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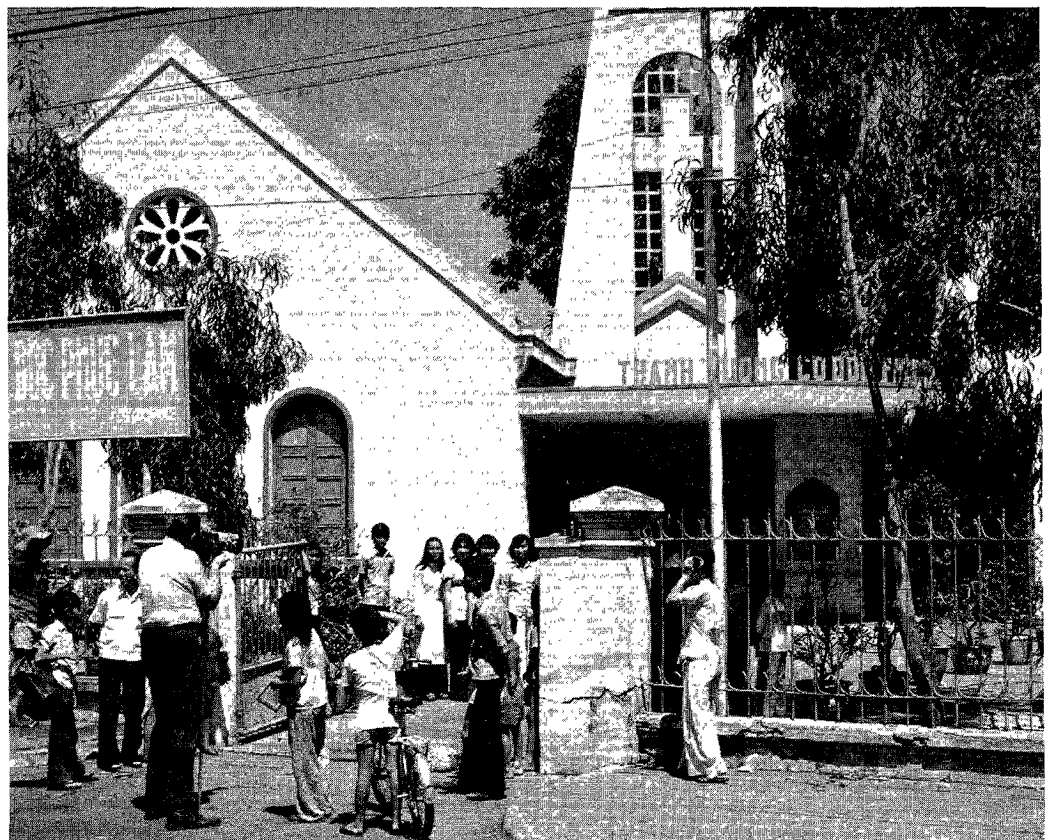
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Howard D. Burbank, executive director of SAWS, and Rankin Wentland, Jr., secretary of the Oregon Conference and former missionary to Vietnam, accompanied relief supplies to that country. While there they visited a group of Seventh-day Adventists in Ho Chi Minh City (top), two of whom are new converts. These believers meet in the church on the old compound (bottom). See story on page 13.

This issue is the last regular issue subscribers will receive prior to the publication of the ten *General Conference Bulletins* (see Back Page notice). During the past year, and especially the past four months, the REVIEW staff has been planning for the GC session: preparing (in conjunction with departments throughout the publishing house) a display booth and slide programs to be shown in the booth, assigning staff responsibilities for the session, organizing material for the Bulletins, and doing

preliminary preparation of copy, in order to give readers the best-ever report of a General Conference session. For Bulletin No. 1, Assistant Editor Jocelyn Fay has written an article describing the many preparations for the session, on the part of the General Conference and the Review.

The second part of the symposium of ten union-conference presidents appears on page 10. The Northern Union report was not available at press time; it will be published at a later date.

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Mrs. Neufeld writes

What a beautiful tribute you published about my husband, Don F. Neufeld ("Remembering D.F.N.," March 20). My children and I have been comforted by the prayers of his friends around the world.

How happy he will be in heaven to meet those who are there because of the many offerings given to Adventist World Radio in his memory.

We wish to thank you all.

MAXINE NEUFELD
Silver Spring, Maryland

By flashlight

We would never be without the REVIEW. About two weeks ago when I brought it home from the post office our electricity was out, as often happens. So we read the REVIEW by flashlight. It was like a very welcome letter from home.

HAMPTON EUGENE WALKER
São Paulo, Brazil

Periodical index

"Never Throw Away an Adventist Periodical" (editorial, Jan. 31) mentioned several significant reasons for maintaining back files of Adventist periodicals. The usefulness of periodical back files is greatly enhanced by the semiannual index to the REVIEW. However, few other Adventist publications have similar indexes.

Fortunately the *SDA Periodical Index*, published by the Loma

Linda University Libraries, does fill this gap by indexing more than 30 Seventh-day Adventist publications. It is an access tool that should be in the libraries of interested persons who wish to make the best use of old periodicals.

H. MAYNARD LOWRY
Buffalo, New York

Sanctuary series

Re "How SDA's Adopted the Sanctuary Doctrine" (Jan. 3 to Feb. 28).

As a simple Bible student who desires to know about the sanctuary message, I lately have experienced some anxiety and confusion. I've been hearing different versions about this unique message, which have me confused. The latest version is that Christ entered the Most Holy Place immediately upon His ascension.

After reading each line of the series on the sanctuary doctrine carefully and prayerfully, my faith in the doctrine of the sanctuary as taught in the Bible and confirmed by Ellen White in vision has been confirmed. "A Basis of Confidence," the eighth editorial in the series, finally sealed my decision. Truly with Mrs. White I can now say, "We stand by the old landmarks."

BILL HUMENIUK
Collegedale, Tennessee

I would just like to let you know that we appreciate anything you print on the subject of the sanctuary.

CLAUDE A. DOUDNA
Lincoln, Nebraska

It is with an increasing confidence in the immutable teachings of God's Holy Word that I followed your series of editorials on the sanctuary doctrine.

Since "the intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 489), it is vital that we understand Jesus' ministry in the heavenly tabernacle.

HARRY SUE-A-QUAN
College Heights, Alberta

These editorials have been so timely and informative that I would urge that they be printed in booklet form so they would be available for distribution as need arises long after these issues of the REVIEW may be misplaced or lost.

Since the sanctuary doctrine and the Spirit of Prophecy are points where Satan makes his attacks on Adventists, we need to be prepared. Our whole concept of the Spirit of Prophecy stands or falls on how we relate to this question.

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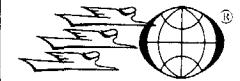
Memorizing Scripture

"Shall We Memorize Scripture?" (Jan. 24) struck a responsive chord in my heart. Surely we all need to store these wonderful promises of the Bible in our hearts.

Perhaps the reason many of us have stopped learning our memory verses is because of the extensive use of many different versions. Can you imagine the confusion that would result if we all chose to repeat John 3:16 in our favorite translation?

I suggest we memorize from the King James Version and do our reading and studying in the other translations if we wish.

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The sentimental gospel

“Shake yourself from every human prop and lean heavily upon Christ.”

By LOUIS F. CUNNINGHAM

In religion, as in much else, “there is a natural tendency with all to be sentimental rather than practical” (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 184). This tendency may well account for the wave of subjectivism in religion that seems to be so much in vogue among churches today. To be sure, such religion *feels* good. Also, it doesn't cost much.

But in what way is this kind of religion not practical? First of all, it makes *feeling* the chief criterion of faith. It gives to God an offering of sentiment when what He wants is the surrender of the will. By its very nature, sentimentalism seeks justification to the neglect of sanc-

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Flashback

By M. J. FORD

*The dawning cock
Cried!
Thrice the cursing tongue
Denied;
Twice the cockled call
Replied,
Then both went dumb;
The act was done.
Peter looked back
Begging
The quailing question;
Searching
Those deep, love-fathoming eyes
No mote or beam between.
His storm-tossed vision
Splashed with Galilean
Waves of tears all
Stinging Dead Sea salt;
He jerked away,
Into the dawning
Day of reconciliation.*

tification, preferring revival to repentance and reformation. Religion tends to become a light and lively affair that goes well with the happy song and abortive witnessing.

