

Reflections on a River

By GEORGE H. ROSE

A great river with its ever-changing pace is like a giant mirror reflecting life's unfolding scenes. My boyhood home was by such a stream, and its fascinations had many faces.

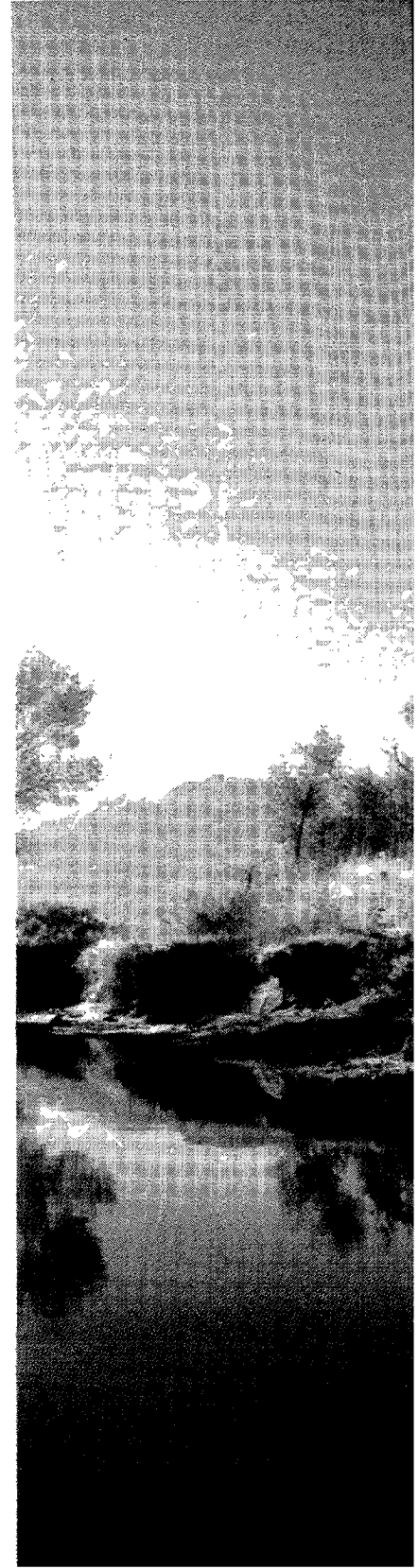
I remember our river's entrancing motion and soft sounds on a summer day; a small boat's rhythmic rising and falling like the breathing of an old man in deep sleep; the gentle sagging and stretching of her mooring ropes; the lispings *klip, klip, klip* of the wavelets kissing the shore; and across the distance the sight of Stag Island, motionless, and yet seeming to move as the old river rolled silently southward.

I recall the cooling ebullient sensation of swimming out into the deep, and moving along with a great body of water; then looking shoreward and seeing the landmarks standing silent, and feeling the surging sense of freedom and oneness with the river's giant flowing force.

So in life there's a confluence, a coming together, when our spirits become one with God. In Him we find harmony and peace like a river. Ashore we see the landmarks of our faith, standards to give steadiness and direction. And yet, it is within us and around us as persons that God's power is manifest. "In him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). In Him is the ebullience of life.

But then I remember the river in time of storm, especially the blasts from the north with their force and fury; the waters rising, falling, churning, and the gusts of the gale sailing across the seas like skipping stones, biting the crests and scattering sprays; and by the shore the constant beckoning and bowing of the pines, moving silhouettes against folding clouds and darkened sky; and the mournful howl of the wind with its wailing sounds that went on, and on, and on. But the calming would come with the setting sun, and with slowing flow, the mighty river moved more steadily through the stillness of the night.

Yes, life is like a river, and we must often travel on troubled seas. In the shock of great sadness we find ourselves falling and churning, unable to see through tears of grief. Yet, this storm too will cease, and with the setting sun of a sad day comes the promise of peace from a God of love. In Him we will live on like the river, even as His love goes on forever—steady, steady, steady.



In Western Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya

I had intended to give my first impressions of the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches this week, but that story will have to wait. I feel I must tell you about the three days that we spent in western Kenya at Kendu Bay Hospital, the Africa Herald Publishing House, and the Kamagambo Secondary School and Teachers' College. We (my wife and I) seldom have seen so much and felt so much in so short a time. Probably there is no way of verbalizing it so that you can share completely the experience, but I hope that as the result of this brief report you will feel as we do, that the effort to spread the three angels' messages throughout the world is the most important and rewarding of all undertakings, that some of the world's true nobility are involved in this enterprise, and that it is a privilege to support by our gifts and prayers the faithful workers who are ministering to the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of people at the far ends of the earth.

The weekend safari (here in Kenya every out-of-town trip is known as a safari) began Friday morning at nine o'clock when D. C. Swan, manager of the Africa Herald Publishing House, loaded us into his Volvo station wagon for the 275-mile trip west to Kendu Bay. The trip was grueling but made interesting by a flat tire, clouds of dust thrown over us by passing beer trucks, the sight of endless miles of tea plantations, and a short visit to Lake Nukuru, which usually is the home of millions of flamingos. The road leads across the Great Rift Valley, part of a geological formation that runs from this part of Africa clear up through the state of Israel.

We arrived in Kendu Bay late in the afternoon. The view from the publishing house, which is on a knoll overlooking the bay about two miles distant, is beautiful. Sailboats and fishing vessels dot the blue waters of the bay, which is about 15 miles across at this point. The bay adjoins Lake Victoria, an enormous body of water some 200 miles wide and 300 miles long.

The Dieter Gramkows (he is plant superintendent, but soon to become manager of the Middle East Press in Beirut) made us welcome and extended every conceivable hospitality throughout the weekend. Malaria is rife in this part of Kenya, hence we slept under a canopy of netting each night. The experience reminded me of my childhood in China, when for 15 years I slept regularly under a mosquito net. Electricity in Kendu is produced by a generator at the publishing house, and is "on" only about three hours a day—from six-thirty to nine-thirty each evening. A good flashlight (or as they say here, "torch") is a necessity.

Sabbath morning we attended the Kendu Bay Hospital church, about two miles away on the dirt road we had traversed late Friday afternoon. Services were well attended by both nationals and expatriates, many of whom

are on the staff of the hospital. As in many other places where I have preached, my message was translated. This time the language was Luo (in other places it had been Chechewa, Swahili, and Nbele). Sorrow hung over the institution because one of the most popular and promising student nurses had died of cancer the day before. Even as I spoke, Dr. E. C. Kraft, medical director of the hospital, was flying her body across Lake Victoria to her family and home in Uganda.

When Dr. Kraft returned a few hours later, he showed us the facilities of the hospital. What a fantastic job this doctor and his associates are doing! Not only are the workers ministering to the sick, they are completely rebuilding the institution. Keeping all of the medical services going while carrying on a massive building and remodeling program is no easy task, but they are doing it.

True Medical Ministry

We noted the people gathered outside the front gate leading into the grounds. Pregnant women. Mothers with feverish babies. Sick men lying on the ground. As we watched the physicians and nurses, we felt we could almost see the Great Physician working along with them. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . ." This is the kind of medical ministry envisioned by the founders of our training institutions. It is the kind of medical ministry that best reflects the spirit of the Master. We rejoice at the exploits our courageous, dedicated medical workers are doing, but why should there be so few? With the enormous investment our church has made, and is making, in our training program for health-care workers, why is there not a great army of volunteers offering to meet the needs of Adventist medical institutions around the world?

Sunday morning, in company with D. C. Swan, Dieter Gramkow, and Wilfred Fenner, we toured the publishing house. (These men are the manager, superintendent, and editor, respectively.) I have never seen a more immaculate printing plant. The floors were polished. Nothing was out of place on any table or counter. The machinery was dust and dirt free, and all equipment not in immediate use—presses, folders, stitchers, et cetera—was protected by custom-produced covers similar to those used by housewives to keep dust off their toasters, mixers, and other kitchen equipment.

The press employs more than 30 workers. As in other Adventist publishing houses, the group meets daily for worship, in a room that serves as both chapel and committee room.

And what a job these workers are doing! Not only is their four-color work equal in quality to that produced anywhere else, they are meeting the problems involved in producing literature in 16 languages! And think of the problems of obtaining supplies 275 miles from Nairobi. We have the highest respect for Brother Swan and his co-workers, who each year produce about \$400,000 worth of literature. And we have unlimited admiration

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This Week

Our cover essay was written by George H. Rose, who has been a leader in the publishing work since 1942, having worked in the Carolina and Ontario-Quebec conferences. Recently he was called to the Southern California Conference. His contemplations comparing life to a river gave the editorial staff something special to think about, and we are glad to share these thoughts on our cover.

Lewis R. Ogden, now retired from his lifetime service as a com-

mercial printer, writes on a subject of continuing interest, "From Doubt to Faith" (p. 4). Faith is not man's Saviour; feeling, reason, intuition, or any other human activity is not the basis for man's salvation. But no person is saved without faith. Faith is man's Yes to whatever God wants him to do; trusting, obeying, joyous, such people make it possible for God "to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the

hope of glory" (Col. 1:27, R.S.V.).

"Those Priceless First Three Years" is a must for everyone, whether the reader is a parent, a grandparent, or a person yet looking forward to being one. Too often parents feel their responsibility to their children long after the "precious first three years" and find they cannot recover the time they have lost.

Ethel L. Young, associate director of the General Conference Department of Education since

1971, for several years coauthored or coedited basic reading materials for Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools.

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Letters

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Price of REVIEW

Re "This Week," August 28. I am saddened that you have to justify the price of the REVIEW. But, judging by the letters you receive, I suppose it is necessary. Perhaps a comparison would help:

I recently received an invitation to subscribe to an aviation trade paper for a special half-price rate of \$18. The paper is published approximately twice each month. With a normal subscription rate of \$36, this means that to keep informed in my professional field, I would have to pay almost *three times* more than to keep informed about my church. Could I justify subscribing to the trade journal and not subscribing to the REVIEW? I do not think so.

Our local church sends past issues of the REVIEW to the mission field, so by subscribing to this wonderful paper, I feel I am doing a part of my share in the Lord's work by keeping the overseas members informed.

After reading the series of REVIEWS on the General Conference session in Vienna, my feelings are doubly reinforced on the importance of the REVIEW to each member. How could we have received all of that news otherwise? Keep up the great work.

Not being able to read all articles in the REVIEW is not a valid reason to withhold subscribing. People do not subscribe to a periodical on the basis of what they don't read, but rather whether they like what they *do* read. I do

not merely like what I read in the REVIEW, I *love* it.

The question of whether to subscribe to the REVIEW seems to boil down to our sense of values.

No, you don't have to justify the price of the REVIEW to me, because I know what it is worth. That is why I am a subscriber.

JOSEPH B. LYKINS, JR.
Newman Lake, Washington

We were greatly disturbed at the many letters intimating that our beloved weekly REVIEW should be issued every two weeks, or monthly (Aug. 21).

We are willing to pay whatever subscription price is necessary to keep the REVIEW running in the black.

FRED and JANE WARREN
Los Osos, California

GC Reporting

Even though this note may be somewhat tardy, I want to send it on to you to express my appreciation for your accomplishing the seemingly impossible task of getting out the daily issues of the REVIEW at the recent GC session in Vienna. You and your staff are to be commended. It was a superb job.

A. J. PATZER
Syracuse, New York

Jewelry

I hope your F.Y.I. (Oct. 2) got to the hearts of those critical of the August 7-14 issue. They should examine themselves, and pray to God, through Christ, to forgive them their lack of love for their brothers and sisters overseas.

MAURICE S. LAIRD
Camino, California

Please accept my compliments for the color photograph which appeared on the REVIEW, August 7-14. The pictorial expression of deep Christian concern between people of all ages and of diverse ethnic background was truly heartwarming. Certainly a picture such as this is worth more than a thousand words.

MORTON M. WOOLLEY, M.D.
Los Angeles, California

As one who visited North America in 1974, I admit that I was as concerned about some of the things I saw among Adventists in North America as some of the Americans were about my wife's wedding ring! Then I realized that it was a matter of culture, and I endeavored to put the whole matter in perspective. These external trappings, especially as they relate to culture, are exactly that, nothing more. It is quite possible to strain out gnats and swallow camels even today.

ROBERT H. PARR
Victoria, Australia

I congratulate you on the Christlike manner with which you answered the controversial question of the "GC Session and Jewelry." You have my hearty Amen, even though it took you a little longer to explain the why's and wherefore's than it did our Master in Matthew 7:3-5.

