



**H**ATRED is a very ugly word, and therefore how can it have any virtue? The fact that it can be both despicable and praiseworthy is one of the paradoxes of life. Hatred of the ignoble variety is one of the by-products of sin. It is listed among the "works of the flesh" and is the product of the lower nature. As signs of His return, Jesus said, "Many . . . shall hate one another," and "the love of many shall wax cold." Jesus declared that anger and hatred have in them the seeds of murder, and that because of his hatred and jealousy of Christ, Satan "was a murderer from the beginning." Hatred has been the cause of all the wars and strife and cruelty which have cursed humanity since the entrance of sin.

But there are three kinds of hatred which are a blessing rather than a curse. The first is the hatred which the world has for Christians because their godly lives constantly rebuke sin. Their persecution, however, becomes a blessing in disguise. Jesus said: "Blessed are you when men shall hate you and exclude you from their society and insult you, and spurn your very names as evil things, for the Son of man's sake. Be glad at such a time, and dance for joy; for your reward is great in heaven; for that is just the way their forefathers behaved to the prophets!" Luke 6: 22, 23, Weymouth.

Why rejoice? Because it is an evidence of Christ-likeness. Jesus said: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." John 15: 18-20. Paul declared, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3: 12.

Genuine Christians have never been popular in this world because their lives and characters have always been a rebuke and an irritation to the ungodly. Jesus was crucified, not because He was bad, but because He was good. It is a mistake to think that if you are good the world will love you. Whether we like it or not, the world has always hated and persecuted the children of God. If Christ



## WHEN *Hatred* IS COMMENDABLE

should visit the world today as He did nineteen centuries ago, He would be just as unpopular as He was then. For this reason the apostle said: "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." Even Cain slew his brother "because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." 1 John 3: 12, 13.

The unrighteous will always hate the righteous because of their righteousness. The apostles all suffered persecution and, all but one, martyrdom. This was demonstrated also during the pagan Roman persecutions of the second and third centuries, and again during the domination of the Papacy during the Middle Ages. Nor are these persecutions all in the past. We are told that the dragon power of Satan will exhibit its wrath against God's remnant people, who will come "out of great tribulation" with character robes washed and made white "in the blood of the Lamb." See Rev. 12: 17; 7: 14.

The church has always been at its best and made its greatest progress during times of persecution, and at its worst spiritually in times of peace and popularity. There can be no enemies while the church compromises with the enemy. There can be no battles if Christians have already surrendered. There can be no hatred of those who preach unless they preach the truth. There will be no animosity against professed Christians unless they live godly lives.

The second kind of commendable hatred is that of self. Jesus said: "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." John 12: 25. This means that in the end, the self-centred person will lose everything, while those who deny themselves will be blessed with eternal riches. Jesus said that only those who deny themselves and bear His cross can be His disciples and inherit the kingdom of glory. After the patriarch Job got a vision of God, he said: "Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (See Job 42: 5, 6.) Love of self is one of the nineteen sins which

will characterize the last days, according to 2 Tim. 3: 1-5. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

The third type of virtuous hatred is hatred of sin. The psalmist said: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil," and also, "I hate every false way." (See Ps. 97: 10; 119: 104, 128.) An ancient prophet gave wise counsel when he said: "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate." Amos 5: 14, 15. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Rom. 12: 9. "Let your love be a real thing, with a loathing for evil and a bent for what is good," is the Moffatt translation, and "Regard with horror what is evil" is the Weymouth.

This is Christlikeness. It is the secret of a godly life, for of Jesus the Father said: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows." Heb. 1: 9. Here we are told that hatred of sin is also

the secret of happiness. Those who abhor sin as did Jesus will be anointed "with the oil of gladness" above their fellows. This kind of hatred is godlike. It is very virtuous and meritorious. Victory over any sin becomes easy as soon as we cease to love and fondle it, and begin to hate it. It is not hard to forsake the sins and weaknesses which we abhor. Pet sins are the most dangerous, because of our affection for them.

The eyesalve mentioned in Rev. 3: 18 is that spiritual discernment which enables God's remnant people to see the wiles of the enemy and shun them, and to detect sin and abhor it, to see themselves as God sees them. Only the Holy Spirit can convince men and women of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and put into their hearts an intense hatred for the sins that nailed the Son of God to the cross. But while hating sin in ourselves or others, we must be like Jesus and continue to love the sinner. It seems difficult for man to make this distinction, but to do so is Christlike. It is genuine Christianity, and without it there is none worthy of the name.

—"Bible Paradoxes."

## UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

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In days of old, Britain's red-coats fought in squares, thus presenting an unbroken ring of steel to the enemy. Directly one soldier fell, another stepped forward to take his place. It was a perfect example of cohesion and unity. No wonder that British squares came to be looked upon as invincible.

What a perfect example is here presented for the soldiers of Christ! In face of the countless attacks of the hosts of darkness to present an unbroken front to the enemy, thus preserving "the unity of the Spirit." For in unity is our strength.

Paul calls the Ephesian church to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4: 3.

We are called to unity, but unity is not to be confounded with being united to other churches. A union may be a political or economic combine, having no connection with things spiritual. The unity spoken of by the apostle denotes the blending of hearts and minds in the Spirit. "Behold how good . . . it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

But beware when people call us to be united together with other churches in one big church union. The union Christ prayed for was not a union of churches, but of minds and hearts. He prayed, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee." The oneness of the Father and the Son was not a matter of ecclesiastical combinations, but a perfect union of faith and love. They were one in spirit. The Son came to do the Father's will, to reveal the Father to men, to speak the Father's words to them. That is the union He calls us to.

The effort to federate all churches in one ecumenical combine is a departure from the power of the Spirit to depend upon the arm of the flesh. Christ's kingdom does not depend upon numbers, but upon faith in His name. Always the giants of faith overcome the hosts of the enemy. It is written: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

"Be ye united together," exhorts Paul, "in the love of the Spirit." How do we achieve this unity? By realizing, first, that unity is not of man, but of God. It is the "unity of the Spirit." How shall we achieve this? By entering into the fold by the door. Christ said: "I am the door of the sheep. By Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

Union with Christ is the basis of unity with the brethren. By faith in Him we are baptized into one Spirit. We are all "one in Christ Jesus."



Union with Christ is no optional thing. It is the spring of life for the Christian. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, ye have no life in you," our Lord declared. In the "Pulpit Commentary" we read: "Christ does not deny the statement, 'Except ye eat the flesh,' etc., He simply shows in what sense He meant the whole mutual indwelling of Himself and His people to be understood."

Have you, have I, this personal union, which is life? Because without it we have no eternal life. If uncertain, settle this question now; it is of the utmost importance to your eternal welfare.

In the ordinances, in all our devotions, union with God is vital to reality in religion.

When men allege they do not go to church because they had too much of it when they were young, I know that they never knew the joy of union with God. The trouble is that we do not go far enough with our children. Our duty to them is not finished when we send them to church. They must early be led to give their hearts to the Saviour. Then they will know the joy of union and fellowship with Him, and church-going will be transformed from a bane to a joy. In one family where this was done, out of five children four boys became ministers, and the remaining girl a missionary.

Unity with Christ and with one another depends upon obedience to His law. A broken moral law spoils the peace of the church, violates conscience, and drives away happiness. But when the life is fully surrendered, differences disappear, and in wonderful ways God becomes our Helper.

Self-centredness is one of the most poisonous sources of disunity. To be full of self is to be empty of God. "Look not every man on his own things," urges gallant Paul, "but every man also on the things of others." He is speaking to a congregation: it might be yours—or mine. A congregation is more than so many individuals, it is a company united together, with specific relationships and duties. Their Christian profession forbids them living unto themselves. The old monks tried to evade their responsibility by withdrawing from the common herd, and living in cells or caves. Many so-called Christians do the same. They shut themselves up in the monkish cell of their own righteousness, and pull their skirts away from all contact with sinners. They are not disciples of Jesus, they are monks. Paul is calling the saints to something nobler, to live together in peace, and share the virtues and graces God has given them, among their fellow men.

Perhaps some reader is saying: I want to feel the reality of religion. I hate shams. I want nothing to do with vain repetitions, or hypocrisy. May I know the transforming power of God in my life? "Yes," says Paul, "you may know of sins forgiven. Of the thrill of the Spirit's power within."

First, you must open your heart to God. Stop being a spectator of religion, and become an active partner in it. God's Word promises: "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." But you will not get

Christianity from a church. You will not get it from a preacher. It is in the heart. Reality, my friend, depends on **you**. **You** must open your heart. **You** must draw nigh unto God. **You** must speak to Him, and He will hear you. That is the only way to experience reality in religion. The only way to know the deep, heart-to-heart unity that binds together the people of God. Notice that the apostle beseeches us—he does not command—"to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." We, the people of God, should not let anything disrupt our unity, or mar the work of God in our midst, but "forbearing one another in love," endeavour to keep our unity in Christ intact.

Paul looks forward to the time when all believers shall "come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God." That time will assuredly come. Gleams of it already appear in all parts of the world—in the great revival gatherings in America, in every Spirit-filled meeting where men and women lose sight of narrow sectarianism in the love of God. The unity of the Spirit is bigger than church or sect, it is wide as the world. It bursts through the cramping bonds of "isms," and brother stretches out his hand to brother and cries, "We are all one in Christ Jesus." And this spirit will have its glorious culmination when Jesus comes. The love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost will surge over all else, and with glad, outstretched hands, we shall joyfully cry: "This is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us."

## *Blessings of the Family Altar*

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"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." There is no security for the family or for the nation apart from obedience to the laws of God, daily acknowledgment of the heavenly Father as the source of all our blessings, and constant instruction in the Word, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. When by the uniting of two lives a new home is established, it should be dedicated to God by the establishing of the family altar.

Daily study of the Scriptures, with husband and wife joining in prayer, will bring the angels of heaven into the home and make of it a place of happy refuge from the toils and vexations of the world. When children come to widen the family circle, the altar of praise and prayer will be ready to welcome them. No child born to Christian parents should be able to remember a day when the voice of prayer was not heard or when the song of praise was unknown. The stories of the Bible should be the very first to entertain the young mind, and the daily or weekly memory verse should be so faithfully taught that no other influence can ever blot out the words of truth learned at the fireside in the earliest years of life.

