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Upper Room or Supper Room?

THE EARLY CHURCH prayed in the upper room. The twentieth-century church cooks in the supper room. Today the supper room has taken the place of the upper room. Play has taken the place of prayer and feasting the place of fasting. There are more full stomachs than there are bended knees and broken hearts. There is more fire in the range in the kitchen than there is in the pulpit. When you build the fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the pulpit. Ice-cream chills the fervour of spiritual life.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Ghost came; they were praying in the upper room. They were not waiting on tables; they were waiting on God. They were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above. They were detained by the command of God, not entertained by the cunning of men. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with stew and roast.

Oh, I would like the cooking squad put out and the praying band put in; less jam and sham, and more heaven; less pie and more piety; less use for the cook book and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen and build it on the altar. More love and life; fewer dinners and get after sinners. Let us have a church full of waiters on God, a church full of servers, serving God and waiting for His Son from heaven.

-Moody Monthly.

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Editorial . . .

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER



OUR DIVISION PRESIDENT. Pastor K. S. Parmenter, has decided to retire. While it was with deep regret that we learned of his intention to hand over the reins to a younger man at the time of the year-end Division meeting, no one would begrudge him the privilege of a wellearned retirement. He has given over forty vears of dedicated service to his church. Thirteen of those years have been at Division headquarters—six as Division secretary and seven as president.

He has stood at the helm during an extremely trying period of the church's history. The pressures and tensions that have been brought to bear upon him during his term of administration, must at times have seemed almost unbearable. Particularly is this true of the past three years. The nature of the crises that have confronted the church during this period have called for courage, calmness, level-headedness, devotion, unwavering confidence, sensitivity, wisdom, firmness and determination. Pastor Parmenter has displayed all these qualities in keeping the church on course through this stormy passage.

We're not claiming that he possesses all these attributes inherently. We feel sure he would be the first to admit that he doesn't. But he has kept very close to the side of his Master and has drawn from Him the resources he has needed. Spiritual leadership calls for deep humility. And true humility is not a cringing, wipe-yourfeet-on-me doormat attitude, as some might suppose. It is a sense of utter dependence on God for the spiritual resources we need, and which He has promised to supply. Brother Parmenter has



Pastor Keith S. Parmenter always displayed such humility. It is not necessarily eloquence, dynamism or brilliance that set a man apart as a spiritual leader. It is his hold on God-and God's hold on him. First and foremost, Brother Parmenter is a man of God.

He has been known by all those who have had the privilege of being closely associated with him, for the deep devotion with which he has served the church he loves. He never spared himself. He was always available. It is also cause for deep appreciation that we had in him a leader who possessed unswerving confidence in the prophetic mission and Heavenordained message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has never had any doubt about the fact that this church arose in response to the prophecy of Revelation 14:6-12: that it constitutes the Remnant Church of Revelation 12:17: that it has been entrusted with a special, distinctive message for our day, and that God has blessed this church with the gift of prophetic guidance.

Whoever is chosen to succeed our outgoing Division president, three things are certain. The first is that Brother Parmenter will be greatly missed. The second is that our new leader will make mistakes, just as our present and past leaders doubtless did. No matter what a leader does, it is wrong in someone's eyes. The third is that God will both direct in the appointment of our new leader, and will endow Him with the strength he needs for his challenging task and awesome responsibility. God's church is very precious to Him. He guided in its inception; He has directed and protected it throughout its history, and He will continue to lead it through trial to triumph.

We wish Pastor and Mrs Parmenter every happinesss in whatever they look forward to accomplishing together in the days ahead, and we wish our new leader much of God's blessing as he buckles on the harness within the next few weeks. We assure him of our prayers and support as we press on together towards the completion of our Heaven-appointed mission.

Books and a Searcher

GLORIA HOUSTON, Communication Secretary, Carbrook Church, South Queensland

JOAN DEIHN, an Adventist nurse, was attending Chris Hatcher at home after the birth of her second baby, when she noticed the well-stocked bookshelves and, in particular, Modern Ways to Health. Recognising a super-bookworm when she saw one, Joan passed Chris's name to literature evangelist Wilma Fox.