WARREN R. HAASE
Sumner, Washington

I feel that your F.Y.I. (Oct. 2) needed to be said long ago and I am happy that our official church paper has had the courage to say it. For too long SDA's in North America have used as criteria for right and wrong their own way of

doing things. It is hard for me (and I am from North America) to reconcile the talk of sacrifice and simplicity with the cars, clothing, and dress of Adventists around me.

MRS. J. BRUNETTI
Berrien Springs, Michigan

To snap at our information source seems absurd. The REVIEW is the average church member's only real window to glimpse the world church and see denominational administration in action. Like many other of your readers, I trust that you will candidly share with us what is really happening. Our church leaders are ultimately responsible to us. If we have suggestions, we need to know who to go to directly.

I feel you would do the Seventh-day Adventist Church a great disservice were you to delete from the pages of the REVIEW *everything* that might offend *somebody*. A person who would endorse that policy must surely feel uncomfortable with the Lord, who did not see fit to edit the Bible in that manner.

KIT WATTS
Takoma Park, Maryland

While reading the October 2 REVIEW, my curiosity compelled me to look up the August 7-14 issue to see what was so disturbing about the cover. For some reason the message contained in the faces had blinded my eyes to the externals. The editor's comments contained good food for thought. I wonder if God doesn't sometimes smile in love at our inconsistencies.

MRS. G. CHURCHES
La Junta, Colorado

From Doubt to Faith

Faith itself is not our savior,
but neither can we be saved
without faith.

By LEWIS R. OGDEN

SIN, AND THEREFORE alienation from Heaven, from whence comes sweet, inward peace, involves a lack of faith and trust in God.

Lucifer's step in the wrong direction involved a distrust of the divine wisdom and providence of God.

Doubting God's truthfulness, Eve listened to the serpent's suggestions. Disbelieving God's warning counsel, she ventured to eat of the forbidden fruit.

Lacking faith in God's goodness and mercy, Adam decided to share the fate of Eve and ate of the fruit himself.

Doubting the justice of God's requirements, Cain brought an offering of his own choosing, which led to the murder of Abel.

A distrust of God always leads to sin. Yea, more—"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). And sin has brought about the burden of guilt and man's separation from his Creator.

Since man's lack of faith in God has led to sin, with all its tragic results, isn't it logical that a renewal and establishment of faith in Him should be the first step in regaining righteousness?

"Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6). That is why, in one form or another, the truth is repeated again and again throughout the Scriptures: "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17; cf. 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20; 3:11; Heb. 2:4; 10:38; etc.).

When, through unbelief, Adam and Eve transgressed God's law and fell into sin, the plan of a coming Saviour was at once revealed to them. Through the curse pronounced on the serpent (Gen. 3:15) they understood that there was hope. But their participation in the salvation so provided depended upon their complete faith in the divine program. Surely this was logical and fair!

In the offering of "the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof" (Gen. 4:4), Abel demonstrated his faith in,

and dependence upon, God. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice" "and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (Heb. 11:4; cf. Gen. 4:4).

From then till now, a complete and living faith in God and in the atoning sacrifice of His Son has been the essential prerequisite for hope for the future.

Abraham demonstrated such a faith and its resulting righteousness in his life. In fact, trust and confidence in God, as a living principle, was so pronounced in the experience of this man of God that inspiration has called him "the father of all them that believe" (Rom. 4:11).

This transaction of being justified by faith is of vital significance in our Christian experience. It is important that we understand it correctly.

We are sinners, both by birth and by deliberate choice. "There is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:12). Nothing we can ever do can change that fact. No act of ours can ever avail to make us righteous or merit for us any of the blessings of God. And since "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), we all deserve to die. Without Jesus, who died on the cross in our stead, our cases would be hopeless.

Ellen White describes what happens when the sinner fixes his faith on Christ: "The only way in which he [the sinner] can attain to righteousness is through faith. By faith he can bring to God the merits of Christ, and the Lord places the obedience of His Son to the sinner's account. Christ's righteousness is accepted in place of man's failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies, the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as He loves His Son. This is how faith is accounted righteousness."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 367.

Let no one conclude that since faith plays such an important role in our justification, therefore the exercise of faith is a meritorious act on our part. Faith in God is a sensible and just response on the part of His creatures.

Justification by Faith

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Whatever our past life has been, we may leave it all with Jesus. We may cast ourselves wholly and completely upon the mercy and love of Him whose hands were nailed to the cross for us. Like the paralytic, by faith we may accept the assurance, "Son, daughter, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

But this faith of ours must reach out and grasp more than forgiveness. It must accept freedom from sin. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus," said the angel to Joseph: "for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

And John the beloved disciple wrote, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

"It [the gospel of Christ]," declared the apostle Paul, "is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). The plan of salvation provides freedom not only from the

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guilt of sin but also from its power and presence in our lives.

God's testimony concerning Abraham is: "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Gen. 26:5).

And how was Abraham enabled thus to obey God fully? "By faith Abraham . . . obeyed" (Heb. 11:8).

In other words, that same faith that brought to Abraham forgiveness and justification, brought also enabling power for victorious living.

Some have contended that faith releases Christians from obeying the law. "Do we then make void the law through faith?" asked the apostle Paul when confronted with this idea. "God forbid," he quickly responded: "yea, we establish the law" (Rom. 3:31).

True faith in Christ, instead of freeing us from the observance of God's law, serves as evidence of the binding obligation of that law which makes the grace of Christ necessary.

But sanctification is a growing process; a lifelong continuing procedure. As we continually feed on the Word, and fully accept it by faith, we experience the fulfillment of the new covenant promise: "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" (Heb. 10:16). And then we can truly say with the psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Ps. 40:8).

Looking at it another way, the apostle Paul says, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (Col. 2:6). Or, as Paul again says, we "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Christ provided a way whereby "the righteousness of the law . . . [may be] fulfilled in us" (Rom. 8:4).

Paul was describing the transaction that may be termed imparted righteousness, when he wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Are we longing for such an experience? We must have it to qualify for participation in God's new, clean universe.

Attaining to it may involve a real battle. It may be necessary for us to wrestle long hours with God for victory. Jacob of old had such an experience (see Gen. 32:1-30). "His [Jacob's] victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. . . . [But] wrestling with God—how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 621.

Like Jacob, we will have to say with all the earnestness and faith we can muster—yet in utter humility—"I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

The final secret? "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). □

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"By faith Abraham . . . obeyed" (Heb. 1:18).

Severing Worldly Attachments

The friendly critic agreed that the pastor was right. No longer did he insist that the church's standards be lowered.

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

INSTRUCTION to the baptismal class concerning certain attachments that must be severed before one is ready to be baptized and join the church now is given.

“When you come into the church you are, of course, prepared in general to abandon whatever is wrong. In particular, in accordance with this principle, you are to abandon or surrender:

“1. The supreme love of property or money. This is not enlarging on what Christ commanded. Rather is it a plain essential of Christianity. Our Lord declared, ‘Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple’ (Luke 14:33). Again He said, ‘Ye cannot serve God and mammon.’ Under inspiration Paul wrote of ‘covetousness, which is idolatry.’ And no idolater has any inheritance in God’s kingdom. The first disciples were required to forsake all they had to follow Him. Whatever Paul had of property, of learning, of talent, of standing, that was valuable, he was ready to surrender all for Christ. ‘I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord’ (Phil. 3:8).

“Clearly, then, if you are not ready to include your property, your money, your all, in your surrender to God; if you are not prepared to use it to do good and benefit man as He may require; if it is not your purpose in regard to this to do just what God requires, you are not prepared to join the church.

“2. You are to abandon any evil course of life. That is clear. Not only great vices are to be given up, but every form of evil. No one expects to bring habits of gross evil into the church. But all that is false and evil is also to be forsaken. Not only is profanity to be given up, but falsehood and deception of every sort. The Christian is to be a man of strict, uncompromising truth and honesty. If worldlings about him practice deception in matters of price or with respect to quality; if they do not always fulfill their pledged word; if they say they are not at home

when they are home; no matter: the Christian is to be like Jesus Christ, and is to say and do, or instruct others to say and do, only what He would.

“So, when you come into the church be prepared to be a man of uncompromising truth and integrity. No matter what your profession, your zeal, your attendance at services may be, the Christian *is to be an honest man.*

“3. You are to abandon your evil associates. If your companions have been worldlings, antagonistic to Christianity, pleasure-loving, and frivolous; if they have been seen most frequently at the dance, the theater, and the card game; then, as companions they are now to be forsaken, and you are to seek and find your associates among the followers of the Lord Jesus. To the followers of Christ you are to say, as Ruth to Naomi, ‘Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.’ You are to continue intimate companionship with your former friends only in the necessary home and business relationships, or in those relationships necessary to bring them to Christ.

“If this should—and it often will—subject you to their scorn, their ridicule, and their hatred, this you are to endure as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. If you cannot endure it then question the genuineness of your love for your Redeemer. If you decidedly prefer the companionship of the worldly and pleasure-seeking to that of the lowly friends of Christ, this reveals where your heart really is, and demonstrates it has not been surrendered to Christ. How will you be prepared for the society of the world to come when you have no love for the fellowship of Christians here? If you prefer a ballroom, or dance, or card party, or theater, to a prayer meeting, if you prefer the worldly conversation of the frivolous and gay, or even the scientific and literary, to conversation about the truth of God and the coming glories of the new earth, you are not prepared to unite in fellowship with the Christian church.

“4. You should be prepared to give up even your dearest and closest loved ones after the flesh, and, if necessary, forsake them for Christ. On this point our Lord was more explicit and positive than on any other requirement for becoming His follower. ‘If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple’ (Luke 14:26). ‘He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is

Alone

By ANN ELISE BURKE

*I'm coming back,
reaching out my hand, Lord,
asking You to forgive me once again
for thinking I could walk my way alone.
I look up
and see You standing there
telling me You knew I'd come
and that You've been missing me
for a long, lonely time.*

Carlyle B. Haynes (1882-1958) was an evangelist, author, and administrator. This article appeared in the REVIEW shortly before his death.

not worthy of me' (Matt. 10:37). Christian discipleship will not permit even the closest ties of nature and blood and affection to come between the disciple and his Lord. If you are not ready to place your Lord above these ties you are not ready for church membership.

"5. You are to abandon any calling, profession, work, engagement, or service, however lucrative and advantageous it may be, which is out of harmony with the Bible, or with good morals. If you are not willing for this you should not enter the Christian church. You may be on the high road to honor and wealth, but pursuing an evil manner of life. You are to abandon such a course, no matter what it costs, before you unite with the church.

Example in Ephesus

"Any business that is contrary to the teachings of Christianity, or that corrupts mankind, or that requires a departure from the most rigid morality and honesty, is to be abandoned by a Christian. In ancient Ephesus there were men who practiced occult arts, and were devoted to this as a business. They were converted. The first thing they did was to bring together their occult books and burn them before all men, amounting in value to 'fifty thousand pieces of silver,' thus giving public expression to their abhorrence of their former business. Being a follower of Christ involves this principle always. No man should connect himself with the Christian church who is not ready, at any sacrifice whatsoever, to abandon any business, however lucrative, which is evil and contrary to Christianity. The church needs no such members. It is better off without them.

"6. Allied to this is one more principle. When Saul of Tarsus was converted he was required to give up his own purpose for his life, abandon his own carefully made plans, and become a herald of the cross. He did it without a murmur of opposition. So it must be in your case. You will not enter the church with a proper spirit unless you are prepared to abandon anything you are now doing, if Christ requires it. Your present calling may be entirely lawful and useful. That is not the only factor to be considered. The great question is, What is God's will for you? He has a plan for your life. Thank God for that, and make it the supreme business of your life to find His plan and follow it. There is no satisfaction in life comparable to that which comes from just doing the will of God. Hold everything in life subordinate to that. Then you are ready for the lofty dignity of being a follower of Jesus Christ and for joining His church."

As the friendly critic walked home with the pastor after the meeting of the baptismal class, he was strangely silent. The pastor finally said:

"You see now the quality and the kind of material I am after to build into the fabric of this church. Are you still of the opinion I should lower such standards as these?"