### **When Prayer Is Neglected**

The flimsiest excuse we know of for neglecting family worship is lack of time,

but it seems to be the devil's favourite. Of course, there is no place on Satan's programme for prayer or Bible reading. Neither is there time for church attendance or money for offerings or strength for missionary work. The enemy will do his utmost to crowd out the worship period. Every possible interruption and distraction will be brought in to bring discouragement and tempt us to abandon the plan. But a home where family worship is unknown is a home where the children are in peril and where the parents are failing in their God-given duty.

"In too many households, prayer is neglected. Parents feel that they have no time for morning and evening worship. They cannot spare a few moments to be spent in thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies—for the blessed sunshine and the showers of rain, which cause vegetation to flourish, and for the guardianship of holy angels. They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance, and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household. They go forth to labour as the ox or the horse goes, without one thought of God or heaven. They have souls so precious that rather than permit them to be hopelessly lost, the Son of God gave His life to ransom them; but they have little more appreciation of His great goodness than have the beasts that perish."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 143, 144.

In the days of the sanctuary service of ancient Israel, "as the priests morning and evening entered the holy place at the time of incense, the daily sacrifice was ready to be offered upon the altar in the court without. This was a time of intense interest to the worshippers who assembled at the tabernacle. Before entering into the presence of God through the ministrations of the priest, they were to engage in earnest searching of heart and confession of sin. They united in silent prayer, with their faces toward the holy place. Thus their petitions ascended with the cloud of incense, while faith laid hold upon the merits of the promised Saviour prefigured by the atoning sacrifice. The hours appointed for the morning and the evening sacrifice were regarded as sacred, and they came to be observed as the set time for worship throughout the Jewish nation. And when in later times the Jews were scattered as captives in distant lands, they still at the appointed hour turned their faces toward Jerusalem, and offered up their petitions to the God of Israel. In this custom, Christians have an example for morning and evening prayer. While God condemns a mere round of ceremonies, without the spirit of worship. He looks with great pleasure upon those who love Him, bowing morning and evening to seek pardon for sins committed, and to present their requests for needed blessings."—Id., pages 353, 354.

The recent increase of lawlessness, crime, and juvenile delinquency and vandalism in the cities of the United States has aroused the nation. Youth from good homes with every material advantage have become roving gangs of desperadoes, smashing windows, defacing buildings, de-

stroying equipment, stealing cars, assaulting and terrorizing the neighbourhood.

This is a sad but certain fulfilment of the Scripture declaration that in the last days men will become disobedient to parents, unholy, fierce, despisers of those that are good. The diligent care and faithful teaching of godly parents that is the true safeguard of youth is largely unknown. Domestic infidelity, with broken hearts and divided homes, has brought tension, fear, and insecurity to countless children until they are bewildered, nervous wrecks. Without the loving protection and spiritual guidance of a Christian home where God is revered, where the Scriptures are the rule of life and conduct, and where prayer is recognized as the vital breath of the soul, the frail foundation of their lives is soon swept away and they become an easy prey to drunkenness, narcotics, insanity, moral corruption, disease, and crime.

### **Influences of Family Worship**

The godly household has always depended upon the family altar. Just as Abraham in the early days erected an altar to the living God wherever he pitched his tent, in order that he might faithfully worship the Creator and "command his children and his household after him," so at the end of time when evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, those who in Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise are to teach the Word diligently to their children. They are to offer as a daily sacrifice upon the family altar their earnest, fervent prayers, in order that their households may be preserved in the midst of impending ruin and that through their faithful witness may shine forth the message of a soon-coming Lord.

God is calling upon many of us to repair the altar of the Lord that has been broken down. No Seventh-day Adventist family should think of starting the day without worship. It is the duty of the parents "morning and evening, by earnest prayer and persevering faith, to make a hedge about their children. . . . Train the children to offer their simple words of prayer. Tell them that God delights to have them call upon Him."—"Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students," page 110.

We have come to a new year. The tide of evil was never stronger, the temptations of Satan were never more subtle and alluring, than at the present time. If by our negligence or because of the cares of this life or for any other reason the family altar has been neglected, let the beginning of 1954 witness an earnest and heartfelt reform. Let us acknowledge the reason for our spiritual poverty and our lack of victory. We have not, because we ask not.

Prayer is still "the key in the hand of faith," enabling us to draw upon the rich supplies of heavenly grace to satisfy our daily needs. Prayer is still able to move the arm of Omnipotence. It is still the will of God that men ought always to pray, and not to faint, but to lift up holy hands without wrath and doubting. Prayer to the Lord of the harvest is still Heaven's

method for bringing forth labourers into the whitened fields, to hasten the day of the Master's return.

Family prayer is the means ordained of Heaven to draw the hearts of the parents to the children, uniting them in a spiritual fellowship that will be a sure defence against the wiles of the enemy and that will endure unto life everlasting.

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## Signs of Eternity

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"As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15: 49.

Louis J. Halle in his book, "Spring in Washington," says: "To snatch the passing moment and examine it for signs of eternity is the noblest of occupations." Happy is he indeed who finds in the mundane things of common experience those evidences of God's love and presence that are "signs of eternity." The Spirit of prophecy tells us that God's love is written upon every opening bud and every spire of springing grass. "In nature itself are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon the thistles, and thorns are covered with roses."—"Steps to Christ," page 10.

Not only in nature but in diversified ways there are reminders of an eternity with God, when Eden shall be restored, and change and decay are no more. There is the sign of eternity in a baby's innocent smile, in a young man's chivalry to his mother, in a maiden's modesty, in a father's calloused fingers that testify of honest toil, in a mother's tenderness over a fevered child, in the lifting up of the hands as in the evening sacrifice. These manifestations of grace in human life are intimations of the time when "this mortal shall have put on immortality."

But all too often we let material necessities obscure this vital hope. Charles Lindbergh says in his book, "Of Flight and Life": "Worshipping science man gains power but loses the quality of life." It is this quality of life, this savour of things immortal, that is a sign of eternity in time and inspires the Christian believer to his holiest endeavours. God's love shines with ceaseless radiance from the Shekinah of His presence. To worship science and human achievement and not see the great Miracle Worker Himself is to lose the meaning of all science and of that "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

It is a heartening thing to know that as Jesus bore the image of the earthy, we may bear, even as we walk among men, the image of the heavenly. Those lovely traits of the Christian that make him different from the world are "signs of eternity." They forecast the time when "we shall be like Him" and live with Him who is the pledge of our eternal redemption.—"Review and Herald," 19/11/53.



## The Editor's Safari

### TWO IMPRESSIVE MONUMENTS

After a very enjoyable and busy week at Bandung, I left with Pastor N. C. Wilson by plane direct to Palembang on South Sumatra, and enjoyed two busy days with the workers and laity in this city of about half a million people.

Sumatra is much larger than Java, though not so thickly populated, nor is the island so fertile. The people, however, offer a real challenge to the Christian church.

Our church membership in this industrial centre, numbering about forty, are active and are planning to build themselves a church. Here we found some who were acquainted with our early workers from Australia. It was at our next stop, however, where our work was commenced about fifty years ago. Some of our readers will remember the name Padang, which is on the coast near the middle of this long island. Hard work in a malaria area was devotedly undertaken and carried on by these faithful missionaries.

We then flew in a north-westerly direction across the island and alighted at Medan, a large city and centre of administration for north-west Sumatra. With a twinkle in his eye, our esteemed host inquired, "Say, elder, did you feel the plane bump as we crossed the line?" "Yes" was the reply, "I remember a distinct lurch up, and down again, not long after leaving Padang. Even the indicator flashed on the order, 'Fasten Belts.'" Well, coinci-

# Around the CONFERENCES

dence as it was, it impressed the fact that we were now in the northern hemisphere, Medan being about two-and-a-half degrees north.

We were met at the airport by Pastor G. A. Haas, who, with his wife and two children had motored about eighty miles from the North-west Sumatra Mission headquarters at Siantar. Pastor Haas is president of the mission, and has a large area to supervise. On the same station is Pastor R. A. Fighur, son of the well known vice-president of the General Conference. Pastor Fighur is in charge of the training school with an enrolment of about one hundred and thirty pupils.

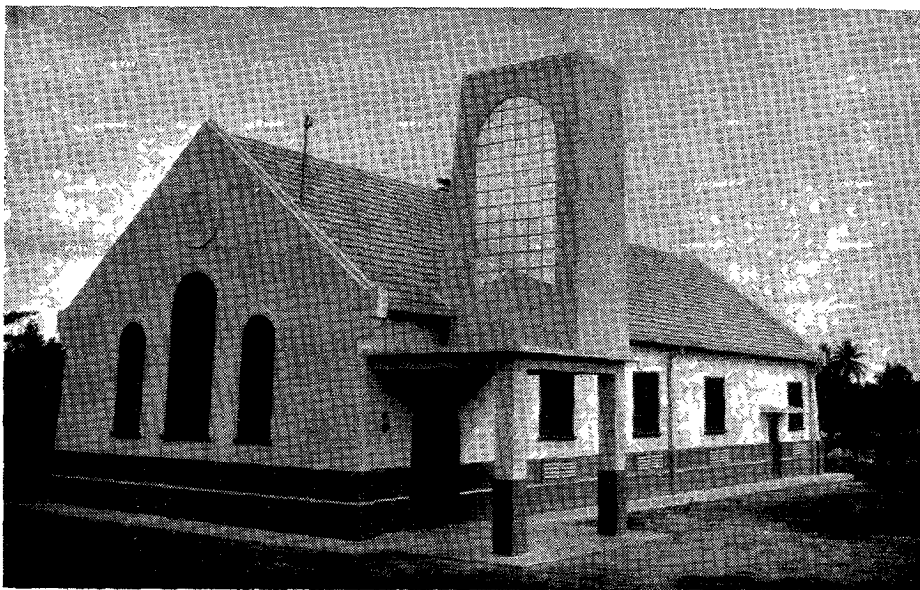
### A Memorial to G. A. Wood

Arriving at the mission compound, after a beautiful two hours' drive through tropical scenery, plantations, villages, and cultivated land, we were immediately impressed by the sight of a large, new, concrete church, just inside the gate.

The building, which is high and well lighted and ventilated, with tiled roof and floor, seats over three hundred people, and cost about £10,000.