Chris was delighted with the books offered by Wilma. She had purchased Modern Ways to Health in Sydney, but did not know where she could obtain such good quality reading material for her family in Queensland. If her budget had permitted that day, Chris would have bought all of Wilma's books, but she had to content herself by ordering Everything a Teenage Boy Should Know, the Stampley Bible, The Desire of Ages, Your Bible and You and The Bible Story—to be delivered and paid for one volume

Wilma and Chris enjoyed those weekly visits, when they would discuss babies, nutrition and the Christian home. Wilma, who has twelve grown children, was able to offer advice as well as friendship. Chris ordered more books: Creative Meatless Cooking, Kitchen Talk, Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, The Acts of the Apostles and eight volumes of Bedtime Stories

Chris had been feeling the need of God for some time and had searched for Him with Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and Oriental religions. But none of the churches felt right to Chris until she attended Pastor Kent's mission lectures at the Springwood SDA church. Her husband, Alan, had the same feeling, and they began evening Bible studies with Ron Jenkins from the Eight Mile Plains church. Baby Leanne had recently been born, and Chris was so tired in the evenings she could barely keep her eyes open, so Pastor Ray Fraser and his wife, Jill, began to call on her for studies during the day.

Meanwhile, Chris continued to enrich her library with orders for Child Guidance, The Adventist Home, Dear Mother-to-Be, Tiny Tots Library, five volumes of My Bible Friends and four copies of Psychic Roulette (for her friends). Wilma continued to deliver one volume per week, and Chris followed up with orders for The Ministry of Healing, Counsels on Diet and Foods, Golden Treasury, Maranatha, Bible quizzes, Fuzzy Felt Bible Stories and others. The bookshelves groaned, but the books kept coming: Life Sketches, Come Unto Me, Your Story Hour and many more titles.

When Alan's bricklaying business slowed down and money became scarce, Wilma did not feel it was right to press Chris to buy more books. Instead she began to keep hens-because she remembered that Chris and Alan enjoyed fresh eggs. Now Wilma was able to deliver new-laid eggs to Chris each week and thus continue the friendship. Chris attended Carbrook church with baby Leanne when she could, but Alan felt obliged to work on Saturdays to support his family.

Baby Steven was on the way now, family finances were erratic, and although Chris had studied much in the Bible, she told Wilma the time was not yet right for her family to join the

church. But Wilma spoke firmly: "You have to make a decision now. Later on there will be more problems, more reasons to stay away from church." The words touched Chris's heart; she began to streamline her housework so that she could attend church regularly with all the children. But Alan still felt the financial pressure was too great to give up Saturday

When Chris was resting in hospital after Steven's birth, she phoned Wilma, saying that she was having strange psychic experiencesvoices telling her to do violent things, such as throw the baby out the window. When she had confided this to Alan, she was amazed to learn that he was having similar experiences at home. Wilma did not know what to do; the church pastor was on holiday, but she remembered that Chris had noticed that one of the Carbrook Sabbath school teachers, Geoff Houston, was English like herself and Alan. Chris had thought that he and Alan might become friends, so Wilma arranged for Geoff and his wife to visit Chris in hospital to try and give advice on the psychic problems.

As Chris had predicted, Geoff and Alan did become friends. The strange voices very soon stopped and Geoff began visits at the Hatcher home for Bible study on Tuesday evenings. Alan took each study to heart and began keeping Sabbath. A few months later they were baptised at Carbrook church by Pastor Fraser.

That was nearly a year ago; the four children



Wilma keeps hens so she can sell fresh eggs to customers who cannot afford more books. Photo: G. Houston

are growing up in Sabbath school and church school. Chris still loves books and has acquired many more of them, including another (secondhand) set of The Bible Story, more Spirit of Prophecy books and the full Bible commentary. The building trade is still quiet, so the Hatchers are moving to a farm in northern New South Wales, close to Adventist primary and high schools. We at Carbrook wish them very much of God's blessing and His constant presence in their new home.

Motel Room Literature Outreach Bears Fruit

GARRY ROMANO used to be a pilot for Air Niugini, based in Port Moresby. On one of his flights, to Honiara in the Solomons, he found a copy of The Great Controversy in his motel room. He was so deeply impressed as he read it, that when he returned home he told his wife. Glenys, that they should buy a Bible. They were not particularly religious people and didn't have a Bible in their home. He went down to the local Bible Society and purchased one, and together Garry and Glenys began studying it systematically. Four years ago they joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Garry resigned from his position as an airline pilot and they purchased an avocado farm on the Atherton Tablelands in north Queensland, where they are active members of the Malanda church. This is but the beginning of the story! God has plans for Garry and Glenys and their darling little daughter,

I'm so glad someone left that copy of The Great Controversy in Garry's motel room, aren't you?