Seventh-day Adventists are fortunate to have the following counsel: “Do not appeal to your own feelings. Do not think that sentimentalism is religion. Shake yourself from every human prop, and lean heavily upon Christ.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 182.

Jesus longs for us to experience His indwelling. The unnamed author of the book “How to Live the Victorious Life” says, “This indwelling is quite independent of any feeling on your part. It is independent of any ideas of your own as to how He should manifest His presence. You must take Him at His word and rest upon that—not upon any feeling.”—Page 73.

We Christians may feel deeply moved at times. Our emotions may be stirred. This is not only normal, it is desirable. Surely the Lord wants us to enjoy the benefits of our religion. Doesn't Paul urge us to do so when he advises, “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice” (Phil. 4:4)? But the joy should be in what the Lord is doing in and for us rather than in what our feelings are doing for us.

Of all the emotions, love is supreme. And of all the evidences of genuine love, loyalty is one of the most important. How true this is in marriage. It is no less true in our relation to God. “This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3, N.I.V.).

Those who love God supremely will be numbered among those who give due honor to His church. Cyprian, one of the early church fathers, said, “He cannot have God for his Father who has not the church for his mother.” The church is not infallible, yet no one can properly honor Christ who lightly regards the church and what it stands for.

However, a sentimental religion always seems to be a law unto itself. Feeling becomes paramount. Everything else must bow before it. Sentimentalism thus endangers the church by not only overriding its authority but, if need be, by ignoring its distinctive doctrines.

How thankful we should be that, while others are turning to the superficial and more spectacular elements of religion, we have a message that from its beginning was ordained to meet the needs of our day. It needs no modern revision to accomplish its divine purpose.

The everlasting gospel will endure to the end, losing none of its simplicity or uniqueness. Those who maintain their faith in the effectiveness of the Advent message to prepare a people to meet their Lord will not be disappointed in the result.

The world will yet witness the practical evidences of the power of God to transform men and women in body, soul, and spirit. To them, it might well be said, “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you” (Rom. 6:17). □

A tale of two sons

“You will become a beggar if you give up your good job to become a minister,” our neighbor warned. He could not foresee the sorry state to which his trust in riches would bring him and his family.

By MRS. D. A. MOZAR

I became acquainted with my husband while working for him as his office secretary in an engineering office in Budapest, Hungary. Although normally secretaries would avoid speaking to their bosses about religion, I always began my conversations with him on some Bible topic—Christ’s coming, world conditions, Daniel and Revelation. I soon discovered that he was not well informed on Bible subjects.

One time when I invited him and J. F. Huenergardt to my home, he told Elder Huenergardt that he wasn’t interested in keeping the Jewish Sabbath, because he was a Roman Catholic. When Elder Huenergardt explained that the Roman Catholic Bible tells people to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, he was greatly surprised. Following up the interest that had been awakened, Elder Huenergardt gave him Bible studies and baptized him in 1909. Soon after that, we were married.

My husband told his chief engineer and the manager of his firm in Budapest that he had become a Seventh-day Adventist and would no longer be able to work on Saturdays. They were surprised, but after questioning him about it, they consented to let him continue his employment.

After a few years we decided to move to the United States to work among the Hungarians. We arrived in New York City on December 14, 1913, being fortunate to get out of Europe, with World War I already having begun.

An elderly gentleman in the hotel where we settled asked us about our plans. Telling him that first of all we wanted to become American citizens, we added that my husband wanted to find employment as a mechanical engineer. The gentleman advised us to go further west, where we would be more likely to find suitable employment.

In New York we found the address of the Seventh-day



Adventist conference. Visiting with the conference officers, my husband told them that we planned to go to Chicago. The president of the conference was kind enough to make arrangements for someone to meet us at the Dearborn Railroad Station in Chicago.

After finding a vacant apartment in Chicago where we could settle, my husband bought a newspaper to see what opportunities might be available for employment. Two firms were advertising for a mechanical engineer. He received a cordial reception at the first place he tried. The prospective employer told my husband that he could start work the next day, which was Sabbath. When my husband informed him politely that because he was a Seventh-day Adventist he could not work on Saturday, the man became angry and told him to seek employment elsewhere. Thanking him politely, my husband went to the other firm that had advertised in the paper. Meeting the chief engineer, he explained his background again. The chief engineer said, “We have a place for you, but cannot make a decision until you have talked to Mr. Watrous.”

When he met Mr. Watrous, my husband found him to be both kind and interested in hiring him. He told my husband that he could begin work on Monday. When my husband explained that he was not able to work on Saturdays because he was a Seventh-day Adventist, Mr.

Mrs. D. A. Mozar writes from Loma Linda, California.

Watrous responded by telling him that his grandmother was a Seventh-day Adventist. Then he asked my husband to pray for him.

After a while the Illinois conference president, who had been very kind in helping us get settled in Chicago, moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. He wrote, suggesting that we move to Battle Creek. There was a firm there that he felt sure would employ my husband. Taking his advice seriously, my husband asked the company for a job. When they hired him, we moved to Battle Creek.

The years passed quickly. In 1921 we received a letter from the General Conference opening negotiations that resulted in my husband's being invited to enter ministe-

rial work as a licensed minister. His special assignment was to work for the Hungarians in North America. Being greatly surprised by the call, we did not give a definite answer until we had prayed and thought about it. After much prayer, we were impressed to accept the call.

When my husband told his chief engineer that he would be quitting his work because he had decided to do ministerial work for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he was asked to report to the president of the firm. The president offered to raise his salary if he would stay. My husband let him know in a kindly way that money was not the question. He believed that God had called him to give his life and time to God's work. Shaking hands with

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Melody and Ruby-throat

By KATHERINE HAUBRICH

One afternoon while Melody was playing in her back yard she found something so tiny that she could scarcely believe it was real. Nestled in a bush was a little nest no bigger than a half-walnut shell. Inside the nest were two eggs, each the size of a pea. Melody's hand reached out to touch the little nest. Suddenly she drew back her hand. A dainty little bird with a long, pointed beak fluttered right in front of Melody's nose.

The little bird's wings beat the air so rapidly that Melody could hardly see them.

Startled, she backed up several steps. The little bird flew around her head once, twice, and finally three times, as if to say, "Shoo!"

Melody knew the bird was trying to make her go away from the nest. She ran to tell Mother about the little nest, the eggs, and the pretty green bird with the white throat and the sharp beak.

Mother and Melody read about the bird from a large book that had pictures of many different kinds of birds.

When Melody saw it again, she knew it was a ruby-throated hummingbird. Only the male bird's

throat is red; the female's is white.

Melody found out that there are more than 300 different kinds of hummingbirds.

The hummingbird family contains the smallest birds in the world. One tiny hum-

mingbird that lives in the country called Cuba is no bigger than a bumblebee. These birds get their names from the whirring or humming sound their wings make as they fly. A hummingbird can fly forward, backward, upward, or downward.

