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With feet firmly applied to my bicycle pedals, I sped along, trying not to be outdistanced by a truck I was following, as if hitched to it. Those who are cyclists recognize this advantage, as a vehicle ahead

helps to reduce wind resistance.

I covered mile after mile in this manner for about an hour, till the truck turned off on a side road. It was pleasant to think of how much distance I had covered, and how much time I had saved. Then, looking behind, I was horrified: The package I had carried with me was gone!

The rumbling of the truck prevented me from hearing the thud caused by the falling package. I

had lost my cherished Bible, a hymn book, all Bible studies prepared after years of effort, and a number of my best sermons. Not least was a pair of trousers and a pocketbook with 300 pesetas [about US\$4, but with more buying power in Spain].

With sinking heart I pedaled back over those many kilometers so easily covered, inquiring whether someone had found my precious package. It was all in vain. I even advertised in the newspaper without result. Finally I resigned myself to my loss.

I borrowed a pair of trousers from a brother in the faith living nearby, so I could return home. A city man customarily does not wear walking shorts.

This episode took place in 1950, when I was (Continued on page 11)

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The Charismatic Movement-2

Testing the Spirits

AST week we listed two of a large number of facts that must be considered if one is to evaluate rightly the current charismatic movement. These two were: (1) Christ promised to bestow His Spirit on His people, and (2) There will be a genuine charismatic movement among the people of God in the last days. This week we list eight additional facts.

3. Before the genuine outpouring of the Spirit, Satan will introduce a counterfeit. "In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit."-The Great Controversy, p. 464.

4. The religious world of the last days will be characterized by miracles and great signs and wonders (see Rev. 13:13, 14; Matt. 24:23, 24).

a. The purpose of some impressive phenomena

will be to deceive (Rev. 13:14).

b. So persuasive will be the "signs and wonders" that if it were possible even "the very elect" would be deceived (Matt. 24:24).

5. Miracles and other supernatural phenomena may not be of divine origin, nor do they prove

genuine discipleship (see Matt. 7:22, 23).
"Satan is working with everyone who is not under the control of the Spirit of God. It is the lying wonders of the devil that will take the world captive, and he will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men. He is to work miracles; and this wonderful, miracle-working power is to sweep in the whole world."-Selected Messages, book 2, p. 51.

6. Spiritual ecstasy does not prove that a person is a Christian. (See The Acts of the Apostles, p. 51,

and Selected Messages, book 2, p. 26.)

- 7. Some Christians will label as fanaticism even the genuine baptism of the Holy Spirit. "The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly intelligences will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they 'Beware of fanaticism.' "-Selected would cry, Messages, book 2, p. 57. (See also Gospel Workers, pp. 170, 171.)
- 8. Not all "spirits" are of God, hence the spirits must be tested. (See 1 John 4:1.)
- a. One test is whether the spirit acknowledges "that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" (verse 2).
- b. Another test is whether the spirit relates properly to God's law and revelation. "To the law

and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them' (Isa. 8:20). (See Selected Messages, book 2, p. 49, and Gospel Workers, pp. 300, 301.)

c. A third test is the fruitage. "By their fruits ye shall know them" (see Matt. 7:15-20). Does the spirit lead to godliness or worldliness? Does it lead to love for Christ or love for the world? Does it lead to obedience to the Word or dependence on emotion and feeling? "If those through whom cures are performed, are disposed, on account of these manifestations, to excuse their neglect of the law of God, and continue in disobedience, though they have power to any and every extent, it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver."—Ibid., pp. 50, 51.

"To Them That Obey"

9. The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey, not to those who ignore, reject, or oppose God's law. "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).

10. There is a genuine gift of tongues (see Acts 2:1-13). This gift at Pentecost enabled the apostles not only to break the language barrier in preaching the gospel but "from this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate, whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language."—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 40.

- a. There also is a false gift of tongues. When this appeared among a fanatical group of early Adventists, Ellen White wrote: "Some . . . have an unmeaning gibberish which they call the unknown tongue, which is unknown not only by man but by the Lord and all heaven. Such gifts are manufactured by men and women, aided by the great deceiver. Fanaticism, false excitement, false talking in tongues, and noisy exercises have been considered gifts which God has placed in the church. Some have been deceived here."—Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 412.
- b. The gift of tongues, like all other gifts of the Spirit, is bestowed at the discretion of the Spirit, not of the individual. It is only one of several gifts, no more unique than other gifts, and, like the others, is given selectively, not to all (see 1 Cor. 12:28-31).

c. Love is greater than either the gift of tongues or the gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 13:1, 2).

- d. To prophesy (say something spiritually edifying) is more desirable than to speak in tongues (chap. 14:1-5, 19).
 - e. Order must prevail (verses 33, 40).

Next week we shall offer some conclusions regarding the contemporary charismatic movement.

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AMISH NEED NOT SEND CHILDREN TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a decision having potentially far-reaching implications, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled here that Old Order Amish parents do not have to send children to public high schools.

The Supreme Court clearly said that religious freedom takes precedence over educational statutes on attendance. It was not immediately known what impact the decision might have for other religious groups.

"NEW EVANGELICALISM" IN '70'S FORESEEN BY CARDINAL SUENENS

BRUSSELS—Cardinal Leo Josef Suenens, Primate of Belgium, said here that he expected the significant characteristic of the ecumenical movement in the '70's to be "a new evangelicalism."

He believes that "a personal encounter with Christ" is an integral part of the new evangelicalism.

"Like a car that will not move until the ignition key is turned," he said, "so we cannot move until we experience contact with Jesus Christ."

CATHOLICS PARTICIPATE IN KEY '73

FORT WORTH, Tex.—The National Catholic Register in a recent editorial again encouraged Catholic churches in the U.S. to take part in the Key '73 evangelistic campaign.

Key '73 was described as a "dynamic program" initiated by a small group of evangelical Protestants "who came to the conviction there was a need for spiritual revival in the nation."

"They urged others to join them in making the year 1973 one in which all the peo-

ple of the nation were called to Christ, urged to build a living relationship with Him, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit," the editorial said.

GREECE CONVICTS EVANGELICAL COLPORTEUR OF PROSELYTIZING

PYRGOS, GREECE—After a trial that lasted seven and a half hours George Constantinidis was sentenced to five months' imprisonment and six months of deportation on charges of proselytizing by a three-judge criminal court here.

For a Greek citizen deportation commonly involves confinement to a particular part of the country.

Archimandrite Germanos Paraskevopulos, chief vicar of the Orthodox Diocese of Elias, testified that the evangelistic booklet "Reconciliation With God," which Mr. Constantinidis had distributed, was good in some respects but was heretical since it did not mention the Orthodox teaching on salvation.

CHURCH PLEDGES \$532,207 TO ITS MISSION PROGRAMS

TORONTO, ONT.—The largest Protestant congregation in Canada, People's church, pledged more than \$532,207 in one night to support its mission programs.

At the conclusion of World Mission Night, the Reverend Paul B. Smith, pastor, said that the congregation had raised the largest sum at one time in the 44-year history of People's church.

KEY '73 LAUNCHES HYMN COMPETITION

ST. LOUIS—The executive committee of Key 73 has launched a hymn competition as part of the preparation for the broadbased evangelistic effort set for next year.

Winners will be named in five categories: gospel (soul), conventional, contemporary (country, electronic), folk, and rock-jazz.

Songs submitted should convey awareness of God's love in "music and language which is fresh, understandable, and in the imagery of our modern day."

This Week...

When young Luis Bueno lost his Bible, his sermon notes, and even his extra clothes (they dropped off the bicycle he was pedaling to an appointment), he was convinced he would never see them again. But God had a special plan.

Read "A Walking Bible" (cover) and

Read "A Walking Bible" (cover) and then recall the times God has let you know that He is directing your life.

Those acquainted with Seventh-day Adventist public relations personnel will recognize the name Don Hawley, author of "Paralyzed by a Stupor" (page 7). A 1950 graduate of Union College, Elder Hawley has served the denomination as a public relations director for Hinsdale Hospital (1961-1963), Michigan Conference (1963-1966), and Greater New York Conference (1966-1971).

Immediately after graduating he became assistant manager of the Nebraska Book and Bible House for a year. Then he went into pastoral work in the same conference; he was ordained in 1955.

He and his wife, Helen, worked for five years in Pakistan (1956-1961) where he chaplained the Karachi Adventist Hospital.

In 1971 he was appointed to his present post as managing editor of *Life and Health* magazine.

A mother who obviously has respect for her profession as homemaker writes this week about "The Time of Your Life" (page 12). Elizabeth Anderson is no women's libber, but she is a liberated woman. A graduate of Pacific Union College, she also has taken extra classwork to enrich her life.

And now that her own four children are grown, Mrs. Anderson finds time to do many interesting things (including piloting an airplane) as well as enjoying the role of mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.

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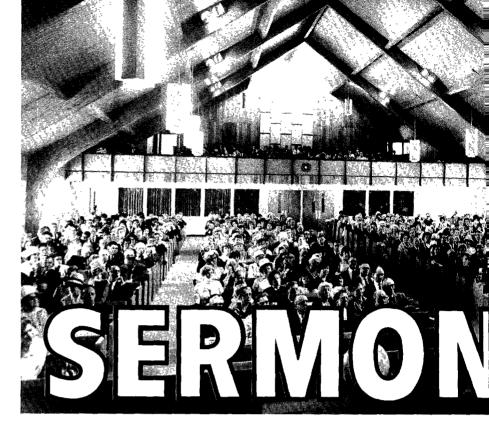
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By ARNOLD KURTZ

HOW TO LISTEN TO A



HE ringing "Amen" in response to a telling point made by the preacher is rare in most churches today. We are victims perhaps of a perverse kind of sophistication that accepts a display of feeling at a sports event but deems it inappropriate where God is worshiped.

Anciently God's people were instructed to respond to the public presentation of God's Word with a confirmatory "Amen" (Deut. 27:15; Ps. 106:48). The practice became well-established among the Jews. Christians also took up the practice, but the custom has suffered erosion in more recent times.

Ellen G. White has commented on the significance of the spoken Amen: "Although all are not called to minister in word and doctrine, they need not be cold and responseless listeners. When the word of God was spoken to the Hebrews anciently, the Lord said to Moses, 'And let all the people say, Amen.' This response, in the fervor of their souls, was required as evidence that they understood the word spoken and were interested in it."—The Signs of the Times, June 24, 1886.

This divine requirement that listeners should respond to the proclaimed Word at the moment of delivery is rich with suggestion. That

Arnold Kurtz is chairman of the department of church and ministry, SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. the listener shares joint responsibility with the speaker in the communication process is obvious enough; however, few appreciate how critical is the listener's participation when one man speaks to another. This is particularly true in Christian preaching. Listening to preaching takes on dimensions all its own!

What is a sermon? What is preaching? Preaching is God revealing Himself, reaching out to us, calling us to a response. It is not a man merely talking about God, or a nice man offering some good advice or lessons in Christian living; it is more than a theological or Biblical lecture or a commentary on current events. It is easy to misunderstand this: "Many do not look upon preaching as Christ's appointed means of instructing His people and therefore always to be highly prized. They do not feel that the sermon is the word of the Lord to them and estimate it by the value of the truths spoken; but they judge it as they would the speech of a lawyer at the bar—by the argumentative skill displayed and the power and beauty of the language. The minister is not infallible, but God has honored him by making him His messenger."—Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 298.

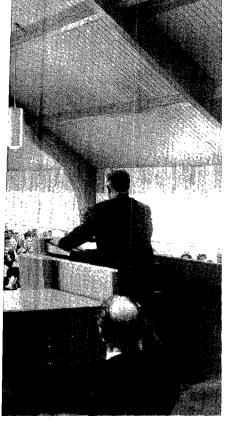
In the words of William D. Thompson, preaching "is a divine event by which God makes himself known in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, according to the witness of the Bible. Preaching is God himself at

work confronting mankind anew." God gave preaching to the church, not as a burden, but as a gift—a gift to be sought by prayer both by the minister and the congregation and to be received with thanksgiving "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God" (1 Thess. 2:13).

When the sermon is placed in this light, careless and listless sermon listening becomes a serious matter. God, who from the days of Eden has sought desperately to make Himself known to man, wants us now to take ourselves in hand, greet His Word with warm, assenting, affirming response—an Amen if you please! And if we can't bring ourselves to an audible Amen, then in our own authentic way let it be communicated that we are listening to understand—that we are not "cold and responseless" listeners.

We have a right to expect that where God's Word is preached something significant is about to happen. These listener expectations in turn inject a powerful ingredient into preaching, for the man in the pulpit is inevitably influenced by the expectations of the men and women in the pews. These expectations are communicated to him in a kind of unspoken language. When there are high expectations in a congregation the minister feels the tug of these expectations and rises to meet them.

A sermon comes to life when the congregation responds. Unless we



have experienced it, we cannot imagine the difference there can be in the same sermon when preached to two different congregations. Response can vary from complete apathy to spirited enthusiasm. On this point Webb Garrison insists that the success or failure of a sermon simply cannot be attributed to the speaker alone: "One listener seeking an answer to a problem can raise the level of the preaching situation; a few completely dominated by ig-noble purposes can pull so many feathers from the wings of the preacher that he finds it all but impossible to soar." 2

Importance of Listeners

The listeners in the pews have far more to do with whether a sermon is good than most of them have ever dreamed. If a sacred writer could note that even Jesus "could . . . do no mighty work . . . because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:5, 6), it may be said with equal cogency of many a preacher that "He could do no mighty preaching there because of their lack of expectation and response."

It is an interesting paradox of our times that while preaching is commonly downgraded as irrelevant and an ecclesiastical antique, it continues to be the first requirement on the list of virtually every pulpit committee in the land. The first question asked is, Can he preach? But do you hear of congregations being confronted

with their responsibility: Can they listen? Jesus frequently punctuated His public addresses with appeals for careful listening: "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matt. 13:9).

How does one listen to a sermon? We must seriously seek to develop the skills of effective sermon listening. It has been noted a that serious listening takes on aspects related to the activities of a reporter, philosopher, counselee, and executive all in one.