"No, pastor, do not ever lower such standards. You have changed my thinking altogether. I was thinking in terms of enlarging the church by increasing its membership. But you are right. You were thinking in terms of making a finer church by improving the quality of its membership. Assuredly, if you continue to build in that fashion you will have a church that God will honor and prosper and bless. God bless you in your sound program." □

Concluded

The Time When Divine Help Is Nearest

By F. W. WERNICK

"To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest. They will look back with thankfulness upon the darkest part of their way. . . . From every temptation and every trial He will bring them forth with firmer faith and a richer experience."—The Desire of Ages, p. 528.

We were looking for land on which to locate a new church building in a large metropolitan area. After considerable search we found in a desirable area of the city a small but adequate lot, which was bounded on two sides by excellent transportation facilities. To us it appeared to be an ideal site for the new building.

However, we faced a problem. All of the deeds to the homes in that area contained a reservation that excluded all buildings except private dwellings. This meant that churches were excluded. We were told that if the neighbors within a certain radius of the lot signed a waiver to this exclusion, we would be permitted to build our church.

We spent several weeks securing waivers. Our success indicated to us that the Lord was helping us. Finally we had obtained the signatures of all the neighbors except six, and I was to meet with representatives of these on a Thursday evening. I anticipated no difficulty. In fact, in reporting to the church on the Sabbath preceding the meeting, I gave them encouragement that God was evidently leading us to buy this property. However, when I met with these people, they told me that they had agreed not to sign. This was a bitter disappointment, especially since several months had been involved in the negotiations. The refusal was difficult for us to understand, since all evidences seemed to indicate that God's hand was leading us.

However, we prayed for further guidance and began to search for other property. One day, about a month after our disappointment, the realtor, through whom we were negotiating, informed me that a four-acre property on the leading boulevard of the city was available at a reasonable price. But since the area in which it was situated was not well developed, we questioned the desirability of the site. The realtor was so convinced that it suited our needs that he purchased it in order to protect our interest and to give us time to make our decision. When finally we agreed to take it, he turned the property over to us for exactly what he had paid for it, plus the commission. Within a year we were offered nearly double the price. A church building has since been erected and has proved to be a blessing to the city and to the work of Seventh-day Adventists in that area.

What seemed to be a bitter experience turned out to be a great blessing.

The Church of God

The church exists not for
itself alone, but also
for those outside of it.

By **WALTER RAYMOND BEACH**

IN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ecclesiology (doctrine of the church) five steps lead from the individual believer to the worldwide organization of the church:

1. The local church, a united body of individual believers.

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2. The local conference or local field, a united body of churches in a state, province, or local territory.

3. The union conference, or union field, a united body of conferences or fields within a larger territory.

4. The division, a section of the General Conference, embracing local or union conferences or fields in large areas of the world field.

5. The General Conference, the general body embracing the church in all parts of the world.

Thus, beginning with the individual believer, we see in the church and in the local and union conference or mission organizations a relationship that unites the worldwide company of believers into one common body in the General Conference.

On the several structural levels appropriate organization has been developed. In each case, however, the leadership, as in the apostolic pattern, is vested in the elders (local and general) chosen by the people and ordained by the laying on of hands. The entire organizational structure, though in the full sense a church, operates according to a representative form of church government. This form of organization recognizes that authority in the church rests in the church membership, with executive responsibility delegated to representative

For the Younger Set

Mother Ford's Boys

By **AUDREY LOGAN**

MOTHER FORD had seven young sons, so you can imagine that she was kept busy. She had meals to cook, shirts to wash, the house to clean, and the shopping to do. The boys were lovable and lively, though it must be said that they were also noisy and sometimes naughty and that at times they annoyed Mother Ford.

For example, they would stuff into their trouser pockets such things as insects, bits of Plasticine, and sticky sweets. Every night Mother Ford would turn out these pockets and inspect the contents. Usually she said, "Ugh!" at what she saw!

She was strict with her boys. When it was time for meals they had to line up for the hand-washing ceremony before they sat down to eat. Woe betide anyone who didn't wash thoroughly; back to the sink he went.

They took turns to clear

the dishes from the table after meals and to wash them. Mother even taught them how to cook.

Beside the kitchen range Mother Ford hung a cane. When the brothers would begin to fight, Mother Ford never wasted time finding out who started the quarrel, she just brought the culprits in and gave them a smart rap over the hand with this "weapon."

"But it was Jim's fault," Jack would wail. "No, it wasn't, you started it and it's George's fault too," Jim would retort.

"Well you're all in it now, so you can all share the punishment," said Mother Ford, and *whack, whack, whack*, went the stick. "Now out you go and be good boys," said Mother cheerfully. And off they would trot.

Every day Mother Ford would gather her children together for worship. They would sit quietly as she told them a Bible story and then they would pray. The brothers all loved Jesus and

enjoyed going to church to hear more of His love for them.

Then one day Mother Ford became sick and had to stay in bed. Father was working away from home in another town at the same time, and he could not help.

"Now then, Bob," said Mother, "it's up to you. Since you are the oldest, get everyone organized."

Bob wondered how he could cope with all his younger brothers, even the tiny one. Then he remembered what Mother had taught them. The older boys cooked the meals, the medium-sized ones washed up, and the little ones kept out of the way! They all lined up to wash and put their clothes away.

From her bed Mother helped with advice when they needed it. They were all terribly busy, but when they got tired they went to her for encouragement and a cuddle.

When Mother got better she took over the household tasks again, but now the boys understood why she had to have rules to train her sons. By follow-

ing her instructions the home ran smoothly.

Mother Ford is dead now, but her sons grew up to be fine men. Two became ministers, and the others successful businessmen. Sometimes they think back on how they tried to dodge Mother's discipline, though, of course, they couldn't. They all agree that they owe their success to her love, trust, and firmness.

The Bible says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord. . . Honour thy father and mother; . . . that it may be well with thee" (Eph. 6:1-3). What a wonderful promise. Let us ever remember it.



bodies and officers for the governing of the church. On the practical operation of this representative form of government, Ellen G. White made this comment:

“Every member of the church has a voice in choosing officers of the church. The church chooses the officers of the state conferences. Delegates chosen by the state conferences choose the officers of the union conferences, and delegates chosen by the union conferences choose the officers of the General Conference. By this arrangement every conference, every institution, every church, and every individual, either directly or through representatives, has a voice in the election of the men who bear the chief responsibilities in the General Conference.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, pp. 236, 237.

Seventh-day Adventist church polity assigns and reserves certain specific responsibilities and prerogatives in church government to the several structural levels. Therefore, when differences arise in or between organizations and institutions, appeal to the next higher level of organization is proper until it reaches the General Conference in session or the Executive Committee at Annual Council. During the interim between sessions or councils, the Executive Committee constitutes the body of final authority on all questions where a difference of viewpoint may develop, whose decision may be reviewed at a session of the General Conference or an Annual Council of the Executive Committee.

The Highest Authority

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is the organizational whole of the world church, of “the people of God.” Therefore, “when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered.”—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 492.

New Testament writers use numerous figures of speech to characterize the nature of the total church, but these figures of corporate unity and solidarity with God in Christ have active reference to the mission and extension of the church. The whole vine grows; other sheep must be brought into the fold. The body increases through growth and is inwardly built up until the fullness of Christ is attained in the time of the consummation of God’s kingdom.

So the total church, including the institutions established by her as a projection of the church program, serves as the body of Christ in a worldwide ministry. Evidently, this body must not only sustain itself, it must also minister to all men, even as did Christ’s own body when He walked among men. Christ commissioned His followers to go into all the world, teaching and preaching, winning and baptizing “every creature” (Mark 16:15). The church exists, therefore, not for herself alone, but also for those outside of her. She must reach irresistibly beyond herself until the God of heaven will “set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed” (Dan. 2:44). Said Jesus, “The field is the world” (Matt. 13:38).

In Seventh-day Adventist ecclesiology, therefore, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is in a special, comprehensive sense the community of people called out by God, the total Seventh-day Adventist Church, organized and coordinated in God’s mission to the world. □

Fellowship of Prayer

Praising God for Blessings

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works” (Ps. 105:1, 2).

“Have any of us duly considered how much we have to be thankful for? . . . We too often forget that ‘every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.’ . . . Even in the night of affliction how can we refuse to lift heart and voice in grateful praise, when we remember the love to us expressed by the cross of Calvary? . . . If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer. We would abound more and more in the love of God and have more bestowed to praise Him for. . . Pray, pray earnestly and without ceasing, but do not forget to praise.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 315-317.

“Let us not cast away our confidence, but have firm assurance, firmer than ever before. ‘Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,’ and He will help us to the end. Let us look to the monumental pillars, reminders of what the Lord has done to comfort us and to save us from the hand of the destroyer. Let us keep fresh in our memory all the tender mercies that God has shown us—the tears He has wiped away, the pains He has soothed, the anxieties removed, the fears dispelled, the wants supplied, the blessings bestowed—thus strengthening ourselves for all that is before us through the remainder of our pilgrimage.”—*Steps to Christ*, p. 125.

► I have been joining in prayer with the Fellowship of Prayer for a long time. I was thrilled to see this column reappear in the REVIEW. I am thankful that prayers for my two children have been answered and they have been baptized. Praise the Lord, for I have seen Him work mightily in answered prayer.

I have had some trying experiences in the past six years, but God always helps in time of need. I am happy to be able to say we have a wonderfully faithful and loving God.—L. S., of New York.

► I am writing to thank you for praying with me for my grandson. I can see a change in his attitude, for which I praise God. Please continue to pray that he will be entirely reconciled to his wife and family.

I have another grandson who also needs our prayers at this time. He is becoming friendly with a worldly girl.

Thanks be to God for the power of prayer.—L. S., of California.

We are admonished by the Scriptures to “pray one for another” (James 5:16). This column is designed to encourage united prayer for personal, family, and church problems. The appointed time of prayer is at sunset each Friday evening. Participants believe “it is a part of God’s plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 525.

Portions of letters reporting answers to prayer will be published as space permits.

► For many years I have been praying for my two daughters to accept the Adventist faith. Now my older daughter has been baptized and is a church member. It is with a feeling of gratitude and great joy that I can express my thanks for answered prayer in her behalf. I am also grateful for the prayers of those who prayed with me.—S. S., of North Carolina.

► Several years ago we wrote requesting prayer for our son and daughter-in-law. The Lord wonderfully blessed in answer to the prayers for them.

Recently our daughter suffered a great disappointment and has become weak in the faith. We solicit the prayers of those who are remembering the Fellowship of Prayer on Friday evening. It is a comfort to us to know that others are praying with us.

We put our trust in a loving Saviour, who is interested in and concerned about our troubles, great or small.—Mr. and Mrs. M., of Missouri.

To Fight or Not to Fight

There is in existence a school of marital counseling that tells husbands and wives experiencing difficulties in their marriage to express their hostilities to each other with no holds barred. As one exponent of this theory says, "Verbal conflict between husband and wife is . . . highly desirable. Couples who fight together are couples who stay together—provided they know how to fight properly."

This therapy is based on the theory of catharsis, according to which one gets rid of negative feelings by expressing them. It teaches that if hostilities are not expressed they build up, producing negative effects on the one who holds them in.

Today, however, there are serious doubts on the part of certain psychologists and sociologists as to the effectiveness of catharsis by means of verbal conflict. Writing in the October *Woman's Day* under the heading, "If and When You Fight With Your Husband," Norman M. Lobsenz cites Dr. Murray A. Straus, professor of family sociology at the University of New Hampshire, as asserting "that aggressive leveling between spouses is not only of little use in dealing with family conflicts but may also be a dangerous oversimplification which could bring misery to the lives of millions." Asked questions such as, "Does 'letting it all hang out' really help a couple to get rid of their animosities toward each other? After a gut-level verbal attack can a husband and wife proceed to deal rationally with their differences?" Dr. Straus, according to Norman Lobsenz, responds with a resounding No.

Dr. Straus's position should come as an encouragement to Christians who have found it difficult to reconcile the aggressive-leveling school with Christian principles stated in Scripture. Instead of fighting back, the Christian is to turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39). He is to act under stress as Jesus acted: "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). Peter admonishes the Christian, "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing" (chap. 3:9).

Venting Anger Increases Hostility

According to Norman Lobsenz "Dr. Straus has found in his research (and that of many other experts) that venting anger verbally tends to *increase* rather than reduce hostility between spouses. . . . A main finding was that both wives and husbands almost always responded to harsh and hostile statements with others in the same vein. Only gentle, thoughtful and loving words produced conciliatory replies."