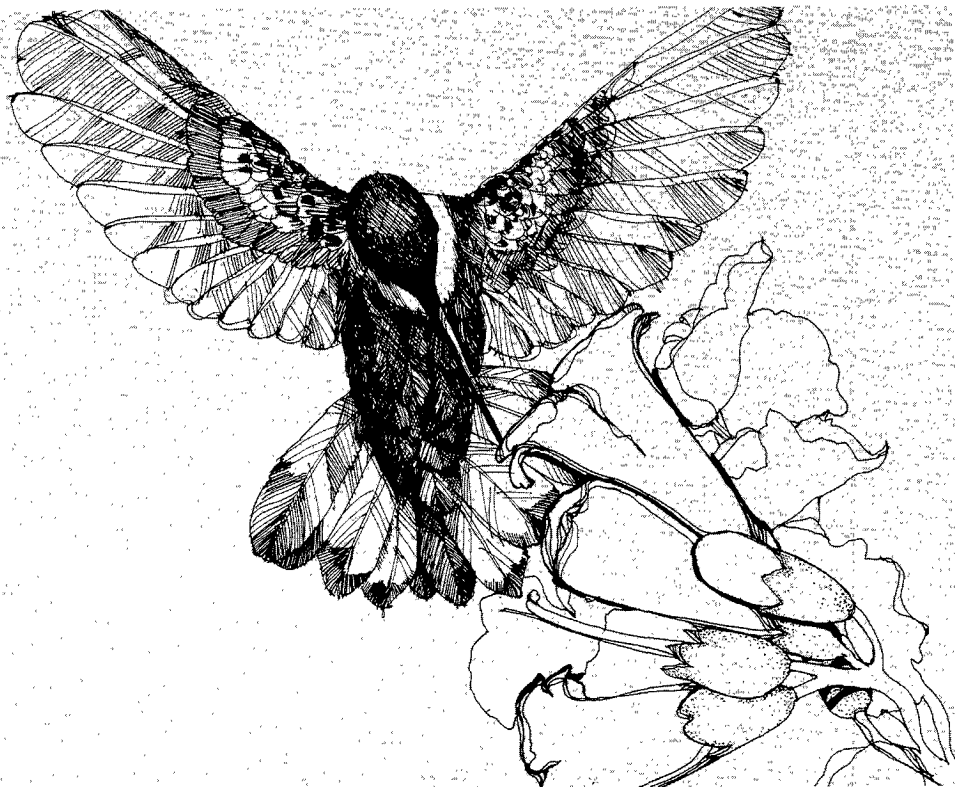
A hummingbird uses its sharp beak to probe deep into flowers to get the sweet nectar it drinks. It sucks up the sweet juice through a tongue that works like a straw.

Melody was surprised when the baby birds hatched, because they looked more like little pink bugs than birds. She saw the

mother bring them aphids and other insects to eat, pushing the food far down into the babies' mouths.

The little birds grew to look more like their parents before very long. One day Melody saw them flying in Mother's petunia bed, where they darted quickly from flower to flower, drinking the sweet nectar. When the birds no longer needed their nest, Melody gently placed the nest on a piece of cotton in a small box.

She took the box to Sabbath school, where she told the boys and girls about Mother Ruby-throat and her tiny babies.



him, the president said, "God bless you in your noble effort."

One of our neighbors asked, "What did I hear about you, Mr. Mozar? Is it true that you plan to enter ministerial work for the Seventh-day Adventists? When I heard about it I didn't believe it, so I came to find out for myself."

We assured him that it was true.

"You will become a beggar if you do. When your son becomes a man he will curse you for it," he said to my husband. Pointing to his own son, he added, "This boy will receive the best education that money can buy; but what kind of education will your son receive?"

He returned several times, trying to persuade us to change our minds; but we remained adamant.

We were advised to begin our ministerial service in Bridgeport, Connecticut. A few years later my husband was ordained. In 1927 we began work in Chicago, and in 1930 we moved to Broadview to teach at the college.

We returned to Battle Creek

In 1936 our son graduated from what is now Loma Linda University. During that same year we were invited to attend a ministerial conference in Battle Creek, Michigan. We were glad for the opportunity this would present to visit our former friends and neighbors. One of

the neighbors we wanted to visit was the one who had tried to persuade my husband not to become a minister, but when we got to the place where he had lived, a stranger who had no knowledge of the whereabouts of our friend answered the doorbell.

When we asked another neighbor about the man in question, she was greatly surprised. "Haven't you heard what happened to him?" she asked.

We told her that we had heard nothing about him since leaving the area. She told us that when the depression came in 1929, our friend had lost all his stocks, money, and property, including his beautiful home. He was so distraught that he began to drink heavily. Finally the drinking led to his death. Having lost her mind, his wife had been taken to the State asylum, where she died.

When we asked about their son we were told, "He lives in the outskirts of the city. Some of his relatives took him in. He comes to town on Saturdays to sell frankfurters and popcorn."

It made us sad to discover that the man who was planning to provide his son the "best education that money can buy" had not been able to see the fruition of his plans.

The Bible promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God" certainly proved true in our case. □

ESPECIALLY FOR MEN By W. R. L. SCRAGG

"So grows the tree"

Against the wall, at the front of our house, grows a pear tree. For the past four seasons I have been struggling to bring it back to the true "espalier" shape for which it was originally bought. I'm not sure that even another five years will suffice to accomplish that. You see, it missed out on pruning in the early stages, and while it bears admirable crops of pears, it hardly pleases the eye that looks for espalier symmetry.

What is true of my pear tree is true generally of human growth and development too. Children who live with criticism and hostility learn to condemn and fight, whereas children who live with encouragement and fairness learn confidence and justice.

Readers of this column will discern a penchant for lists. After all, what can you

expect from a writer who believes in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and Peter's ladder? I have two lists to share that deal with personality growth. Abraham Maslow lists the following as characteristics of "healthy people":

1. Superior perception of reality.
2. Increased acceptance of self, of others, of nature.
3. Increased spontaneity.
4. Increase in problem-centering.
5. Increased detachment and desire for privacy.
6. Increased autonomy and resistance to cultural mores and standards of society.
7. Greater freshness of appreciation, and enrichment of emotional reaction.
8. Higher frequency of mystical experiences.
9. Increased identifica-

tion with the human species.

10. Changed (the clinician would say "improved") interpersonal reactions.

11. More democratic character structure.

12. Greatly increased creativeness.

13. Certain changes in the value system.¹

Earl Kelley looks at what might be called the fully functioning self, and offers the following definition:

1. Fully functioning personalities think well of themselves.
2. They think well of others.
3. They therefore see their stake in others, that they and others are interdependent.
4. They see themselves as a part of a world in movement.
5. They see the value of mistakes.
6. They develop and hold human values, that is, values related to the welfare of people.
7. They know no other way of life except to keep within their values. They have no need for subterfuge or deceit.

8. Since their lives are ever moving and ever becoming, fully functioning people are cast in a creative role. They exult in being a part of the process of creation and in having an opportunity to facilitate it.²

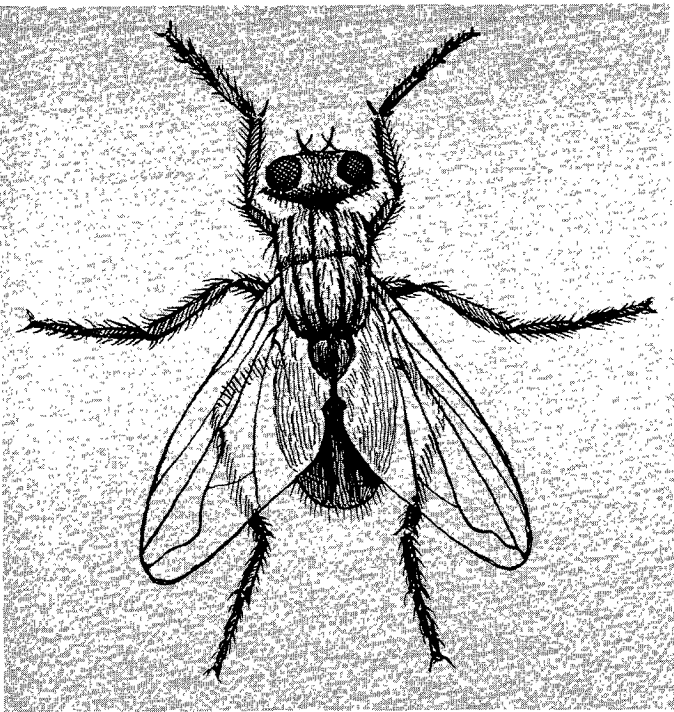
The value of lists is that they put together in brief form summaries of human wisdom and experience. The problems lie in oversimplification and inability to remember the list and refer to it without considerable effort.

Perhaps that is why our Lord brought all such lists about maturity, self-actualization, and well-rounded personality down to two simple statements culled from more lengthy Old Testament lists: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. . . . Love your neighbour as yourself."³

¹ Abraham Maslow, *Toward a Psychology of Being* (New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co.), p. 26.

² Earl C. Kelley, "The Fully Functioning Self," in *Perceiving, Behaving, Becoming: A New Focus for Education* (Alexandria, Va.: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development), pp. 19, 20.

³ Mark 12:30, 31, N.E.B.