Listen as a reporter. Ask, as a reporter would, What is the speaker saying? What is his main idea? After testing lay persons from a number of churches in the Detroit metropolitan area, Ronald J. Parsons concluded from his doctoral research that in meetings immediately following the worship service, less than one third of the persons tested could give a reasonably clear statement of the main idea of the message.4 A sermon is composed of ideas and supporting material. One of the hazards of listening is precisely at this point. Listeners frequently get carried away with a striking illustration and overlook the main point of the sermon. As we gain practice in listening we will learn to separate the ideas—the assertions—from the illustrative and supporting material.

Admittedly, we trust that the preacher has a lucid outline and says clearly and simply the plain truth.

Feel free to take notes. Many people find this is a good way to focus their attention on the sermon and to fasten it in their memory even though they may not refer to the notes again. A good sermon has a clear-cut outline. Can we put it down on paper? Or, we might try to digest the sermon into three written sentences: 1. The problem or need to which the sermon addresses itself. We can word it as a question. 2. The truth developed in the sermon in answer to the question. We can word it as an assertion. 3. The response to the truth urged in the sermon. We can word it as an invitation. If we listen to a sermon as a reporter would, we are off to a good start!

Listen as a philosopher. Like the philosopher, ask, What is the meaning of what is being said? We are interested not only in filling the mind with ideas but also in stirring the mind to action; for after all, the most important ideas in the sermon may not be verbalized by the minister at all, but may be those thought by the listener in response to the sermon

as he lets his mind respond to the Spirit within. Over the centuries we have heard that preaching—the spoken sermon—is central in Christian worship. A more accurate concept might be that the really big event in Christian worship is what goes on in the mind of the listener in response to the preached Word.

As we listen as a philosopher we allow our mind to pursue the spoken ideas to meaningful conclusions for

ourselves, individually.

Listen as a counselee. We should come to the sermon with the expectation of being helped personally. Each one should listen to every sermon with the recurring question always at the forefront of his thinking, What does this sermon mean to me? Does it contain a prescription for my needs?

Divine Address

Daniel Walker reports the comments of a parishioner: "It always amazes me when I hear a good sermon, how many people I can think of who ought to be hearing it. It isn't until my enthusiasm for saving someone else cools off that it dawns on me the sermon is speaking pretty directly to me. I've also discovered that if I feel sensitive or defensive about something the minister has said, it is always to my benefit to discover why I feel that way." 5 This listener was learning to make the act of listening to a sermon a personal counseling experience.

We must remember that the sermon is a unique form of public speaking. God Himself speaks through His Word as it is being preached. But it does not count if what we hear is only for our neighbor in the pew. It is us to whom God is trying to get through!

Listen as an executive. We should listen with the intent of carrying out or putting to work the inspiration, insights, and ideas gathered from the sermon. (The word executive when taken apart means simply to carry out or "follow up to the end.") After hearing a sermon we should face the world with a plan of action and the resolution to carry out that plan.

Now, no preacher is so optimistic as to expect a radical transformation of everyone's life as the result of every sermon. He does, however, expect some response; and the most important response we will make is change in our behavior.

Of course, the degree of response expected will vary with the sermon

purpose or intent. Broadly speaking, there are three prime purposes for preaching—to evangelize, to teach, and to heal. The intent of an evangelistic sermon is to invite men to accept Christ's call to discipleship. If we are committed Christians, we might respond with gratitude that we are Christians, or we might respond with the determination to share our faith in the days ahead.

If the sermon has focused on teaching or inspiring with the purpose of imparting new information or revitalizing beliefs already held, our response might range from one of a deepening commitment to those beliefs to a far-reaching decision that

will result eventually in new habits.

A sermon to heal might be right on target helping us to accept the death of a loved one; a teen-ager listening who perhaps has had no such experience might put some of those insights that are useful to others on the back burner until needed.

Effective sermon listening may prove quite costly. It was intended that way by One who put us on guard when He warned: "If you have ears, listen!"

Preaching is a function not only of the preacher but of the entire congregation. God's self-giving and man's receiving are essential parts of a total process. The preacher, under God, pours into the sermon the best he has—his best living, loving, thinking, and speaking. He delivers not a speech, but his soul. The hearer brings his best to that joint experience. He listens with concentration, in his "wholeness, wholly attending." Just as there is an art of preaching, so there is an art of listening—yes, and an art of practicing, the truly validating Amen!

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When You're YOUNG

By Miriam Wood

A BIG Currently, it is almost obligatory that writers BROOM discuss major issues at the drop of a typewriter key—things such as unique (and often erroneous) interpretations of theology, problems of the inner city, the outer city, and the in-between city, and certainly not least, finding oneself. I must admit that the monotonous repetition of the latter expression has begun to inspire me to acts of mild violence, such as snapping a pencil in half. My feeling is that people who are busy and who are thinking of others don't have much time to spend in searching for themselves.

When one comes right down to it, life is lived on a very daily basis. No matter how lofty one's thoughts, he must arise each morning, do something about his disheveled person (some people don't do enough), and then face the day. It seems to me that not nearly enough is being said about a very common old-fashioned (it takes courage to use that word) virtue that's becoming rare indeed. I'm referring to the quality of cheerfulness. On the everyday level, I can't think of any quality more guaranteed to produce happiness for everyone who encounters it or more guaranteed to produce misery by its absence. I suppose it's somewhat lacking in popularity as a subject because it's so much more difficult to practice than to preach.

The tricky thing about cheerfulness is this: one can always tell himself that he will be cheerful when he has something to be cheerful about. And thereby he loses the whole war, not only the battle, because few human beings seem to feel that their lives contain much to inspire cheerfulness. Strangely enough, though, from an observer's viewpoint, people who have the least—on the surface—to inspire them to display this attitude are usually the ones who have mastered the art. People who have everything going for them, at least from an observer's viewpoint, too often are the ones who drag themselves about, always having to be encouraged and bucked up and bolstered by their longsuffering friends.

It would be unrealistic to assume that most people are without problems. In fact, the realistic assumption is that people in the late twentieth century are riddled with problems of one sort or another. Therefore, if anyone is planning to be cheerful when all his problems are solved, he'll doubtless one fine day discover that the years have raced along, he's an octogenarian, and he's still waiting to be cheerful, for who in the world can expect cheerfulness from someone who's afflicted with arthritis, indigestion, or high blood pressure? (Actually, many octogenarians are cheerful, in spite of these and other problems, but they belong to the breed who

started being cheerful at the beginning of their long lives. Children, usually thought to be rather spontaneous in their reaction to life, differ surprisingly in their ability to be cheerful. Doubtless they reflect the atmosphere of the home they live in; this can bode great good for future husbands and wives or great misery. An unforgettable small boy whom I encountered is certainly going to be great husband material in a few years. He was being interviewed by a Sabbath school superintendent regarding his Investment project. It turned out that he and his parents lived in an apartment house. Having no opportunity to plant a garden or do some of the other things his Sabbath school teacher suggested, he thought up the idea of asking the apartment owner whether every Friday he might sweep the parking lot when most of the cars were off it. Obviously sensing a bargain,

As the story unfolded, the Sabbath school superintendent was clearly stricken by the amount of work involved for the small arms.

the owner agreed. He'd pay a quarter to have the five-year-old

"Billy," he said, "that must have been a lot of work."

sweep a very large parking lot.

Bursting with smiles, the enthusiastic child exclaimed, "Oh, but I had a big broom!"

Not always successful myself in maintaining the cheerful attitude that my blessings warrant, I've at times reminded myself that my "broom" isn't so small, either, regardless of the size of the task.

I was interested to find that Ellen White has commented at such great lengths on cheerfulness that there are literally dozens of references in the index to her writings on this subject. Reading through many of them, I realized that a Christian who isn't cheerful isn't—well, I won't complete the sentence by saying that he really isn't a Christian, for that would be judging. Better to say that he doesn't fully understand the power within his grasp to overcome even inherited tendencies to gloom and the blues.

A few statements from My Life Today, page 177, are pretty definitive. "Cheerfulness and a clear conscience are better than drugs. . . . You will be benefited with the effort you make to be cheerful. . . . Gather sunshine about you instead of clouds. . . . You will surely shorten your days by unhappy complaining."

And, finally, on the same page, "The cheerfulness of the Christian is created by the consideration of the great blessings we enjoy because we are the children of God."

In other words, we have a BIG BROOM.

PARALYZED BY A STU

By DON HAWLEY

We little understand what happened that night, but our eternal destiny was hanging by a very slender thread

THERE is a strange parallel between what took place in a lonely garden of Palestine some nineteen hundred years ago and what is happening to many of us right now in 1972. An understanding of this fascinating similarity could be a life-and-death mat-

Some years ago I left Jerusalem by one of its ancient gates, crossed the brook Kidron, and walked up the flanks of the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane. As I made this short trek, I remembered that my Saviour had made the same brief journey many, many years before. Of course, many things were different then. For one, it was late at night when Jesus walked that way, probably about eleven o'clock. The Passover moon was full, and we are told that on that particular night there wasn't a cloud in the sky. It was one of those quiet evenings when everything is touched with silver and all seems well with

The disciples noted that in spite of the beauty of the night Jesus was greatly perturbed. In fact, if they had not physically assisted Him on two occasions, He would have fallen to the ground. They were puzzled, but Jesus knew that at that very moment an angry mob was beginning to form in the darkened streets of the city that would soon be making its way to the Garden of Gethsemane seeking for Jesus of Nazareth. And so it was that before proceeding farther into the Garden alone, Jesus exhorted His disciples

to "watch and pray" (Mark 14:38). The shadow of the cross was already falling along the pathway of our Lord. The humanity of Jesus shrank from the fearsome ordeal just ahead, and the Son of man yearned for the sympathy and support of those who were nearest to Him. It would mean much to know that they were with Him in this

hour of trial.

After a time Christ returned to His disciples and found them all asleep. How deeply this must have wounded the heart of our Lord.

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Again He admonished them not to sleep but to watch and pray with Him. And again He went and knelt on the damp night earth, alone.

Once more seeking companionship in His suffering, the Lord returned to find His followers in deep slumber. How strange! The Bible says that "their eyes were heavy," and "neither wist they what to answer him" (Mark 14:40). One more time the Lord awakened them and urged them to join Him in earnest prayer.

The third time Jesus wrestled in agonizing supplication, and now truly the cup trembled in His hand. We little understand what happened that night, but our eternal destiny was hanging by a very

slender thread.

We can be sure that the devil was there with his many legions and that there was brought to bear upon the shoulders of Christ all the hellish arts of the ages. It does not take much imagination to know the temptations pressed upon our Lord. Why had He come? To found a church. And was it working out? Apparently not. Only a handful had chosen to follow Him. And where were the founding fathers? Sound asleep, unable to stay awake with their Lord for even one hour. Was it worth the horror of the cross?

If Jesus had left us and had returned to His rightful place on God's throne, it would have been perfectly just. The wages of sin is death, and man had made his own choice. But how glad I am that love won out that night, even above justice; it was your only hope and mine. This is a love we will want to study throughout the ages of eternity.

The Disciples Fail

The disciples awakened to see the mob pouring along the paths of the Garden like a muddy, turbulent river. Every hand held a torch, a rock, or a stick. They came cursing and screaming, seeking Jesus.

The disciples were terrified. Oh, there was one rash moment of bravery, when Peter decided to fight for his Lord. Drawing his sword, he picked out a man in the forefront of the mob and sought to cleave his

head asunder. He merely succeeded in cutting off the man's ear, which Christ immediately healed. When Peter saw that Jesus was not going to fight, he decided that this was no place to remain. Which brings us to some of the saddest words penned in Scripture: "Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled" (Matt. 26: 56).

Just when their Master needed them most, and just when their witness could have counted most, they deserted Him. Why?

Why? Have you ever attempted to answer that question?

Was it because they were an ef-

feminate lot? No, that was not it. Some of them were fishermen—big fellows with large hands and broad shoulders. They were used to the sudden storms that swept down from the hills without warning and whipped the Sea of Galilee into a frenzy. They had faced death before, no doubt. But on this night they ran off like frightened children. Why?

Was it because of insincerity? Note Peter's brave words just a little while before: "Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. . . .

Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples" (Matt. 26: 33, 35).

Brave words, and yet when the crisis came, they didn't stand; they ran. Was Peter just making a pretense? No, Peter was never more sincere in all his life than when he spoke those words. But he fled. Why?

Was it because Christ did not give sufficient warning concerning the overwhelming events about to take place? No, that was not it, either. Note how carefully in just this one chapter of Matthew, Jesus spelled things out:

"after two days . . . the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified" (verse 2);

"but me ye have not always" (verse 11);

"my time is at hand" (verse 18); "one of you shall betray me" (verse 21);

"the Son of man goeth as it is written of him" (verse 24);

"Jesus took bread . . . and brake it . . . this is my body" (verse 26); "this is my blood . . . which is shed" (verse 28);

"All ye shall be offended because of me this night" (verse 31).

Was ever any group better forewarned? Was there anything vital that Jesus might have told them that He did not mention? And yet they failed in the time of testing. Why?

A Strange Sleep

In that wonderful book on the life of Christ, The Desire of Ages, Ellen White says: "They did not intend to forsake their Lord, but they seemed paralyzed by a stupor. . ." "Christ knew the fiery ordeal through which they were to pass. He knew how Satan would work to paralyze their senses that they might be unready for the trial. Therefore it was that He gave them warning."—Pages 688, 714. (Italics supplied.)

In other words, it was not a natural sleep that the disciples slept that night! It was not that they had been up so many nights in a row that they couldn't keep their eyes open. These men were under a spell, a hypnotic trance!

This is not to excuse them. It is stated, "Had the disciples watched ... they would have been prepared." — Ibid., p. 714. Had they wrestled in prayer as Jesus did, the devil could not have been successful in accomplishing his purpose with them. But they didn't pray, they slept. And so they failed.

You may be saying to yourself,

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Billy Changes His Mind

By ENID SPARKS

SIX-YEAR-OLD BILLY frowned as he watched Miss Jay get into the car. "Do we have to take her along?" he asked.

Grandmother looked at Billy in surprise. "Billy," she exclaimed, "you know Miss Jay is always welcome to ride with us!"

But Billy wasn't happy as he got into the back seat. He liked to ride in the front seat with grandmother. Now he couldn't do that because Miss Jay was sitting there.