A second danger in aggressive leveling, according to Lobsenz, is the following: "When a person is encouraged to unleash aggressive emotions, he or she is increasingly likely to continue such behavior. Catharsis, it seems, has

some unexpected psychological side effects. For some people, points out University of Wisconsin psychologist Leonard Berkowitz, the 'feeling of well-being that comes from the release of tension is an immediate emotional reward that tends to strengthen aggressive responses.' In other words, when we do something that makes us feel good, we want to do it again. For others who feel it's not 'nice' to show anger, venting angry words and emotions causes increased anxiety—and that leads to more hostility. What happens in either event is much like what takes place in an atomic power plant called a breeder reactor: Every explosion, instead of using up nuclear fuel and slowing down the violent reaction, creates a larger supply of fuel that sets off more explosions."

Then there is the danger that the aggressive leveling may actually make it impossible for couples to solve their marital problems. "While some people can emotionally accept a lot of screaming and violent outbursts during a quarrel, others are dismayed or overwhelmed by it. Hurling pots or invective may not be overly upsetting to one spouse, but to the other, words or actions that go beyond certain limits can be shockingly hurtful. The discrepancy creates what Dr. Straus calls 'secondary conflict' between spouses. 'It can cause more antagonism than the original cause of the dispute,' he says."

What then is the alternative to aggressive leveling? If Christian spouses experience marital difficulties how should they deal with them? Obviously there is no single, simple solution. One thing is clear: They must not fight verbally or otherwise.

Supposing one spouse erupts, how should the other respond? The wise man directs, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1). Commenting on this scripture, Ellen White says, "If impatient words are spoken to you, never reply in the same spirit. Remember that 'a soft answer turneth away wrath.' Proverbs 15:1. And there is wonderful power in silence. Words spoken in reply to one who is angry sometimes serve only to exasperate. But anger met with silence, in a tender, forbearing spirit, quickly dies away."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 486.

For the spouse who discovers a defect in the other, the Scriptures have the following counsel, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:1, 2).

There are many scriptures setting forth alternatives to marital fighting:

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:12-14).

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10).

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Phil. 2:3).

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14, 15).

Of course, if the one who is assailed by a verbal barrage is at fault and has provoked the impatient words he should in the deepest humility confess his fault and seek amends.

For marriage partners, Ellen White has counsel that will help prevent crises or, in the event that a controversy has broken out, will point to ways in which it may be solved. "However carefully and wisely marriage may have been entered into, few couples are completely united when the marriage ceremony is performed. The real union of the two in wedlock is the work of the after years.

"As life with its burden of perplexity and care meets the newly wedded pair, the romance with which imagination so often invests marriage disappears. Husband and wife learn each other's character as it was impossible to learn it in their previous association. This is a most critical period in their experience. The happiness and usefulness of their whole future life depend upon their taking a right course now. Often they discern in each other unsuspected weaknesses and defects; but the hearts that love has united will discern excellencies also heretofore unknown. Let all seek to discover the excellencies rather than the defects. Often it is our own attitude, the atmosphere that surrounds ourselves, which determines what will be revealed to us in another. . . .

Marriage Not to Be Considered a Mistake

"Though difficulties, perplexities, and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union is a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Then marriage, instead of being the end of love, will be as it were the very beginning of love. The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is a foretaste of the joys of heaven."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 359, 360.

We are not suggesting, nor does Dr. Straus suggest, that spouses avoid a frank discussion of differences. While it is usually best to ignore petty differences, major differences should be aired, but always in the spirit of constructive understanding and due consideration for the other person's rights of individuality. If Christian spouses must level, they should do so in the spirit of forgiveness, love, and mutual admiration.

Thus, even though psychologists of the catharsis school can point to instances in which marriage tragedies have been averted by "letting it all hang out," for the Christian there is the more excellent way, the more effective way.

D. F. N.

for the hundreds of literature evangelists in East Africa who walk from hut to hut selling our literature.

After touring the publishing house, we rode with Brother Swan to the Kamagambo Secondary School and Teachers' College, about 40 miles away. This school is situated on a 60-acre property in one of the most fertile and beautiful areas of Kenya. Everywhere on the grounds are trees and flowers—eucalyptus, flamboyant, jacaranda, banana, roses, canna lilies, agapanthus, and bougainvillea. Principal of the school is J. N. Kyale, a national. Enrollment is about 400. Almost all the upper-level students are Adventists. The demand for teacher training is so great that of every 40 applicants, only one can be accepted.

At present the dining area is doubling as a chapel, as at the Rusangu school in Zambia, which I described last week. But I was pleased to note that a stone church is being erected. The stone, quarried only a few miles from the school, is of two major colors, pink and buff. Each block is about one foot square. Fortunately, this close to the equator the temperature varies little the year round, hence there will be no need for heat in the church. Nor will the stone require plastering on the inside. The walls will be plain stone, inside and outside.

Our visit to the school reminded us of the tragic death some months ago of the director of teacher training, Mrs. Dorita Lessard, a schoolmate of ours at Pacific Union College during the mid-1930's. Mrs. Lessard died as a result of an automobile accident on the same road we traversed between Kendu and Nairobi. Her replacement, Miss Ruby Ratzlaff, arrived early this week. Miss Ratzlaff, who writes for the REVIEW from time to time, previously served in the territory of this division, at Beirut, and in Pakistan.

Adventists who live in the homeland, in a familiar culture, blessed with a wide choice of friends, with modern conveniences, and without the threat of contagious diseases, should pause often to pray for their fellow workers and believers in lands where conditions are less favorable. And they should count it a privilege to share their financial resources. The apostle Paul considered himself a debtor to all who were without a knowledge of the gospel, and Adventists should see themselves in this same role, as stewards of God's mercies.

I thought of this as I talked with a father and mother who have sent their 11- and 14-year-old children to Beirut, to receive a Christian education. What a sacrifice! But then I learned that this same family had once had another child, a baby son born during the 11 years they served at Kendu. When the little fellow was only 2 1/2, he had contracted cerebral malaria. Seven hours later he died. Who can measure the sorrow of a loss like that? The spread of the gospel requires sacrifice, and some people truly are sacrificing. But should not we all, each in whatever way that God may impress us? Will the work in all the world be finished until the people of God everywhere place their all on the altar?

As Don Platt, business manager of Kamagambo, drove us back to Nairobi, we renewed our own dedication to the Advent message. What we do must be done quickly.

K. H. W.

Those Priceless First Three Years

The most effective and best "head start" that can be given a child is a contented prenatal period in which babies are lovingly anticipated while being happily nurtured by mothers on strictly temperate and balanced diets.

By ETHEL YOUNG

SINCE THE FOUNDATION for an adult character is laid during the first three years of one's life,¹ it seems wise to learn what should be taught to children before that early age.

Character is a word with an interesting history. Derived from the Greek language, it meant an "instrument for marking or engraving." Later, marks made by writers were called "characters." Today, we think of the word as referring to types of personality.

Character is developed from the way individuals relate to influences that come from experience. The formation of character begins before birth, as emphasized in the divine counsel given to the mothers of Samson and John,² and continues for many years.

Ellen White stated in 1880: "The basis of a right character in the future man is made firm by habits of strict temperance in the mother prior to the birth of her child. . . . This lesson should not be regarded with indifference."³ Later she added, "Especially does responsibility rest upon the mother. She, by whose lifeblood the child is nourished and its physical frame built up, imparts to it also mental and spiritual influences that tend to the shaping of mind and character."⁴

Much is written today in educational journals regarding Head Start programs in the United States and similar programs elsewhere. Mothers in Adventist homes should remember that the most effective and best "head start" that can be given a child is a contented prenatal

period in which babies are lovingly anticipated while being happily nurtured by mothers on strictly temperate and balanced diets. Because the nervous system can be engraved upon before a child's memory has been developed, Adventist mothers should be certain that the initial markings on their offspring are spiritual in nature. Herein lie the foundation stones of character.

At a time when nurseries and day-care centers are much in vogue, mothering is almost a lost art in some circles. Harold Shane, a prominent educator from Indiana University, wrote that by 1985 schooling will be from "womb to tomb."⁵ Indications show that this is already true in many Seventh-day Adventist families. Statistics show that there are more than twice as many working mothers today as there were in 1948.⁶ Indications are that the same ratio of working mothers can be found in the church. And what happens in the meantime to the character education of the children involved in such situations?

Scientists now declare that what happens to infants removed from their mothers is most significant. This conclusion has been reached after observing infant humans and experimenting with infant Rhesus monkeys. It is said that "if a Rhesus monkey is removed from its mother soon after birth, and reared in isolation for a long enough period, it will never be able to make normal relationships, either social or sexual, with its own kind. Moreover, when fully grown, it will show many of the disturbances of behavior which, in humans, are found to be in schizophrenia."⁷ If mother deprivation affects the mature life of a Rhesus monkey, how much greater will similar character damage be to an adult human!

Ellen White states: "Young children love society. They cannot, as a general thing, enjoy themselves alone, and the mother should feel that, in most cases, the place for her children, when they are in the house, is in the room she occupies."⁸

The Spirit of Prophecy has much to say about what

Love

By A. F. BROWN

A short paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13 in the positive

Love waits, and smiles,
And praises.
Love is low key and soft voiced,
Gentle and generous,
Good natured and forgiving;
Fleeing fraud but honoring the honest;
Quick to help and glad to trust;
Love looks for good,
Copes with everything,
And
Lasts forever.

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very young children should learn and who should teach them. Parents who exemplify consistent Christian lives are God's first choice for the teachers of their children.

Ellen White said, "When fathers and mothers realize how their children copy them, they will watch carefully every word and gesture."⁹ Yes, children imitate, and what they imitate constitutes their first lessons.

For the sake of example, suppose you had arranged to give your child to the church on his third birthday. You know that he will never live in your home again. What would you do to get your child ready?

Long years ago a mother named Hannah made such a promise. Because of the way she fulfilled her vow, she is considered as one worthy of a heavenly reward. "During the first three years of the life . . . [Hannah] carefully taught him [Samuel] to distinguish between good and evil. By every familiar object surrounding him she sought to lead his thoughts up to the Creator. In

fulfillment of her vow to give her son to the Lord, with great self-denial she placed him under the care of Eli the high priest, to be trained for service in the house of God. . . . His early training led him to choose to maintain his Christian integrity. What a reward was Hannah's! And what an encouragement to faithfulness is her example!"¹⁰

If the foundations of character training in your Adventist home were measured today in the scales of heaven, would they be found worthy or wanting? □

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Epecially for Women By BETTY HOLBROOK

For Mike's Sake

SCENE 1: Michael, Mommy, and Daddy are visiting at Grandma's. Dinner is being served in the dining room and the conversation is lively. In his enthusiasm to tell Grandma something 2-year-old Michael bumps his glass of milk, knocking it over and spilling it on Grandma's beautifully laundered tablecloth and on the carpet.

SCENE 2: Mommy has just finished scrubbing and waxing the kitchen floor. The liquid wax is still wet when the telephone rings and Mommy runs to answer it in another part of the house. Michael runs in from the sandbox looking for Mommy, runs through the kitchen leaving the inevitable traces of sand and 2-year-old's tracks all across the kitchen floor.

SCENE 3: Michael and Mommy are eating alone. Mommy serves Michael cottage cheese (one of his favorites), but for some reason Michael is pouty today and feeling out of sorts. He knows he shouldn't, but, sneaking a glance to see if Mommy is busy, he triumphantly dumps the cottage cheese on the floor, splattering table and chair legs in one simple operation.

Maddening? Yes. But is there really a difference in

the three "catastrophes"?

Has anyone ever escaped the embarrassment of spilling something on a freshly laundered tablecloth, or even on a carpet? Two-year-olds have feelings too, and an accident is unintentional, whether you're an uncoordinated 2 or a poised 22 or 42.

Scene 2 wouldn't cause a celebration either, but little Michael, intent on finding Mommy, just didn't notice that the floor was wet.

Scene 3, however, is different. While the damage may not be as great, there's a glint in Michael's eye that clearly says, "I'm guilty. I wonder if I'll get away with this one?"

The spilled milk and kitchen tracks could hardly go unnoticed. Little boys can be reminded gently and kindly that it is wise to be careful with glasses of milk and that it might be a good idea to keep an eye open for freshly waxed floors. It might even be a good idea to have them help clean up the damage, if it is possible. It's all a part of growing up and learning to be thoughtful and careful. But when little boys clearly disobey, as in the case of the cottage cheese, it's time for action. This is the time to "bend the

twig." *There is a lot of difference between accidents, innocence, and willful disobedience.*

There are numberless ways to punish, of course. Spanking is just one way, but whatever form of punishment we choose, it should fit the "crime." Some children are sensitive, their characters easily molded. Others take all the ingenuity we can muster.

