A. Eugene Anderson, president of the mission. He also states that on one Sabbath he baptized 177 persons and that the following day in another place 31 were baptized, making a total of 208 on one weekend. Elder Anderson expects that during 1971 some 1,000 persons will be baptized in his mission.

F. C. WEBSTER

Northern European Division to Be Renamed

The General Conference Committee recently took action recommending to the 1975 General Conference session that the name of the Northern European Division be changed to Northern Europe-West Africa Division. This suggestion originated with the Northern European Division committee, which recognizes that the present name does not properly describe the division's area of responsibility.

ROBERT H. PIERSON

Inter-American Bookmen Win 2,200 Converts in 1970

Inter-American Division literature evangelists won more than 2,200 persons to the church during 1970. This is 700 more than were won the preceding year.

In the Mexican, Central American, and Antillian unions, 523 were won by 39 colporteurs.

D. A. McADAMS

Old Newspaper Editorial Lauds Ellen G. White

When Ellen White died on July 16, 1915, numerous editorials appeared in the secular press reviewing the achievements of this remarkable woman. Now from L. F. Kagels, SDA pastor, Toledo, Ohio, comes a recently discovered editorial that appeared in the *Toledo Blade*, July 19, 1915, applauding her work.

The editorial, titled "A Modern Prophetess," occupied a three-inch-wide column six inches long. It stated, in part:

"Mrs. White . . . was one of Miller's converts. She early manifested some of the gifts of prophecy. With the formation of the church of the Seventh-day Adventists, she immediately developed an influence, and that influence was maintained to the hour of her death, a period of seventy years. Besides unusual talents as a preacher, she had organizational and administrative powers. These were all given to her church. It prospered and grew until it has spread through many lands. Universities were founded, medical schools, hospitals and

Health Personnel Needs

Present openings for personnel in SDA hospitals include those listed below:

North America

- 2 admitting clerks
- 7 dietitians
- 3 medical-record librarians (1 A.R.T.)
- 2 physical therapists
- 5 radiation therapists
- 4 radiological technologists
- 4 miscellaneous—see below

Overseas

- 4 dentists (2 self-supporting)
- 16 physicians—general practice
- 11 physicians—specialty
- 3 R.N.'s—education
- 8 R.N.'s—service

Four miscellaneous: air conditioning or refrigeration foreman, assistant food service director, cytotechnologist, and key-punch operator. Information regarding openings and placement assistance may be obtained by contacting Miss Norma Eldridge, Department of Health, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

schools for teachers and missionaries. "Mrs. White was a remarkable woman. Had she lived in an earlier period of the career of Christianity and escaped the bigots and the fire she would most surely have been canonized. She was of the flesh of which saints are made."

Ellen White was certainly a "remarkable woman" and saintly. And the church is indebted to her for the humbleness of her Christian spirit, which made it possible for the testimony of Jesus to come to His people unstained with selfish pride and human ambitions.

D. A. DELAFIELD

Ninety Baptized During VOP New Orleans Campaign

More than 90 have been baptized as a result of a Voice of Prophecy crusade conducted in the Rivergate Auditorium, New Orleans, Louisiana, with Fordyce Detamore as the speaker. It is expected that other baptisms will follow. Elder Detamore was assisted by Elder and Mrs. Gordon Henderson, Del Delker, Norman Nelson, and many of the ministers of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

E. FRANK SHERRILL

SDA Beliefs Featured on CBS Network Program

Seventh-day Adventists were featured on the CBS radio network program *Man and His Religion*, April 26-30, when

Evangelist Fordyce Detamore was interviewed by the program moderator, George McMannus. While each interview lasted only two minutes and ten seconds, in each period Elder Detamore was able to present clearly the Sabbath and other beliefs of our church.

Man and His Religion, which is heard on CBS across the United States, is an attempt by this radio network to give religion prominence in its programming.

JAMES J. AITKEN

Ethiopian Emperor Endorses The Bible Story Set

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia recently issued a letter endorsing *The Bible Story* books. The letter stated, in part: "This ten-volume set of Bible stories, so beautifully illustrated, will appeal to all, as the author shows great respect for the Holy Word. We have accordingly authorized the printing of this set by placing our usual signature on this paper."

"This Word must be brought back into the lives of all age groups in order to perpetuate the high moral order and spiritual foundation upon which a more progressive nation and harmonious world can be based. May the holy will of God be accomplished in the distribution of His Word to all people."

Volume 1 of *The Bible Story* is now in preparation and should be ready for circulation in Ethiopia in the near future.

The recommendation for *The Bible Story* was secured by R. Burgess, manager of the Ethiopian Advent Press.

W. A. HIGGINS

IN BRIEF

♦ **Death:** Roberta C. Edwards, 69, Nashville, Tennessee, May 7, wife of Otis B. Edwards, for 20 years registrar of Oakwood College.

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