Billy was quiet all the way to Miss Jay's house, and he scarcely waved good-by to her.

As he climbed into the front seat with grandmother, she said, "Billy, I think Miss Jay heard what you said. It certainly wasn't very nice. We should always be polite. And Miss Jay has given you many things. Didn't she give you ten pennies this afternoon?"

"Yes, she did," Billy admitted.

"Then I think you should count those pennies and all the other things Miss Jay has given you and ask Jesus to help you be more kind to her," grandmother suggested.

Billy dropped his head, but he did as

grandmother said.

He was still thinking about Miss Jay when they reached home and he got out his ABC blocks. As he rolled the blocks out of their box he saw the letter J and remembered that Miss Jay had given him the blocks.

Then he thought, too, that she had given him the pretty animal picture book and his coloring book. "Oh, Miss Jay has given me so many things!" he exclaimed out loud. "It takes me a long time to think of them all."

A few days later grandmother got ready to go downtown again. "We will stop at Miss Jay's house and see whether she wants to go to the post office," she said.

"Oh, yes, let's do!" declared Billy. "And let's take her some of the cookies you baked this morning."

Grandmother looked surprised, but she was pleased too. "I'm glad you thought of the cookies, Billy. But are you sure you want to take them to Miss Jay? They are your favorites, and there aren't many. I had only enough ingredients to make half the recipe. We will have to take her most of what is in the cooky jar."

Billy thought for only a moment. "I want Miss Jay to have the cookies," he insisted. "Jesus is helping me to be kind to her."

Grandmother gave Billy a big hug before she went to get the cookies. And as Billy sat in the front seat of the car with grandmother and held the sack of cookies in his lap, he knew he would be glad to give both the seat and the cookies to Miss Jay. Jesus had taken all the selfishness out of his heart and helped him to want to be kind.



Maybe Billy picked some flowers for Miss Jay when he remembered how nice she was.

Well, this is all very interesting, but it happened a long time ago. What has this got to do with me in 1972? Much. In fact, I believe that you and I may be going through our own personal Gethsemane experience right now. Let me explain what I mean.

Oh, I know that once again the skies are cloudless. As a people we are surely rich and increased with goods. But I know too, and so do you, that once again great trouble is about to break upon the world. This time it will be the final crisis.

Have we too been forewarned? The Lord surely wanted us to know the times. In His mercy He wrote it across the sky for all to read in the great Dark Day and the falling of the stars. He has given signs in the business world and in the religious world. We know. We know.

If Jesus were to speak to us personally, what do you think He would say? I believe His words would be those found in 1 Peter 4:7, "The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

"Watch and pray." Gethsemane

again.

And for whom should we pray this time? For Jesus? No, He doesn't need our prayers now. He sits at the right hand of God, a mighty conqueror. Then for whom should we pray but for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for the lost everywhere.

Who prayed for Peter? Jesus did. And yet in the crisis hour, even with Jesus praying for him, Peter failed. How could this be? Who didn't pray for Peter? Peter. Peter didn't care enough for his own soul to pray for himself, and so in the testing hour he failed.

In view of the nearness of the end, should we not soberly ask ourselves, Where do I stand? We may feel ready but not be ready at all. This was precisely Peter's experience. He thought he was ready even to die for the Master, but Peter didn't know his own heart. To know one's self is often the most difficult thing of all.

Notice these startling words in Testimonies, volume five, pages 203 and 233: "Satan is lulling Christ's professed followers to sleep. . . . The deadly lethargy of the world is paralyzing senses. Sin no longer appears repulsive. . . . All sleep on at ease." (Italics supplied.)

Did you notice that reference to paralysis again? Is it possible that in a spiritual sense we are sleeping that same unnatural sleep the disciples slept so long ago? I have had more than one church member tell me,

"Brother Hawley, I am frightened by my own indifference." Paralysis?

I have pointed out the similarities between the disciples' experience and ours; I must also point out one great difference. The disciples failed in the crisis hour, but they took advantage of the next opportunity to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit. With Pentecostal power they turned the world upside down and fearlessly followed their Lord in martyrdom.

Here is the difference. For you and for me there will be no second chance. This time the crisis culminates in the second coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Today is the only time al-

lotted to us to prepare our lives.

Let me share with you an experience so personal that for many years I could not bring myself to talk of it. Even after the passing of many years, the memory is awesomely vivid.

I had driven to Colorado to climb Long's Peak, arriving at Campion Academy rather late. The administration was kind in giving me a room in the boys' dormitory where I could catch a little sleep before my early departure.

Normally I sleep very soundly, but during the night I was awakened by a rushing noise. It got louder and louder and built to such a crescendo that the entire building

RESPONSE FROM READERS

Education—a Cooperative Venture

The church school teacher's responsibility for winning and holding young people for the church is frequently emphasized. As a church school teacher I am fully aware, and even frightened by, the enormity of the task. My colleagues share this feeling, I know. As a whole, teachers are a devoted group, intensely serious about the work of training the future generation of Seventh-day Adventists.

We become especially concerned when we recognize that sometimes the church school is expected to compensate for the lack of spiritual direction in the home. On the other hand, we are heartened by the influence of many homes in which worship times are truly spiritual and happy experiences, where family problems are discussed together, and where children share the daily responsibilities. We appreciate the parents who make these homes and children what they are.

One parent said in a recent Review that teachers should be "as perfect as it is possible for man to be . . . loving, patient, humble, understanding, concerned, selfless, cheerful, kind, and also well versed in their subject matter." That's a big order! To be all of these is certainly our ideal, too, but we don't necessarily succeed, and we feel our failures keenly. In some instances there is need for personal and spiritual growth, but sometimes the parents could give assistance and support.

It isn't easy to be patient and cheerful with the Johnnys who haven't learned self-control at home, and the Marys whose first experience with any kind of responsibility comes at school, where the teacher already has 25 or 30 other children to supervise. There are the Tommys who almost invariably arrive at school looking as if they had just crawled out of bed and probably have had little or no breakfast. We feel genuine concern when some children

rather regularly have nothing but white-bread-and-jam sandwiches for lunch, or when others come to school inadequately dressed for cold weather. We wonder how late some little ones who are too tired to fulfill simple requirements at school are allowed to stay up watching TV. These are but a few of the realistic issues teachers must cope with every day in addition to being prepared to guide the learning of the children.

In spite of our efforts to live healthfully and sanely, we also are subject to common aches and ills. Even the consciousness of what is expected of teachers may be a source of tension. We, too, have our highs and lows, but the school days go on, and the Johnnys and Marys and Tommys and all the others are there as usual, needing guidance and attention. And we endeavor to be loving, consistent, fair, cheerful, and alert. Our work is much more than an ordinary job-we care about the future of these young charges! Many times the needs of families and certain pupils that cause us special concern are brought to the attention of our faculty at prayer sessions. We would like to believe that families at home are remembering the teachers in prayer!

The education of our children rightfully begins at home. If the children are really ready for school, it is a pleasure to teach them. Training should be a cooperative venture between home and school. Then, only, can the work of character training and mental growth be successful.

We teachers give our deepest thanks to the many parents who show tangible evidence of their interest and support. We do want to reinforce the power of a positive home influence from the earliest years of the child's life and onward. We must work together!

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actually shook. I could see through the window that the sky was lighted up with a strange yellow glow. Those who have attended Campion Academy know of the railroad track running right in front of the boys' dorm. A passing freight train makes the building tremble, and at night the train's lamp lights the sky. But I did not know this.

I was certain the King of kings was coming. His glory was lighting the sky, and His majesty was shaking the earth. Oh, I wish God would

give me some special language to tell you what was in my heart that night! Believe me, words have never been coined that would permit me describe the anguish gripped my soul. In just a moment I would have to look directly into the eyes of the One who hung on Calvary's cross for me, and I wasn't quite ready. In that awful moment, I knew that something was missing from my Christian experience and that it was forever too late to do anything about it. I never want

to experience such feelings again. Soon, very soon, the sky will light up with His glory, and the earth will tremble at His might. Oh friend, let us persevere in prayer and shake off this Laodicean stupor. Let us open our hearts without reservation to the warm graciousness of His love. Let us be the gentle, friendly, caring people that He wants us to be. Let us face the coming crisis

with the same calm assurance with which our Lord gained the victory

in Gethsemane.

A MIRACLE FOR ME

By BROWNIE R. OWEN

For many years I was out of the church. During those years occa-sionally my wife would persuade me to attend with her some special service at the Adventist church where she was a member. I found it difficult to sit through a service without absenting myself for a smoke and a cup of coffee. On Sabbaths when I didn't work, I would take her in my car to her church. As she stepped from the car, she would remark that she was sorry I didn't go in with her. I would go over to my club for the day (and a good part of the night) to play card games and engage in the entertainment there. I cannot forget the sadness in her face as I would leave her. But she never gave up. Finally her faith in her God won out, and now I thank God for her faithfulness.

One evening when I arrived home from work my wife told me that her pastor was conducting special services at their church and she would like me to go with her to the meeting. Wanting to be a good sport, I consented. I liked what I heard that night, so I went each night for the remainder of the series.

Then the pastor and my wife schemed up a plan. One evening as I arrived home, she announced: "I made an appointment for you, and I hope you will meet it." She told me the pastor was coming to see me early in the evening. I thought,

ter we had talked for a few minutes,

Here I am, stuck again. He came, and I will never forget that evening. He and I were alone in the living room of our home. Af-

he told me that he was impressed to ask if he couldn't pray with me. My mind was passive. I didn't feel like asking for prayer; neither did I resist it. I consented and we knelt down. He prayed a very short prayer, but God must have prompted him to ask for just what I needed. When he finished I was very much moved, and I wanted to pray, I tried, but I could not I was all

After we rose, God helped make my hands do what my lips could not. I took from my coat a 25-year gold lodge pin and my fob from my belt and handed them to the pastor, saying: "I don't believe I'll need. these anymore." Then I took from my pocket a pack of cigarettes. I looked at them and thought of the many times I had tried to quit them on my own. I handed them to the pastor with the remark, "And I don't think I will need these anymore." Never will I forget the expression on his face—gratitude for a prodigal returning to Christ after many years.

At this point the devil put in his bit. I was startled at what I had done. The thought came to me, What shall I do about my work the next Sabbath? I explained to the pastor that my boss at the firm where I was cashier belonged to the same club I did. We had been associated there for years, and I had to face him with this new decision. The pastor told me not to fearthat he and my wife would be praying about it. And I am sure they did.

When the next day at the office my boss proposed that we go to the club for the evening, I asked for 15 minutes alone with him. This is what I said: "You are going to be surprised at what I am about to tell you, but I hope everything will be all right. I can't go to the club with you. As of last night I am no longer a member of the lodge, and I am going to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I can't work any more on Saturday, and I would like to quit work early on Friday." He looked me straight in the face for fully a half minute; then with tears in his eyes, he said: "Listen, Bud, you don't have to work on Saturday, and on Friday you come in early and leave early."

That was almost too much for me. I said to him: "Vincent, you have just answered the prayers of the pastor and my wife, and you didn't know it. They promised to be praying today that your answer would be favorable.

I will leave it to you to decide whether God performed a miracle for me or not. I think He did. God hasn't taken away the appetite for smoking. Every time I smell cigarette smoke I get a feeling in my stomach as of butterflies fluttering, but He has given me the strength to resist the temptation.

I stayed on another two years as cashier in the corporation in the same capacity. In that time my boss never once objected to my absence on Saturdays or leaving early on Fridays. I was associated in the office with people who smoked and had their coffee breaks, to which I was formerly a party. Never once did any of them make a slurring remark about the change in my life.

I have done everything I know to make myself right with God and man. I pledge myself to hold tightly to the hand which was wounded for me on Calvary.

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A WALKING BIBLE

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pastoring the Adventist church in Zaragoza and neighboring groups.

Years later I was transferred to Madrid; eventually I moved to Barcelona, then completed full circle by returning to Zaragoza.

Some months ago I began a series of Bible studies in a suburban home. Surrounding a table were five matrons and a young woman. Since this was the young woman's second appearance, I thought it strange that she already owned a Bible.

I began to divide the texts so each person might look them up in her Bible and read in turn. As I watched the young woman, I was surprised at the ease with which she leafed her Bible, rapidly finding designated texts. As I looked more closely at her Bible, I noticed something vaguely familiar about it. It was like the sensation experienced by someone returning to the scene of his birthplace after years of absence. It seemed like a dream to me. Seeing my own handwriting in marginal references, I came alive. Taking it in my hands, I exclaimed: "This is my Bible!"

Much interest was aroused among those present as I narrated my adventure along the highway 20 years before. It seemed as if I had found my own mother. This Bible had meant that much to me. I had purchased it in an old antique shop, already in secondhand condition. From it I received my first studies leading to baptism. I had used it during my seminary training.

At the beginning of each book of the Bible, I had glued blank pages, which I filled with notes. With it I forged my first weapons as I entered the ministry to lead new souls to Jesus. And now my "mother" comes to visit me after having been away on a long trip elsewhere.

The woman explained how she had acquired that Bible. Some time before, as she lay ill and disconsolate, a teacher came to visit her. Seeing how distressed she was, he said: "I am going to give you a Book, and if you promise to read it, you will receive the comfort and peace you need." He gave her my lost Bible.

The teacher returned to Barcelona. The young woman thought no more of the volume after her recovery. But when she heard that the Bible was being explained in a neighborhood home, she appeared, wanting better to understand those beautiful thoughts contained in the Good Book.

Her first impulse was to return

the Bible to me, and frankly, I was tempted to accept it. However, amazed by all that had transpired, I did not have the courage to retrieve it. Silently I was immersed in deep thought. Something flashed into my mind: This Bible has a strange way of traveling; it appears and disappears to do its work. When I purchased it secondhand, who knows what byways it had already taken, and how many conquests for God it had already made?