Whichever way we choose, it must be done with kindness, tenderness, and love, letting the child know we have confidence in him. The confidence we express is a part of teaching self-respect. The consistency with which we discipline is part of that magic security that we hear so much about these days.

One of the many reasons children feel insecure is that they never know just what to expect from Mother and Dad. There is a security from knowing that certain types of behavior bring certain responses. When a home is governed by whim rather than by firm principle, a simple accident may become a major source of trauma, while a deliberate, premeditated sin may be passed over by a good-natured, for-the-moment, parent. That child grows up confused, unable to differentiate between accidental wrong and planned

wrong—real sin or catching someone in a bad mood. This is the child who usually gives up and draws the conclusion that anything he can get away with must be all right.

Discipline takes intelligent thought. The idea that motherhood (or fatherhood) is nothing more than glorified baby-sitting is one of the worst deceptions with which we have deluded ourselves. Training a child takes every year allotted to us, it takes wisdom, concern, patience, love, understanding, and persistence. Sometimes it will seem as futile as Beryl Pfizer pictured it: "Trying to mold a child's character is like building a sandcastle . . . just as you get it the way you'd like it, a wave comes in and washes it away."

But I would rather believe that molding a child's character is like sculpting in solid rock. It takes some hammering, some shaping, and a lot of polishing; but if we have worked with the skill and artistry of a master artist, there is a promise that we can claim: "Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life" (Prov. 22:6, T.E.V.).

So for Michael's (or Kathy's, or Brian's, or Candy's) sake it's worth everything we put into it. It's also worth it to the One who died for the little ones among us.

LLU Health Education Appeals to Ministers

By IRWIN CAMPBELL

A ONE-YEAR program leading to the Master of Science degree in Public Health is arousing a great interest beyond Loma Linda University in California, and it has a bright future. From around the world have come 45 ministers this year to enroll in the degree program.

Why are all these ministers working on a degree in health education?

Assistant Professor Reuben Hubbard, an evangelist and pastor for 15 years, but now a teacher at LLU training the preachers in church health education, outlines what is happening.

The minimum requirement for the M.S.P.H. degree is 48 quarter hours, but most pastors take about 60 hours of graduate work during the year's program. Almost all the pastors are sent at conference expense. Several foreign governments recognize the value of the training and are taking advantage of

Irwin Campbell is a retired Michigan University professor now living near Loma Linda. He is the PR secretary for the University church.

it. The cost of tuition is \$4,050 for the year, but conferences are given a one-third discount when they sponsor students.

"Six pilot programs in adult education are now under way," Mr. Hubbard states, "and they are conducted in churches near the LLU campus. These meet three times a week and continue for ten weeks. The advertising consists of an attractive printed folder delivered to homes near the church. A survey is made of the area interest in health problems. The local pastor presides over the meetings, and specialists in the various areas are on the panel.

"Usually a great stir of interest is aroused with the first meeting called 'Heart-beat.' At this time, under the supervision of a physician, blood is drawn and laboratory evaluation is made. After this the pastor and his team of church leaders continue the meetings, using available medical specialists," Mr. Hubbard continues.

The first half hour of each session deals with health, and the second half turns to edu-

cation from God's Word. These always go together. Diet, cholesterol, smoking, weight control, physical fitness, exercise, and stress control are all worked together methodically.

"We have found, the hard way," states Mr. Hubbard, "that many people in a community will not come to religious, revival, or evangelistic services in our churches, be it advertised ever so well. But when a personal or public health program is inaugurated, it draws citizens from every level."

After each health discussion the Scripture is unfolded by trained personnel. "It is the experience in many churches that after a health evangelism community program, the membership of that church doubles," Mr. Hubbard emphasizes.

Several young women are among those completing requirements for the degree. These health educator-Bible instructors will truly have an edge over conventional Bible instructors. They can work in public schools, service clubs, community organizations, churches, and medical societies to create an interest in the Adventist life-style. Then they can follow up the interest created, with Bible studies in the homes or in a group setting.

There are 45 full-time faculty members in the Loma

Linda University School of Health. Twelve of these are involved in the department of health education, which deals with health evangelism.

The program has been in progress at LLU since 1967, but this year it has expanded and is catching on around the globe. Excitement and genuine satisfaction are in evidence as this medical evangelism training effort grows.

VENEZUELA

Church Helps 800 Quit Smoking

George Carambot, president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, reported that during October a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was held in the city of Caracas, with an attendance of 1,300 smokers. At the close of the series 800 had quit smoking.

The Five-Day Plan preceded an evangelistic series conducted by Jose Osorio during the middle of October in that city. There are 1,200 persons attending the meetings each evening. Elder Osorio's team of workers and students from Colombia-Venezuela Union College are visiting the homes and studying with 200 persons who have already requested baptism.

CARLOS E. AESCHLIMANN
Ministerial Secretary
Inter-American Division



Ministers come from faraway places to earn the degree of Master of Science in Public Health at Loma Linda University in California. The course takes a full year of study. In the 1976 class are students from Japan, West Germany, Pakistan, Norway, Peru, Jamaica, Africa, Chile, Australia, Austria, and Canada, besides 14 States in the U.S.A. Assistant Professor Reuben Hubbard is at the left. About half the class is pictured here.

A Halliwell Plans Return to Brazil Service

By D. A. ROTH

WITHIN A YEAR the Amazon River in Brazil will once again have a Halliwell to do medical missionary work.

Marian Halliwell Ermshar, born in Bahia, Brazil, of well-known Adventist medical missionaries, Elder and Mrs. Leo Halliwell, will join her physician husband, Raymond, in returning to South America as overseas workers of the General Conference.

Dr. Ermshar and his family served in Brazil for seven years (1947 to 1954) before educational needs forced a return to their homeland. They decided then, however, that someday they would return to Brazil and continue their medical-missionary service.

According to David H. Baasch, a General Conference associate secretary, Dr. Ermshar, 59, will be director of medical services of the North Brazil Union Mission, with headquarters in Manaus. He still has a license to practice medicine in Brazil. It is expected that he will wind up his work in Modesto, California, within the next 12 months and be on his way to complete his professional career while serving God as an overseas medical missionary.

Mrs. Ermshar shares her husband's enthusiasm for future overseas medical service. "I grew up in Belém, Brazil, so of course I know the needs are great. My husband wants very much to be of service there, and I want to stand by him in every way I can."

Four children, in addition to his wife, support him in his decision. A daughter, Arlene, 27, teaches at Newbury Park Academy in California. Two sons, Stanley, 23, and Clifford, 21, are taking medi-

cine. The youngest, Jean, 19, is taking a prenursing course at Pacific Union College.

The California physician speaks fluent Portuguese, Spanish, German, English, and some French. All of these languages will help him as he relieves the suffering of people not only in the Amazon River region of Brazil but also in other areas of this South American nation.

Elder Baasch says that there are other needs for physicians in the territories for which he finds personnel for Adventist world divisions. "We have calls for medical workers in all parts of Inter-America," he said. "In South America most of our large hospitals are staffed by outstanding South Americans, but no local physicians are available in parts of Inter-America."

According to C. O. Franz, General Conference secretary, there are also needs for physicians in the Far East, Africa, India, Pakistan, and other countries.

For detailed information on the need for physicians to serve outside North America, write or call the Secretariat of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue N.W., Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012, phone (202) 723-0800.

RHODESIA

Students Build Home for Family

Lower Gwelo College students and teachers near Gwelo, Rhodesia, turned tears into smiles when they built a new home for a family of ten, who had been completely burned out on the night of September 24.

Food, clothing, and bedding were supplied immediately, but with the rainy season due to start in a few days, it was apparent that some sort

of shelter would be needed immediately.

After some consultation, two teachers, Don Ogilvie and Mike Duncan, swung into action. They had been teaching their manual arts students how to lay bricks and do simple construction. Now was a good opportunity for these young men to show what they had learned and at the same time demonstrate their love.

The burned-out family are now proud possessors of a new home, even better than

the one that burned. They have also witnessed love in working clothes.

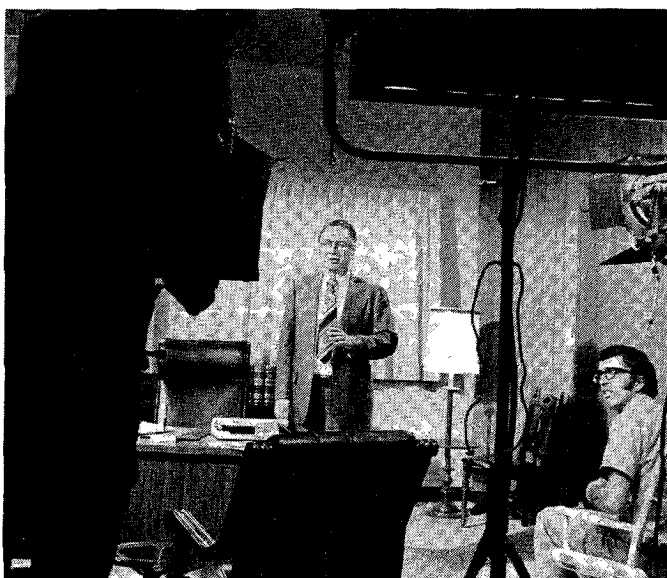
This demonstration of compassion has created much good will in the surrounding area. On a recent Sabbath morning, after the completion of the new home, the local headman appeared at the college church to thank the members for their deed of kindness.

DALE M. INGERSOLL
Communication Director
Zambesi Union



Top: Two boys, members of a family of ten, stand in the ruins of their burned-out home near Lower Gwelo College, Rhodesia. Bottom: Manual arts students from the college built a new brick home for the family.

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William A. Fagal, founder and director of Faith for Today, is filmed giving a summary of one of the current "Westbrook Hospital" episodes.

New Programs, Courses at Faith for Today

By PHILIP MOORES

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Radio-Television-Film Center in Newbury Park, California, has a tremendous opportunity to supplement the work of the church by giving God's message through the medium of television. Studies indicate that people obtain approximately .5 per cent of what they learn through the sense of touch, 2 per cent through the sense of smell, 7.5 per cent through the sense of taste, 10 per cent through hearing, and 80 per cent through sight. Television combines sight with the audible message to make a powerful impression in presenting the good news of salvation.

Jesus used several methods of teaching. There were times when He used parables only. Many times He pointed to the flowers of the field, to the sower of the seed, to a wedding procession, to a prodigal son, to a good Samaritan, to illustrate His message. Television can make the

same lessons come alive today.

Ellen G. White has counseled that the medical missionary approach should be used to plant seeds of truth in people's minds. Faith for Today prepares programs that will reach the secular man and is creating telecasts with a difference—programs that sparkle with good dialog and radiate a Christian influence. The aim is to demonstrate the love of Jesus and show how He can put lives back together again. Every skill available is used by Producer Don Dick in the current "Westbrook Hospital" series to meet the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to the unchurched through television. Pastor William A. Fagal, acting as host, guides each telecast toward a positive response from viewers.

Associated with the telecast is a Bible school offering a variety of courses, and an evangelistic association that conducts public meetings where many are led to give their hearts to Jesus.

Faith for Today has been

blessed with the services of good writers for new Bible courses. These authors have visualized the unusual events that are taking place in the world, relating them to Bible prophecy and enabling students easily to grasp Bible truths.

A student of the Bible school wrote, "I bless the day I saw Faith for Today and wrote for the Bible course. I was baptized recently. Now I rejoice over the way God has led." Thousands already could write the same thing, for a quarter million people have completed Faith's courses, and well over 25,000 persons have united with the church through this ministry.

Two new courses have been prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Fagal. The title of the new adult course is "Living Faith," by Roland Hegstad. Lesson titles include "God, Where Are You?" "The Real Happening," and "The Energy Crisis."

Another Bible series prepared for the earliteens by Marjorie Lewis Lloyd is called "You Take the Wheel." It is a unique approach to Bible study, paralleling the learning experience with that of driving a car. These lessons will be shared with the Voice of Prophecy and other components of the SDA Radio-Television-Film Center. Earliteens have a keen interest in cars and driving and so will find the lessons and their titles intriguing. Some of the titles are: "The Angel Who Thought He Could Drive," "Park Your Car at the Space Port," "He Never Drove a Car," "Look Who's Driving," "Temporary License," "Road Map to the Future," "Parking Nickels," and "Choice at the Cloverleaf." Earliteens will be helped through the lessons to sense God's purpose for their lives.