When our president told me that our early workers from Australia, Pastor and Mrs. G. A. Wood, left all their savings, after over forty-five years of mission work to help erect this fine building, I thought, what an impressive memorial!

Sister Wood was a member of the first class of graduate nurses of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, a picture of which recently appeared in the "Record."



The Wood Memorial Church, Siantar, Sumatra.



• The dedication service of the new Medan church, north Sumatra. Pastor Wilson and Pastor Stewart are on the platform, and in front is the Adventist academy choir.

Her maiden name was Anna Nordstrom. Without reservation Pastor and Mrs. Wood devoted their lives to the work in this field. They had one furlough in Australia and attended one session of the General Conference. The people of this island greatly loved them. Sister Wood passed away up in the Batak land, some distance from here. Pastor Wood was subsequently interned during the last war and died in camp. Two days ago we visited his grave in the European section of the Medan general cemetery. Though owning no home of their own, their savings now stand as a monument to God and the truth for these last days.

#### An Impressive Dedication Service

While this memorial church, of which we have just written, was dedicated December 5, 1953, during Pastor W. P. Bradley's visit from the General Conference, a more recently built and larger church building was awaiting dedication on our arrival at Medan. This building is also of concrete with tile roofing and flooring and measures 100ft x 40ft. with a large room at the rear. The cost, without furnishings, was nearly £10,000, more than half of which was given by the 150 members. Its seating capacity is about four hundred, and it has fine acoustic properties.

On Sabbath evening, February 6, the church was filled to capacity by members and visitors, when an impressive ceremony marked the occasion. Special musical items by local and visiting choristers, were well rendered. Government officials commended the Adventists on their enterprise, in building such a fine edifice in their city. Pastor N. C. Wilson offered the dedicatory prayer, following an address given by the writer.

Adventists may be justifiably proud of these two impressive monuments so recently set apart for the service of God in this large mission field. May His blessing continue with His devoted people and workers as they still witness for Him.

### Investiture Service at the South New Zealand Camp

J. T. HOWSE, MV and JMV Secretary

January 24, 1954, was a red-letter day for the South New Zealand camp when thirty-five MV's and JMV's were invested with various insignia.

The programme on the Sunday afternoon took the form of a symposium in which avenues of service were featured by a number of young people, followed by an investiture when two Master Guides, and a number of Guides, Companions, Friends, and Pals received the reward of work well done.

A special attraction was the new uniform, which was much in evidence.

Unfortunately, not all were able to be present at the main service on the Sunday afternoon, and so on the last Sabbath a further ten, including one Master Guide, were invested.

Forty-five investitures constitute, we believe, a record for this conference, and is an indication of the interest taken in the training of our youth for active service for God. May He richly bless the activities of another year.



A group of the young people invested at the South New Zealand camp-meeting.

### New Headquarters of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference

W. E. BATTYE, President

About three minutes' walk from Gordon railway station, on the Sydney North Shore line, on the corner of Bushland Avenue and 738 Pacific Highway, stands the building recently purchased for the office of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference. It became necessary to seek larger premises for the growing needs of the union conference, which until now have been cared for within the division building in Wahroonga.

The suburb of Gordon is three stations on the Sydney side of Warrawee, the centre that connects with the Wahroonga Sanitarium. The union office is a two-storey red brick building, not unlike, on a small scale, the present division office. Formerly it was the residence and consulting rooms of a physician who is about to retire from active practice. It is a well-built, commodious structure of about fourteen rooms, and will be readily adaptable to the office needs, with little, if any, alteration. There is also room for further expansion. The land is flat with 103-ft. frontage on the highway, within a block of the bank and shopping area. As part of the property in the side street of Bushland Avenue, there is another fifty-foot block of land under separate title, which at present is utilized as a lawn tennis court. The whole setting of the building is pleasing and representative.

The offices now occupied by the Trans-Tasman Union Conference in the division building, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, will become the home of the Voice of Prophecy. For some time now the hope has been entertained that the Voice of Prophecy centre, as a unit of the division, could be moved out of the city and attached to headquarters, in harmony with its Australasian-wide activities. This change now makes it possible and enables



the Voice of Prophecy to become more closely integrated with the division family.

Already plans are in operation for removal, which is expected to take place about the end of March. We trust this expansion and development will bring strength, freshness, and progress, not only to the union, but also to the division, as we dedicate our hearts anew to the service of God and this building to His glory.

## *Glen Huon Church, Tasmania, Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary*

R. H. BROWN, Church Press Officer

On January 16, 1954, there was a large gathering of members and friends in the Glen Huon church for the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. Fifty years prior to that date to the very day, on January 16, 1904, the first service was held in the newly constructed church. A number of those who were present on the first occasion, including four charter members, were present at the service.

The address was taken by the president, Pastor Hollingsworth, who used the statement that we have nothing to fear for the future except as we may forget the way God has led us in the past. Pastor Hollingsworth said that the records showed that the church had been dedicated free of debt. The people had a mind to work and to give and to see that God's house was erected and provided for.

The church has grown over the years. Pastors Hilliard and Parker laboured to raise it up in the early days, and they came to the district as the result of an interest discovered by the late Brother Emmanuel Brandstater, who was then a member of the Collinsvale church, and who worked on the roads at Glen Huon.

Members connected with the early days of the church recounted some of the thrilling and amusing experiences that came to the pioneers. Eight of the original members were present—Sisters M. Fehlborg, E. Rabe, A. Watson, M. Watson, J. Watson, E. Wise, and Brethren A. Brown, and H. Lane.

A special offering was taken for the purpose of constructing a new church building, as the present one is no longer adequate. Fifty pounds was raised for this worthy project.

## *The Life that Counts*

D. A. DELAFIELD

John the beloved testified of Jesus, saying, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1: 4. The life that Jesus lived made Him the light of the world. Christ was the master teacher, but His teachings were not so winsome and appealing as the gentle, holy life that He lived. "Never man spake like this man," but the reason for this was clear—never man lived like this man.

The ministry of Jesus was filled with wonderful works—the cleansing of the temple, the turning of water into wine at



*The new headquarters of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference*

the marriage feast in Cana, the feeding of the five thousand and later of the four thousand—but even His wonder-working power did not match the influence of His wonderful life in reaching the hearts of men.

And great were the miracles of Jesus. He healed the ten lepers, opened the eyes of blind Bartimæus, raised the widow's son to life again at Nain, and brought Lazarus back from the dead. But even these miraculous tokens of His divinity did not equal the impact of His life and its witness to the multitude. The life of Jesus was pre-eminent. "The life was the light of men."

So it is with Christians. It is the life that counts. God intends that we should use this yardstick in measuring the success and progress attained by the church. Let us apply this principle to a Seventh-day Adventist institution. The true measure of success attained by an Adventist college, for example, is not the money value of its physical assets, the quantity and quality of the physical plant in the form of the gymnasium, science laboratory, administration buildings, or other physical benefits—though all of these are important. Neither can the measure of the institution be accurately taken by comparing the size of the student body, the total number of graduates, or the number of highly trained educators on the staff with those of other institutions. It is the degree of Christian life and principle that is brought into the study programme and the teaching programme on the campus that is the true mark of distinction. God measures real success by the amount of consecrated hard work, self-denial, and moral integrity put into the work of acquiring a degree or teaching a class.

It is important with God that noble attitudes be reflected in the conduct. The Great Educator asks: "What do the stu-

dents plan to do with their training—are they going to use it to win souls and to hasten the coming kingdom? There is a great deal of good religion brought into play by simply acquiring a college or academy education so that a fitness may be gained for efficient service.

There is a tremendous lot of good religion exhibited by educators who train youth for life and service. Is not this dedicated spirit of the teacher and the student the essential characteristic of a Christian school? May we not say that this kind of life is the light of the institution—the measure of its progress and success?

## *Religion in Baking a Loaf of Bread*

There is a great deal of true religion in doing anything worthwhile in an intelligent, dedicated manner. Did not the servant of God say, "There is more religion in a loaf of good bread than many think"? What did she mean by that? Simply that the knowledge of how to combine wholesome ingredients in the preparation of health-giving food would build healthy bodies. And this was an essential part of the divine programme for the entire restoration of man. Faithfulness in the smallest details of life is true religion if the net results are constructive.

In our publishing houses there are many workers, old and young, whose industrious labour and careful work are the true hallmarks of success. They bring real religion into their work. To them the binding of signatures, the trimming, the wrapping, the addressing of our literature, are a sacred and holy ritual. It is the touch of character that colours Seventh-day Adventist books and periodicals and gives to them that essential difference that exists between the products of our press and secular literature, between Adventist books and books published by other publishing houses, where often hands that

are stained by nicotine assemble the signatures, and breath defiled by liquor must breathe upon the pages.

We think too of our colporteurs in the field and of the publishing leaders, who teach these consecrated men and women. There comes to mind a publishing secretary who handles his prospectus with the meticulous care of an ancient Levite as he moved the holy furniture into place in the sanctuary. To this man, instructing colporteurs at publishing conventions, or canvassing with them from door to door for one of our subscription books, is as much a work of love and grace as the preaching of a spirited sermon would be for one of our ministers, or the performing of a major operation in a hospital surgical room would be for a surgeon. It is the spirit and application to duty that spells out the word success.

The colporteur himself is frequently remembered long after the book has been discarded or forgotten in the attic or the basement trunk. The smiling approach at the door, the dedicated exhibition with the prospectus, the earnestness in the tone of voice, the fervent prayer, the firm handclasp, the sympathetic words that can be understood—these all speak as eloquently for God as the literature that is sold in the home, if not more so.

The great object of the gospel is to give to the world a revelation of the life and character of God. When this is done the hearts of men are warmed and the fulfilling of God's plan for restoring mankind to His moral image is hastened. Our business is to reveal to the world the ineffaceable characteristics of God's immortal principles. It was said of Christ: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1: 18. When men saw Christ they discovered what God was like. It is the divine plan that when men observe our lives they will understand something of the divine nature.