This Bible has walking legs, going and coming at will. Who am I to limit its bidding? The fact that it did me so much good does not give me license to monopolize it. So I said to the young woman:

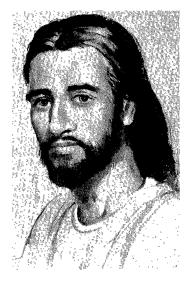
said to the young woman:

"I would very much like to recover this Bible, but I believe God is using it in a special manner. Personally, it served me well, saving me for Christ, and the many other souls it has already helped to save. Now God has placed it in your pathway, because He desires to do a precious work in your life. I do not wish to place an obstacle in the way of this divine act. Keep this Bible and never forget that in it you possess the most precious treasure of your life. Follow its sayings, and you will find peace, eternal happiness and the kingdom of God."

Then I lovingly said good-by to my Bible.

She and her mother are following the Bible studies with great interest. We believe they will reach the goal by means of Christ, their Saviour.

Once again, here is fulfilled the divine promise: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).



TO BE LIKE HIM

By KATHY TESTA

He came to earth
an innocent Babe
Knowing the path He would tread as a Man
as He lay in a cradle of thorns
He reached a tender hand to the wise men three
and smiled "Come unto me"

He lived on this earth an innocent Man He carved the wood and molded men as He worked among slivers and thorns He reached a wise hand to all who would see and smiled "Come unto me"

He died on this earth an innocent Lamb I beg you to love Him as there He stands His heart crying, His head crowned with thorns He reaches a hand of life to thee and smiles "Come unto me"

Man has a body to work, to play to laugh, to cry

> Man has a soul to love, to pray to live, to die

Man has a heart
to whisper to Jesus
Lord I am ready
to receive what You give





THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

By ELIZABETH C. ANDERSON

BEING a good mother takes a great deal of time. To excel, a mother must be a good Christian, a good wife, a good cook, and a good driver. She should not consider herself "just a housewife."

consider herself "just a housewife."

In the physical realm it is important that a mother understand the essentials of good nutrition. Being able to make whole-wheat bread enriched with soy flour and oatmeal is a big help. A healthful diet consists as much in supplying good foods in proper amounts as in avoiding harmful food or excesses. If she knows little about nutrition when she is expecting her first child, she should read a reliable, up-to-date book on nutrition or join an adult education class teaching family nutrition.

It is important for a mother to be a superior driver. She may read up on driving safety, ask a friend's help, or join a driving school. The child's life is in her hands during all the years she will be "driving taxi" to school, music lessons, or social events. Later, when the youngster begins driving for himself, the good

habits and attitudes he has observed will bear fruit.

Keeping up intellectually is necessary for a mother so that she can answer her children's questions adequately. She can look up answers in the encyclopedia or dictionary if needed, a procedure she will teach them when they read more easily. She can expose them to good books and good music. This will involve reading to them at first. Family reading aloud is extremely profitable, and the number of suitable books is legion.

One of our more successful children's birthday parties involved serving an early supper of sandwiches and fruit to a small group of contemporaries along with the traditional ice cream and cake, and then escorting the group to a performance of the Don Cossacks at the local high school. The music had enough rhythm and noise to satisfy the grade-school crowd. Attendance at a concert of bagpipes and a military band of Scottish Highlanders was another long-re-membered family outing. Records bought to help us relive these occasions are still doing service. To digress from spending time, one of the best timesavers for mother as well as one of the best toys our children

ever had was a sturdy, inexpensive phonograph. Sabbath school songs, mission stories, even short selections of suitable classical music are available as well as folk music. As soon as possible it is well to let the children operate the machine themselves. The records will get scratched, but the children will love them anyway. The cost may be chalked up to their education as well as their enjoyment of life.

Parents Must Show an Interest

If parents show interest in the child's intellectual and social life, he will be more receptive when it becomes necessary to admonish in spiritual matters. For proper spiritual development family worship is a must. It should be conducted at the children's level. Did you ever hear a child beg for another chapter of the *Bible Story* at the breakfast table, *before* eating? I have, and found helping our children develop proper spiritual tastes a very satisfying experience.

If a parent must chauffeur the children to Pathfinder and Missionary Volunteer meetings, he may as well stay and help. Most churches are begging for Pathfinder counselors and Sabbath school teachers. In helping, parents gain skills they can

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share with their children. The parent can specify that he prefers teaching a class his own children do not attend. Cutting the apron strings has to begin sometime.

afternoon activities could well include nature walks or zoo expeditions in good weather; in poor weather, trips to a nearby conservatory or natural history museum. Ingenuity in handling any admission fees by weekday prepayment or season tickets will impress the children with the importance of "little items" in Sabbath observance. Occasionally families may be able to visit a science or history museum on a weekday. Sabbath afternoon provides time for reading missionary stories aloud and opportunity to hear beloved religious music performed in person or on records by outstanding artists. If the youngsters are exposed to enough good music at their own level, parents may be spared much of the nerve strain of listening to a lot of popular "music" or the equal strain of legislating against some radio or TV program.

In the earliest years parents represent God to the child. The child's attitude toward his earthly parents unavoidably affects his concept of his heavenly Father. Fathers and mothers who realize this will approach their task with study, prayer, and devotion.

No one is without experience in child training. Parents were on the other side of the experience as a child once. They should determine to improve on the good aspects of their own childhood and to avoid the mistakes their parents made. Intelligence is shown by ability to benefit from other people's experience as well as one's own. There is no harm in asking successful parents how they handled particular problems and the results of these methods. Reading *Child Guidance* and other authoritative books and magazines will also help.

Some parents will argue that they don't have time for all this. But it would be far better for them to neglect almost anything else to make time for this most important work. Writing of the family life of the one who became the great leader of Israel, Ellen White says, "The whole future life of Moses . . . testifies to the importance of the work of the Christian mother. There is no other work that can equal this. To a very great extent the mother holds in her own hands the destiny of her children."—Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 244.

I am convinced that a working

mother cannot properly care for preschool children. There are babysitters and nursery schools. But if they really do a better job than the mother can, she should start studying immediately. From a financial point of view it is rarely beneficial to hire a regular baby-sitter so Mother can work. My physician husband lost a good secretary recently. He is sorry for himself, but glad for her family. With pencil and paper she deducted from her salary, tithe, transportation to work, and the baby-sitter. She found the baby-sitter was getting more for the week's pay than she had left. She didn't even figure the cost of additional clothing necessary for herself or the cost of buying prepared foods to save time as against cooking from scratch. How will Mother find time to shop for bargains in food and clothing for her household when her "home work" has to be squeezed in after employment hours? And when we think of the children's welfare on earth and in the life to come, the cost of working away from home is immeasurably more than the benefit. Some of us solved the problem by caring for other people's children as well as our own, when family income—or rather the lack of it-required us to bring in wages as well as work at home.

Work Continues

Eventually the last child begins church school. Now Mother has more time to help family finances by working during school hours or is able to follow up interests she had to postpone earlier. For me that was teaching French and learning to fly a plane. Teen-agers are proud of their parents' accomplishments, though they probably will not tell them so. But Mother's work is not yet finished. It is extremely important for one parent to be home most of the time the children are, to help protect them from bad companions, unprofitable or harmful TV programs, and to see that they are developing good work habits, to mention only a few reasons. As the children become teen-agers and later go away to boarding school, it is important to be available for advice when they are in a receptive mood -advice on such items as friendships, choice of work, moral standards, manners, good taste in dress, and so on.

Adolescence continues to become more difficult the closer we come to the end of this world. As the most interested adult, a parent owes his child all the help the child can accept. There must be time when the parent is alone with him, so that the child has opportunity to talk to him. The parent should listen before he starts advising.

But it does take time. The last year our youngest was at the academy, I devoted many entire Sundays driving to the academy, riding along as he drove to the airport for a flying lesson, writing or mending while he was in the air, riding back to the academy, and then driving home alone again. But it gave us a lot of time together to share our flying interest and to talk and listen to each other—with supervised driving experience for him as a bonus.

Grandmothers Have Time

When a son or daughter finds a good Christian mate, the years of mothering have come to a successful conclusion. But wait. In a few years the circuit begins again with Mother now a grandmother. The second time around seems sweeter since grandmothers have more time to savor the moments. It is well to remember the little boy's advice, "Better be nice to grandmothers because they are the only ones who have time."

And Mother is not really retired yet. Particularly to her daughter or her daughter-in-law she still has pleasant responsibilities. She can ease the younger woman's burdens by helping with the grandchildren sometimes. It gives a young mother a sense of security to know that she can telephone that her temperature was 101° this afternoon and she is afraid she is coming down with the flu, knowing that Mom will come over, look after the baby, and keep the family supplied with food and clean clothes until she is able to run her own household again. As the grandchildren get older there are any number of extras grandparents can do for them, things their parents want to help them with, but fail for lack of time. My parents served our church for years in Europe. After grandfather died, grandmother came to live with us. She taught us children to read English before we started formal schooling in German. We learned numbers, spelling, and good sportsmanship from the table games she played with us. Who has time to play games with children except grandparents? And "Nana's" cookies were always an extra treat.

So give your children the time of your life—which is their right. You will have the time of your life now, and with God's blessing the results will accompany you into time everlasting.

From the Editors

ADVENTISTS AND LONGEVITY

According to a ten-year study of California Adventists, male Adventists live an additional six years on the average and women about five years longer than their fellow Americans.

Accounting for the better showing, Dr. Richard T. Walden, of Loma Linda University Medical School, who conducted the study, explains that members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church "rarely drink or smoke, use coffee and tea sparingly, eat much less meat than the national average, exercise regularly, and avoid overweight."

Remarkably, the Adventist life-style parallels in many ways that recommended by heart specialists. It contrasts sharply with the so-called "good life" that characterizes the American style and which was criticized at the Ninth Interamerican Congress of Cardiology held in San Fran-

cisco recently.

Inquired Dr. Jeremiah Stamler, of the Chicago Health Research Foundation, "The risk of sudden death, coughing out your guts from cigarette smoking, being grossly overweight—how can you call this the essence of the 'good life'?"

Whence did Seventh-day Adventists derive their health principles? What led them decades ahead of cardiologists to recommend a life-style that helps to prevent sudden

death from heart disease?

Health is part of the religion of Seventh-day Adventists. The Bible on which their religion is based teaches that man is a unit. Body as well as soul and spirit must be dedicated to God. Concerning the Thessalonian believers Paul prayed that their "whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). To the Romans he wrote, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your *bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

The health of the body profoundly affects a person's behavior. To the extent that health is impaired, a person becomes less competent to fulfill his role in the family, the church, and society. An abused body influences the nervous system and impairs spiritual functioning. Thus the religious life suffers. An ill-functioning body makes a person less capable of choosing between right and wrong and thus contributes to the burden of crime and misery.

Because of these and other considerations, Seventh-day Adventists believe it is their religious duty to keep their bodies at optimum health. Anything known to be deleterious to health they believe should be discarded. It is for this reason, not simply to live longer, that they discard such harmful practices as smoking and drinking, using tea and coffee, neglecting adequate exercise and rest, and overeating. They believe this principle is implied in the Scripture injunction, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . .? Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

Does such seemingly abstemious living detract from the enjoyment of life? Far from it. On the contrary, it enhances it. Good health is one of the basic ingredients of happiness. The one who lives healthfully contributes not only to his own enjoyment of life but also to that of those with whom he associates. Think of the misery imposed on their fellow men by those who imbibe alcohol, by those who pollute the air with nicotinic fumes, and shatter the stillness of the night by raucous coughings. Think of the distress of the young widow and her fatherless children bereft of one whose so-called "good life" snatched him from life long before his years.

We strongly recommend the life-style of Seventh-day Adventists, for longevity, yes, but more so for optimum happiness and fulfillment in this life, and, as a bonus, endless life in a land where sickness and death are unknown. For the message of Seventh-day Adventists includes the Biblical promise of a pollution-free new earth inhabited by those who choose the better way here. It is a Utopia, not of meaningless harp playing but one in which the loftiest enterprises will be undertaken and carried out and where love and happiness will grow continually richer as the years of eternity roll on.

D. F. N.

Five Dangers in Christian Service-4

THE DANGER OF AN INHERITED RELIGION

We have discussed fear of change, neglect of the family, and the muted Bible as specific dangers that face the old and young in evangelical churches. Concluding John Huffman's list, as presented before the thirtieth anniversary convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, were the twin dangers of a defective Christian education that institutionalizes faith and of an inherited religion passed on to young leaders.

Doctrine can be passed on, but not faith. The fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, died on Calvary, and was resurrected on Sunday morning can be taught by one generation to another. The truths that the seventh day is the Sabbath, that tithing is one of God's specific requirements for the upbuilding of character, and that Jesus will return to this earth can be well-understood concepts,

bolstered by many Bible texts.

But believing the doctrine, even with the skills learned through years of graduate study in theology, does not produce faith. Faith is not the automatic or even natural result of indoctrination. Faith cannot be legislated, taught, or commanded, as so many parents, teachers, and pastors have come to learn in sorrow. Faith is born only when men and women see themselves as rebels in a sinful world and make Jesus the Lord of their life. This is the work of the whole man, affecting his whole life, and not merely an intellectual exercise.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy he recognized the need for indoctrination if the church was to survive. But he also knew that only men of faith could convey properly and convincingly the certainty of Christian doctrine from one generation to the next. "What you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (chap. 2:2, R.S.V.).

Taking the Shortcut

Danger lies in the fact that in theory the difference between doctrine and faith may be known, but in practice it is too easy to take the short cut. That is, "to be straight on doctrine" often becomes equated with the New Testament understanding of faith, and the self-delusion takes over: if I know the truth, I am right with God; I am ready for life's problems.

Seventh-day Adventist young people who leave the church do not, generally, join another denomination. They do not leave the church because they do not know how to expound on Daniel 2 and Revelation 13. They do not abstain from quiet, consistent, personal witness for Jesus because they have theological doubts about His

pre-existence or resurrection. They do not dabble in drugs, make the Sabbath a quasi-holiday, or break up marriages because they have found a more convincing theological home.

Such unfortunate experiences happen to some because, in spite of their doctrinal knowledge, they choose to be lord of their own lives—they prefer to be rebels living their lives, as the song goes, "my way."

How do we avoid such spiritual disasters?

First, we as parents and spiritual leaders must know in our own experience the difference between doctrine and faith. We must know in our own experience what Jesus was saying in Matthew 7 when He deplored the fact that many who had given Bible studies and sermons and done "many mighty works" in His name would not enter the kingdom they proclaimed because they never knew Jesus as their personal Saviour.