A children's telecast is being developed, which is designed to reach boys and girls of the 6- to 12-year-old group, some of whom are spending as much as 20 hours a week in front of a TV set. The goal is to win young hearts to Jesus.

Television is one of the most influential mediums at the church's disposal, and Faith for Today is endeavoring to use it as a missionary outreach. Church members can help by praying for Faith for Today, inviting neighbors and friends to watch the telecast, enrolling people in the new Bible course, nurturing the developing interests, and giving financial help to keep the program going.

The budget is the major deterrent to expansion at the present time, but Faith for Today staff members are looking forward to February 14, when a special Faith for Today offering is to be collected and church members will be invited to support the telecast.

LEBANON

Non-SDA's Attend Beirut Meetings

In Beirut, Lebanon, where previously there has been indifference to Adventism, the public is now packing Seventh-day Adventist churches, inquiring and searching for any word from the Lord.

Prayers are punctuated by explosions, but the people pray in sincerity. Hymns are accompanied by the whine of flying bullets, but the people sing with meaning. The noise of machine-gun fire gives confirmation and significance to the words of the preacher, Borge Schantz, as he unravels the prophetic predictions of world unrest and points his audience to God's solution for all of man's ills. Each night, six nights a week, the congregation silently hangs on the closing words and benediction of the preacher, "Go carefully, and God go with you." Simple words, oft repeated, but now pregnant with meaning.

The vital issues of salvation and accountability are no longer ignored as irrelevant. The role of Christ as the conqueror of death and the guardian of sleeping saints now carries great comfort. No one sleeps as the Scriptures are studied.

Nightly R. Jon Green ex-

plains the close relationship between health and spirituality, offering simple remedies and outlining nature's methods of preventing disease. The physical and spiritual prescriptions for the ills of mankind are blended in the evangelistic presentations. The events of the past few months have great significance for Adventist students of prophecy.

Few people venture out into the streets of Beirut these days, so the streets are often deserted. Banks and stores remain closed for days at a time. Wayside stalls are springing up here and there on the outskirts of the city as shopkeepers attempt to operate some form of business and provide for the needs of the inhabitants. At sunset the streets become deserted and quiet from lack of traffic but reverberate with the sounds of fighting. Sleep is fitful or impossible, and gradually families move away, seeking shelter in quieter areas. Nevertheless, church leaders in Beirut have been happy that even though many public gatherings have ceased, the evangelistic series is drawing many people out to study God's Word.

Although the opening of the school year for Middle East College was delayed a few days, it is continuing to operate each day with about half the normal enrollment. One hundred and twenty-five students representing many nationalities are present. The college bakery, operated by Herbert Faimann, Viennese pastry chef, daily supplies bread to the city stores that market its products. Destitute and homeless people in the city are receiving gifts of wholesome bread and provisions in cooperation with police and Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services.

Many of the students have volunteered blood to replenish the depleted blood banks in nearby hospitals. Ralph Koorennny, president, and Ignatius Yacoub, academic dean, are leading out in taking care of the many problems so that students may enjoy fairly normal school conditions. To the discerning

eye God's protection and providence are evident in many ways.

Church members in Lebanon are grateful for the prayers on their behalf, the messages of good will and encouragement received from their fellow believers, and the tons of relief supplies they have received and shared with their neighbors.

C. D. WATSON
President
Afro-Mideast Division

COSTA RICA

Ten Young Men Are Ordained

Ten young men were ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, November 22, to climax the quadrennial ministerial council of the Central American Union. N. R. Dower, General Conference Ministerial secretary, gave the ordination sermon; Carlos Aeschlimann of the Inter-American Division led in the ordination prayer. The charge and welcome to the ministry were given by David H. Baasch of the General Conference, and Robert Folkenberg, Central American Union president. Gift Bibles and

certificates of ordination were presented by Aristedes Gonzales, union secretary.

The council was held on the campus of the Central American Vocational College near San Jose, Costa Rica. Large plans were laid for evangelism for 1976 and for the quin-quennium. A total of 6,545 persons baptized was re-

ported through October, 119 per cent of the goal for 1975. B. L. Archbold, Inter-American Division president, challenged the workers to "bring our Lord a Christmas gift of 500 additional baptisms by December 31, 1975."

C. E. BRADFORD
Associate Secretary
General Conference



SDA'S RELIEVE MEXICO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Following a destructive earthquake on October 7 in Chiapa de Corzo, Chiapas, Mexico, the administrators of the South Mexican Mission, with financial assistance from the Mexican Union and the Inter-American Division, immediately organized a team to give assistance to those who had lost their possessions. Relief supplies were distributed in Chiapa de Corzo, Amatal, America Libre, Cupia, Salvador Urbina, and other villages in the earthquake zone. Since there is no organized Adventist work in this area, the relief team gave spiritual counsel as well as material assistance.

DANIEL SOSA R.
Communication Director, Mexican Union



41 CONVERTS ARE BAPTIZED IN RANGOON

The Rangoon, Burma, church held an evangelistic crusade during the month of October under the leadership of U. Saw, pastor, and V. Kipzanang, Burma Union Ministerial secretary. All the union officers, departmental secretaries, and church members assisted in this crusade, and the attend-

ance and results were encouraging to them.

At the conclusion of the crusade, on November 8, 41 persons were baptized into the Rangoon Central church. This was the largest number baptized at once in the church's history.

PE YEE
SDA Church, Rangoon, Burma

Sabbath Problem Is Solved for Filipino

By C. O. GRAVINO

LAYMEN in Iloilo City, Philippines, recently witnessed the baptism of 15 persons into the church as a result of their crusade in Don Esteban Village, Lapuz, Iloilo City. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Virgilio Pollona.

Mr. Pollona for some years had been a leader of the Cur-sillo Movement (Catholic revival movement) in Don Esteban Village. Because of his deep religious affiliation, the local priest made him his assistant in his parish. A good speaker, Mr. Pollona often was asked to preach, especially during Lenten season.

When Seventh-day Adventists conducted the crusade in Don Esteban Village, Mr. Pollona's religious activities changed, for the nightly messages attracted him. When a call was made he was one of the many who decided to be baptized.

His greatest problem to overcome before joining the church was in connection with Sabbathkeeping, for the engineering shop in which he works is open Monday through Saturday, and the bulk of the business is conducted on Saturday.

When the company's executive vice-president from the main office in Manila came to Don Esteban Village, Mr. Pollona saw this as his opportunity to request Sabbaths off. The Manila official was busy perusing the company's papers when Mr. Pollona came in and presented his request. Attentively the official listened, and finally he said, "I thought you wanted money, because that is what the workers here ask when I am around, but your request is different. As vice-president of this company, I have to give you your Sabbaths off, because this request is not yours, but God's."

"Thank you, sir," answered Mr. Pollona, "but what about my weekly pay, which I usually collect on Saturday? Payday always has been on Saturday."

"Then I will call a special conference with the local management to arrange everything for you," the vice-president assured him.

Immediately a conference was called. Local officials didn't want to disrupt their payroll program, which had been running smoothly. However, the vice-president, a man of conviction, firmly said, "Gentlemen, this man's request is not his. It is God's. If you will not grant it, a curse will come to this company. Make a separate payroll for Mr. Pollona. He can be depended on." When the meeting adjourned, Mr. Pollona was told that he would be paid at a different time from the others.

With tears in his eyes, Mr. Pollona praised and thanked the Lord for this experience, which assured him of the Lord's leading.

AUSTRALIA

Council Hears of Membership Growth

Reports from the unions during the annual council of the Australasian Division executive committee indicate that 1975 was Australasia's best year ever in soul winning.

The annual council was held in Wahrenona, New South Wales, November 25 to 27. W. L. Pascoe, General Conference assistant treasurer, and Cree Sandefur, Pacific Union Conference president, were special delegates to the council from the United States.

Papua New Guinea Union Mission representatives reported that the union expected to baptize more than

4,000 during 1975. Giving his final report as president of the union, the retiring O. D. F. McCutcheon said that advance was seen on every front in the union. He said that Seventh-day Adventists have the only significant private education program in the country, a program for which the church receives no government financial aid whatsoever. Pastor McCutcheon expressed appreciation to church members for their financial aid and Appeal for Missions support.

It was not until 1934 that Seventh-day Adventists began their work in the highlands of New Guinea, and yet today of the almost 50,000 Seventh-day Adventists in Papua New Guinea, approximately 15,000 are in the high-

lands. Some 2,400 have already been baptized in the highlands this year.

Throughout the Pacific Island Mission field evangelism is booming, particularly in the fast-growing and newly developing towns and cities. In Suva, Fiji, almost 200 have already been baptized this year as the result of the public evangelistic crusades of Aisake Kabu, supported by a team of lay workers. Churches in the towns and cities of the Pacific islands have very real overcrowding problems.

During the council, strong plans were laid for total evangelism throughout the division during 1976.

M. G. TOWNEND
Communication Director
Australasian Division



Top: Two women took their places as lay members of the Australasian Division executive committee in November. They are Mareta Grace, left, of Sydney, Australia, and Yvonne Roberts, of Hobart, Tasmania. Bottom: O. D. F. McCutcheon, center, retiring Papua New Guinea Union Mission president, discusses an agenda item with Joseph Mave, union associate secretary. To the left is L. Oli, Central Papuan Mission president.

C. O. Gravino is press relations officer of the West Visayan Mission.

ITALY

Donations Reduce Price of Book

A complete edition in Italian of *The Great Controversy* will be published soon at the Italian Publishing House, to replace an abridged edition that has been in use for more than 30 years.

As people today face serious problems, Italian Adventists feel that *The Great Controversy*, which explains the origin and cause of all these difficulties, can help the 55 million Italians understand them and find the solution and salvation in Jesus.

The publishing house committee's decision to print this important Spirit of Prophecy volume filled the plant's workers with enthusiasm. But when the costs were reckoned—translation, checking, setting-up, printing, binding, and so on, the selling price was astonishingly high—15,000 lira (US\$24) for each bound copy. Literature evangelists and church members felt that it would be very difficult to ask such a high price for a religious book.

The publishing house manager thought over the matter, discussed it with several colleagues, and prayed, fully confident that God would find a solution—it is His work after all!

And the Spirit of the Lord did work. One afternoon a press worker asked to speak to the manager. He felt the need of doing something personally to solve the problem. He asked whether, if he worked 50 hours without pay on the book, the price could be lowered. On receiving an affirmative reply from the manager, he asked the latter to make a note of his willingness to work these hours, and then left.

Half an hour later the same worker came back, saying he had spoken about the matter to some other employees. All had felt the need of cooperating in the same way, and he brought a list of workers with the number of hours each had volunteered without pay to reduce the cost price. This list meant that the manager could reckon on more than

400 hours of volunteer labor.

Meanwhile, a newsprint salesman, learning of the project, succeeded in finding paper 25 per cent cheaper than the estimated cost.

God continued to act. A young man, who during the holidays worked in the dispatch room, brought an envelope containing 5,000 lira that he had saved from his meager salary. An Italian brother living in Australia was impressed to send 30,000 lira for this book. A sister in the Florence church came to the manager, saying that she had told her parents what the Lord was doing on behalf of this book and they had gathered between them 13,500 lira.

A retired sister brought 10,000 lira for this good cause. A publishing house worker who spent a Sabbath in another church, where he mentioned the enthusiasm generated for the book, came back with two gifts each of 10,000 lira. Another sister promised to send 50,000 lira. And so the flow of contributions continued.

The conference committee, impressed by this spirit of self-sacrifice, could not help following suit. It voted a special appropriation of 500,000 lira from evangelistic funds. The publishing department could not hold back either, and its director donated another half million lira.

A subsidy from the Ellen G. White Estate arrived as promised, and turned out to be more than anticipated. A brother from outside of Italy has promised a considerable amount by returning to the institution the payment for a job he performed for it.

At this point, publishing house leaders restudied the accounts and noted how God had answered their prayers and manifested His interest in this book. The result is that the price can be reduced from 15,000 lira to 10,000 lira for the bound edition, and the paperback will not cost more than 6,000 lira. These steps will enable the publishing house to print *The Great Controversy* quickly.

I. RIMOLDI
Director

Italian Publishing House

Dateline Washington By F. C. WEBSTER

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION. The first days of January brought together in Washington members of the Board of Higher Education. This organization, established a few years ago, rules on programs, curriculums, management costs, and other matters vital to the well-being of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities operating in the North American Division.