### The Vital Elements of Godliness

The great shortcoming of Laodicea is her lack of spirituality. The church is rich in institutions. The organization is increased in the goods of a vast and well-organized mission programme. Little is lacking in material implements to bring the gospel to mankind. We have at our fingertips a thousand facilities for hastening the spread of the message. But working in and through these things there must be seen the more vital elements of a rich and overflowing godliness. The moral image of God must be seen in Adventist Christians. This will light up the movement with that celestial energy and power that will enable the church to finish the work. Honesty, purity, love, kindness, mercy, patience, and gentleness must be mixed in with our zeal and enthusiasm. When Ezekiel saw the wheels within the wheels, he was amazed at the organization and detail in the great government of God, but the wheels were all lighted up with glory. What was it that shone out

with such effulgence? Ah, the wheels were living creatures. There was life in the wheels, and the life was the light of the heavens as Ezekiel beheld the vision.

It is the life that is the light of men—the life of Christ in the church. As we seek to save the lost, let us also "seek righteousness, seek meekness." It may be that we "shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2: 3. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Song of Solomon 6: 10. It is the church, transformed by the

grace of God, lighting the world with God's glory, and prepared for heaven at last. The life of Christ has become her light. Clad in the armour of His righteousness, she goes forth to her final work. The great and urgent need of the church today is for this life, the life of Christ, lived out in us, in our homes, and in our churches. May God send us a revival of spiritual life and power. Let us pray for one another, but let us first of all pray that the change may come in our own hearts and lives.

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## The WORLD VISION



### *A Rapidly Increasing Family in India*

A. E. RAWSON

The Voice of Prophecy is a great and happy family that belts the earth, whose members are joined together by the bond of love and friendship. The headquarters for this family in India is Poona. The Voice of Prophecy family, like others, multiplies by division. Our Poona family soon began the process of division.

One section, Urdu by name, moved to West Pakistan and in a short time there were 14,812 in that family, which still seems to be enjoying good health.

Miss Singhaless moved to Ceylon to seek her fortune, and would you believe it, she now has 17,240 members in her happy, growing family. This is a very religious family, for many of its members are being baptized.

Miss Hindi and Miss English decided that for the good of each they should establish separate homes. Though Miss Hindi speaks the national language, she has reached only the total of 26,956 members, whereas Miss English, speaking a language foreign to this part of the world, has shown a most vigorous growth, and her census records 189,000 members.

Miss Tamil took up her abode in Bangalore, South India. In three short months the family members numbered more than 13,000.

Two years ago one member of our Poona family was seized with the spirit of globe trotting, and reached Burma with bright hopes. But sad to say, because of unfavourable political and economic environment her growth was stunted and she has not prospered as her sisters in other places have. We will call her Miss Rangoon.

However, recently she seems to be experiencing the effects of a blood transfusion, and the glow of health is more evident. As a source of encouragement to their faraway daughter, Pastor and Mrs.

A. E. Rawson visited her home, and were present at the birth of twins, which they have appropriately named Burmese and Chinese.

At present these twins are in a delicate state of health, but with good doctors and nurses to care for them we feel sure they will soon be well and thriving like their cousins.

Some other members are becoming discontented with living in their parents' home in Poona. Not only are they discontented, but almost unruly. It seems quite evident that Miss Malayalam will soon run away from Poona to establish her home in South India. If the parents were able to pay the dowry on the remaining daughters, they too would soon be heads of rapidly growing Voice of Prophecy families. Such a desire is natural, for did not God say, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth"?

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### *Showers of Blessing at Winnipeg*

L. O. CUMMINGS

Surely the Lord has been in this place is the conviction of the workers and members of our Winnipeg churches as they have seen the wonderful success of the Reeves evangelistic effort over the last nine weeks. The meetings opened with a double session on Sunday, September 13, and the Dominion Theatre has been filled almost every Sunday night, and on some occasions scores of people have been turned away. This was the case on the third Sunday, when Pastor Reeves gave a graphic presentation of "Life After Death."

More surprising still was the seventh Sunday night, when more than one hundred failed to find a seat in the theatre and an estimated twelve hundred were packed into the building, using every inch

of standing space, in spite of the fact that the Sabbath truth had been strongly presented the Sunday night previous.

### Many Pledged to Keep Sabbath

Already a large number have pledged to keep the Sabbath, and many are now under deep conviction. One woman who had never heard of the true Sabbath before, saw it so clearly after the first presentation of the subject that without any urging she not only made her decision to keep it, but also persuaded her friend to do so. How wonderful it is to see the joy of those who have been in darkness grasping the light of truth that God has entrusted to us!

Using many unique stage devices, colourful charts, striking screen slides, and motion film pictures, Pastor Reeves has presented our timely message so clearly to the people that even the children say they can understand it. The clarity and spiritual power of the presentation undoubtedly account for the fact that we are seeing larger crowds than ever at the Sabbath afternoon Bible Quiz Hour, when questions are answered, and at the Thursday night meeting in the Marlborough Hotel, where hundreds gather each week. Thursday, November 12, and Sabbath, November 14 (the ninth week of the effort) we had record crowds, with many standing at both meetings. At one meeting more than two hundred were enrolled for the Bible course.

Many have expressed their appreciation of our sixty-voice choir. These young people have given many hours in rehearsal, and God has greatly blessed their consecrated singing. Radio musicians of the Canadian Broadcasting Company who are attending Pastor Reeves' meetings have declared this group to be one of the finest choirs in the city. We praise God for His blessings on this effort. We invite your earnest prayers for a large harvest of souls as a result of these meetings.

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### “A Little Child Shall Lead

N. A. DAHLSTEN

Together with one of our Tamil workers of India I was recently visiting in the home of one of our newly-baptized sisters. I knew that she had had difficulties in the home before she was baptized, but it was not until I visited her home and heard her story that I realized the struggle she had been through in order to become an Adventist.

This sister's husband is a member of another denomination. When his wife told him that she wanted to become an Adventist, and take off her earrings, bracelets, and other jewellery, he opposed her vehemently and declared that he would never consent to her doing this. He told her that if she took off her jewellery, it would make her look naked and that the whole neighbourhood would laugh at him. Several times she thought that she had won the battle, and several times we had set the date for her baptism, but every

time the husband opposed her, and we advised her to wait.

At night after the day's work was over, family worship was held in this home, father, mother, and children taking turns in leading out in prayer. One night it was the eldest daughter's turn to pray. She is only a small girl, but she believed that her mother had found the truth and that she was following it. The matter of her mother's baptism weighed heavily on her little mind, and that night she poured out her heart to God in a prayer something like this. “Dear Jesus, Thou dost know that my mother wants to follow Thee. She wants to take off her earrings and bracelets so that she can go to heaven. Please, dear Jesus, speak to daddy's heart and make him willing for her to take off her earrings and bracelets and other things so that she can be baptized.”

That simple prayer of a child so touched the father's heart that when the mother again broached the subject of baptism and the taking off of her ornaments, he did not oppose her. How happy this sister was when she went forward in baptism! Her husband, who formerly opposed her so bitterly, has now begun to take Bible studies, and wants to be baptized as soon as he can arrange to be free on Sabbath. How true it is that “a little child shall lead them”!

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### The Secret of Effective Prayer

J. M. HNATYSHYN

Every youth of today should know how to pray effectively. Such prayer brings courage to the soul, and victory is always ours. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5: 16. But we must first know the secret of effective prayer. The Spirit of prophecy states that “prayer is Heaven's ordained means of success in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian character.”—“The Acts of Apostles,” page 564.

We need the Holy Spirit in our lives in order to have this secret of effective prayer. Paul says “we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Rom. 8: 26.

It is the Spirit that maketh intercession for us. But we are to have a close relationship with the Spirit. We then will pray “in the Spirit,” and this is effective prayer. As such prayers are answered it will bring great courage to us, and victory will be ours.

One of our African pastors not long ago was labouring in a very trying district. The white priests were trying to close our work in this area. On several occasions our teachers were abused, beaten, and falsely accused about stealing Roman Catholic students from their schools. Our African pastor went to the government officer who was in charge and made complaints about the behaviour of these men. The officer promised that he would look into the matter. However, some time later

one of the white fathers came to our pastor and told him that he had come to close down our work. He had been to all of our schools, taken away the books, and told the teachers to leave. He now came to order our pastor to leave and also asked him to hand over his books. The pastor saw that his boys were carrying the books, and it looked as if he, too, would have to give things over. But before he discussed the matter with the priest he went inside and prayed about it. After prayer he was impressed to ask the white father whether he had a letter from the government officer to close our schools. This request made the white father very angry.

Our pastor further told him that he had no word from our office to close the schools and our work. The enraged man began to make threats, but our brother in good faith and courage told him that he would himself go to the government office and make investigation about this matter. The white father immediately told him that he would prevent him from getting a pass to leave the district. (The law required everyone who left his own area to have a permit.)

Our pastor prayed again and in good faith purchased a ticket and left by train to see the officials about this matter. Upon arriving, he prayed again that he might get past the barrier of the officer, because he could not get the permit to leave his district. As he began to walk down the platform he noticed a European missionary of another church with a great deal of luggage. He offered his services. The missionary was glad to have our worker assist him in carrying some of the luggage. Because he carried the luggage the one at the gate took him to be the missionary's helper, so never asked for his permit. After getting through the barrier he told this missionary that he helped in answering his prayer. He told him what the priest had done. This missionary was very sympathetic because he, too, had had his troubles with the priests.

The next day our pastor presented his case to the officials. They were very much surprised. They had our pastor wait until this white father was called and dealt with. The results were that all of the teachers' books were given back, the schools were reopened, and the white father was sent away from the country.

Our pastor went back rejoicing in the great victory he had gained over this troublesome man. The news spread fast, and the African people turned their hearts to our schools and to the truth. Today the work is growing rapidly in this area. Surely the Holy Spirit had His way through our pastor. “Effectual fervent prayer” avails much.

We all need the Spirit today to help us to pray. In the conflict with sin the Spirit is our sure helper. We first need to surrender to God, and then the Spirit will come and completely fill us. We are then closely united with the heart of Jesus, and we will do His will at all times. We will live His life, and we shall pray with power. It is then that the Spirit “maketh intercession for us with groanings which



cannot be uttered." When God is with us there is nothing to fear. This is well illustrated in another experience, which took place on one of our mission stations in Tanganyika.

At our Ikizu Training School in Tanganyika we were faced with the very serious problem of getting water for the school and the people around. The streams dried up, and rain was scarce. It was decided to build a dam across a ravine near the school and save the water during the rainy season.