When we read the Bible we must hear the voice of God speaking to our own soul. We read Paul's words that he passed on, but unless we hear Paul's Lord speak to us through Paul's words—alas, we are taking the disastrous short cut.

Next week we will continue our discussion of how to make sure that doctrine is aiding faith and developing Christians who can face the future without anxiety, full of hope and enthusiasm. The Bible makes clear that God has no grandsons in his earthly family.

(To be continued)

LETTERS

...to the Editor

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

I was gratified to read "Have a Christian Heart!" [May 4]. Having seen so much cruelty to God's creatures in my travels, I feel this article is very timely.

I have seen little puppies dropped on the highways, cats and kittens thrown on the dump, and live mice fed to cooped up GEORGIA BIANCOLI

Blythewood, South Carolina

HOLDING OUR CHILDREN

Thanks for "Is 14 Too Young for the Academy?" [May 11]. It expresses the sentiments of about 40 per cent of the parents who have children in that age bracket. If we could only reach the other 60 per cent I am sure there would be 80-90 per cent of our young people still in the church, whereas now there are only about 47 per cent.

MRS. REUBEN KLUG

Merrill, Wisconsin

I was deeply disturbed with this article. In the Spirit of Prophecy I have read much that admonishes parents to provide a helpful family atmosphere as long as possible. If your mate is not a Seventh-day Adventist, or tends to be too strict or too lax, or distance prevents attendance in a Christian school, or other difficulties in the home hinder the child's development, by all means send him. Many parents, however, are just copping out on their responsibility to train their young. As for religious development, I know from personal observation and experience that learning to walk God's way is not especially reserved for a boarding school experience.

DENISE BINDERNAGEL

Angwin, California

AN INFORMED CHURCH

"Healthy Ventilation" [May 11] stated well the value of keeping church members informed of present issues in the church. The day is past when parents can keep children unaware that something is going on, and their surmisings are generally worse than the truth.

Recently our new conference president met with our church for the first time. Sabbath afternoon he explained where our money goes and invited questions. I regard this frank approach as one of the finest things he could do, to take us into his confidence and make us feel that we all belong to the enterprise.

I enjoy the REVIEW more each year and see it as more alive, relevant, and communicative than ever. "Letters to the Editor" is one step in that direction.

One thing I have a burden for is proper dealing with dissident elements in the While compassing heaven and earth to make one proselyte, we are too prone to deal hastily with members who err (or at least differ) with us. Some indeed may be dogmatic, rigid, or a bit stubborn, but if one is sincere, is this not better than being spineless and pliable? We thank the Lord for our broad-minded, patient, and charitable leaders. "Blessed are MAURICE K, BUTLER the peacemakers."

Provo, Utah

MORE ON INVESTMENT PLANS

The writer of "Diseased Investment" [May 11] missed the point entirely. Surely all of us want to give the best to our Master. But we want to do more. In the Investment program we all work together with God to raise money we would not otherwise have. Because there are many excellent ways of doing this let us not reject any of them.

It is not the dying animal we sell for Investment but an animal fully restored to health. It is not the barren fruit tree we offer up on Investment day but the money received from the abundance of fruit received through the blessing of God.

As He blessed the loaves and fishes, the Master blesses our projects and money Mrs. David Larson flows in.

Solway, Minnesota

Seven years ago I was a dairyman. That spring I had a sick three-month-old Guernsey heifer that could not even hold up its head. One night I seriously doubted it would be alive in the morning. I dedicated the heifer to Investment, and I told the Lord if He would save it for me, I would give it to Him.

For three weeks I had to hold up its

head in order for it to drink milk. Little by little it gained strength. Finally it could stand a little each day with help. In time it completely recovered. It grew to be the healthiest and best-looking heifer of its age group that I had. When I left the farm I sold it, and the Investment fund was \$150 richer.

To me, Investment gives God a chance to work where I cannot.

EDWARD RAMSEY

Lodi, California

NEED NEVER GREATER

I feel the need of the REVIEW in every Adventist home is greater than ever before. Consistently I find it helpful to refer to some article in my church services and in the bulletin. Furthermore, I am more interested in what is inside than D. S. WEINBERG what is on the cover.

Springfield, Illinois

BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Thank you for "Two Kinds of Paths" [May 18]. It is like a breath of fresh air to my soul. E. M. CHALMERS

Silver Spring, Maryland

The very appearance of this message in the Review confirms my faith in the leadership of God's people. I know that there are many, both leaders and laity, who are deeply concerned over the modern trends pointed out by Elder Wilcox and who long to see a return to the paths of obedience to divine instruction.

No matter how confident one's faith may be, it is always heartening to have it confirmed by unmistakable evidence.

CATHYRN ADAMS

Fletcher, North Carolina

You did well to present it in its entirety. All of us need to take the admonitions to heart and pray earnestly that by God's grace we will live up to His standard. The warnings seem to be more timely and necessary today than in 1936. I pray that our educators will give them careful attention.

Inasmuch as many of our people do not receive the REVIEW, and those that do may miss many articles-even entire issuesour pastors should be urged to read Elder Wilcox's entire message to their congregations during a Sabbath's service.

RALPH B. NESTLER

Vienna, Virginia

THE

By RUTH BORYK

UDDLED in bed that chilly spring night, I found it dif-I ficult to stop dreaming and concentrate on the disturbance. Again it came, and sudden terror dispelled sleep. There seemed to be no sound in the darkness except that persistent metallic rattling. Someone was trying to unlock my apartment door! Creeping quietly from bed and through the living room, I felt my way to the door. Trying to sound calm and brave, I quavered, "Who is it?"

The key stopped searching and a husky male voice said, "Me. It's Steve, honey. Open up."

Gripping a heavy doorstop, I unlocked the door. Sure enough, there stood my husband in the bright hallway, Navy uniform and all. Relief and joy were overcome by amazed disgust as I looked at his flushed face and bloodshot eyes. He reeked like a barroom.

"I'm not drunk honey, honesh," he declared thickly. "We jush had a couple to keep ush going 'til we got home. 'Sa long trip. Got a sheventy-two-hour leave. Took turnsh

driving Ed'sh car.'

Heart aching, I guided him to the bathroom just in time to witness his stomach's odious upheaval. Then, with much persuasion, he was undressed and maneuvered into bed. Loud snoring soon filled the little room with nauseating fumes, and sobbing beside him, I thought grimly, Crying is not a useless pastime. It stops up my nose so I can't smell his breath!

Many sighs later, I slipped my hand into Steve's and looking up into the darkness, whispered, "Lord, here he is, the man I love more than

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anything on earth. I've been asking You to care for him, remember? But he's becoming an alcoholic, and I feel so incompetent. You are able to do all things. Please, Lord, remember Your promise in Romans 8:28, 'All things work together for good to them that love God.' Help us. Please help us!"

After laying my burden on the Heart of all compassion, a reassur-

ing peace stole into mine.

In the ensuing months, Steve spent more and more of his off-duty time in bars. He considered it unmanly to refuse the invitation to "have a drink," though one always led to more. Sometimes he felt uncertain about how he and his mates managed to get back aboard the right ship.

Often Repeated Episode

When home on leave, the episode I described was often repeated, as was my plea for help from above.

At times the temptation angrily to tell Steve what a fool he was making of himself triumphed, but it always seemed to alienate us more, sending him bitterly to the nearest bar muttering "hen-pecked," "ball and chain" and similar clichés. After he had gone I would think, "Serves you right, Mrs. B. If you hadn't been so hasty about marrying an atheist, you wouldn't be in this

Eventually I learned the better way. With God's help I would love my husband into a happy home life again. Force and hot tempers only made matters worse. Why, even divorce had been mentioned once.

One day, when Steve was home and sober, we fell into a discussion of physical fitness. He had been an athlete, and proud of his physique. His handsome, muscular body had

many times inspired envy as he participated in various sports. Gently now I pointed out the weakness of body and mind resulting from imbibing alcoholic beverages. I tried to explain how senseless it is partially to anesthetize a healthy body over and over, giving it false warmth and a treacherous sense of wellbeing, eventually debilitating that body beyond repair. Worse yet, completely to paralyze perception, making a lethal weapon of one's car, sometimes of one's fists. And for what? To burn the throat and stomach with fiery fluid, upsetting the body mechanism's delicate balance? To return home, finding the way subconsciously, bleary-eyed and thick-tongued, with an empty wallet, to the wife for whom once the finest of everything was none too good? To rail against erstwhile adored children until the bewildered little hearts are filled with fear and sorrow?

"God did not give you your beautiful body to misuse, dear," I smiled pleadingly. But he only scowled.

"Our Maker longs to see us using our bodies and minds intelligently. Doesn't that sound logical?" I persisted.

Steve shook his head. "If there is a God, why does He let wars and sickness and death come?" he sneered.

'God hates those things," I explained, "but He loves us and never forces us to do anything. We are free moral agents. From the very beginning man has had his choice between good and evil. We can't help it if the majority have decided on the wrong course, but we can do right ourselves."

"Oh, no," he rejoined quickly, "I know because I've tried it. Too many times I've gone on the wagon, only to go right back to drinking!"

I remembered all the times Steve had boasted of the ability to stop drinking any time he wished, but I said only, "God's power is infinite. All we need to do is trust Him, and when our strength fails, He will take over. One thing is necessary, we must do our part.

"Yes, but how?" He leaned forward earnestly, and I, casting about in my mind for just the right answer, sent up a little silent prayer

for guidance.

"Long ago I read a precious statement that goes like this," I reminisced, "'Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse.' "1

"Prayer!" he cried scornfully. "Words people chatter mechanically like parrots! Bosh!"

'Oh, but no, dearest, that isn't praying, for 'prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.' No matter how poor the grammar, or evil the heart. He hears and helps always." I could have wept because of his resistance. My precious hus-

Without answering, he rose and walked outside.

I bathed our little boy, read him a story and heard his evening prayer, not conscious of Steve's quiet return to the living room. Often he had heard his baby son pray that the angels would watch over his daddy. Listening now, he heard nearly every childish request include him. Somehow it hurt, so he quickly went into the kitchen and made a great racket with the trash bucket. Taking it out to be emptied, he stamped past the bedroom door, blowing his nose loudly to further obliterate the sweet voice.

Delayed Answers

At times during the months that followed it seemed that my prayers never would bring results.

A baby girl was added to the family.

Steve's honorable discharge from the United States Navy brought little of the satisfaction he had anticipated, and a year later he re-enlisted.

Now he needed a car, for Steve was stationed on the Great Lakes, while the children and I lived in New York City. Gladdened by his desire to spend weekends at home, I forwarded all our savings to Steve for a down payment, and the following Friday evening we were thrilled to see him drive up in our own car.

What joy to go riding and picnicking together! If only the whole family could move upstate we could be together always, I suggested. However, expensive housing posed a real problem, and I sadly surmised that my husband enjoyed his freedom while away. Yet he came home faithfully nearly every weekend sometimes over icy mountain roads and through blizzards, while I spent whole nights on my knees watching at the window and praying for his safe arrival.

After a while, something new and surprising happened. Steve started taking us to church in the car, so the children and I wouldn't have to struggle on and off buses. Not only that, he even began to attend church services sporadically, "so he wouldn't have to wait in the cold car or drive home and back." Nevertheless, the drinking bouts contin-

Summer Again

Another summer came, and a three-week leave for Steve. On his second day at home, I again broached the subject of looking for a home upstate, even if it meant living in a motel for a week or two while searching. As usual, he contended that such a plan would be too costly. When the mail came at noon, there was a letter from my former roommate in nurse's training. She and her husband had a farm in northwestern New York

"'We are just starting out to camp meeting in Union Springs," I read aloud. "'How I wish you could share our tent . . .

"Why, Steve! That's it!" I cried suddenly. "We can go to camp meeting! A tent costs very little to rent, and we can easily go house hunting from there, and visit old friends too! Oh, please?"

Now some folks would find a Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting strange headquarters from which to go house hunting, but eleven o'clock that very night found our family 350 miles from home, surveying neat rows of darkened tents. The kind watchman set up beds in an empty tent for us, and soon we were sleeping soundly.

Unaccustomed to waking to the sound of sacred hymns on cool morning air, I looked around in wonder at first. My little boy had dressed himself and was amusing his baby sister. But where was daddy? "He went to wash up a long time ago," the little fellow said.

I pictured Steve angrily getting lost among the many small family

tents grouped around a number of larger ones, one of which seated 1,800. Anxiously peering out the rear tent flap, I looked right into the tent in which morning devotional services were held. There, on a back seat, still clutching his toothbrush and towel, sat my husband!

Somehow, after that, the urge to find a home left us. Old friends were reunited, and Steve insisted on attending every service possible.

Living close to nature, hearing interesting speakers, and singing hymns with hundreds of other happy people can bring refreshing peace to the hardest hearts.

One night Steve announced his decision to join the church!

He's only doing it to make me happy, I thought, and he must not. So when we were alone, I carefully reiterated the habits he must give

up. However, he was determined.
At once we set aside a special time for morning and evening devotions. Wonderfully precious are the memories that center around that vacation. With a full heart I heard my husband's first halting prayer: "Dear God, I don't know how to talk to You, but I want to start out all over again, and live a clean life. Please forgive all my past foolishness, and give me strength to do right. Amen."

I could only whisper, "Thank You, oh, thank You, Lord!'

Good-bys were said at last, and our happy little family returned to the city home. Only one fruitless day had been spent wearily searching for a home that would fit our budget and be near Rochester where Steve was stationed. Though the future was withheld from our eyes, we knew there was One who would make all things come out right for

Steve stopped drinking alcoholic beverages, tea, and coffee immediately. He also gave up eating meat and swearing. Even one such victory was a miracle. When he returned to his duty station, his crew found him strangely changed. Refusing to go on drinking sprees with them, he spent the evenings studying the Bible. At first they thought he was sick, but soon showed their respect for him by halting their cursing when he was near.

By diligent study Steve proved to himself that every doctrine of the Adventist Church is upheld by Holy Scripture. Just after his baptism he gave a heartfelt testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit in a yielded life.

God still hears a cry for help. The age of miracles is not past.