Several other matters of special concern relating to church and institutional autonomy were studied by the board, among them: restricted government aid received by our institutions; church reaction to efforts by the Health, Education, and Welfare Department of the United States Government to move into the field of institutional accreditation; and problems that arise when government agencies use social legislation to interfere with educational policy.

REORGANIZATION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION. The General Conference Transportation Service, which operates as an integral appendage to the General Conference Treasury, has sensed the need in recent years for more adequate handling of its overseas freight shipments.

These services have chiefly benefited missionary families who are appointed to overseas posts and institutions, carrying on their witness in lands where needed supplies are not available.

Neil Litchfield, who has served ESDA Sales so effectively for many years, has been asked to join the Treasury Department as director of this service.

Space has been provided nearby in the old Review and Herald warehouse in Takoma Park. With these more ample facilities, reorganization of administration, and capable management, we are sure that the improved service that this arrangement will provide will be welcomed by the world field.

LAY EVANGELISM RESEARCH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE. Early in January the North American Lay Evangelism Research and Planning Committee held its annual meeting in Washington. This committee receives, filters, and processes ideas, manuscripts, and programs suggested by individuals across the North American continent. Its membership reflects the thinking of different departments, geographical areas, and ethnic groups.

The terms of reference of the committee are: (1) Develop plans for new approaches and suggest tools for lay evangelism; (2) coordinate Bible correspondence schools (Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, It Is Written, and other courses being offered); (3) make suggestions for coordinated lay evangelism on a division level, and streamline the evangelistic thrust of North American laymen; (4) research, plan, and arrange for field testing lay evangelistic materials, projects, and tools; (5) suggest new concepts and programs for training laymen.

VISITORS. Recent visitors to the General Conference office included T. T. Billings, director of the lay activities, Sabbath school, and communication departments of the Caribbean Union; Elder and Mrs. Ivan Crowder, long-time missionaries to the Inter-American Division, now retired; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butscher, active church members from Lansing, Michigan.

Euro-Africa

- The annual meeting of the three European SDA seminary leaders and educational consultants was held on December 8 at Newbold College in England. Discussion centered on the better preparation of English-, French-, and German-speaking ministers.
- Church members in the Swiss Union have been active in welfare work on a large scale recently. Almost six tons of clothing were sent to Lisbon, Portugal, for Angolan refugees, and, in addition, the German Swiss Conference sent one and a half tons and the French Swiss Conference sent a half ton of warm clothing to Madagascar.

North American

Atlantic Union

- Approximately 150 students from the academies in the Atlantic Union attended the music clinic held at Atlantic Union College in October. The purpose of the annual clinic was to help academy musicians develop their individual and ensemble skills.
- Guy Lightbourne, of Bermuda, a lad in his midteens, had an urge to do something about his religion, so he outfitted a small building about 8-by-15 feet with a pulpit and some pews and invited the neighborhood children to attend Sabbath afternoon services. Guy listened attentively to what was said and done during the church services he attended on Sabbath mornings, then he preached in his backyard church in the afternoons. Guy's small chapel is complete with curtains at the windows and flowers on the table in front of the pulpit.
- Recently joining the Community Services staff of the Greater New York Conference is Valter Szoboszlai, driver of the conference hypertension-screening van, as well as assistant in the conference clothing warehouse. Valter is a registered nurse from Brazil, and his wife,

Iris, is from Santo Domingo. Both Valter and his wife speak three languages—Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

- Recently four It Is Written Revelation seminars were held in the Greater New York Conference. The attendance at each seminar exceeded the advance registrations by approximately 25 per cent. The seminars were held in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and in the conference Adventure in Faith outpost for 1975, Riverhead, Long Island. Total attendance at the all-day seminars was nearly 600.

- Recently the literature evangelists of the Northern New England Conference conducted an intensive door-to-door visitation program in Berlin, New Hampshire, with emphasis on souls rather than sales. The program resulted in 207 people signing up for the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, 67 for the Bible course, 20 for the youth Bible course, and 28 people requesting a pastoral visit.

Central Union

- During a series of meetings conducted in the Wichita, Kansas, church, by Gordon T. Blandford, 54 persons were baptized.

- Under the leadership of H. L. Yates, the Eureka, Kansas, congregation began construction on a new church building during the latter part of November. It is anticipated that the building will be completed in four months.

- The first of three witness-training workshops in the North American Division will be held February 29 to March 4 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Plans are now under way to organize the laymen in the area for thorough and complete follow-up of the interested persons contacted during the training program involving four unions.

- Wyoming literature evangelists have the highest average sales per capita in North America—50 cents for every man, woman, and child in the State. The aver-

age for North America is 16 cents per person. This means that the Wyoming Conference has more than three times the national average.

- Eleanor A. Krogstad has assumed the position of elementary supervisor in the Central Union Conference.

Columbia Union

- Melvin Hale, New Jersey Adventist Book Center manager and director of the conference Association Trust Services, has retired, but will continue to reside in Trenton.

- Manuel Rosado has joined the Potomac Conference publishing department as assistant director for the Spanish work. Thirty persons have responded to serve as literature evangelists with Spanish publications.

- The Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, church school is expected to be completed in June. It will be an air-conditioned three-room school with room for 140 students.

- Members of the Tiffin, Ohio, church celebrated the church's twenty-fifth anniversary November 15.

- The Community Services emergency unit of the Parkersburg, West Virginia, church dispensed hot soups and sandwiches during a ten-day search for a woman missing and presumed dead. Mrs. June Parker, of the Ross Memorial church, Walker, West Virginia, organized the emergency aid.

- Students from Columbia Union College entertained and served Thanksgiving dinner to some 250 senior citizens residing in Takoma Towers, Takoma Park, Maryland. The students skipped a supper meal to underwrite the cost of the occasion.

Lake Union

- Five students from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, in Illinois, received scholarships totaling \$1,000 from the hospital's Medical Distaff on December 4. The students receiving the scholarships are from the schools of nursing,

radiology, licensed practical nursing, and medical technology.

- Two new churches have been organized in Detroit, Michigan. The Korean church has 39 charter members and is pastored by Pong-Wee Im, former secretary of the Korean Union Mission. The Spanish church was organized with 32 members, 17 of whom were baptized recently. Raul Gonzales is leading out in this church.

Northern Union

- Six hundred guests attended the open house held in November by New London, Minnesota, church members. The structure was built in 1904 at a cost of \$2,400; 71 years later it took more than \$100,000 to remodel it. The church, on the shores of the Mill Pond in New London, hosted an evangelistic campaign by the Coulter-Knight team shortly after the open house. Three persons were baptized and more than 20 are studying with the pastor.

- More than 45 people have joined the Stevens Avenue and Southview churches in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the result of the Coulter-Knight evangelistic campaign concluded in October.

- The Thief River Falls, Minnesota, church recently dedicated its new Community Services center. The mayor of the community and the county social-service director took part in the services.

- Arthur Mitchel sponsors a Mobridge, South Dakota, church radio broadcast entitled, Desire of Ages, which is a narration of Ellen G. White's book. The program is aired for nine minutes each evening during the supper hour.

- The Iowa Conference cumulative baptismal report for 11 months exceeds 350. The Brusett-Everett campaign in Des Moines accounted for 102 baptisms, and the Crowson-Oliver campaign in Cedar Rapids has added 47 more members during November and December.

Pacific Union

● Mesa Grande Junior Academy students in Calimesa, California, are giving lectures and demonstrations against smoking to 4,000 students in the San Bernardino City school system. This is the second year of their outreach.

● Voice of Prophecy evangelist B. R. Spears is holding a Bible crusade for the greater Los Angeles area in the Embassy Auditorium. Earl Canson, Southern California Conference associate secretary, is coordinator for the meetings.

● November's literature-evangelism Big Week resulted in nearly \$222,000 worth of deliveries—\$62,000 more than for five weeks in 1974. Fereh Rizk, of the Southern California Conference, delivered nearly \$7,000 worth of literature, while Ron Quick, of Arizona, delivered more than \$5,000 worth. Total sales for the year are up 6.8 per cent, and baptisms credited to literature evangelists, 236, show an increase of 30 per cent.

● Of the 245 students currently at the Calexico Mission School, 95 per cent come from non-Adventist homes in Mexico. For many of them this is their first exposure to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

● George Munson, pastor of the Waianae, Hawaii, church, and his congregation honored a local editor for his community service during Community Relations Day activities.

● Seven baptisms resulted from a crusade held in the Samoan community of San Francisco by S. I. Afa'ese and Arius Levi.

Southern Union

● At the end of September, 878 persons had been baptized in the South Central Conference, leaving the conference only 122 short of the goal of 1,000 set for 1975.

● Literature evangelists delivered approximately \$73,500 worth of books during the week ending December 11.

This was nearly double the sales of the same week in 1974. Hoyet L. Taylor, associate publishing director of the Southern Union Conference, called on 16 homes, using the audio-visual projector canvass exclusively. He sold books in all 16 homes, with total deliveries amounting to more than \$2,300.

● More than 50 persons were baptized in Jacksonville, Florida, as a result of a recent campaign by Rainey Hooper. Several of them were a direct result of Elder Hooper's TV program, *Foresight 20/20*, which had been aired for the past six months.

● Sales of the Bible Reference Library (*Conflict of the Ages set plus Bible Readings*) have registered an unprecedented increase with the use of the new audio-visual projector canvass. Between July 31 and December 18, 1,413 sets and approximately 4,500 single volumes were sold in the Southern Union. Projectors in operation total 126.

● A new Spanish church was organized in West Palm Beach, Florida, November 22 with some 30 charter members. The Florida Conference now has seven Spanish-language churches.

Southwestern Union

● In an effort to win more new members from the Spanish-speaking people in the Texico Conference, the conference committee during the past three years has approved calling several new Spanish workers, including an assistant director of literature evangelism, three pastors, and a full-time evangelist. Five churches have been constructed or reconstructed, and one is under construction. A new three-teacher school with nearly 60 Spanish children is in its second year of operation. A special four-day Spanish camp meeting was held this past summer, and plans have been announced for another one during the summer of 1976. Three new churches have been organized for Spanish-speaking people during the past three years.

● Members of a newly organized company in Conway, Arkansas, attended their county fair and gave out more than 5,000 pieces of literature and enrolled 200 persons in the Wayout course.

● A Maranatha Flights International group has agreed to work with the Texico Conference in building a new school on an eight-acre plot of ground in Saragosa, Texas. Preliminary plans have been drawn, according to D. R. Christman, Texico Conference president. The school, which opened a year ago, has three teachers and 56 students.

Andrews University

● An exhibit of paintings by Greg Constantine, art department chairman, ran November 30 through December 28 in the main gallery of the South Bend, Indiana, Art Center.

● The Michigan State Board of Education has approved Andrews University programs, leading to State bilingual endorsement in Spanish, French, and German for elementary and secondary teachers.

● Andrews University is helping Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, seek grass-roots population opinion in Berrien County to help decide what course it should pursue in years ahead. Conducting the research is the Center for Services and Studies in Education, under the direction of Rudolph Klimes. LMC intends to use the findings in its development of a master plan.

● A new cloakroom view of denominational history is now available in a book compiled and edited in life-as-we-lived-it style by Emmett K. Vande Vere, history professor emeritus at Andrews University. The book, published by Southern Publishing Association, is entitled *Windows: Selected Readings in Seventh-day Adventist Church History, 1844-1922*. Well-known denominational leaders and lesser-known observers tell the story themselves, com-

plete with the table pounding, committee discussion, humorous asides, tears, and joys that went into the development of Adventism from the Millerites to 1922.

Loma Linda University

● Two Bicentennial flags fly over the Loma Linda campus of Loma Linda University. Brief ceremonies were held at the medical center and on the quadrangle of the university campus. They were officiated by V. Norсков Olsen, university president, and H. H. Hill, medical-center administrator.