A permit had to be obtained from the chief in the area before the school could build a dam. The chief, who was not very friendly to our mission, refused to grant us the permit. The only solution now was to pray that the Lord would somehow overrule the chief's objections. So the missionary in charge and his staff made this a special matter of prayer. After praying, the missionary was impressed to go to the district commissioner and put before him our request. He told him about the chief's attitude regarding this dam.

#### The Chief Gives Permission

The district commissioner soon took the matter in hand and visited the chief. The result was that we received permission to construct the dam. This indeed was a great victory for the mission. The surrounding people and the mission school rejoiced over the good news. Today we have the dam and the water.

May the Lord bless us all in our moments of trial. May we also have this wonderful companion, the Holy Spirit, to guide us and help us.

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## A Turkish Family Accepts the Truth

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Verily the Lord has "a thousand ways . . . of which we know nothing." We also "thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28: 15) as we saw a letter from a man in Southern Europe. He wrote to ask for a Bible in the Turkish language! In his letter he stated that he was a Turk and had been a Mohammedan. "Now," he wrote, "I am a Christian. My wife and I and our children are now Sabbath-keepers, and we have joined an Adventist church of about sixty members in one of the countries of Southern Europe."

His letter explained how he had found more light. It was in a dream! In his dream he saw Jesus, and He talked to him about His sacrifice. Jesus held out His nail-pierced hand and appealed to his heart. Like Saul on the way to Damascus, he saw a light and heard a voice. His heart was convicted. His soul was stirred, and he went out to look for the people who had "the faith of Jesus" and loved Him enough to keep His commandments. The Lord was with him, and he found the advent people. Since this is one of the first-fruits from Turkey, we rejoice greatly.

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## "Your Redemption Draweth Nigh"

W. R. BEACH

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28.

This is the Adventist text par excellence. It is a three-point statement in which Jesus sets forth the essentials of the everlasting gospel in the setting of His second coming. There is the fact of redemption, "your redemption"; the time of redemption, "when these things begin to come to pass"; and the attitude of the faithful to the fact and the time of redemption, "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

The fact of redemption, to be sure, stands first and foremost. It strikes a responsive chord in the heart, for it meets the fundamental need of every human being. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain. . . . Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption." Rom. 8: 22, 23. This has been the case since that fateful day in Eden, when our first parents fell into "the snare of the devil" and were "taken captive by him." 2 Tim. 2: 26.

The original estate of man was wonderful beyond words. Adam and Eve basked in God's presence. Then all changed. They beheld one day a sight unseen before. They saw a leaf fall to earth; it was dry, it was dead. They realized that the powers of death had taken over, that one day they, too, like dead leaves, would return to earth. Then was born the desire for redemption.

Redemption is the work of God. Jesus paid the full price on Calvary's tree. Nothing must discount the importance of that fact. We must recognize, however, that redemption includes release from the present evil world. When shall this be? The time of redemption is important, too.

The Master recognized the importance of the time factor. He said, "When these things begin to come to pass, . . . your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28. In the preceding verses He mentions what "these things" are. Who can look out upon the world today and fail to recognize the fulfilment of these and other prophecies!

One major forecast remains unfulfilled. Yes, Jesus made it clear that the good news of approaching redemption would be heralded to the ends of the earth. Said He: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

A century ago we undertook this last phase of God's work. We set out, in fact, upon a spiritual trek to the ends of the earth. We purposed to take the message of redemption across the street and across the seas at the same time. This undertaking has met with success. Well can we rejoice in the achievements that have been ours under God.

#### Reaching the Uttermost Parts

The statistical secretary indicates for 1952 that Seventh-day Adventists have

entered 197 of the total 230 countries, islands, and island groups listed officially in the "Statesman's Yearbook." There remain only thirty-three countries in which we are not yet officially pursuing our activities. The populations of the 197 countries we have entered represent 98.5 per cent of the total world population!

Surely we are reaching out to the "uttermost part of the earth." Much remains to be done; millions are still unwarned in these entered territories. But, brethren, much has been done. The languages have been learned; institutions and evangelistic facilities are there. Even some of the most isolated areas are now hearing the redemption story. This was impressed upon me during a trip down the east coast of Africa.

I stepped off the boat at Mombasa for an unscheduled stop. I had never visited our mission there, nor were the brethren expecting me this time. At the bottom of the gangplank I found three African boys in earnest discussion. One of them appeared well informed, so I put my question to him: "Do you know the Seventh-day Adventist mission at Mombasa?" He smiled broadly and replied in broken English: "No, sir, I do not know where the Seventh-day Adventist mission is in Mombasa. I am looking for it. I am a Seventh-day Adventist. I come from the Seychelles Islands." Now, the Seychelles are tiny islands far off in mid-Indian Ocean, with 45,000 inhabitants. There on the docks at Mombasa I met this dear brother.

Our work is quickly covering the African continent. Pastor Branson reported in his opening remarks that 14,000 believers have been baptized into church fellowship this year in the Southern African Division. When you add to that number the baptisms of other divisions operating missions on the African continent, you find that nearly 18,000 Africans this year have marched into our ranks. The problem today is not how many people we can warn and win in Africa; it is how many can we prepare and train and build up in the the holy faith.

Then there are the hard places. I think of Greece, that forgotten land. Many times have I thought: The Macedonian call has done so much for so many, and yet so little for the people in behalf of whom it was made. When the war closed we hardly had a budget for Greece, and we had one lone church property.

Today, the situation is changing. Advance has knocked at Greece's door. A few years ago we dedicated to God's service an evangelistic centre in the heart of Athens. Hundreds of Athenians have already heard the story of redemption within those walls. Then, a church has been provided for Piraeus. Our property at Salonika has been rebuilt and remodelled. A handful of small churches are scattered across that beautiful land. It is a marvellous experience to meet with the group at Berea. Our people there belong to that noble sort of which the great apostle spoke in laudatory terms. Throughout Greece the gospel plough is breaking

a larger furrow. We had recently a baptismal ceremony with six candidates! I have seen hundreds baptized into this faith in a day, but this baptism in Athens was incomparably more significant.

### Large Growth in Europe

Brethren, thousands of redeemed souls today are flocking into the Adventist ranks in every part of the world. The lands of Eastern Europe are no exception. Our membership has practically doubled in those fields since the close of World War II. In some cases it has more than tripled. Today we have more than 50,000 Sabbath-keepers in Rumania, some 13,000 in Yugoslavia, and the figures are soaring upward elsewhere. The Lord's work is being done in these lands. In Russia we have at least 304 certified churches. I would judge, on the basis of other Eastern lands, that this means upward of 90,000 Sabbath-keepers. I am persuaded that we are approaching in Eastern Europe the greatest spiritual revival in the history of Christianity since Pentecost.

Messengers of truth are hard at work in many difficult places. I think of that good brother from Macedonia. I met him at Belgrade just a year and a half ago. He told me how he came to this truth. His eyes almost frozen shut, he walked along the way seeking truth. He wasn't then a Seventh-day Adventist. He lifted his heart to God, and he heard the voice that said: "Get the Book." So he went to the priest in the village. The priest was a good man and gave him a New Testament. He read the Book and found instruction. He learned to keep the Sabbath. He learned to believe in the second coming of Christ and to prepare for it. He later met one of our colporteurs, and another child was born into God's kingdom.

Thousands of such messengers of truth are at work today. Everything, even the wrath of men, is being turned to the glorifying of God. The arm of Omnipotence is shaping up events quickly for the last great acts of world evangelism.

Such is the picture of the measured advance of the message. But think of the unmeasured outreach of truth. Think of the millions of printed words that have been scattered like the leaves of autumn. They have done their work. They are doing their work. Think of the spoken words, the acts of mercy, the missionary visits, the radio broadcasts, the medical treatments, and all the circumstances that this movement has brought into play to finish God's work. They are on the march, unmeasured by human knowledge.

### Adventists Well Known

In one field it is reported that 60 per cent of the people visited by our Appeal for Missions workers were acquainted with one or the other of our radio programmes. Think of it, 60 per cent of the people had heard something.

Over in Casablanca, French Morocco, the president of the mission handed me an envelope. It carried an incomplete address: Oeuvre de l'Evangile (Work of the Gospel), Casablanca. The city counts more than half a million inhabitants.



*A tithe hut in Africa, where new believers quickly demonstrate their faithfulness and love.*

Many churches and missions have representatives there. But the postman brought the letter to our mission. It contained five thousand francs for the "Work of the Gospel." The brethren asked the postman: "Why did you bring the envelope to the Seventh-day Adventist mission?" "Why," he said, "everyone knows that the Adventists are the people that are doing the work of the gospel today."

Everyone knows? I am sure millions do, and are convinced in their hearts that this people proclaim the message of God to the world at such a time as this.

Just a few months ago I was asked to visit Angola and the islands of the Indian Ocean. The work is advancing in those faraway places. In Angola we are now reaping the harvest of more than twenty years of consecrated sowing. I had a very heartening experience there this time. We had meetings at Benguela, near Lobito Bay. We have a church now in Benguela. After the meetings of the Sabbath day, we sat in the missionary's home and listened to the first programme of the Voice of Prophecy broadcast in Angola. We waited, anxious and still, for the start of the programme. Would something yet make it impossible? Then, suddenly, the strains of the theme song came over the air in Portuguese: "Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again!" Brethren, the thrill of it brought us to our feet.

### Impact of Our Radio Work

It is impossible to measure in statistics the impact of this programme. But we do have a small conception of what the radio broadcasts and Bible correspondence schools are doing in faraway Madagascar. We have two programmes weekly: one in French, and one in Malagasy. The workers who sponsor these programmes are

capable and zealous. Radio Tananarive can be heard throughout the Indian Ocean. In Madagascar the number of receiving sets is not large, but the French Government very generously has provided for the needs of the people. In almost every important village a public-address system has been installed, so that all can benefit by the radio facilities. I stood in a public square and listened with many others.

At the annual meeting in Tananarive the Radio secretary put up a map of Madagascar. On it he had indicated the groups of Bible correspondence school students who are in contact with our central school office and are studying regularly the lessons. I wish you might see that map. The island of Madagascar is literally pinpointed with student groups. A young seminarist joined the school and has now asked for baptism. Think of it! There are today groups of people in regions of Madagascar where never a missionary has trod who are begging to be instructed and baptized into the Adventist faith.