Dead flies

“Winged guests with dirty feet” are used to illustrate how little follies, when allowed to develop, can ruin the Christian experience.

By ROMEO H. AGUILAR

“Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour” (Eccl. 10:1). I interpret these words to mean that it is important to avoid small defects in the character. To me this idea is suggested in the concluding part of verse 1, which reads: “so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.”

Flies, “winged guests with dirty feet,” seem to be almost everywhere, carrying disease. One of the ten plagues that fell upon Egypt was that of flies. They polluted the land. There are flies also that pollute the spiritual nature of many Christians. They have been corrupted and ruined by the “flies” of little defects, just as literal flies cause the spoilage of the apothecary’s ointment.

God is the great Apothecary (“Perfumer” in the Revised Standard Version) who has poured out His perfume upon the trees of the countryside, upon the

flowers that adorn the earth, and upon the delicious fruits.

It could even be said that God has anointed humans with His perfume. Through his qualities, his virtues, his knowledge, and his influence, a person should give forth a pleasant “savour.” But sometimes “the dead flies,” the little defects, cause this perfume to become a “stinking savour.” We might consider lives to be a perfume that ascends as a thank offering to God. When Noah offered the sacrifice of animals, “the Lord smelled a sweet savour” (Gen. 8:20, 21). With this fragrance was mingled the gratitude that filled Noah’s heart.

Our lives and influence

In 2 Corinthians 2:15, 16, Paul indicates that our lives and influence can be “the savour of life unto life,” or “the savour of death unto death.” When we place our commitment and influence on God’s side, He receives our offerings as an “odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing” (Phil. 4:18).

Dead flies cause the destruction of the divine Apothecary’s perfume. In fact, the perfume can be ruined by just one dead fly—just one defect. But usually there are several—such as impatience, irritability, weakness, laziness, stupidity, vulgarity, a spirit of ridicule, and criticism. Some defects can be seen by everyone; others remain hidden in the background. These little defects (dead flies) deform the character, bringing much trouble.

Some of us may regard lightly these small defects in ourselves, but God, who searches our minds and hearts with our best interest in view, cannot tolerate them. An illustration of the fact that God does not tolerate sin, whether it is considered major or minor, is found in the message of the Faithful Witness directed to the church of Pergamos. After He mentioned the church’s good qualities, He told Pergamos, “But I have a few things against thee” (Rev. 2:14).

Although Pergamos’ faults were few, God did not overlook them. Some of them, in fact, were rather major. There were people in their midst who held the doctrine of Balaam, while others held the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which God states that He hates. God did not tolerate Pergamos’ sins, big or little, many or few. He told the church clearly that it must repent (verse 16).

The same thing happened to the church of Thyatira. The Lord commended the church’s love, faith, service, patience, and good works, but He had a “few things” against Thyatira, too (verses 18-20). The Lord does not overlook sin. Neither can He tolerate defects in our characters. He wants our characters to become more and more like that of Jesus. When He returns He wants to find a glorious church, holy, undefiled, and without blemish (Eph. 5:27).

With the help of the Holy Spirit, God’s Word will enable us to discover our defects—those “dead flies that cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour”—while there is still time to do something about them. □

READER TO READER

An exchange of views on a topic of current interest

THE QUESTION

I would like to know what others do for their personal devotions. I feel the need of personal study and prayer, but I don't know how to go about it. I also would like to encourage my children to begin this practice; therefore, I need to set an example.

■ Personal devotions should be meaningful to you as an individual. Here are some things I have tried in order to keep worship meaningful to me:

1. Choose an interesting topic to research through the *Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White*. Keep a notebook of favorite quotations, but also list the corresponding Bible verses she uses with these quotations.

2. Do Bible character or personality studies. Make a notebook of lists of problems these Bible people had and how God worked in their life.

3. Make your own compilation of Bible verses on church teachings and doctrines. You will be much more convincing in your witnessing when you have come to understand these positions through personal study.

4. Plan your prayer list. Use index cards, one for each person you wish to pray for. Pray for specifics on each person's case. Put the lists in different areas of the house, such as over the sink, so that when you come to each area you will be reminded to pray for a particular person.

5. Keep a special notebook of Bible promises. List your answers to prayer. When you're feeling depressed, consult this list in order to recall how God has answered your prayers.

Worship isn't a checklist or a game, it is a unique experience between ourselves and God.

MARLI CRANE
Colton, California

■ Finding myself inadequate to answer a deep theological question asked by an individual of another faith, I began a personal study of the subject. This study led me through the Spirit of Prophecy books as well as the Bible. As I studied that particular subject, many more subjects kept cropping up that I listed for further study.

By concentrating on one sub-

ject at a time, I found myself becoming more and more involved with study, as well as coming to realize how much the Holy Spirit longs to teach and guide us.

MARVA STEVENS FOWLER
Ooltewah, Tennessee

■ Approach Bible study by asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Keep in mind that you are dedicating yourself to finding eternal life and that the key to that life is to know Jesus and the Father.

Read a portion of the Sabbath school lesson each day, outlining and preparing it as if you were going to teach. There is a psychological impact upon the mind, when preparing to impart what you are learning, that is not realized in study done simply for personal benefit.

You and your children could become involved with the Voice of Prophecy or Faith for Today Bible studies. The lessons are graded, and a certificate is sent upon completion of each course. Doing so would give your children tangible evidence of accomplishment.

Giving a series of Bible studies to a friend or neighbor will guide you into profitable research and study.

MYRTLE A. POHLE
Winkelman, Arizona

■ I feel that to have an interest in spiritual things one must be mentally and physically fit. Therefore, I am trying to follow the health rules. I have received a great blessing in doing so.

I awake before the rest of the family and commit myself to the Lord. I pray that I will do His will during the day. I also find myself talking to the Lord during the day while I do my housework and take care of my 3-year-old. I am able to spend time with my Lord when she is sleeping.

EUNICE ALEXANDER
Glendale, Arizona

■ In January of 1979, I worked my way through one of the Encounter series to fulfill a Master Guide requirement. Encounter is a series of four pamphlets that when completed will have taken one completely through the Bible and the Conflict of the Ages Series books in correlation. Each pamphlet is designed to take one year to complete. Even though I had read through the Bible and most of Ellen White's books at different times, I wanted to read them in correlation. It was a rewarding experience, providing such a blessing that I was motivated to finish the entire four years of reading in one year.

During the summer, when the children were home all day, I would go into my room after breakfast and close the door. I asked the children (ages 8 and 11) not to disturb me while I had my time alone with God. One day I came out of my room to find each in bed, propped with pillows and reading their Bibles, as Mom was. I got them each a Bible-year pamphlet, and by the end of the summer they had made progress in reading their Bibles too.

JOAN WITZEL
Longwood, Florida

■ In dealing with the problem of finding time for private devotions, I discovered that much can be accomplished by following the pattern that Jesus left us—arising "a great while before day." It has become habitual with me to arise each morning at four o'clock, which is much earlier than my son arises. My mind is clearer and keener for grasping the truths I read, and arising early provides the time to talk with God unhurriedly, to give praise and thanks for blessings received, and an opportunity to lay before Him my plans for the day, along with my cares and burdens.

When I was a child I recall awaking and looking for my mother, only to find her in a quiet place, reading the Scriptures. The impact of this repeated scene has never left my mind. I believe that these memories of Mother's quiet devotion have encouraged and helped me through many difficult periods in my own life. A simple, quiet, Christlike example carries much weight.

RUTH W. WATSON
Reading, Pennsylvania

■ I have tried many methods of Bible study, but have always become discouraged and haven't enjoyed my study time. Then I read the book *How to Study the Bible for Yourself* by Dr. Tim LaHaye.

Dr. LaHaye suggests a three-fold plan for Bible study: Bible reading, deeper study, and memorization. He also encourages writing as you read and study, including jotting down the promises and commands from God, and how to apply them in your daily life.

To follow this plan, you will find it necessary to spend only 15 or 20 minutes a day in Bible study. But I have found it so interesting and worthwhile that I cannot stop at that. I know that this time with God has made a significant change in my life as a Christian, a wife, and a mother.