¹ Steps to Christ, pp. 94, 95. ² Ibid., p. 93.

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INTER-AMERICA FOR CHRIST



The Inter-American Division was organized 50 years ago. These have been 50 years of miracles among Inter-America's 125 million inhabitants who speak English, Spanish, French, Dutch, and a great many Indian dialects. In the division we have 25 hospitals and clinics, 465 elementary and secondary schools, and seven colleges. The Adventist message is preached in several languages over 296 radio broadcasting stations.

In the past ten years the church membership in the Inter-American Division has about doubled. At the end of 1961 the membership stood at 152,000. At the end of 1971 it was more than 300,800. In 1961 some 14,200 came into the church by baptism. In 1971 more than 29,200 joined the Adventist Church in the division.

The Central American countries are lands of loyal Christian workers and laymen. The beautiful tropical isle of Jamaica, about 140

miles long, has almost 60,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Actually, when the census was taken in Jamaica some time ago, 90,000 people claimed to be Seventh-day Adventists. If the church members were to form a line, evenly spaced, from one tip of the island to the other, they would stand about 11 feet apart. If the 363 organized churches were evenly spaced, they would stand two and a half miles apart.

The progress made in Inter-America is due to the dedication and commitment of workers and laymen, under the blessing of God. A woman belonging to another church described Inter-America's Adventists as follows: "Every one of them feels called to preach. They go around with Bibles under their arms, and they don't need church buildings to preach in. They'll start preaching beside a cabin, in an improvised tabernacle, under a tree, or wherever someone will listen to them."

We celebrate 50 years of progress in Inter-America, but the future faces us with as great a challenge for progress. We have 350 Indian tribes, with as many dialects,

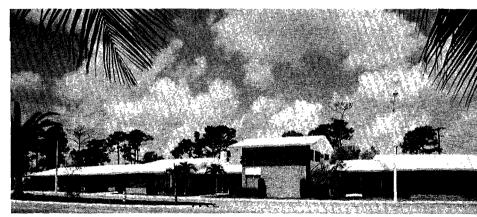
to whom we must bring God's message of love. The language of the majority of these tribes has not been reduced to writing, but they must receive the gospel before Jesus can come. There are large cities to evangelize: Mexico City, with its 8 million inhabitants; Caracas, Venezuela; Bogotá and Medellín, Colombia; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and many others.

In spite of the fact that we must labor to bring many others into the church, we have a pressing problem of building new churches and schools fast enough to accommodate all the new members that are coming in. There are 846 organized churches and 2,465 companies and Sabbath schools in the division without meeting places. They are using rented halls, private homes, or simple shelters in which to worship.

Golden Anniversary Evangelism '72 is helping to meet the challenge of "Inter-America for Christ." There is a breakthrough. New regions are being entered. In some churches and local fields, as much as 80 per cent of the membership is involved in some type of soulwinning evangelism. Every denominational worker is engaged in

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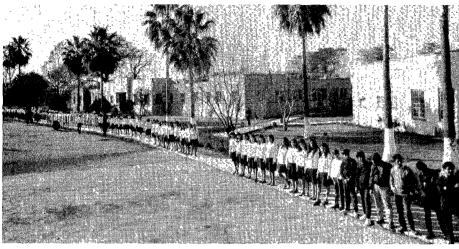
The headquarters of the Inter-American Division is situated in Coral Gables, Florida.

preaching the gospel. A new generation of evangelists is being developed in our division colleges. Actual involvement of teachers and students in Evangelism '72 is changing the face of our schools. In Antillian College, Puerto Rico, 13 evangelistic groups comprised of teachers and students are engaged in public evangelistic meetings. In all the other colleges in the division the same spirit of evangelism is demonstrated.

Inter-America has set the following objectives for the quinquennium 1970-1975: (1) revival meetings in all churches and companies each year; (2) total involvement of workers and laity in soul-winning evangelism; (3) 200,000 baptisms; (4) 400,000 baptized church members; (5) the entering of at least three primitive tribes with the message in each union where they exist; (6) 8,142 baptisms (a number equal to the membership of the division when it was organized 50 years ago) on the weekend of June 17-18, 1972.

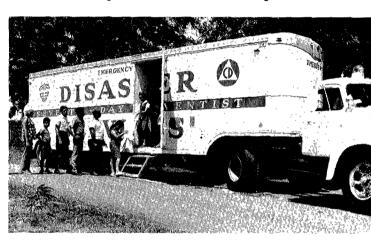
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We solicit the prayers of God's people around the world as Inter-America's workers and laymen join hands and accept the challenge to preach the message of salvation in the villages, towns, and cities and on every island in the division.



The Montemorelos Vocational and Professional College, Montemorelos, Mexico, is one of seven Adventist colleges in the division offering courses on the senior college level.

This well-equipped van is used in Puerto Rico to bring relief wherever an emergency situation arises.



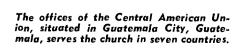




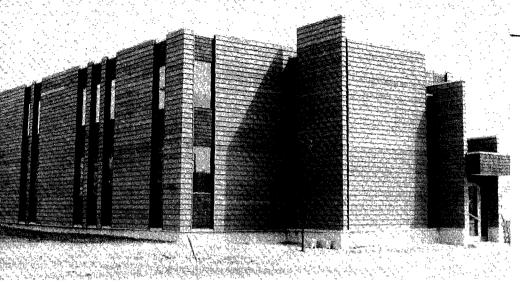
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Hospital is one of
seven in the division.







Left: Davis Indians study in their unfinished school building in the SDA village of Bethany, Grand Sabana, Venezuela.



Yellowknife's Adventist Medical Clinic has an influence even in the capital of Canada.

Sabbath School Offering and Fly-in to Benefit Yellowknife, Canada

By THEDA ILES KUESTER

For the second time in the history of Seventh-day Adventist missions, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow is to be used to further our work in North America, and both times Canada has been one of the recipients.

The first time was seven years ago when part of the offering overflow was given to replace the *Northern Light*, the mission launch plying the western coast of British Columbia, with a larger, more efficient boat; and this second quarter of 1972 Yellowknife will be benefited.

The Northwest Territories stretches 2,000 miles from east to west across the northern part of Canada. Its area is greater than half of the continental United States. Yellowknife became the capital of this vast territory in 1967, with a resultant influx of government and military personnel, which in turn sparked a great building boom. It is a town of 7,000 inhabitants, situated on the Great Slave Lake, the fifth largest lake on the North American continent.

Until two years ago we had no Seventh-day Adventists or Adventist work in Yellowknife, nor in the entire North-west Territories. Now a new work has been opened up in Yellowknife, and we have a full-time pastor there, Henry Bartsch. There is also a medical clinic, privately owned and operated by Dr. Steven Tarangle, with Dr. Wendell Wettstein assisting.

When Pastor Bartsch first arrived in Yellowknife he visited every one of the 2,000 homes, giving each family a copy of the Signs of the Times, and offering each a free subscription. Six hundred accepted. He invited the children to attend Vacation Bible School, and with the help of student missionaries three were held the first summer. Two hundred and forty-two children attended.

Other Adventists have moved to Yellowknife to join the pastor, the two doctors, and their families. Stanley Ferguson, the contractor who built the clinic, and his wife are there. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dimm moved from Lethbridge, Alberta, to work in Yellowknife as self-supporting helpers. The latter helped conduct a nutrition school. Two of those who attended, a man and his wife, have been baptized. Some two months ago eight people were baptized as a result of the Reach Out for Life meetings. Now there are 21 Adventists in Yellowknife.

The work of the medical clinic is of great importance.

"We meet a great many government personnel here," Dr. Tarangle says. "Because Yellowknife is a small town, the Adventist clinic is very prominent. We have been asked to care for the dependents of the government and military personnel here. Thus our Adventist work in this place carries influence all the way to the capital of Canada.

The clinic has also held a most important place in the building up of our work in Yellowknife. At first Sabbath services and prayer meetings were held in the Bartsch home. After the clinic was constructed and the meetings outgrew the home, the unfinished basement of the clinic was used for weekly services, evangelistic campaigns, Vacation Bible Schools, Five-Day Plans, and so on. It is still being used for these purposes.

But the activities and influence of Seventh-day Adventists in Yellowknife have grown to the extent that these activities must be moved out of the basement of the clinic into more suitable and permanent quarters.

Thirty per cent of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow this quarter is slated for Yellowknife. It will be used in the building of a multi-purpose complex, which will house a church, an evangelistic and youth center, a school, a reading room and lending library, a welfare center, and living quarters for the pastor and his family. Space will also be available for Vacation Bible Schools, Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking (of which three have already been held), and nutrition, prenatal and postnatal classes, and well-baby clinics.

Construction and maintenance are expensive in Yellowknife due to the scarcity of lumber and the necessity of heating buildings ten or 11 months of the year because of permafrost. For this reason it is felt that a multipurpose complex, rather than separate buildings for church, school, and home, will be more practical and economical.

A Fly-in of Builders

A. W. Kaytor and Herbert Larsen, president and lay activities secretary, respectively, of the Alberta Conference, are enthusiastic over prospects that have been developing during the past few months.

Elder Larsen, who is an aviator, explains it thus: "Maranatha Flights International, an organization of Seventh-day Adventist businessmen who are pilots, are planning a fly-in to Yellow-knife during June of 1973. Among them

Yellowknife SDA's distribute Reach Out for Life handbills in 50-degree-belowzero weather.



Theda Iles Kuester is the wife of W. E. Kuester, radio TV and public relations secretary of the Canadian Union Conference.

will be experienced carpenters, plumbers, plasterers, electricians, and other skilled artisans. As many as 23 airplanes, carrying 50 to 60 men, are expected. Before they arrive, all surface foundations of the complex will be completed, all supplies will be on hand, and plans and permits finalized. "These men who hold fly-ins and who give their vacation time to fly to some designated area and help with a mission project, mean business. They will be in Yellowknife at the time when the days are long. In fact, it will be light around the clock, 24 hours of the day. So, with this large, skilled corps donating two weeks of their time, the construction of the superstructure can progress rapidly.
"Thus, the Thirteenth Sabbath Of-

fering overflow dollars sent to Yellowknife can be stretched to accomplish far more than if all labor had to be

hired."

Across the United States and Canada hundreds of our churches have been seeing Yellowknife, its prospects and needs, through the media of the Mission Spotlight program of pictures, narration, and music.



Bear-shaped car-license plates are used in the Northwest Territories of Canada.

The nucleus of Seventh-day Adventists at Yellowknife are eagerly looking forward to the share of Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow they will be receiving. Meanwhile they are not idly waiting. Among them, this small group of believers have saved more than \$3,000 toward the building of the complex.

Prior to the MISSION '72 meetings,

four of the families distributed the Reach Out for Life handbills in 50degree-below-zero weather, traveling by

snowmobile to do so.

When a number of families in Yellowknife were burned out of their homes a short time ago, our people there made a call to the Dorcas Societies in the Alberta Conference. At last report, more than 100 boxes of clothing had been re-

ceived and distributed.

Our members in Yellowknife are united in spirit with the thousands of Sabbath school members around the world, and as they receive their portion of the offering overflow it will be with

gratitude.

"The determination is to make every dollar of the offering overflow do all that is possible to establish and promote a permanent mission headquarters in Yellowknife," says Elder Kaytor. "From there the good news of Christ's return may be given to the people not only in Yellowknife but throughout the extensive Northwest Territories.'

VIETNAM:

War Closes School: **Bookmen Cannot Work**

The Seventh-day Adventist elementary school at Danang, South Vietnam, has been closed because of the flood of refugees who have come from Hue and other cities near the demilitarized zone.

Le Thi Bach, child evangelism secretary of the Vietnam Mission, reported to Robert Grady, Sabbath school secretary of the Southeast Asia Union, that the refugee count is expected to get higher as military operations move southward along the coast. Many are going directly to Saigon in the delta area.

Miss Le reports that at the time of writing upwards of 300,000 refugees were in Hue and that as the troops move south the number will flood Danang. Already conditions there are such that our workers are unable to cope

with the situation.

M. R. Lyon, Far Eastern Division publishing secretary, reports that literature evangelists in all areas of the South Vietnam Mission are unable to function. On his recent visit to Vietnam, Elder Lyon was told that many bookmen have come to Saigon, where business already has been affected. Sales have dropped nearly 50 per cent since the beginning of the North Vietnamese offensive.

In another area of Vietnam, An Loc, more than 15,000 persons are considered refugees from this small city. Many are coming into Saigon, where Adventist relief operations are being doubled and trebled. The Far Eastern Division executive committee voted in mid-May to ask the General Conference for 100 bales of clothing and US\$5,000 to be used in the stepped-up relief program. One woman, Le Thi Bach says, ran

and walked for eight days with eight of her children in order to escape the enemy. Along the way she lost two of her children and gained one as she gave birth to a child in the bush alongside the road.

Clyde Bradley, president of the Vietnam Mission, reports that most mission programs in all areas of the country except Saigon have been shut down because of the war.

D. A. ROTH Assistant Secretary Far Eastern Division

FTHIOPIA:

SDA Hospital Treats Plane Crash Victims

The Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with all its 135 beds full, suddenly found recently that it had 75 new patients, some in serious condition.

The sudden influx of patients came as a result of the crash of a passenger plane of the East African Airways at the Haile Selassie I International Airport, Addis Ababa. Thirty-six people died in a take-off crash, which was the worst disaster to be suffered by the

Minutes after the plane crashed it was a blazing inferno. Those who saw it cannot understand how anyone could have survived. The survivors were taken immediately to the Empress Zauditu Hospital for treatment. Patients in varying stages of injury were in the corridors on stretchers, benches, and even on the floor. Many had their clothes burned to ashes, some had fractures, but within 45 minutes all were receiving medical attention, and the more serious were in the intensive-care units and emergency wards.

This efficiency was achieved not only by the personnel from this modern Adventist hospital. Doctors, nurses, and volunteers came from other places to

help.

Of the 75 people treated, 26 were admitted, about half of whom were in critical condition. Many were the stories of bravery and gallantry as we talked to those who had escaped.

Those who were involved in the crash, and others on the scene, spoke of the calm efficiency and the Christian atmosphere that prevailed in the hospital, which is operated by Seventh-day Adventists.