### An Experience in Rome

In Rome, Italy, I met a man who was much interested in the message. He was waiting to speak to me at the close of a lecture. He seemed to know a lot about the truth, and yet he said this was his first attendance at a Seventh-day Adventist meeting. I asked, "How have you learned so much about the Seventh-day Adventist Church's doctrines?" His reply: "I am a student of the Voce della Speranza [Voice of Hope]. I am almost through with the course."

That told the story. He seemed to be a very cultivated, refined man, and I continued the conversation for a time. "Do you work in Rome?" I asked. "No," he replied, "I am employed in Vatican City."

Brethren, such is the picture of the measured and unmeasured outreach of the message. Who can say how far we are along the way to a finished task? This is God's work. He will do it. He is doing it. Truly the stage is set today for the last great flash of power and the finishing of the work. The last sign is being fulfilled. The time of redemption's release is fast approaching. We are not far from home.

"O blessed thought!

The traveller's lonely heart to cheer;  
Which oft a healing balm has brought  
And dried the mourner's tear."

What, then, shall be our attitude to the fact and the time of redemption? The Master's counsel is: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads."

I like the rendering of this text in French. It says: "When these things begin to come to pass, then stand straight up and lift up your heads."

He who adopts this triumphant attitude to the fact and the time of redemption will never fall by the way. He will have no misgivings about the Adventist message. The coming of Jesus will be more real to him with each passing day. He will live today as though Jesus were crucified yesterday, resurrected this morning, and expected to come tonight.

Brethren, isn't it wonderful to be a Seventh-day Adventist? It is glorious to live on the last frontiers of prophecy, when the last scenes of history are about to burst upon us. At such a time let us believe victory, think victory, proclaim victory, and live victoriously for God.

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## The Power of Prayer

M. K. ECKENROTH

Sunday evening, November 15, 1953, brought a real blessing to the evangelistic staff of the Prophetic Crusade, which is in progress in the city of Baltimore, U.S.A. A large number of people were present to hear M. K. Eckenroth present the Sabbath question. Before he spoke, a thrilling testimony from one member of the audience brought courage and faith to those who put their trust in prayer.

One of the features of the Crusade is a large prayer list containing well over one thousand names. This list is about seventy-five feet in length. This large scroll contains the names of those who are taken to the Lord in special prayer. A woman whose name was placed on the list by an Adventist neighbour came to give her testimony of gratitude for God's answer to prayer. This is her story:—

Two weeks before this occasion she was seriously ill. The doctors were unable to give her treatment. She was suffering intensely when her neighbour placed her name on the prayer list. The very next day things began to happen. Her condition improved, and she was quickly restored to health. Before that great audience she stood, and through her tears bore

a testimony to God. She said, "I am a Roman Catholic. This is the first time I have attended these meetings, but when I became ill and my neighbour placed my name on your prayer list, a wonderful change for the better took place in my life, and I just had to come and thank the people who were praying for me. Though I am a Catholic, I am not too narrow to come and express my gratitude to the people who prayed for me, and to their God, who has done such wonderful things for me."

This simple heart-warming testimony prepared the way for the reception of the Sabbath message by hundreds that night, and the Spirit of God came into the meeting in a wonderful way.

—"Review and Herald," 31/12/53.

## Growth of Our Work in the Philippines

A. Z. RODA

I have seen the Adventist movement grow in the Philippines as from an acorn to an oak! Witnessing with my own eyes the marvellous progress of the work as compared with the humble beginnings in the days of the pioneers whom I had the privilege of seeing in action, I am thrilled and greatly inspired. I know that this marvellous advancement is one of the infallible proofs of the triumph of the cause we all love.

It was my privilege recently to be the guest of Prof. V. L. Bartlett, president of the Mountain View College, when a board meeting was to be held. Arriving earlier than the other members, I was taken by the president to see what has been done in spite of many difficulties. It is marvellous, and only the beginning! We climbed up the hills and looked down upon the buildings, and the streets laid in symmetry; we saw the teachers and the students busy in the fields, in the shops, and working with tractors and bulldozers!

As I looked upon the beautiful panorama before me, I thought of the pioneer days, when we had but few believers, and few students in the first Adventist school in the Philippines—the old Philippine Academy. I thought of the pioneer teachers: I. A. Steinel, O. F. Sevrans, L. D. Warren, D. L. Millam, C. F. Thurston, and their wives. I remembered Mary Woodward. I thought of the rapid growth of church schools and academies and the colossal growth of the Philippine Union College since the days of L. M. Stump, O. A. Blake, and others. So greatly have we been blessed of God in the field of education that we had to branch out. And now we have this wonderful college in the making, nestled among the beautiful hills of central Mindanao.

One sure way of peace-making is to let the fire of contention alone. Neither fan it nor stir it nor add fuel to it, but let it go out of itself.—C. H. Spurgeon.

We were the guests of the Philippine Publishing House not long ago. How beautiful it is today! It is large and doing great things—so great that, in the words of its former manager, W. J. Blacker, "were the books sold piled up to heaven, they would pierce ten miles into the air."

I saw the old publishing house in Pasay when the late C. N. Woodward was its manager. What a contrast is the new from the old! E. A. Moon, who came later, would be surprised and glad if he could come back and see what is here. I well remember the days when J. J. Strahle led out in the colporteur work, followed later by M. F. Wiedeman.

I still see C. E. Weakens from the division in Shanghai visiting with these men. How glad they were as they led out in institutes with their group of ten, fifteen, twenty, or thirty colporteurs. But today? What hath God wrought! One mission alone, the Southern Mindanao Mission, has more canvassers today than all the colporteurs in the Philippines in those days. Today the Philippines ranks among the first three unions of the world in the largest sales of literature.

Not long after the liberation of the Philippines, it was my privilege to have a visit with the archbishop of the Philippine Independent Church. He remembered the days when J. L. McElhany, whom he counts as a friend, was pioneering the work in the Philippines. He told me how surprised he is at the marvellous progress of our work.

It is solemn but pleasant to recall the roll of the pioneers. I was but a boy when the work was being laid by them. Although some may not know me, I feel that I know them, and their pictures and their impressions on my mind are still as fresh as if it were only yesterday.

The West Visayan Mission is probably the largest in the Philippines, with more than eight thousand members. E. M. Adams and his wife pioneered the work there, followed later by G. H. Murrin, W. H. Bergherm, F. A. Pratt, F. A. Mote, and H. P. Evens. I know they would rejoice to see the fruits of their labours.

Dr. Carlos Fattebert and wife should come back to Cebu and Mindanao. It would stir their hearts to see that the work they began in these territories is among the most fruitful today. I know it, for I see it with my own eyes.

In reviewing the marvellous advance of the work in the Philippines we turn our faces to God and ascribe to Him all the glory. How thankful we are in the Philippines that there were stalwart-hearted missionaries from across the great Pacific who braved the hardships of mission life! How grateful we are, your brown brothers in these fruitful isles, that fathers and mothers were willing to part with their beloved sons and daughters to come to these faraway lands! And how good it was that believers in America gave liberal offerings to make possible the coming of these missionaries! The sacrifices are even now rewarded through thousands of souls saved in the kingdom of God.

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## Educational Progress in South Brazil

JERONIMO G. GARCIA  
Bible Instructor, Brazil Union College

On one occasion 104 teachers and directors of Brazilian government schools visited our Sao Paulo College, to study our teaching methods and also our food and religious principles. One of them, an ex-governor of the large and important state of Sao Paulo, stated: "The government needs hundreds of schools like this one scattered throughout the state."

Why do you think he made this statement? I do not hesitate to say that it is because of our Christian principles. These same principles are the foundation for all of our schools here in Brazil.

Four of these educational institutions are located within the boundaries of the South Brazil Union. The baptized membership of this union is over twenty thousand at present, and there are approximately eight thousand children and youth of school age. A real educational problem faces our leaders because our present school capacity cannot accommodate nearly this many Adventist youth.

The Rio Grande do Sul Conference has one school with about 150 students, and the church membership is approximately five thousand. This represents a school age total of about two thousand young people. But our academy as yet has no suitable boys' dormitory and the nearly one hundred boys are living in an old structure built fifty-six years ago.

The Parana-Santa Catarina Conference also has a large membership, totalling nearly six thousand at present, with over two thousand young people. Their six-year-old academy also is without proper dormitory facilities for the boys, and it is necessary for them to crowd six and seven in a room in an old wooden building long ago unfit for use.

The largest conference, Sao Paulo, has a membership of over 8,500 with nearly four thousand young people. Our five-year-old academy faces the same dormitory problem for the boys as the other two just mentioned.

The Brazilian Adventist College, an inter-union institution, has cared for as many as three hundred students in its dormitories, plus three hundred students living in the nearby communities. The great problem facing school directors is that of paying salaries to maintain a necessarily strong teaching force. The answer would be to have accommodation for five hundred to six hundred dormitory students.

As is generally true in other fields, our members are not wealthy, and we can hardly expect large offerings for the cause. For this reason we are sending a plea for help to our brethren in order to construct the necessary dormitories for our schools in the South Brazil Union.

Our schools have been the means of breaking down prejudice among the Catholic people in our country. Many non-Adventists who are acquainted with our schools and our high standards are asking us to accept their boys and girls—

but there is no room. The few we have received are ready to pay more than Adventists but we have been able to find no place to keep them. However, we wish that we could accept some of these non-Adventist youth because in a short time many of them become church members, and when they go to their homes they carry this present truth to their friends and relatives. Their influence at home and in society has been beneficial and they are a living testimony of what the truth can do to transform lives.

Every year there are baptismal classes and dozens of young people are being baptized. Had it not been for our schools, many of these young people would never have had the opportunity of knowing Jesus as their personal Saviour.

South America is the continent of great opportunities. And of the South American countries, Brazil is one of the greatest lands of opportunity. We firmly believe that our schools are the means of preparing our young people to finish God's work in the different interior cities of this great nation.

Many personal experiences could be related of student conversions and of the excellent missionary work they are doing. Now the doors are open as never before to receive our message. It is now that students are interested in preparing themselves as ministers and missionaries.