BARBARA LANDERS
Portland, Oregon

■ I feel that it is important to read the Bible through (not necessarily in chronological order) not just once, but many times. If you thus become thoroughly familiar with the Scriptures, you will know what passages to turn to when you are facing a personal crisis. Even the beginner will be thrilled as he or she discovers precious gems of truth while reading the Bible through.

Keep some colored marking pens with your Bible. Mark freely the promises of God, the scriptures pointing to Christ, and verses that impress you.

Promises that are especially precious to you should be memorized if at all possible. Encourage the children to memorize texts. Introduce Bible games to them. Supply them liberally with good Bible-story books and other literature.

ERWIN F. HODDE
Glendale, California

QUESTION FOR JUNE

Response deadline May 9

Being the only Adventist in my family, I find it difficult to keep the Sabbath. I have tried spending Friday evening in my room, away from the family and television. Although I know that it is not the right thing to do, I have, from time to time, watched one program with my family on Friday evening because I like spending time with them. Neither solution is comfortable to me. How have others handled this kind of situation?

Send answers (or questions for consideration) to Reader to Reader, ADVENTIST REVIEW, 6856 Eastern Avenue NW., Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length and will be edited to fit available space. Duplicate ideas and standard suggestions, such as "Pray about your problem," will be eliminated. Letters must be received by the response deadline given above. Include complete return address. Three dollars will be paid for each answer published.

“Sinfoil” comes in many colors

God’s plan is for His people to be saved *from* sin, not *in* sin; by His grace we find victory *over* sin rather than victory *in* sin.

Yet Satan has been much too successful in recent years in wrapping the church in “sinfoil.” Satan’s “sinfoil” comes in many colors:

- Blue*—for discouragement, anxiety, worry.
- Gold*—for concentration on riches and material things.
- Green*—for envy, hatred, jealousy.
- Purple*—for wrath, anger, hurtful words.
- Red*—for lust and selfishness.
- Yellow*—for cowardice in facing up to our pet sins.

Sometimes our so-called “little, pet sins” seem to us to be rather insignificant. But the Lord has warned us through His servant that “in the Christian warfare, unless there is a sharp eye on the adversary and a sharp eye on ourselves, we shall be led into Satan’s snare. Our security depends on the state of our heart. God help us to take heed to ourselves or we shall certainly lose heaven. Little departures from right, little indulgences, seem a trifling thing at present, but Satan will lead us on a track that will separate us from righteousness and from God.”—*This Day With God*, p. 27.

There is nothing that we can do to pay for our title to heaven. Jesus has already paid that humanly unobtainable price for us. The title to heaven that He purchased for us becomes ours when we accept it by faith. Yet the statement quoted above indicates clearly that negligence or heedlessness on our part can cause us to lose our title

to heaven. In saying this, God’s servant is not talking about the so-called “major sins” that seem to disgrace and shame our Lord in a special way, but about “little departures from right, little indulgences” that seem to be a trifling matter to us.

In the above letter (Letter 81, Jan. 19, 1887), written to Edson and Emma White, Ellen White adds, “We may have to be stripped of everything before we will come in humble submission to be led, guided, and controlled by the will of God. We want humble, trusting, childlike confidence, meekness, lowliness, no self-confidence, but humble trust in Jesus. What traits of character are we cultivating? That which will be enduring as eternity? . . . Eternal life is worth a lifelong, persevering, untiring effort and we cannot afford to make haphazard work. When our soul’s highest interest is concerned, we cannot afford to keep Jesus in the outer courts, away from our souls.”

We need to watch and pray constantly lest, because Satan has stolen a march on us, we end up being wrapped in “sinfoil.”

L. R. V.

“Nobody loves me”

A dramatic and tragic incident took place in downtown Dallas, Texas, not long ago. Shouting pitifully, “Nobody loves me,” 34-year-old Bill Haynes walked into the middle of a busy intersection and lay down in front of the oncoming traffic. Just before a fast-moving station wagon reached him, he raised his head to the level of its bumper. The station wagon crashed into him and dragged him 25 feet, killing him. Pending an investigation, police officers pronounced the death a suicide.

We do not know the circumstances that caused Bill Haynes to feel so unloved that he wanted to die. We do know that many other people feel desperate enough to kill themselves. Occasionally a Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist or church member making Ingathering visits reaches a home just as someone inside is about to “end it all.” When the tragedy is averted, the would-be suicide declares, “God must have sent you here.”

Millions of people, though not desperate enough to attempt suicide, feel lonely and unloved. They are living “lives of quiet desperation.” Some of them may be living in our own neighborhoods. Many of them would be benefited by a visit from a Christian worker.

These people need to hear the good news that God loves them, that He loves them so much that He sent His own Son to redeem them (see John 3:16). They need to know that by His death on the cross Jesus put an infinite value on every human soul.

Should not Seventh-day Adventists everywhere put forth greater efforts to share the good news that will bring light and hope into many lives, and thus reduce the number of people who cry out in desperation, “Nobody loves me”?

K. H. W.

Thief!

By LOIS PECCE

*Unmindfulness of God
Creeps in unawares
On crowded, hurried moments
And oft-forgotten prayers.*

Expansion and advance in North America

A symposium of the ten union
conference presidents; in two parts
Part 2

Atlantic Union Conference

EARL W. AMUNDSON, *President*



The Atlantic Union Conference, the cradle and birthplace of both the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the American Republic, is composed of the six New England States, New York, and Bermuda. The millions of persons living in this territory have the opportunity of hearing the message through two radiobroadcasts and four television programs weekly. Our total evangelistic endeavors in 1979 have resulted in a 10 percent increase in baptisms over 1978, and tithes received totaled 10 percent above receipts for the previous year.

The eight health-care institutions forming the Board of Northeast Adventist Health Services, with T. O. Moore as president, have voted to merge with the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, subject to the approval of the constituency and provided a professional study indicates feasibility.

Dale McCune, Atlantic Union College president, reports that AUC continues to receive assurances that the college serves the union well. Specialty programs attend to the needs of the students with high abilities (Honors Core Programs), language problems (English Language Institute), and remedial problems (Study Skills Program).

A special program for adults (Adult Degree Program) has proved especially effective for the more than 100 students who have received Bachelor's degrees upon completion of the program during the past five years. A limited four-year Bible instructor's program has provided Bible workers for North American Division conferences, and these students are eligible for the General Conference Bible instructor internships.

The conferences are laying broad plans for evangelistic work. Doors of opportunity have been opened to us where least expected. In New York City, Metro Ministries has signed a contract to open and operate a vegetarian restaurant near Wall Street, just south of the World Trade Center. The board also approved the plan of operating an outpost center that will offer health rehabilitation and evangelistic training programs for the metropolitan area.

A full-time hypertension-screening-van ministry, begun by the Greater New York Conference in mid-1975, combines a simple medical approach with spiritual follow-up that is viewed with respect by the media, local health departments, and conference representatives from many parts of the world.

The mobility of the free blood-pressure-screening program in New York City is perhaps one of the major reasons for its success. With the use of specially remodeled motor homes, the testing program can enter neighborhoods in every corner of the city and provide relatively quiet, private areas into which local residents, shoppers, and business people may come briefly. After each blood-pressure reading is taken, opportunity is given for the individual to request free nutrition information, stop-smoking material, and inspirational study guides. This simple method of ministering has resulted in nearly 15,000 requests for a 12-lesson Bible study series in 1979, with a total of more than 200,000 lessons going out in the mail during the same period.

The van ministry has provided openings into every level of city life. Political leaders at times plead for vans to come to their constituency, as do businesses, senior-citizen groups, and church organizations. The work has cut across conference lines to respond to needs in Northeastern, New Jersey, and Southern New England conferences, as well as in Greater New York.

In return, laymen and pastors in these conferences are assisting with the community coordination of WNBC-TV's annual health-fair week, which the van ministry has been asked to coordinate this year for the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Special follow-up plans for the health fair will include approximately three dozen simultaneous Five-Day Plans in the area, as well as a similar number of nutrition seminars and health-hazard appraisal sessions with free health counseling. The Loma Linda School of Health will assist in coordinating the medical personnel and planning for some of the follow-up. A Five-Day Plan will be conducted on WNBC-TV during that week, and follow-up advertising will be paid for by the TV station.