-G.E.G.



Garry and Glenys Romano, with daughter Renee. Photo: G. E. Garne.

Youth Feature . . .

TO A FRIEND.

I WISH I could have always made you smile, but I cannot do that, I may succeed now and then, but I can't always bring joy to your eyes, I wish that I could, but it's because I'm not God, you see. He's the only One who can do that for you. If I've failed you, I'm sorry, I truly am. In being myself I know you will find traits that irritate you. I can understand that because I've found those traits in you. They are not mean traits or bad, for that matter. They are just slight personality differences. I don't hate you for them. Like you, I want to be happy, at peace, find a contentment within. The people and things I try cannot do it, only God can.

Words are cheap, you say, and full of empty promises, and that we are only friends to those we can get something from. That may be true, but if friends both give and receive, then there is no injury. As for words, there are still so many beautiful and honest ones spoken, too. As a friend, you're one of the best I've got. I could say you're not worth having as a friend and give myself all sorts of excuses to hate you, but they'd all be lies. I'm so sorry I couldn't make you happy, because I know how much you needed to be happy-we all do; I too.

Trying God is worth it. God's happiness is pure love. He is only giving so that you can be receiving. God is all goodness, and before you He's my best friend. It must be that way. God has to be my source of being, to influence my character. I must heed His counsel before anyone else. It doesn't mean I care less for you, it means I care more, as my stability comes from a divine instead of a mortal source. If I depend upon you for my happiness and a good feeling, I'm asking too much and I'll become dissatisfied, jealous of others you talk to. I'd leave you and try others. None would satisfy, but that's where God fills the vacuum. With Him you can be sure of His love. That makes you more able to commit yourself to others, knowing that you needn't depend upon them for a good feeling within. It frees you from being hurt emotionally, as your worth doesn't come from someone's constant approval but from God's love for you. Because people won't always like and love you, if you depend upon them you'll be disappointed. They can't fill your innermost needs. We were designed for God by God; He's the only one. When making friends with God, He's not rejecting your feeble attempts; He cherishes and loves you for every one of them. In love I long that you find God and His happiness.

-Sally Grigg.



From left: Les White (Carmel, coordinator), Graham Shields (principal), Terry Craig (World Vision), Leanne Lammonby, Norma O'Hara.

Photo: G. W. W. Drinkall.

Study Tour for Carmel Student

G. W. W. DRINKALL. Communication Director, Western Australian Conference

CARMEL COLLEGE students saw the culmination of their recent efforts in community service when, on Wednesday, September 14, Mr Terry Craig of World Vision made a special presentation to Leanne Lammonby of Year 11

In June, Mr Craig and Mrs Norma O'Hara had visited Carmel and invited the students to participate in the World Vision Forty Hour Famine. Carmel accepted the challenge and under the guidance of coordinator Les White, set an aim of \$2,000. As a novel means of motivation, Peanuts (Charlie Brown) cartoons were used in the days leading up to the fast. Four students raised \$400 among them, while the total raised amounted to \$1,981. This represented the largest amount per capita in participating schools throughout Western Australia.

A fortnight after the famine the participants held a forty-minute "feast." Local firms supplied the bulk of the food for this occasion.

Leanne, with three other students from this state, will have by now flown by TAA (tour sponsor) to Canberra on September 26 and returned on September 30. In all there were sixteen participants in Canberra at that time representing all states. Two of these will have been selected to visit some Third World countries, where they will have the opportunity to see several World Vision programs in

Congratulations to Carmel and Leanne Lammonby!

Sally Grigg is seventeen and lives at Newcomb, Victoria.

YOUNG MAN FINDS GOD

BARBARA SHELLEY, Communication Secretary, Ashfield Church, Greater Sydney

HE WAS a young executive: a man of responsibility, a busy man, a worldly man.

She was one of his employees: cheerful, vital, a good worker, a Christian, a true witness for her God.