This coming thirteenth Sabbath, March 27, you will be given an opportunity to help in the building of these necessary dormitories for our schools in the South Brazil Union. Now is the time for us to go forward, and we are looking to you, our brothers and sisters.

## The Quest for Happiness

HAROLD SHRYOCK, M.D.

There are two large groups of people—both striving toward happiness, but striving in different ways. The first group is interested in the supposed happiness that appeals to the senses, that brings momentary excitement, and that gratifies selfish interests. The second—a smaller group—is interested in the more enduring kind of happiness that comes as a by-product of successful and unselfish living. This kind of happiness may not be flashy, it does not carry so much tinsel, but it is much more satisfying and more enduring.

The devil's strategy has always been to offer a counterfeit for true happiness in the form of allurements that appeal to the senses and to the desire for momentary gratification. The majority of the human race have yielded to this strategy only to have their supposed happiness snatched from them when it seemed to be well within their grasp.

The Bible contains many stories of men and women who had to answer the same question that you and I must answer: Will life's energies be spent in quest of the happiness that promises momentary pleasure, or will there be patient striving toward that genuine happiness that fades not away?

The thrilling story of Queen Esther as recorded in the Bible provides an example of one who chose the type of happiness that comes as a reward for unselfish service to humanity rather than the type that comes from present comforts. Esther had been chosen to be queen because of her personal beauty and attractiveness. The choice was in spite of her ancestry, for she was a Jewess—a member of a race that was at that time despised. Esther was beloved of the king and stood well in his favour. He was a heathen monarch, however, and she had no assurance that her favour with him was any more secure than was that of the queen who had been recently deposed.

Then developed an issue that tested Esther's loyalty to her native people at the risk of her loss of favour with the king. Owing to treachery within the government, the kingdom was about to be purged of all the Jews. Queen Esther was chosen by her people as the one who should make a direct appeal to the king. She well knew that in so doing she was in danger of sharing the fate of her countrymen.

As far as her personal safety and momentary happiness were concerned, she could well have remained silent, and thus made reasonably sure of the king's continued favour. But Esther cherished the approval of the God of heaven more than she did that of the earthly king. She preferred the permanent happiness that comes from rendering a needed service, to the momentary pleasure that comes from having the comforts of life. With respect to the dangers she faced in following through with her decision, she merely said, "If I perish, I perish."

The Lord blessed Esther's valiant efforts. Her people were spared, she retained her favour with the king, and her own character was stronger as a result of making a noble decision. What a fitting reward for a queen who found her ultimate happiness in fostering the welfare of her countrymen even at the risk of her own safety!

The experience of Moses when he chose to turn his back on the glories of the court of Egypt can also be cited as an example of a decision in favour of enduring happiness. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Heb. 11:24-26.

Throughout the various periods of life there are opportunities for choosing either the kind of happiness that is transient and that leads only to thrills of the moment, or the kind of happiness that is permanent and satisfying, that results from unselfish service to mankind.

The possibility of choosing between these two kinds of happiness starts even in early childhood. Of course, during these tender years, the parents exert a strong influence in guiding their children. Perhaps it should be said that the parents make the early choices for their children.





*Parents should encourage young children to form habits that will make for lasting happiness.*

#### Teach Habits of Thrift

The young child who lives only from one bag of candy to the next ice-cream cone is, even at his early years, building the type of character that favours selfish gratification and pleasures of the moment in preference to the enduring values of life. Rather than finding his childish satisfactions in those things that appeal to the taste and that stimulate the desire for selfish concessions, a young child should be taught habits of thrift, and should be encouraged to follow a way of life in eating, playing, and sleeping that is conducive to good health. Such foundations will have their influence in contributing to a more stable character in later years.

The grade-school child is naturally very curious about life. He wants to know about people. He is a keen observer of habits and customs. The comic book writers have taken advantage of these traits and have designed their comics in ways that hold his interest. But unfortunately, the ideals presented in comic books are not high. These books play up those phases of human living that are sometimes tragic, sometimes ridiculous, and sometimes unfortunate. These books do not form a reliable foundation for character development. But because of their appeal, the child absorbs them avidly and incorporates their sentiments into his code of living. The effect is to encourage the child in choosing those activities that have momentary appeal to the senses and provide a transient thrill.

#### An Interest in Biography

As a substitute for the comic book habit, parents would do well to encourage their children to be interested in actual biography. There are many biographical sketches that are written in a simple and interesting fashion that the child himself can read. Biography portrays actual life as lived, not the fiction of an author's imagination. Biography teaches the natural consequences of decisions, both wise and unwise. With the child's interests properly guided, wholesome stories can satisfy his curiosity about the world in which he lives. They can be the means of incorporating such ideals as will help him to choose wisely along lines that will assure him of genuine happiness and a sense of right being in the future and in the hereafter.

Children, youth, and adults who frequent the movies are schooling themselves in superficial responses to life's realities. Life as presented in the movies places emphasis on the sensual, and commends a programme of indulgence as being innocent and attractive. The policies on which our popular movie productions are based are not designed to emphasize the foundations for the kind of permanent happiness that results from unselfish ministry to others.

Admittedly, there is a genuine need for recreation. The ideal form of recreation is wholesome as well as pleasant. Recreation should be adapted to the needs of the individual. In the average case it should incorporate physical activity as well as mental. Outdoor activity is definitely pre-

ferred whenever the weather permits. Hobbies, horseback riding, gardening, community welfare, hiking, nature study, camping—many of these can provide ideal recreation while at the same time they contribute to wholesome character development.

Many adults spend their lives slavishly pursuing wealth in the hope that this will ensure happiness. The acquiring and maintaining of wealth may absorb one's total interest to the extent that he neglects more important things. In getting wealth there are many temptations to shady practices or mild dishonesty. When a person's desire for money becomes so great that he compromises in matters of conscience, he lays the foundation for future unhappiness.

But wealth is so uncertain! A person may be wealthy today and poverty-stricken tomorrow. And when wealth disappears it carries with it that portion of life that has been invested in accumulating what is now lost.

How much more secure in the affection of his friends, how much more secure in the prospect of eternity, how much more secure in genuine wholesome happiness is the person who spends his life's efforts not in selfishly piling up money and property, but in spending himself for the betterment of mankind! "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor



steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6: 19-21.

So, my friend, it is right and proper that you should choose happiness as a major goal. It is divinely intended that human beings should be happy. You must realize, however, that one of the devil's most successful stratagems in causing the downfall and unhappiness of the human race has been to substitute a transient, selfish, exciting type of so-called happiness for that genuine, enduring, and satisfying happiness that comes from following the dictates of a clear conscience and helping to uplift humanity.

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## Can God Depend On You?

R. L. KLINGBEIL

That we must depend on God fully and continually for salvation is made plain in Holy Writ. Furthermore, Christian experience has added its testimony. How often we have felt strong when we were weak! As a result, instead of heeding the instruction, "Take heed lest ye fall," we have gone on alone, without the upholding hand of God, and have fallen. It is good to impress our minds daily with the fact that "as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." John 15: 4. "Without Me you cannot overcome one sin, or resist one temptation."—"The Desire of Ages," page 676.

Nevertheless the time is coming when God will depend on us! But before that solemn day arrives, we will have learned to depend on God so fully that His character will have been reproduced in us.

Let us consider briefly these two vital relationships.

It is unnatural for the human heart to depend on God. Self-sufficiency is a universal trait. Our twentieth-century civilization has provided mankind with props and gadgets for his existence. Because of the multiplication of conveniences the desire to acquire as many as possible has become well-nigh irresistible. Satan has taken many of the legitimate things of life and made them instruments of sin. The motor-car, radio, printing press, television, and moving pictures can be great blessings. They can be the means of hastening the coming of the Lord. But they can hinder His coming also.

Too many Christians substitute a Sabbath motor-car ride for the act of worship; find it more enjoyable to listen to the radio and watch television than to be with God in prayer; to read emotional literature more than spiritual writings. Unless certain modern conveniences are used with sanctified judgment, they may harm us. Those who indulge in them will discover at the end of the journey that they have been paid with counterfeit money, that they have been living in false security, and enjoying a peace that is no peace.

How distressing to think that many professing Christians are only enjoying a peace of human making! Their minds are

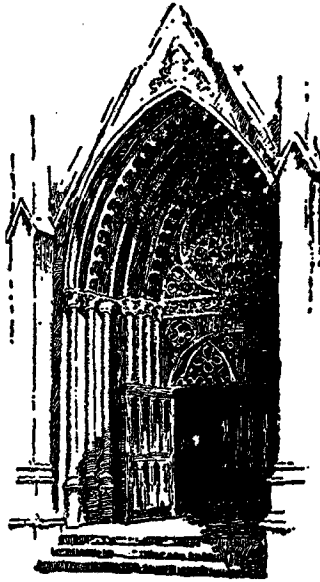
at ease, not because Christ dwells within, but because circumstances conspire to eliminate discomfort. Neighbours are kind; the kitchen is well stocked with good food. But let sudden calamity remove them all, and the peace that they enjoyed suddenly disappears.

The peace that Christ provides is independent of material things or outward circumstances. It results from forgiveness of sin, justification, and subsequent growth in grace. The change-over from the false to the genuine peace is made only by a creative act of God in the soul, and by our submission to His grace.

### A Finished Work

Soon His work will be finished in His children. They will then be without "spot, or wrinkle." God's image will have been restored in them. It is then that God will depend on His children. He will depend on them to vindicate His name on earth and before unnumbered unfallen hosts of other worlds.

Let us consider this second phase with deep humility and awe. Satan has ever



### God's Chisel

"I think that human lives  
Must bear God's chisel keen,  
If the spirit yearns and strives  
For the better life unseen.  
For men are only blocks at best,  
Till the chisel of God brings out the  
rest."

been the accuser not only of the brethren but of God Himself. In the days that lie ahead, when the mystery of God will be finished, he will make one more desperate attempt to win the war against righteousness. In order to make the conflict decisive, Christ will no longer plead for fallen man. He will remove His grace from those who have continued in rebellion. Exposed to the unchecked fury

of men and demons, God's faithful few on earth will be tested to the limit. Can man truly live a life of righteousness amid unchecked evil? Can human beings truly obey the law of God? Well does God know that His chosen ones will not fail Him in this hour. They will vindicate the reasonableness of His claims and justify His demands. They will provide indisputable evidence that God's requirements can be met under the most adverse circumstances.