The van ministry has been a prayer ministry. The program continues because of responses to these prayers that come from people all around the United States as their hearts are impressed to support it—with *their* prayers, their talents, or their gifts of supplies or means.

For some 25 years the church has operated the New York Center as a base for evangelistic endeavor in the metropolitan area. But changing conditions have indicated for some time now that the center is not fulfilling its function as originally planned. For at least ten years it has been the consensus of General Conference, union conference, and local conference administrative personnel that the building should be sold. After a number of offers failed to materialize, a cash sale was made January 4, 1980. The funds will be used to strengthen the work in New York City. An even stronger evangelistic outreach is being planned for the city, but from a different approach than the one the center offered.

It is exciting to see the Lord opening doors of opportunity in the Atlantic Union Conference. The best days for God's work are just ahead.

Lake Union Conference

LOWELL BOCK, *President*



All five of the conferences comprising the Lake Union—Lake Region, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin—border on Lake Michigan, one of earth's largest bodies of fresh water. By this we often are reminded of the beautiful symbol in Scripture that shows water as representing people: "And he [the angel] saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest . . . are peoples" (Rev. 17:15).

Approximately 30 million people live within the Lake Union borders, and to reach these people with the three angels' messages is the urgent mission of 56,735 baptized Seventh-

day Adventists. Through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, this most important mission will be accomplished soon! A brief look back to the past year gives us courage. It was the best year, growth-wise, in the history of this territory.

Baptisms: Accessions to the church in 1979 totaled 3,333, or a 24 percent gain over 1978. Each conference sponsored numerous evangelistic campaigns, with special emphasis in the large cities of Chicago, Detroit, and Indianapolis. The emphasis in each church is Faith-Action-Advance!

Soul-winning institute: In response to the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy, a soul-winning institute situated on the outskirts of Chicago opened its doors last July with a staff that is dedicated to training ministers and laymen in the techniques of soul winning. In the first five-month training session, more than 40 ministers, laymen, and seminarians received practical, on-the-job instruction. This first session concentrated on the unentered Burbank area of Chicago, with its population of 200,000 people.

During the first two and one-half months various programs such as the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, nutrition classes, and Daniel seminars were used in preparation for the two area evangelistic meetings that followed. As a result a new church was organized, with a regular Sabbath attendance of 120 people. Most of these people had had no contact with Adventism before July, 1979. We believe the soul-winning institute will establish a new congregation during each five-month training period, thus strengthening the work in the city of Chicago and, even more important, training our members in the practical art of soul winning. The Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, Breath of Life, and It Is Written programs are helping immeasurably in the advance of God's work. Most encouraging is the growing spirit among our church members that we "are on the march."

Publishing: Worthy of special notice is the significant surge forward by our literature evangelists. In two years' time processed sales have doubled in the Lake Union, with a one-year total of \$3,320,615 in 1979. This was accomplished by the faithful ministry of 200 people who sold 42,808 full-message books. As a result, 142 people were baptized.

Education: In the Lake Union parents and educators alike are eager that our children be saved and trained for service. We have 7,434 students in kindergarten through grade 12, who attend 135 elementary schools and ten senior academies. During 1979, 479 of these students were baptized. Andrews University, situated in the heart of the Lake Union, offers the finest opportunities in higher education not only for our students but for students from around the world.

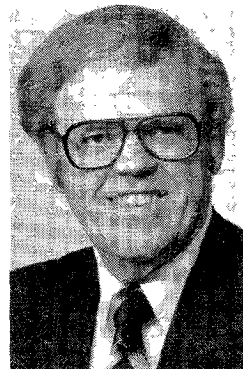
Stewardship: God's people in the Lake Union returned \$22,050,752 in tithe during 1979, an increase of 9.9 percent over 1978. Total church contributions amounted to \$37,585,168, or an average of \$662.47 per member.

"Many hands make light work," and limited space has not permitted the inclusion in this report of numerous other departments and activities. The above account could not have been written without their contribution. But in taking this quick look back, we hasten to give God the glory. It was for

Him and through His power that this report is possible. We want to join our other believers in North America and around the world in praying for the latter rain, without which the work cannot be finished. We ask our merciful Father to help us prepare for that experience.

Columbia Union Conference

W. O. COE, *President*



The Lord has blessed the work of the Columbia Union in a very significant way during 1979. Although we faced many difficulties in various areas of church activity, God has been in control and He will continue to lead us to victory.

Church leaders of the union have joined in a project known as the "Winning Adventure," which encompasses all the outreach programs of the church. As a part of this overall emphasis a Council on Evangelism and a Church Growth Seminar were conducted recently.

The meetings on evangelism brought together union and local conference evangelists of the Columbia, Atlantic, and Lake unions, plus selected pastors, who met in December at Columbia Union College. It is hoped that this type of meeting will help to facilitate the outreach programs of the church in heavily populated areas.

All pastors within the union were invited to the Church Growth Seminar held in the Sligo church in January. One pastor stated that it was the best meeting of its kind he had attended in 20 years. Our pastors feel that the church can no longer conduct business as usual, and God's work needs to be expanded on every front.

The Lord blessed the work of our conferences in 1979, and a good gain in both tithe and members resulted. The gain in tithe was nearly 10 percent overall, and 4,793 persons were received into the church by baptism and profession of faith. This is the largest number to join the church in one year in the history of our union and represents a gain of 1,268 over the results of 1978. The Pennsylvania Conference baptized 152 percent more than in 1978!

In 1978 only one conference in the North American Division (South Atlantic of the Southern Union) baptized an equivalent of 10 percent of its membership. However, last year two conferences in the Columbia Union achieved this same distinction—New Jersey, with 13.6 percent, and Mountain View, with 10.9 percent. Allegheny East was close, with 9.3 percent.

Many of our conferences now have publishing evangelists who visit people who have purchased literature. Last year these publishing evangelists were instrumental in the baptism of several hundred persons.

The medical work of our territory is expanding and reaching out in a compassionate ministry to thousands in the various communities they represent. Washington Adventist Hospital is being improved by a new addition and facilities. Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, opened in December. Nearly 500 physicians have applied for membership on the medical staff. This new institution is operating on schedule as far as the opening of beds is concerned.

Sycamore Medical Center, a satellite of the Kettering Medical Center in Ohio, is open and doing well. Leland Memorial Hospital has moved into new expanded quarters, and Hadley Memorial Hospital has broken ground for an addition. The Hackettstown, New Jersey, Hospital operated in the black for the first time since it opened in 1973. Reading Rehabilitation Hospital in Pennsylvania moved into new facilities.

With the spirit of optimism that exists in the Columbia Union, we believe that 1980 will be the best year yet in all forms of the church's outreach.

Pacific Union Conference

W. D. BLEHM, *President*



The growth of the Pacific Union Conference is directly related to the cooperative efforts of the members of the church with the denominational working force. There are many indications that this relationship has grown to a productive state.

In 1933, Evangelist and Mrs. John Baerg conducted a series of meetings in Boulder City, Nevada. The group finally was formally organized in 1955 with 40 members. The congregation has never had its own house of worship, and for years the members have been attempting to continue the church in rented facilities. The membership

dropped to only 16.

A group of Seventh-day Adventist laymen organized themselves into the Pacific Union Mission Builders. They recognize that until a Seventh-day Adventist congregation has its own place of worship, it has small chance of growth or making an impression on a community. The Pacific Union Mission Builders, in counsel with the Nevada-Utah Conference administration and the local pastor in charge of Boulder City, resolved that this congregation would have its own place of worship. Through prayer, sacrifice, and divine miracles, the local congregation, supported by Seventh-day Adventists throughout the Pacific Union, is now building a beautiful place of worship on a hill overlooking the city. The community has

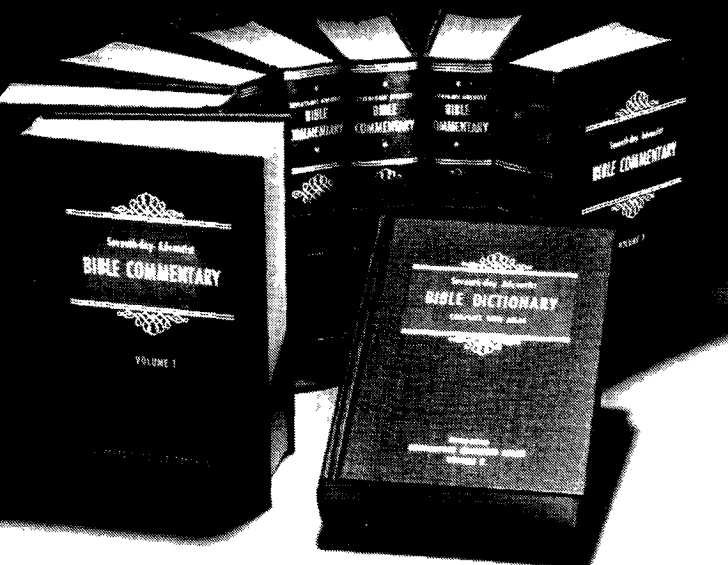
been deeply impressed with this united endeavor. In a matter of days the congregation will have built a new place of worship that will have a seating capacity of 148.