● George Kypridakis, associate clinical professor of pathology, has been appointed interim dean of the School of Medicine for the Los Angeles campus by the executive committee of the university board of trustees. He will coordinate the academic program at the White Memorial Medical Center and Glendale Adventist Hospital with Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

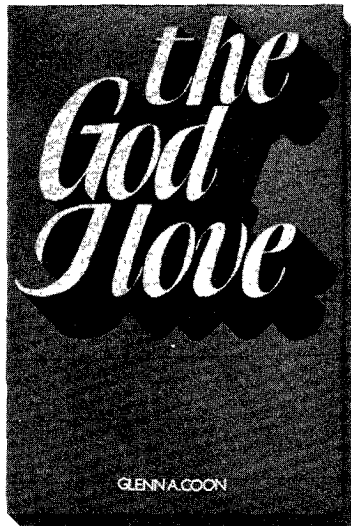
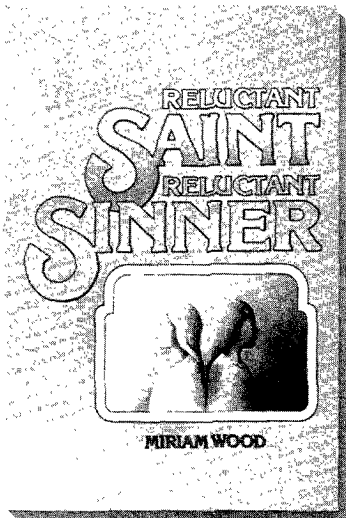
● Washington Adventist Hospital administrator John D. Ruffcorn has been named associate administrator at Loma Linda University Medical Center. His duties will include overseeing daily operations, as well as handling matters pertaining to comprehensive health planning project approval, licensure and accreditation, and project coordination.

● Monument Valley Dental Clinic completed its first decade of operation this fall. Currently, five operatories are staffed by two resident faculty members and several senior dental students who in groups of four to eight rotate in four-to-six-week blocks. In addition to the main clinic at Monument Valley Mission Hospital, the School of Dentistry operates two satellite clinics at Navajo Mountain and Montezuma Creek, which are visited twice weekly by utilizing the clinic's Cessna 180. Statistics indicate that 4,000 patients are seen yearly, resulting in more than 8,000 patient visits.

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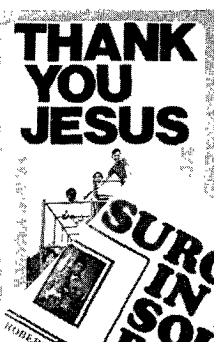
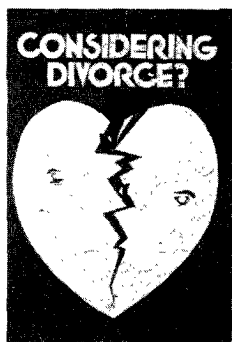
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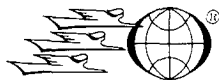
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Don Dick, director, Faith for Today program department, formerly chairman, communication department, Southern Missionary College.

Helen Evans, academic dean, Southwestern Union College, formerly, department of English, Walla Walla College.

Gerald Kenyon, treasurer, Oak Park Academy, Iowa, from Lake Union Conference Home Health Education Service.

Joedy Melashenko, dean of boys, Sheyenne River Academy, North Dakota, recently graduated.

A. E. Schrief, pastor, Missouri Conference, from Alabama-Mississippi.

Loron T. Wade, teacher, Antillian College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Deaths

BERTRAM, Kathryn Kruse—b. April 20, 1878; d. Nov. 9, 1975, Portland, Tenn. In 1921 she joined the staff of Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute (Madison College), where she was a teacher for 35 years. She had no survivors.

EVANS, Irving M.—b. March 12, 1897, Barnesville, Ohio; d. Nov. 8, 1975, Asheville, N.C. He began his ministry in the Ohio Conference as a secretary, and later served in the same capacity in the New York and Southern New England conferences. In 1939 he was called to the Southern Union to

fill the same position. He later was elected president of the Georgia-Cumberland, Alabama-Mississippi, and Arkansas-Louisiana conferences. Surviving are his widow, Estella Mae Long Evans; two daughters, Dorothy Ackerman, and Mary Louise Vollmer; three brothers, Elder L. C. Evans, Clinton, and Hubert Evans; three sisters, Clara Outland, Betty Haughey, and Grace Steelman; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FOWLER, Effie Anna Lee James—b. Nov. 8, 1891, Parramatta, Australia; d. Nov. 14, 1975, Leesburg, Ga. In 1915 she began her employment as one of Ellen G. White's secretaries at Elmshaven. In 1923 she began her mission service in China. She served also in the Far Eastern Division and the Inter-American Division. In 1951 she married A. D. Fowler. Survivors include her stepson, Dr. Mark W. Fowler; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four sisters; and three brothers.

GALLEY, Charles E.—b. Jan. 20, 1916, Washington, D.C.; d. Nov. 14, 1975, Huntsville, Ala. He attended Oakwood Junior College and graduated from Pacific Union College in 1939. He received his M.Ed. in Business Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1949 and continued doctoral studies at the same university. From 1941 to the present he served at Oakwood College and Oakwood Academy in various capacities, including teacher, department head, division chairman, store manager, assistant business manager, printing manager, dairy manager, and assistant dean of men. Survivors include his wife, Anna; a daughter, Cheryl Anne; and two sons, Charles Eugene, Jr., and Carleton.

HANNA, James Greer—b. Sept. 8, 1870, Ireland; d. Nov. 22, 1975, Wheaton, Md. In 1896, under the direction of Dr. W. J. Kellogg, he took a nurse's course and worked as a foreign-home missionary in the Adventist Rescue Mission in Chicago, Illinois. He married Esther Senseman. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1902. In 1909 he came to the Virginia Conference to be home missionary and MV secretary. He organized and instructed the first home-nursing classes in the denomination. Survivors include his three children, Eleanor Hanna Coyl; James R. Hanna; and Frederick G. Hanna.

JOHNSON, Albin E.—b. in 1892, McPherson, Kans.; d. Dec. 30, 1974, Monteagle, Tenn. He worked as a colporteur in Tennessee. Surviving are his wife, Irene G.; two daughters, Hope I. Gierke, and Faith O'Callaghan; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

LOVELL, Raymond Ayres—b. Nov. 10, 1876, Milwaukee, Wis.; d. Nov. 6, 1975, Loma Linda, Calif. He received his ministerial license in 1909 from the Cumberland-Tennessee Conference. His wife, Delia Walker Lovell, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Frank B.; a daughter, Dorothy Charland; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

MORRISON, Vera E.—b. Oct. 13, 1882, Allen, Mich.; d. Nov. 27, 1975,

Takoma Park, Md. She taught three years at Union College Academy and in 1906 married Harvey A. Morrison, who was general manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association from 1946 to 1958. She was a teacher for 33 years at Washington Missionary College. Survivors include a son, Cleo; a daughter, Dr. Alethea M. Dollinger; four grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

SHULL, John R.—b. Feb. 17, 1909, Galesburg, Ohio; d. Nov. 14, 1975, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The former superintendent of education of the Ohio Conference had retired this past summer after 12 years of service in this capacity. Shull received his B.A. from Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., and did his graduate work at Central Michigan College and Ohio State University. He was dean of men at Broadview Academy from 1939 to 1941; and principal of Mount Vernon Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, from 1947 to 1963. Survivors are wife, Audrey; sons, Ted and William; daughters, Jackie Robinson, Sharon Winchell, and Linda.

STEWART, W. Roy—b. Dec. 18, 1884, Kaukauna, Wisc.; d. Nov. 1, 1975, Avon Park, Fla. He was employed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association as a bookbinder for 39 years. Three years of this time was spent in Oshawa, Ontario, where he was sent to be bindery foreman when the Canadian Watchman Press was first built. He is survived by a daughter, Inez Rodgers; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

WAKEFIELD, Gladys Scott—b. Dec. 25, 1901, Frankfort, Kans.; d. July 25, 1975, Chehalis, Wash. Summers she engaged in literature evangelism. In 1921 she was graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College and began teaching in church schools in Illinois, organizing a junior academy as the need arose. From 1924 to 1928 she taught at Fox River Academy, Illinois, then at Broadview College, La Grange, Illinois. In 1928 she married George H. Wakefield. Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Sharon Miller; one son, Afton George; and eight grandchildren.

Coming

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21 Christian home and family altar
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March

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6 Church Lay Activities Offering
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27 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Trans-Africa Division)

April

3 Missionary magazine campaign
3 Church Lay Activities Offering
10 Literature Evangelism Rally Day

The Back Page

Paperback Health Volume Published

Machinery has been set in motion to make available in newsprint paperback D. E. Robinson's *The Story of Our Health Message*, as well as an accompanying study guide. Recognizing that Seventh-day Adventists need a broader knowledge of God's providences in the development of the church's health work, the General Conference Annual Council of 1975 recommended that church members enter upon a study of this volume. The program will be launched in churches this year.

Before Ellen G. White died she expressed more than once her desire to bring out a book describing the providences of God in connection with the origin, development, and propagation of the health views of Seventh-day Adventists. She did not live to see this goal fulfilled. However, after her death one of her trusted secretaries, D. E. Robinson, was commissioned by the Ellen G. White Estate to prepare such a work. In 1943 *The Story of Our Health Message* appeared.

Those who join in united study of this book will discover one amazing providence after another unfolding, revealing the hand of God in the health history of this denomination.

D. A. DELAFIELD

N.A. Ingathering Report—7

Ingathering raised through December 27, 1975, totals \$7,439,291, or \$14.61 per member in the North American Division. Since the total amount raised through the seventh week of last year's crusade was \$7,328,797, this year's figure is a gain of \$110,494.

The total amount raised this week is \$482,486, as compared with \$422,666 raised in the seventh week last year.

The New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois conferences join the Newfoundland, Oklahoma, and Arkansas-

Louisiana conferences as Silver Vanguard conferences. The Pacific Union joins the Southern and Columbia unions in reaching the million-dollar mark.

Nine unions and 41 conferences showed gains this week over last year's achievement for the same period.

The Northeastern, British Columbia, Maritime, Ontario, Central States, Wyoming, Allegheny West, Indiana, Lake Region, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, South Atlantic, South Central, and Arkansas-Louisiana conferences have exceeded their final totals for last year.

N.A. Ingathering Report—8

The total amount of Ingathering raised through January 3, 1976, is \$7,864,366, or \$15.44 per member in North America. The total amount raised through the eighth week of last year's crusade was \$7,742,538, making this year's total a gain of \$121,828. The amount raised this week is \$425,075.

The Iowa and Chesapeake conferences reached the Silver Vanguard mark this week.

C. C. WEIS

6,000 Baptisms in Caribbean Union

Presidents of the five missions and conferences in the Caribbean Union Conference reported a total of 6,000 baptisms at their recent annual committee meeting, and at that time a number of baptismal services were scheduled before the year end. Literature evangelists had an unusually successful year, almost doubling the total 1974 literature delivery and sales figures by October 30.

W. W. Weithers, union president, and K. S. Wiggins, union ministerial secretary, conducted a Sabbath afternoon evangelism symposium at Caribbean Union College, during which a goal of 8,000 baptisms for 1976 was accepted by those attending.

Southern Literature Evangelists Meet

Six hundred literature evangelists from the Southern Union Conference met in Daytona Beach, Florida, January 2 and 3 for their annual institute. They reported 383 baptisms and total sales valued at \$2,185,000.

Eric Ristau, union publishing director, and his associates have developed a full-message set called the Bible Reference Library, which includes the Conflict of the Ages Series and *Bible Readings for the Home*. The sales goal for the set during 1976 is \$300,000.

C. E. BRADFORD

In Brief

New positions: A. Wesley Olson, Far Eastern Division health director, formerly medical director, Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Guam.

Twyla Schlotthauer, General Conference assistant temperance director, in addition to her present responsibilities as *Listen* associate editor. Perry A. Parks, Trans-Africa Division communication and youth director, formerly director, South Lake Field.

Died: Mrs. B. E. Beddoe, December 17, in Redlands, California. Her husband was associate secretary of the General Conference at the time of his retirement.

Youth Celebrate 50 Camping Years

As line calls will be echoing through the meadows, lakes, mountains, and wildernesses of their 150 campsites around the world in 1976, Adventist youth will be celebrating 50 years of fun, learning, and sharing.

The first camp for Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls was conducted in the Michigan Conference in 1926, when Grover Fattic, youth director, took a group of about 18 young people to Town Line Lake. His idea has since encircled the globe.

Today nearly 1,000 camps are held, and approximately 90,000 persons attend Adventist camps every year and about 10,000 young people make decisions for Christ during these camps.

In the beginning camp activities were limited; today young people have more opportunity to choose what activities they want to participate in. Camps include a large variety of action-filled recreational and educational activities to keep youth interested in the things of the church.

Besides the regular camping program for senior youth, many conferences offer backpacking, canoe trips, wilderness camps, blind camps, and family camps. What growth from that beginning 50 years ago!

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