In that last bitter hour of trial God's saints will have nothing left in which to trust save their faith in God. Amid the fury of spiritual wickedness and the physical sufferings at the hand of abandoned sinners, the saints will not fear, for God has strengthened them to endure the conflict.

Those whose peace today depends on material conveniences or the favour of men will have no peace in that day when every earthly support will be removed. But the saints, whose peace comes from God, will continue to trust in Him. Then God will be able to depend on them to be His faithful witnesses. Then the humble folk of earth will prove the righteousness of God's law. Then when the controversy is over, God's saints will be ushered into the kingdom of heaven. The sweat of battle will be wiped from their faces, and they will reflect for ever the glory of their Lord.

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## Never Doubt God

FREDERICK LEE

From the dark pit of conflict and trial into which Job had fallen we hear him exclaim: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Job 13: 15. This is the ultimate of faith and confidence. It should be the attitude of everyone who knows God.

A good motto for the new year would be, "Never doubt God." Never should we allow trying circumstances or momentary discouragement to cause us to mistrust the One who doeth all things well. We should always remember that God is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. A change in our lot from prosperity to poverty, from health to sickness, from hope to disappointment, makes no change in God. His relation to us is ever the same—that of a loving and merciful heavenly Father.

Though the Bible is filled with narratives of sorrow and judgment, yet it is primarily a book revealing the goodness and mercy of God. Out of the night and gloom that it portrays shine the bright stars of hope. In it we see men who have been greatly afflicted, rising up to proclaim that God is just in all His ways and that He ever waits to help those who call upon Him.

### Expressions of Confidence

It was this confidence to which Caleb and Joshua clung when all seemed lost. Israel was frightened by the evil report of the faithless spies. The murmurers were crying, "Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt!" They were ready to

give up and return to the place from which God had so marvellously delivered them. Panic seized the multitude. It was at this juncture that Caleb and Joshua cried out:—

"The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey." Num. 14: 7, 8.

Such an attitude of confidence in God's power to overcome all obstacles took more than a daring spirit. It demonstrated their trust in the promises of God.

It was such confidence that the prophet Habakkuk manifested when at the close of his prophecy of judgment upon the land he said:—

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Hab. 3: 17, 18.

#### The Psalmist Sings of Trust

This song of trust reaches its highest pitch in the psalms of David. No man suffered more at the hands of his kindred and friends, or suffered more remorse because of his sins, than the sweet singer of Israel. Hear him declaring when he had to flee from Absalom, his son:—

"But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

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## WEDDINGS



**ANDREWS-WHITE.**—On January 12, 1954, the Presbyterian church, Queens-town, was very tastefully adorned when Jeanette Gwendoline White of Strahan, Tasmania, came to the altar and exchanged marriage vows with Robert John Andrews of Christchurch, New Zealand. As these young people establish another Christian home, their large circle of friends join in wishing them every happiness.

H. W. Hollingsworth.

**STRAHAN-SLEIGHT.**—West came east to Warburton on January 13 when Westerners Edward Thomas Strahan and Barbara Jean Sleight were wed. Miss Sleight has served the Signs Publishing Company as an efficient ledger-keeper, and Mr. Strahan is a recent graduate from Avondale, now in charge of our Mumblepeg school in New South Wales. Brothers of the happy couple represented their respective parents at the wedding. Now that they are united in the service of God, Warburton sends them forth to wider fields and richer experience in grace and accomplishment.

R. P. Brown.

**LEMKE-RICHARDS.**—On the evening of February 2, 1954, the marriage of Pastor E. C. Lemke and Valmai Joyce Richards was solemnized in the Perth church, Western Australia. Both of these young people have served faithfully in the Lord's work, and the esteem in which they are held was demonstrated by the large attendance of friends and well-wishers which overflowed the church, so tastefully decorated by loving hands. As these united lives are given more fully to the service of Heaven, we wish them much of God's blessing and direction.

W. J. Richards.

**ELLIS-REYE.**—On December 22, 1953, Trefor Ellis and Elma Ramona Rye stood in the presence of God to exchange marriage vows in the Bickley S.D.A. church, Western Australia. Elma is the only daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Rye, principal of the West Australian Missionary College; Trefor, originally from Wales, is doing medical work among the people of New Guinea. After the solemnization, many friends gathered around the tables in the college dining-hall to wish Trefor and Elma God's richest blessing as they unitedly serve in New Guinea.

J. H. Wade.



## UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

**DEMPSTER.**—On January 24, 1954, at the General Hospital, Maryborough, Queensland, Hilda Matilda Dempster passed peacefully to rest at the age of seventy-four years. Sister Dempster accepted present truth thirty years ago, through the ministry of Pastor Cobb. A husband and family are left to mourn a loving wife and mother. In the presence of relatives, church members, and friends, we laid our sister to rest till the Life-giver restores her. To the loved ones, we extend our sincere sympathy, praying that God will comfort them in the hope of the glorious resurrection morn.

W. A. Baines.

**THOMSON.**—On February 4, 1954, at her home in Murrumbidgee, Victoria, Mrs. Essie Clarice Thomson fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Thomson was a daughter of Mrs. Blunden, one of the early advent believers in Victoria, and a sister of Pastor Harold Blunden, so well known among Adventists throughout the world. About eleven years ago, after the death of her sisters, she entered into a deeper and richer experience in the things of God. Her one desire was fitness for the kingdom of God, and to see the triumph of the advent hope. Her husband, four daughters, and two grand-children are left to mourn their loss. We laid her to rest in the Springvale cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver.

H. S. Streeter.

**RUTTER.**—Alice Rutter (nee Wain) was born in Yorkshire, England, eighty-four years ago, and fell asleep in the Lord, at Avondale on February 18, 1954. She was only eighteen months old when her parents brought her to these shores. It was in Western Australia that she eventually married William James Rutter, and their three children, Tom, May (Sister P. N. Sheppard), and Harry, were born there. In her desire to give her children a Christian education, she sacrificed much to make her home at Avondale, but had the joy of seeing all of them enter the organized work. Only those who knew her intimately were aware of her unselfish loving service for others, but many knew of her consistent cheerfulness and sincere Christian life. Pastors A. H. Piper and A. F. J. Kranz were associated with the writer in the performance of the last rites. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her three children, her foster son Keith Henderson, and other relatives. We look forward to the glad morning of the resurrection day when there will be a joyous awakening to everlasting life.

K. J. Wooller.

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## BREVITIES

The Home Missions Department of the Greater Sydney Conference, under the leadership of Pastor Ivan White, is throwing all its energies into organizing relief work on behalf of those in the flood-stricken areas of New South Wales. Here are a few figures which speak for themselves: Articles of clothing given by our members, 5,800; shoes, 158 pairs; mattresses, 25; a few bedsteads, and some crockery and kitchenware. Food donated by the Sanitarium Health Food Company amounted to ten cubic tons in weight.

Almost eight years have slipped away since the British Union Conference called for the services of several Australian families to fill positions of heavy responsibility in our work in the Mother Country. In recent weeks we have learned that Pastor and Mrs. E. B. Rudge, and Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Minchin will be availing themselves of the regular leave-of-absence which comes at the end of eight years' service abroad. Their relatives and many friends throughout Australasia will be delighted to welcome them back home, later this year.

On Sabbath afternoon, February 20, 1954, a solemn service was held at the Tasmanian camp-meeting, when Brethren K. J. Bullock, F. C. Fell, and H. W. Hammond were ordained to the gospel ministry.

We are very sorry to state that Miss Eleanor Scarfe, who has spent but a few months on the staff of the Mount Hagen Hansenide colony, unfortunately contracted poliomyelitis and had to be flown home. After receiving several weeks of initial treatment at the Sydney Sanitarium, from which she has benefited greatly, Miss Scarfe has been transferred to the Tamworth Hospital, N.S.W., of which her aunt is the matron. It is her great desire to return to the mission field, and we wish her God's blessing and a speedy recovery.

Just as we are going to press, word has come to us concerning further activities on behalf of flood victims. Pastor C. C. Weis, of the Division Home Missions Department, accompanied by Pastor C. Head of the Trans-Tasman Union, and Pastor J. R. Kent of the North New South Wales Conference, paid a visit to Lismore, in the heart of the flood area. While there, these brethren appointed a number of church committees which will sponsor relief work. Our people will make a wide survey of all the homes, and then deliver food, clothing, bedding, and other necessities to those in need. We understand that a number of our own people have lost their possessions, and this we greatly deplore. Pastor L. J. Kent brought down from Queensland a large trailer laden with supplies. Pastor J. R. Kent's supplies consisted of about four cubic tons of clothing and bedding gathered from the general public and our Dorcas societies. Another five cubic tons of food was supplied by the Sanitarium Health Food Company through their Newcastle branch. Christianity in action is something that everyone understands!

## Never Doubt God

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... I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about." Ps. 3: 3-6.

The same trust was manifested on other occasions when he wrote:—

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Ps. 20: 7.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." Ps. 23: 4.

"Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide

me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock." Ps. 27: 3-5.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Ps. 46: 1, 2.

Was not all this written for our learning upon whom the ends of the world come? Let us then gather strength from the courage and trust of these men of old.

### Paul Committed His Ways to God

Paul also was among those who endured persecution and trials of every kind without complaint, because he looked to the One to whom he had entrusted his life. From the midst of a prison cell he wrote to Timothy:—

"For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1: 12.

"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4: 6-8.

How marvellous is such unquestioning resignation! How great such an undimmed vision! Too many today are concerned with present trials, and it is hard for them to believe "that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rom. 5: 3-5.

"Never doubt God." That is the continuous message throughout the Scriptures. The way may be dark and stony, but the unseen God is watching over His dear ones. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." Ps. 103: 13, 14. In all our trials let us believe and say as did Job, "But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23: 10.

So, brethren and sisters, let us never doubt God. He is our only source of unfailing hope in this fast-fading world. May this year find us living this life of calm trust in Him who has our interest at heart and who is working out His purpose in our lives.

—"Review and Herald," 31/12/53.

The greatest victories to the church or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talents or education, by wealth, or the favour of men; they are those victories that are gained in the audience chamber with God.—Mrs. E. G. White in "Review and Herald," Jan. 14, 1902.