In addition to the Pacific Union ASI Mission Builders, a group of Seventh-day Adventist laymen have recognized the necessity for the large number of persons joining the church to have an edifice in which to worship God. They have organized into the SDA Laymen's Church Development, a nonprofit corporation in the State of California. The purpose of the organization is to help provide funds in cooperation with the local conferences. Where unique situations develop, the SDA Laymen's Church Development can lend funds.

With the productive, dynamic relationship of a common mission between church members and church leadership, each local congregation is challenged to develop its specific plans and objectives in which it will relate to the unique challenge it as a church has in the spiritual maturity of its members, as well as in reaching into the community. Local congregations, through their pastors, present their plans and objectives to conference administration. Each of the conferences in the Pacific Union has developed its own statement of mission, and each year outlines its plans and objectives. The Pacific Union Conference then complements this planning process by specifically articulating its program.

The success of this united effort is reflected in the ambitious plans that are now being implemented throughout the territory. In 1979 there were 7,212 additions to the church through baptism and profession of faith. The highest net increase to date was realized with an increase of 4,465 members. At the close of 1979, the Pacific Union membership stood at 136,735. The church members gave evidence of their commitment to a finished work by returning a total tithe of \$58,395,770. Mission giving increased in 1979 over 1978 in the amount of \$210,669.

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REVIEW AND HERALD
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SAWS meets needs in Vietnam and Cambodia

By HOWARD D. BURBANK

After months of planning and of overcoming many obstacles, Seventh-day Adventist World Service has been able to send nearly \$500,000 worth of relief supplies to Vietnam. The supplies consisted of hospital equipment, medicines, and clothing. As a result of this humanitarian overture to the people of Vietnam, the Vietnamese Government invited Rankin Wentland, Jr., who spent nearly 25 years in that country and is now the secretary of the Oregon Conference, and me to accompany this relief material to Vietnam.

Because of bad weather in Hanoi, we had nearly a week's delay in Bangkok, Thailand. But on February 27, we flew to Hanoi. A young man by the name of Le Ngoc, a member of the Vietnamese Committee for Solidarity with the American People, met us at the airport. We found that he was to be our guide for our entire stay

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in Vietnam. He took us to a hotel in the center of Hanoi and told us that we could walk any place we wished in the downtown area of the city.

At six o'clock that evening a special dinner in our honor was held at the hotel, at which time the general secretary of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity and Friendship with People of All Countries, Tran Hoai Nam, was our host. We found that this was one of those who negotiated with Henry Kissinger in France at the close of the Vietnam war. Mr. Nam was cordial, and after more than an hour's visit, when we told him that we were very much interested in our relief going to our old hospital in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) and in sending a doctor to help the Vietnamese people in this hospital, he indicated that this was a possibility.

In Hanoi we had the opportunity of seeing many things in the city and found the people friendly and happy. We found children playing in the street. When we visited the park and a

special orchid exhibit, we were happy to see how well the people appeared to be. We did find, however, that there was a great shortage of rice, meat, and sugar. There were long lines of people waiting for weekly or monthly rations of these foods.

We were informed that Friday we would be flying to Ho Chi Minh City, where we would spend several days. At about noon on Friday we boarded the plane with our guide, Le Ngoc, and another man from the Central Committee assigned to go with us.

In Ho Chi Minh City a third man, also from the Central Committee, was assigned to us. We then had three people in our party who were looking out for our welfare. We were taken immediately to a central hotel, where we were given air-conditioned rooms.

On our way in from the airport we passed the old Army hospital that we had occupied, as well as the new Adventist hospital the church had under construction in 1975. Much to our surprise, the hospital had been finished and was occupied.

As we rode through Ho Chi Minh City, we noted that there were few cars except for diplomatic cars such as the one in which we were riding. We were told that the city had been nicknamed "Bicycle

City," and I can see why. The streets are filled with thousands of bicycles and motorbikes with their riders. The motorized cabs that were so evident in earlier days had been replaced by bicycle rickshaws. The streets are clean, and the city itself is a credit to its new administration. Except for one or two discothèques, all the honky-tonks and houses of prostitution are gone. While in Ho Chi Minh City we had the opportunity to visit with the administrators of the Rehabilitation Committee that had taken over the rehabilitation of prostitutes, dope addicts, and pornographic dealers.

We asked that the next day, Sabbath, we be allowed to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church at the old compound. We were informed that first we would visit an orphanage and then we would be allowed to attend the church service. We arrived at the church at eleven o'clock, only to find that the service had finished at nine-thirty. To our delight, we found two young Adventist women in front of the church. They asked whether we would like to see the pastor. They went in and brought out the pastor, his wife, and many of the members who were still there. They, of course, were thrilled to see Pastor Wentland.

By the time we went into



In Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, the author saw that the hospital left unfinished when expatriate SDA's left Vietnam has been completed.



Fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Kampuchea, formerly Cambodia, are carried into the capital city of Phnom Penh to be sold at the market.

the church 25 or 30 people had gathered, and we had the privilege of taking pictures of them in the church. We were told that our people were at liberty to meet and that our churches were growing in Vietnam. We were sorry only that more of the leadership had not stayed with our people rather than being evacuated. One of the great needs that we saw in the church was that of leadership.

We were given freedom to walk many, many miles through the streets of Ho Chi Minh City, where we had the privilege of visiting and talking with the people. Most of them were extremely cordial to us during our 11-day stay.

We were told that another delegation would be allowed to go into Vietnam. This delegation would include Richard Hall, our SAWS director for Southeast Asia, along with the SAWS director of the Far Eastern Division and a doctor. They would discuss further plans for medical help. All in all, we were pleased with the reception we received in Vietnam and the cooperation that was given us by the Vietnamese Government. It appeared to us that the door was wide open for us to bring in relief and help for these needy people.

Our visa for Kampuchea/Cambodia finally was issued at the Kampuchea Council in Ho Chi Minh City. We flew to Phnom Penh in a Russian-made plane. The guide assigned to us was So Savy.

Miss Savy took us to the Monoram Hotel, which is about one quarter of a mile from the large hotel where all the voluntary agencies have headquarters. Our air-conditioned rooms were a surprise to us because the city, as far as its modern conveniences are concerned, was ruined during the Pol Pot regime. All the hospitals were destroyed. The hundreds of thousands of people who lived in Phnom Penh were driven out of the city, and it became a ghost town. The bank was blown up and destroyed. The public library and books were all burned.

One great thrill was to find

that the people now are coming back into Phnom Penh by the thousands and reoccupying the city. What a transformation in five months! What a difference food has made! We did not see even one person who appeared hungry. Some 60,000 tons of food have been moved into Phnom Penh and the country of Cambodia. It is getting to the people. We saw smiling faces and children who had been malnourished (many of the signs were still there) playing happily.

But what a city and country of need! Only one hospital was in operation. We were taken to other hospitals that had been stripped of everything, even the beds. We started negotiations with the government to bring in a 200-bed hospital that had been flown to Thailand. It is now ready to be brought into the country to help alleviate the medical problems. We also offered to assist by supplying doctors and nurses.