> R. Burgess Departmental Secretary Ethiopian Union Mission

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC:

150 Ministers Convene for Special Meeting

A most inspiring meeting attended by the almost 150 Seventh-day Adventist ministers who serve in the German Democratic Republic was held at Friedensau Missionary Seminary, Magdeburg, April 25 to 27. These men were of good courage and are consecrated to the service of Christ. The Lord is blessing our churches in the German Democratic Republic, and our members are earnestly seeking to prepare for the coming of the Lord. They are grateful for the liberties they enjoy under their Constitution, and, as good Christians should, they pray daily for the leaders of government.

The Friedensau Missionary Seminary, where the meeting was held, is in a beautiful portion of the country that is ideal for the training of ministers. A home for the aged is also there, and it is used as a vacation spot for members and ministers.

The seminary at Friedensau was the first to be established by Seventh-day Adventists in Europe. It is doing an outstanding job of preparing young men for the ministry. It also has a special course that is offered to young people who wish to serve the church in a lay capacity. To have trained leadership in the churches adds great strength to our work, and many more of our seminaries could safely follow their



Some 150 ministers in the German Democratic Republic met at Magdeburg recently.

example in offering this kind of training.

Throughout the German Democratic Republic progress is being seen. This country contains many places of historic interest to Christian people.

It was thrilling to see the university in which Martin Luther taught and other quarters in Wittenberg connected with his name. I visited the castle at Wartburg near Eisenach, where Luther was imprisoned and where he translated the New Testament into German. It was also a privilege to see the homes of J. S. Bach and Franz Liszt.

We are indebted to the leaders of government in the German Democratic Republic for making it possible for a representative of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists to be at this meeting and to participate in it. It was also a privilege to visit a number of our churches in various parts of the republic.

N. R. Dower, Secretary GC Ministerial Association

CALIFORNIA:

Many Non-SDA's Visit Home of Ellen G. White

Recently a busload of 48 adults from Sacramento, California, representing seven or eight denominations unexpectedly arrived at Elmshaven to see the last home of Ellen G. White. As they finished looking over the old home and the ancient furnishings, with Mrs. White's last nine books on display in her old workroom, written between the ages of 72 and 87, and asking questions regarding her, they concluded she was "one of God's great women." Returning to the parlor on the first floor, one of the women in the party, evidently a church organist, sat down at the old

organ and played "Onward Christian Soldiers." Led by Dr. and Mrs. John Jacques, the custodians of the home, the visitors sang heartily. It was quite an unusual affair, but all appreciated the good impressions received during the visit.

The steady increase of non-Seventhday Adventist visitors to Elmshaven in recent months has been gratifying. Touring information centers in California are telling the people how to reach Ellen G. White's old home and the nearby St. Helena Hospital and Health Center.

ERNEST LLOYD, Retired Minister

KENYA:

Thousands Visit SDA Booth at Nairobi Fair

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was the only religious denomination represented on the grounds of the first All-Africa Trade Fair, organized by the Organization of African Unity, which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, recently.

One side of the Adventist booth featuring a "Wheels of Progress" theme showed a large number of photographs depicting the work of the Adventist



The SDA display at the All-Africa Trade Fair drew visitors from across Africa.

Church throughout Africa. On the opposite wall were the words "... And God Created." There, fish, flowers, an elephant, and birds were shown in dioramic displays. A display, "A Century of Christian Education," the Pathfinder Clubs, and a large pin-lighted map were the focus of many questions asked by interested viewers.

Visitors from all over Africa visited the booth, and more than 90,000 pieces of literature were given away. The fair also afforded an opportunity to meet hundreds of backslidden Seventh-day Adventists and to make new contacts with them. Many of these were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, and were, of course, invited to attend church again. About 25,000 Voice of Prophecy enrollment cards were distributed, and now thousands of these are pouring into the office.

A. H. BRANDT Director, PR Bureau Afro-Mideast Division

PROVIDENCE ISLAND:

Evangelism Results in Many Studying Bible

Evangelistic meetings being conducted on Providence Island, in the Colombian Islands of the Caribbean Sea, have resulted so far in more than 40 people receiving Bible studies, among whom are the local Baptist minister and his wife. The small island has about 3,000 inhabitants.

The meetings are being conducted by Richard T. Rankin, president and evangelist of the Colombian Islands Mission,

I was able to work with Elder Rankin during the first seven weeks of the series, which began in March. An average of about 85 attended the meetings nightly, most of whom were non-Adventists. These are the first evangelistic meetings to be held on the island in 30 years.

It is somewhat complicated conveying the gospel to the people of the island. English is spoken by them, but few of them read it. But, inasmuch as the territory is part of the Republic of Colombia, Spanish is used in business and in government matters, and is also taught in the schools. Therefore, the students read Spanish but are not fluent in it, since they speak English outside the classrooms.

There are two Adventist churches on the island, one situated at a place called Rocky Point and another in the island's town. The land for the town church was donated by the only ordained local elder on the island, Captain Cherry Archbold, father of B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division.

C. V. HENRIQUEZ
MV and Educational Secretary
Colombia-Venezuela Union

World Divisions

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION

- → The new building housing the Wahroonga Activities Center and Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing was officially opened on Saturday evening, June 3.
- ★ Seventh-day Adventists in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands are facing a financial crisis owing to drought and low copra prices, but it has not in any way dampened their enthusiasm for evangelism. MISSION '72 public meetings are in full swing in many places, and many lay people are taking the Advent message into hitherto unentered areas.
 - M. G. TOWNEND, Correspondent

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION

- ◆ More than 200 workers from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland have expressed their interest in taking German courses offered by the Home Study Institute European branch.
- → The French Adventist Seminary, Collonges, France, senior college for French-speaking workers, plans to erect a new women's dormitory. The occupation date is set for early 1974.
 - E. E. WHITE, Correspondent

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

- → Eighty-two new literature evangelist recruits attended a tri-mission beginners' institute in Mindanao Mission Academy, February 16-19.
- ♦ The Philippine Publishing House council and book and periodical agency managers' seminar was held in Baguio, Philippines, April 3-7. Eighty-five delegates from the three Philippine unions attended the seminar.
- ♦ A choir consisting of members of the Koror, Palau, church toured Japan recently and presented concerts in churches and schools. The group was directed by Keith Watanabe, a Japanese ministerial intern on the island of Palau.
- ★ A new medical clinic on Guam was dedicated on May 28 with the division secretary of health, G. C. Ekvall, as the main speaker.
 - D. A. ROTH, Correspondent

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

- ♦ An all-night prayer session was held by a group of young people meeting for youth camp at Magens Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, recently.
- → Two thousand four hundred people attended the opening meeting of an evangelistic series held by Salim Japas on May 7 in the Youth Center on the East Puerto Rico Academy grounds.
- + On April 2 a group of laymen under the direction of Merilus Paul launched a lay series in Puilboreau, in the North

Haiti Mission. After two months of meetings, 92 converts were baptized on June 18.

- → One hundred and eight were baptized as a result of the 13 campaigns conducted by the students of Antillian College under the leadership of Salim Japas.
- ↑ Twenty-seven people were baptized as a result of a one-month campaign held recently by J. Brutus, stewardship secretary of the Franco-Haitian Union in Fort de France, Martinique.
 - L. MARCEL ABEL, Correspondent

Atlantic Union

- + MISSION '72 evangelistic meetings sponsored by Faith for Today and conducted by E. E. Duncan and Gordon F. Dalrymple have resulted in 144 baptisms. Pastor Duncan's series was conducted in Lincoln, Nebraska. Seventy-one were baptized. In Cleveland, Ohio, 73 have been baptized.
- ◆ Fourteen persons were baptized in the Bronx, New York, church on March 25. D. B. Reid, pastor of the Bronx church, performed the baptism.
- → Twenty-nine were baptized on April 29, in Syracuse, New York, as a result of MISSION '72 meetings, and one was received on profession of faith. Conference Evangelist G. T. Blandford was the speaker during the meetings. N. L. Meager is pastor of the church.

EMMA KIRK, Correspondent

Canadian Union

- → A group of educational leaders in the Province of Alberta recently visited Canadian Union College, Lacombe, Alberta, to study the school's philosophy of education, work, and study. Neville O. Matthews is president of the college.
- → William H. Friley, chancellor of the University of Calgary, in Alberta, was the commencement speaker for the graduation services of Canadian Union College in Lacombe, Alberta, the weekend of May 26-28. Jack Provonsha, professor of the department of Christian ethics of Loma Linda University, was the baccalaureate speaker, and A. N. How, president of the British Columbia Conference, was the consecration speaker.
- + A church was organized at Rimbey, Alberta, by A. W. Kaytor and M. D. Suiter, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Alberta Conference, on May 13. Russell Spangler is the pastor.
- → The Perth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church, of Toronto, Ontario, with a membership of 200, has organized a Perth Alpha Club. The purpose of the club is to aid the social, cultural, and

physical development of young people of the area willing to abide by the principles of the Adventist Church.

THEDA KUESTER, Correspondent

Central Union

- + One hundred and fifty attended a Pathfinder Olympics held in May at the Kansas Conference Camporee.
- + During May, Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado, hosted the schools in the Loveland area in a special musical festival. There were 122 band members in the combined band for the final program. They were directed by a guest conductor, Norman Krogstad, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- → Following the close of the school year, teachers from Union College painted the home of Mrs. Eldon Christi, who is blind, in one day. On a recent Sunday morning the same group, with additional helpers, repaired the roof of a widow, Mrs. Clara Anderson.

CLARA ANDERSON, Correspondent

Columbia Union

- + Bethel church, Cleveland, Ohio, is engaged in cooking classes for the community, a Head Start program, and in teaching auto mechanics to young men. It is also participating in community betterment programs and a summer-employment-for-youth project.
- → Karen Clough, a young woman in her twenties, is opening a foster home in Oakland, Maryland, as a result of her conviction of the responsibility of Christians for children who do not have homes. A young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Altman, are assisting her. Miss Clough has the support of Oakland's church pastor, Tom Knoll, and from Katheryn Pensinger, co-owner of the West-Mar Realty Company, in getting the project under way. She also has the support of Garrett County officials in the venture.
- → The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has given Columbia Union College a grant of \$5,000. The gift has been assigned to the health sciences department for the new medical technology laboratory, which is headed by Dennis Blum.
- + Columbia Union College is joining the Bureau of Public Relations and the Radio-Television Department of the General Conference in sponsoring a communications seminar November 6-10. The seminar will be held in the new communications center on the ninth floor of the General Conference North Building.

Morten Juberg, Correspondent

Lake Union

- + Young men from Broadview Academy, La Fox, Illinois, led by their dean, D. A. Faehner, held a Week of Prayer this spring at the Aurora, Illinois, church school.
- → The temperance club of Broadview Academy sponsored a cross-State run in which 55 students ran the width of northern Illinois in relay to demonstrate healthful living.
- + Dark-county work in northwestern Illinois has led to the purchase of a building site by the newly organized Freeport church.
- → The Carthage, Illinois, Seventh-day Adventist Community services unit officially opened on May 16, with the mayor cutting the ribbon.
- + Fifty-two teen-agers from Hinsdale, Illinois, recently spent a weekend at the Good Samaritan Retreat, Knoxville, Illinois, learning ways of witnessing and putting into practice in the community what they had learned.
- + The newest church of the 100-year-old Indiana Conference was organized at Paoli on May 6.

GORDON ENGEN, Correspondent

North Pacific Union

- → Vernon Flory has been named to the church affairs department of the Oregon Conference, in charge of Sabbath school work. Mrs. Flory has been appointed director of children's education in the Sabbath school department. Flory was formerly assistant administrator of Portland Adventist Hospital and more recently has been pastor of the Albany, Oregon, church.
- + Paul Nelson, recently called to head the stewardship department of the North Pacific Union Conference, has been named head of the ministerial department.
- → The Hoodview congregation, Boring, Oregon, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony recently for a new church sanctuary.

ĆECIL COFFEY, Correspondent

Northern Union

- + After 28 years of service as a teacher, Ruth Yurth is retiring this year. She has taught the last five years at Davenport, Iowa, in grades one through four.
- + A successful penny campaign was conducted in Iowa to raise money for facili-

ties at Forest Ridge Camp. The offering was received at an MV rally in Nevada, Iowa, on Sabbath, April 29. Jennifer Owens, Miss Iowa of 1972, was one of the featured speakers at the rally.

L. H. NETTEBURG, Correspondent

Pacific Union

- + More than 50 new members were added to the churches of Bakersfield as a result of MISSION '72 meetings. Stanley Harris was the speaker for the meetings, conducted at the Kern County fairgrounds.
- → A new church with a charter membership of 59 has been organized at Arvin, in the Central California Conference, following meetings conducted by James E. Chase.
- + More than \$43,000 was raised as a Faith for Today Valentine Offering by students of schools in the North American Division. With these funds the telecast purchased a Hazeltine Color Analyser that is proving invaluable in making telecast films of the highest professional quality. More than 450 schools participated in the project, as compared with 350 last year.
- * Adventists along the Big Sandy River of Arizona have organized into a group to be known as the Wikieup company.

 SHIRLEY BURTON, Correspondent

Southern Union

- ★ A new Community Services center was officially opened Sunday, May 28, in Dalton, Georgia.
- → Rex Ward, of Harrison, Tennessee; Ron Barrow, principal of Collegedale Academy; Mike Kabool, of Bristol, Tennessee; and Bill Tucker, of Albany, Georgia, were ordained on May 27 at the Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting.
- + On Sabbath, May 13, the Collegedale, Tennessee, area churches prepared for mailing more than a third of a million announcements of the Voice of Prophecy crusade. Nearly 500 members assisted in the program.
- → A Pathfinder Fair for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference clubs was held at Southern Missionary College campus on Sunday, May 28, following the annual camp meeting. Harold Heath, conference youth director, was in charge of the activities.
- + These Times, published by the Southern Publishing Association, has received an honorable-mention award from the Associated Church Press. Judging was based on four major criteria—relevance to contemporary issues, professionalism in writing and editing, design, and ecu-

menical concern. Only two other religious magazines received a higher award — Together and United Church Herald. These Times "special issues" published in 1971 had a combined circulation of more than 2 million copies. Kenneth Holland is editor.