Together they worked day by day, completing the many tasks which came their way. Everyone in the office noted Irene Torresani's Christianity, but chose to ignore it. Paul, though, noticed it just that little bit more, and the angels waited in hope and growing anticipation.

Then another Irene (Irene Calvinho) came into the picture-also an employee and also a Christian of the same faith as Irene T. Now Paul and the office staff had two Christians witnessing before them. Paul began to be drawn to the Christian way of life.

The year 1983 came, and with it came a new love-the love between man and woman. Who were the objects of this feeling? Paul and Irene Calvinho. Things progressed well. An engagement was announced, and here the folk of the Ashfield church in Greater Sydney had their first opportunity to truly welcome

Paul Behan, the quiet, friendly young man who had been coming into their "synagogue" from time to time.

Looking back at this time in his life, Paul marked the shower tea given him and Irene Calvinho as one of the turning points in his decision for the Lord. He felt at home-accepted-with such a sense of belonging heretofore unknown in his friendship with Christians. Their unquestioning acceptance broke down the barriers of hesitancy and he began to truly feel at one with their God and His people. The angels rejoiced and Jesus smiled down on the young couple, now married and settled into a regular routine of visitations and studying of God's Word with their church pastor, Barnabas Shelley.

Then, one Sabbath morning in August 1983. Paul was lowered into the waters of baptism. The tears flowed freely, as his new family in God witnessed the culmination of their hopes and prayers. It was fitting that Irene Torresani, his first contact with Adventism, rendered a beautiful solo during the service and also assisted Paul in his public testimony.



Irene Torresani and Paul Behan, during the testimony service at Ashfield church. Photo: B. Shelley

There was a new member on the Ashfield church roll. More importantly, there was another soul won for the kingdom of God.

The Three Angels

A VILLAGE in Fiji was visited by an angel recently.

The purpose of his visit was very clear. He had been sent by God to cooperate with some of God's family in Fiji in the saving of souls. Was his visit effective? Judge for yourself! It resulted directly in the baptism of 117 people in June 1983 and 100 in July, and that looks like being the tip of the iceberg!

Interested? Read on!

Some Adventist folk had decided to run a mission in two villages, but on approaching the respective chiefs they were refused permission.

This is where the angel comes in. One of the chief's daughters was given a dream in which she saw four beams of brilliant light, shining down from heaven. Three of the beams touched the earth, but under the fourth stood an angel of God.

Mystified by the dream, the girl asked the angel if there was a message for her. The angel said, "Repent and be baptised."

Certain that this dream had a real meaning, she arose and hurried through the night to the neighbouring village, where she awoke her close friend, who happened to be the daughter of the other chief.

Excitedly she poured out the story to her friend, who said, "I've just had the same dream, except that I saw only one beam of light and the angel. But when I asked him what was the meaning of the dream he said just the same, 'Repent and be baptised.' "

Hurrying to their fathers, the girls shared their common dream. You can imagine the rest, can't you! The chief called for the mission, and miracles of rebirth began to

Well, that's two angels, what about the third?

The third angel can be seen as the one who speaks through us and the Advent message, and who inspired men to write the books our literature evangelists sell!

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses . . . are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist. . . . 'Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,' was John's message, Matthew 3:2. This same message, through the publications from our printing houses, is to be given to the world today. . . . And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."-Colporteur Ministry, pages 3, 4. REMEMBERING THE REFORMER MARTIN LUTHER

Let's Celebrate!

MARGARETHA EALES

FIVE HUNDRED years ago this month and year, the voice that would challenge the world gave its first cry, to the joy of Hans and Margaretta Luther. Martin was born on November 10, 1483, at Eisleben, Saxony.

Through trial and suffering during the years of learning, God built into this man of destiny a moral character able to withstand the combined forces of the enemy. From the time he discovered a Bible at the University of Erfurt, Martin Luther craved the word of life from its pages. Gradually his understanding developed of the part played by faith in the life of a Christian and the reality of the sacrifice of Christ.

Whether as a parish priest in a village church, or as a university lecturer, Luther fed hungry hearts 'things old and new' from the Word of God. Unfortunately for some, but certainly to the glory of Christ, the more truth he discovered from the Scriptures, the more error he saw in his beloved church.