Lack of leadership

It is hard for a person outside the country to comprehend the dimensions of the problem. Some 3 million people either starved to death or were killed. These were the very people who are needed now for leadership. The affluence of this nation has vanished. The few leaders left are so overworked that rehabilitation is moving slowly. In fact, we were greatly privileged to have a person with us who spoke English, to translate, for these people are few. In Phnom Penh we had the opportunity to visit our old church. It is still standing and in good condition, but the windows are gone and the doors are off the hinges.

How happy we were that we were able to go through Cambodia. We feel that by the time this article appears in the ADVENTIST REVIEW our 200-bed hospital will be in Cambodia and in operation. The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) has offered to fly the hospital into Phnom Penh on the daily ICRC plane. We have made arrangements with the gov-

ernment of Phnom Penh to allow Richard Hall and a doctor to go immediately to Phnom Penh to make further arrangements for the medical help we wish to send.

There has been about a 10 percent rice crop planted in Cambodia. Therefore, there will need to be a 90 percent food supplement to the people of Cambodia from this month until the next food harvest takes place. Much needs to be done.

Givers make aid possible

We saw many areas where SAWS is bringing food not only into Cambodia but also to the border camps. This has been made possible by the sacrificial giving of the Seventh-day Adventists to SAWS for this operation. Many corporations have given, as well. In fact, the transportation expense of this entire trip was donated by Pan American Airlines and United Airlines. These two airlines, together, already have given nearly \$100,000 worth of free air passage to our doctors and nurses. We have a very heavy program ahead of us in the rehabilitation of this country. The cost will be staggering, but SAWS is dedicated to continuing its efforts just as long as we have the resources to do so.

Please do not forget the SAWS Disaster and Famine Relief Offering on May 10. It is only as we receive funding from this offering and the special offering that has been given for Cambodian relief that we are able to accomplish anything. If you would see the thousands of children and adults, as we did, who have benefited from our relief, as well as the relief of other voluntary agencies, you would know that our efforts have not been in vain. To date, SAWS has contributed more than \$1 million worth of relief for this country, through the help of the church and its friends.

SAWS continues to respond to other needs around the world, as well. During 1979 nearly \$14 million worth of relief was contributed to more than 60 countries.

Deaths

CASEBEER, Edith S.—b. April 29, 1886, in Laramie, Wyo.; d. Jan. 28, 1980, Palm Springs, Calif. After attending Walla Walla College and Pacific Union College together, she and her husband, Homer David Casebeer, went as missionaries to Puerto Rico. They were the first Protestant missionaries to be sent to Santo Domingo. Later they served as missionaries in Chile, South America. In the United States she initiated the Alabaster Club, which has been a great help to many young people. Survivors include her two daughters.

NEUFELD, Don F.—b. Dec. 5, 1914, in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. March 3, 1980, Silver Spring, Maryland. After graduating from Walla Walla College in 1939, he served for seven years as an evangelist in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Following this he taught Bible and religion at Canadian Union College for seven years, then became one of the editors of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* in 1953, working for four years on this 7,949-page, verse-by-verse explanation of the entire Old and New Testaments. Between 1957 and 1966 he helped add to the *Commentary* three more volumes—the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*, the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Students' Source Book*, and the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*. He joined the staff of the ADVENTIST REVIEW in 1967. He also served as a part-time teacher at the Home Study Institute in the field of Daniel and Revelation. Survivors include his wife, Maxine; sons, Berney, Timothy, Gwynne, and Donn; two daughters, Mrs. Karen Ryder and Lolita; six sisters; one brother; and eight grandchildren.

SCHELL, Herman E. R.—b. Aug. 19, 1891, Hamburg, Germany; d. Feb. 24, 1980, Coalmont, Tenn. He was educated in Germany and entered denominational work at the age of 19 in the Hamburg Publishing House. On September 20, 1920, he and his wife were transferred to The Hague in Holland, where he served as manager of the Dutch Publishing House, as well as secretary of the Netherlands Conference. In 1928 they went as missionaries to Indonesia, where he became the secretary-treasurer of the union that was formerly known as the Dutch East Indies. In 1939 they went to Seoul, Korea, where he continued his missionary work as secretary-treasurer of the Korean Union Mission. In 1941 they moved to Manila, Philippines, and in September of that same year they were sent back to Indonesia to assist with the missionary work there, experiencing internment until the close of the war. After their furlough in the United States from 1947 to 1948 they went back to Indonesia, and this time he served with the Voice of Prophecy, as well as being the manager of the Indonesia Publishing House and the pastor of the Dutch Seventh-day Adventist church. It was during this time that his wife, Lydia (Schlichting), died. In 1952 he married Hazel Mote, and they lived in California until they moved to Tennessee. Survivors include his wife, Hazel, and a sister in Germany.

SPENCER, Raymond M.—b. Feb. 23, 1919, Pittsburgh, Pa.; d. Feb. 14, 1980, Orlando, Fla. He served as a minister, and for five years as chaplain at the Florida Living Nursing Center in Forest City, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Lola E.; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Foster and Donna J. Stimpson; a son, James M.; his mother, Venus Spencer; a sister, Dorothy Devers; two brothers, Robert C. and William L.; and three grandchildren.

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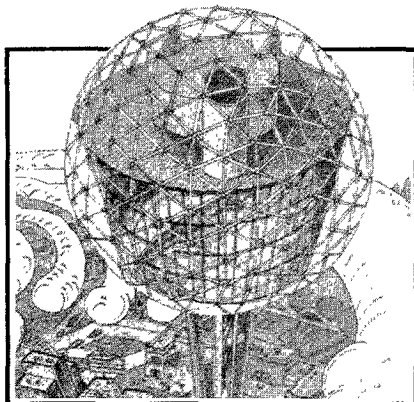
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An operator and manager for the union press, a small operation that requires a knowledge of printing. This help is needed for one year. Housing and a living allowance are provided, but the volunteer must be prepared to pay round-trip transportation.

An experienced farmer for two years to develop a new farm project at the site of an old mission headquarters, Mara Field. A house is provided, with garden. A small living allowance will be provided, but the volunteer must

be able to pay round-trip transportation.

An office secretary for up to two years for the Tanzania Union office in Arusha, Tanzania. Round-trip transportation, lodging, and a living allowance will be provided.

Persons interested in any of these needs should write or call Roy F. Williams, associate secretary, General Conference of SDA, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012. Telephone: (202) 723-0800.

Educational Day offering

On April 26, church members in North America are being asked to contribute to

the annual Education Day and Elementary School Offering. In these days of increasing economic and social pressures, the church has an added responsibility to assist in the education of its youth. Public as well as parochial schools are coming under ever-increasing criticism. Many question the heavy financial commitment necessary to keep church schools operating.

Ellen White, through her inspired writings, has much to say about the church as a whole supporting Christian education. One such statement is found in volume 6 of the *Testimonies*, page 213: "The churches in different localities should feel that a solemn responsibility rests upon them to train youth and educate talent to engage in missionary work. . . . There are persons who would do good service in the Lord's vineyard, but many are too poor to obtain without assistance the education that they require. The churches should feel it a privilege to take a part in defraying the expenses of such."

Seventh-day Adventists not only should give liberally to support the church's God-given educational program but also should add their moral support to those who are leading out in the education of our youth.

G. O. BRUCE

Day of fasting and prayer

Seventh-day Adventists in all lands are joining in a day of fasting and prayer on Sabbath, April 12. Most church congregations will be meeting together for this special service from nine-thirty Sabbath morning until sundown Sabbath evening. It seems appropriate that our believers around the world should be participating in this deep, spiritual experience as the church approaches the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Conference, which will be held in Dallas, Texas, April 17-26.

For the record

New camp: A new campsite is now a reality in the Upper Magdalena Conference in Colombia. Called Maranatha Camp, it is beautifully situated in the city of Cachi-pai, one and one-half hours' drive from Bogota.

Died: Louise (Mrs. Clifford L.) Bauer, on December 27 in Carmichael, California.

Miroslav Radancevic, 65, worker for many years in Europe, Africa, Canada, and New York, on March 13 in Warm Mineral Springs, Florida. Alma Wiles, 86, on March 23 in Loma Linda, California. Her husband, Norman Wiles, was a pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides. A. L. Zumwalt, 83, who worked in the Alaska Mission from 1946 to 1961, on February 24 in Auburn, Washington.

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