- + C. V. Jones, pastor of the Dyersburg, Tennessee, district, was ordained to the ministry, Sabbath, May 27, at the eightysixth annual camp meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.
- → Dr. F. B. Cothren was recently voted president of the Madison Hospital medical staff. Other officers chosen were Dr. Lee Kramer, vice-president; Dr. John Furman, secretary; and Drs. H. B. Brackin and Elwin Lanz as delegates-atlarge.

ÖSCAR L. HEINRICH, Correspondent

Southwestern Union

- → Nine persons were baptized as a result of a second series of Reach Out for Life meetings conducted by Robert Rider in the Harlingen, Texas, church.
- + The Grants, New Mexico, church doubled its membership from 16 to 32 members during their MISSION '72 Reach Out for Life program.
- + The Springdale, Arkansas, church has been sold, and the 86-member congregation is worshiping in its new school building until a new church home is erected. Springdale was the headquarters for the Arkansas Conference when it was organized in 1888.
- → A Southwest Region Conference areawide youth congress was held in Houston, Texas, recently.
- + Approximately 60 seniors graduated recently from Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas. This was the fourth graduation service held since the college became a four-year liberal arts school. Guest speakers included L. J. Leiske, president of the college; Frank Knittel, president of Southern Missionary College; and W. H. Beaven, of Kettering College of Medical Arts.
- + Recently a representative for the Telephone Pioneers of America presented Richard W. Bendall, director of Camp Yorktown Bay, a "beep ball" for use at a camp for the blind to be held in June. The ball is constructed with an electronic device that gives off a beep, enabling blind children to bat or catch the ball. The presentation was made over the local television station in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- + Eighty literature evangelists of the Southwestern Union Conference worked more than 8,150 hours and delivered in excess of \$51,800 worth of books and literature during April. Deliveries thus far in the union in 1972 total more than \$209,200.
 - I. N. MORGAN, Correspondent



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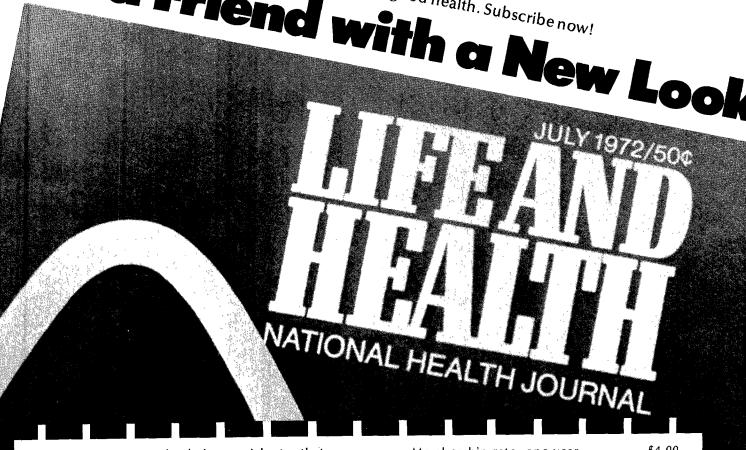
Beginning with the July issue, LIFE AND HEALTH will be new in editorship, appearance, and emphasis.

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Adventists Abroad Opens New Job Opportunities

By V. M. MONTALBAN

Adventists Abroad is the name of an agency established by the 1971 Autumn Council to make it possible for Seventhday Adventist self-supporting missionaries to serve the church and their fellow men in needy areas of the world.

Inasmuch as the church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men, and its mission is to carry the gospel to all the world, the new organization is in harmony with the Saviour's commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Some people respond to this commis-

sion with their whole life and become church-supported missionaries. Others become self-supporting missionaries. In this capacity they bear witness to Christ as engineers, physicians, teachers, housewives, plumbers, shopkeepers, secretaries, and in other ways. Today our world and our church are in great need of this kind of missionary.

The Adventists Abroad committee of

the General Conference serves as an intermediary agency to place mission-ary-minded Seventh-day Adventists in contact with overseas employment opportunities in industry, business, government, education, and so on, where they can exert a positive influence for the church and its mission. People with particular skills and high professional competence, and who also are dedicated to the ideals and goals of the Adventist Church, can render valuable service with this group.

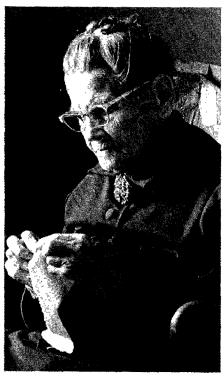
The secretary of the Adventists Abroad committee is assigned the responsibility of coordinating the program, compiling overseas job openings, and keeping a list of Seventh-day Adventists willing to consider accepting such openings. Details concerning employment, contracts, and the like, will be arranged between the employing non-SDA organizations and the individual Adventist who accepts a job open-

Prior to the individual's departure on assignment, the secretary of the Adventists Abroad committee will encourage the church member to take a brief course on overseas orientation at his own expense or at the expense of his

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new employer, so that he will be better prepared to meet the environmental changes and the peoples with whom he will be living and working.

Any Seventh-day Adventist interested in particular job openings overseas may write for further information to V. M. Montalban, Secretary, Adventists Abroad Committee, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012.



Nebraska SDA Celebrates One-hundredth Birthday

Sarah Johnson, a Seventh-day Adventist of Elm Creek, Nebraska, celebrated her one-hundredth birthday on February 25. Mrs. Johnson, who has been a widow for half a century, raised seven sons and seven daughters, all but one of whom attended Union College. Four of them graduated with degrees. Six of her children have been employed by the denomination.

Mrs. Johnson is still active in serving her church and community, baking whole-wheat bread, knitting bandages, and making quilts for the needy.

JAMES B. GRAY Public Relations Secretary Nebraksa Conference



(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

Carlton Dyer, MV, educational, National Service Organization, and temperance secretary (North Dakota), formerly evangelist and Ministerial secretary (Kansas).

Douglas M. King, chief maintenance engineer, Takoma Hospital, Greeneville, Tennessee, from Boulder Memorial Hospital, Boulder, Colorado.

Herbert Ray Nelson, public relations director, Glendale Adventist Hospital (Southern California), from Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Fred Offenback, director of education, Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Orlando, Florida, formerly principal, Broadview Academy, LaFox, Illinois.

A. K. Phillips, district pastor (Kansas), formerly president, South Rwanda Field, Trans-Africa Division.

Elwin Shull, principal, Broadview Academy, LaFox, Illinois, formerly science teacher, Broadview Academy.

Harvey A. Rudisaile, administrator, Lancaster Convalescent Center, Lancaster, Wisconsin, formerly internal auditor, White Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.

From Home Base to Front Line

North American Division

Henry A. Novak, M.D. (LLU '52), for relief service in health evangelism in West Java Mission, Bandung, Java, of Ceres, California, left San Francisco, May 3.

Arthur E. Mitchel (PUC '49, '63), returning as industrial supervisor in Inca Union College, Lima, Peru, and Carmelita Esther (née Parks) Mitchel (SHH '43) left Los Angeles, California, May 4.

Leland Charles Shultz (PUC '65; AU '66),

returning for public health work in Scheer Memorial Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal, left New York City, May 14.

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NOTICE New Jersey Conference Special Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special constituency meeting of New Jersey Conference at 10:00 A.M. Sunday, July 2, 1972, at Tranquility, New Jersey, in the Garden State Academy chapel. The purpose ot the meeting is to discuss building plans for Garden State Academy. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 21 members or major fraction thereof.

J. O. Tompkins, President J. F. Wilkens, Secretary

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| E EM | Editorial Especially for Men | M Money in Bible Times | | | | | | |
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| | Especially for Women | RC Report to the Church | | | | | | |
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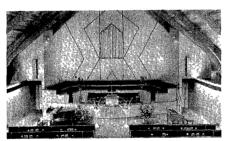
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Dedication services for the new church in Hermiston, Oregon, were held the weekend of April 15, Completed in October, 1966, the 370-member church is valued at \$150,000. It is situated at Ninth and West Highland streets. Roger Heinrich is the pastor.

The Hermiston church was chartered in 1921 following an evangelistic effort in which H. L. Rudy, then a ministerial intern from Walla Walla College, assisted. He was present at the dedication services.

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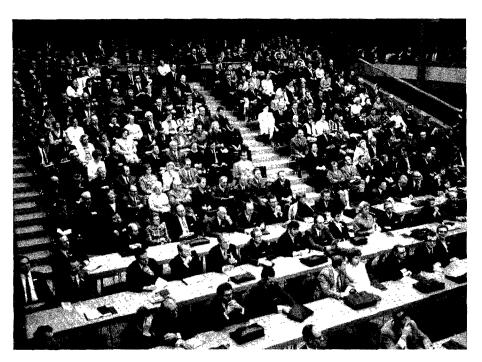
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Some 400 German-speaking Seventh-day Adventist ministers from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland attended a convention in the Swiss town of Interlaken, April 9 to 14. Some guests from eastern socialist countries were also present.

The meeting, the first of its kind to be held for many years, was a great blessing to all who attended.

Guest speakers for the convention were Robert H. Pierson and N. R. Dower, president and ministerial secretary, respectively, of the General Conference, and H. Vogel, vice-president of the Euro-Africa Division.

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Plane Is Named to Honor IAD's First President

A Cessna 180 plane, in use in the Honduras Mission, has been named the E. E. Andross in honor of the first president of the Inter-American Division, which was organized 50 years ago. R. S. Folkenberg (pictured), a great-grandson of Elder Andross, is the pilot of the ROBERT S. FOLKENBERG

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NAD Appoints Coordinator for MISSION '73, '74

The North American Division Committee on Administration has appointed E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, as coordinator for the MIS-SION '73 and MISSION '74 programs. Elder Cleveland will coordinate the planning and implementation of soulwinning and evangelistic programs for the church in North America. The initial thrust of MISSION '72 has convinced the conference and union leaders in North America that there is much to be gained by coordinating and pooling resources.

At the end of the first five months of 1972 a number of conferences in North America were 50 to 100 per cent ahead of previous years in baptisms. Present plans call for an evangelistic emphasis on the home in 1973 and on health and better living in 1974. It has been learned that for effective implementation of plans and practical use of materials, it is necessary to have (1) better communication, (2) simple and flexible planning, (3) reduction of the amount of promotion material, and (4) promotion farther in advance of target dates.

As a part of MISSION '72 the Lake Region and Michigan conferences began a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Detroit on June 17. The meeting will continue until August 13 in Cobo Hall, which is a part of the city's civic center. Elder Cleveland, who is one of the church's better known and most successful evangelists, is leading out in these meetings and is the speaker. As soon as the series is over he will devote the major portion of his time to his new responsi-NEAL C. WILSON bility.

936 Baptized in Florida in Less Than Six Months

Henry J. Carubba, Florida Ministerial Association secretary, reports that 936 people have been baptized since the beginning of the year. At one time workers and leaders in the Southern Union looked forward to the day when there would be 1,000 converts baptized in the union during a year. Now nearly that many people have been baptized in the Florida Conference within six months. J. R. SPANGLER

Heavy Losses of Life Reported in Burundi

Burundi is an independent African country at the northeast end of Lake Tanganyika. It forms part of our Central African Union, which has its headquarters in the capital city of Bujumbura. In recent weeks there has been severe unrest in the country, and heavy loss of life has been reported. Latest news indicates that some of our national workers and many of our members have lost their lives but that our overseas missionaries

Health-Personnel Needs

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

North America

- 1 dietitian consultant, ADA, parttime
- 4 dietitians
- 2 air-conditioning engineers
- I lab histotechnologist
- 1 laundry worker
- 2 maintenance mechanics
- 1 medical secretary
- 6 medical transcribers
- 4 physicians, GP
- 2 plumbers, licensed
- 28 RN's-staff

Information regarding openings and placement assistance may be obtained by contacting Department of Health, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012.

are all safe and in no immediate danger. Air travel into and out of the country is still possible, but internal travel is severely restricted.

One of our schools has been disrupted by the death of many of its students and the flight of other pupils and of some staff members. As a result, only 84 of 147 students remain. The overseas staff continues its work, however, and so far has not been in personal danger.

The neighboring country of Rwanda appears to be stable, and our workers there are doing all in their power to help those who come to them for aid.

Please remember Burundi in your prayers. Our workers and members need wisdom and courage to meet the current B. E. SETON situation.

GC Radio-TV Releases July 4 Programs

Profiles of Liberty, a new approach to July 4 radio programming, will be released over approximately 1,000 stations in the United States this coming Fourth of July. Five of the two-minute vignettes highlighting the story of American freedoms have just been released by the General Conference Radio-Television Department. Listen for them on your local AM/FM radio stations.

HAROLD L. REINER

First Five-Day Plan for Blind Held in Canada

Recently the first Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking for sightless and visually handicapped persons was conducted in Winnipeg, Canada. In Canada the Canadian National Institute for Blind is charged with care, training, and assistance to sightless and visually handicapped persons. The Winnipeg Canadian National Institute for the Blind Happy Hour Club requested a Five-Day Plan to be held at the Institute. R. H. Ferris, former pastor of the Winnipeg English church, responded to the invitation. The Christian Record Benevolent Association agreed to produce in Braille a condensed version of the control book and to reproduce on five tapes the control-book information.

Winnipeg radio station CKY lent a studio and an engineer to the project. Elder Ferris prepared the material and narrated the tapes. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind group was thrilled to have this personalized material available. The first Plan using the material helped more than a dozen sightless persons to break the smoking habit.

FRANCIS A. SOPER

New Stewardship Film Uses Multimedia Approach

A full-color five-minute film entitled "In the Beginning—God" has just been released by the General Conference Department of Stewardship and Development. The film is designed to teach the basic concepts of stewardship. A multimedia photographic approach is used at various places throughout the film to increase viewer interest and attention. Orders or additional information may be received from the General Conference Stewardship Department.

PAUL G. SMITH

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+ Death: T. K. Ludgate, 73, June 16, College Place, Washington. Elder Ludgate contributed 43 years to denominational service. He served in Southern Asia 16 years; as head of the Bible department at Helderberg College for five years; as a church pastor; and as a teacher at Southern Missionary and Walla Walla colleges.

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