Realising his protests were falling on deaf hierarchical ears, Luther determined upon a more effectual protest against the sale of indulgences and trafficking in relics. Appearing as if to honour the relics displayed at the castle church in Wittenberg, Luther joined the crowds anxious to view the bones, teeth, hairs, cloaks, straw, twigs and other worthless articles. (The total indulgence possible for viewing the relics, being 1,902,202 years and 270 days reduction of the time spent in purgatory!) When he reached the church, he nailed his theses securely to the door.

At this stage, Luther's intention was merely to invite scholars to dispute and define the articles of religion. He had written his ninety-five propositions against the doctrine of indulgences in Latin for the learned, and was totally unprepared for the events that took place. Quickly copyists worked on a translation into German, and within a few days printers had the 'protest' in the hands of the people all over the country!

"Smother the Fire"

A copy of the theses was forwarded to Pope Leo X, who soon returned Luther to the Augustinian Order, placing him under a ban, in order to "quench a monk . . . and thus smother the fire before it should become a conflagration."—Here I Stand.

page 65. When Luther broke the ban, Pope Leo wrote a letter, through the Master of the Sacred Palace, immediately moving the focus from indulgences to the prerogatives of the pope. "Whoever," he said, "does not accept the doctrine of the Roman Church and of the Roman pontiff as the infallible rule of faith from which sacred Scripture derives strength and authority, is a heretic. . . "—Id, page 68.

Meanwhile, a champion of the church sought to allure Martin Luther to the field of battle. Papal tactics were designed to draw Luther into a direct confrontation with the church. Dr Eck published thirteen theses, directly pointed against the main doctrines set forth by the Reformer.

On reading Eck's thesis, Luther's amazement brought him to a decision. "This man," he said, "... attacks me... Thanks to Eck, this affair, which hitherto has been mere play, will become serious, and inflict a deadly blow on the tyranny of Rome and of the Roman pontiff."—D'Aubigne, Book 5, page 29.

Luther published a book entitled Appeal to His Imperial Majesty and to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation, on the Reformation of Christianity. In it, says D'Aubigne, 'he set forth . . . the evils that had been pointed out for centuries past. Never had a nobler protest been heard. The assembly before which Luther spoke was the Church; the power whose corruptions he attacked was that papacy which for ages had opposed all nations with its weight; and the reformation he so loudly called for was destined to exercise its powerful influence over all Christendom—in all the world—so long as the human race shall endure."-Book 6, pages 95-98.

Frontal Attack

His first frontal attack was against popery. 'It is a horrible thing, to behold the man who styles himself Christ's viceregent displaying a magnificence that no emperor can equal. Is this being like the poor Jesus, or the humble Peter? He is (say they) the lord of the world! But Christ, whose vicar he boasts of being, has said, MY kingdom is not of this world. Can the dominions of a vicar extend beyond those of his superior? . . . Hearest thou this, O pope! not most holy, but most sinful pope! May God from His throne in heaven soon



hurl thee from thy throne into the bottomless pit!"—Id, pages 98-100.

Rome, of course, was compelled to act. Luther had not only attacked the abuses of the Roman Church, but the pontificate itself. Eck strengthened his forces, venting his rage throughout Rome. He called for revenge, adding renewed courage to the pope and cardinals. The time had come for the famous Papal Bull, calling on Luther to recant or face excommunication. At the Sacred College, Pope Leo sanctioned the document, saying, "Arise, judge thy cause . . . arise, O Peter; remember thy Holy Roman Church, mother of all churches, and queen of the faith . . . arise . . "—Id, page 114.

Upon receiving the Papal Bull, Luther exclaimed, 'I despise and attack it, as impious, false . . . it is Christ Himself who is condemned therein . . . at last I know that the Pope is Anti-christ and that his throne is that of Satan himself."—Id, page 141.

Angered by the papal document, but with holy zeal for Christ and the truth, Luther wrote a treatise entitled, "Assertion of All Articles Wrongly Condemned in the Roman Bull." It said, for example, referring to Number 18 of his theses, that "Indulgences are pious defrauding of the Faith." He now stated, "I was wrong. I admit it. I recant and say indulgences are the most impious frauds and imposters of the most rascally pontiffs, by which they deceive the souls and destroy the goods of the faithful."—Here I Stand, pages 127, 128.

On the day the Bull was released, Luther's books were publicly burned. In retaliation, Luther and Melanchthon invited faculty, staff and students of the University in Wittenberg to another bonfire in which the Canon Law, the Decretals, the Clementines, the Papal Extravagants, some writings by Eck and

Emser, and the Papal Bull were given to the flames. "Since they have burned my books," cried Luther, "I burn theirs."

Finally, Luther was summoned to the Diet at Worms. He had no idea of the outcome, but said to Spalatin, "I hope none but the papists will stain their hands in my blood. Antichrist reigns. The Lord's will be done."-Id, page 139.

"Over all these scenes of agitation hovered a terrible will-the Roman papacy, which, inflexible as the destiny of the ancients, had unceasingly crushed for ages past every doctor, king or people that had opposed its tyrannous progress."-D'Aubigne, Book 7, pages 180, 181.

Intending to give the Diet his fiery best, Luther wrote, "This shall be my recantation at Worms: 'Previously I said the pope is the vicar of Christ. I recant. Now I say the pope is the adversary of Christ and the apostle of the devil.' "-Id, page 139.

'In the presence of that powerful and titled assembly the lowly born Reformer seemed awed and embarrassed. . . . Luther was conducted to a position directly in front of the emperor's throne. A deep silence fell upon the crowded assembly.-Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, page 155. Two questions were asked of Luther, which resulted in a day's grace to think over the matter.

"His faith faltered; fearfulness and trembling came upon him, and horror overwhelmed him. . . . Clouds gathered about him and seemed to separate him from God. He longed for the assurance that the Lord of hosts would be with him. In anguish of spirit he threw himself with his face upon the earth and poured out those broken, heart-rending cries, which none but God can fully understand."—Id, page

The next day Luther stood again before the Diet. The Chancellor of Treves again put the questions to the Reformer. "Martin Luther! Yesterday you begged for a delay that has now expired . . . now therefore, reply to the question put by his majesty, who has behaved to you with so much mildness. Will you defend your books as a whole, or are you ready to disavow some of them?"-D'Aubigne, Book 7, page 244, 245.

Dr Luther replied in the most submissive and humble manner: "Most serene emperor! Illustrious princes! Gracious lords! . . . If, through ignorance, I should transgress the usages and proprieties of courts, I entreat you to pardon me; for I was not brought up in the palaces of kings, but in the seclusion of a convent.—Ibid.

He then went on to answer the two questions of the previous day, as to

whether the books were from his hand and if he would retract them, explaining that the works before them were of different sorts. "There are some in which I have treated of faith and good works. . . . If, therefore, I were to retract these, what should I do? . . . I conjure you, most serene emperor, and you, most illustrious princes, and all men of every degree, to prove from the writings of the prophets and apostles that I have erred."-Id, pages

After Luther had repeated his speech in Latin, the orator of the Diet indignantly asked, "You have not answered the question put to you. . . . Will you, or will you not, retract?"

Then came Martin Luther's famous reply: "Since your most serene majesty and your high mightinesses require from me a clear, simple, and precise answer, I will give you one, and it is this: I cannot submit my faith either to the the pope or to the councils. . . . Unless therefore I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture or by the clearest reasoning, unless I am persuaded by means of the passages I have quoted, and unless they thus render my conscience bound by the word of God, I cannot and I will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other; may God help me. Amen."-Id, pages 248, 249.

No sooner were the words uttered, than printers began cutting blocks depicting the immortal words,

Man of Destiny

God had stood by His "man of destiny." The words Luther had spoken honoured Christ and stood for truth far more than if he had directly spoken against antichrist as he had planned. In thousands of pages, he had written explicity of antichrist, but now his words carried a glory not then discerned. The impact his speech had upon Germany and the world has echoed through the centuries, and together with the protest of the princes of the German states, has become the standard under which Protestantism has marched ever since.

Unfortunately, in the Christian world today, Protestantism has all but forgotten how to protest. They are bending over backwards that the words of the Church of Rome may be fulfilled. "The great Church of the future will be that arising from reunited Christendom whose visible centre has never ceased to exist . . . the true Church of Christ will appear as 'the woman clothed with the sun,' for the

mother is still alive. She had never ceased to hope, to watch and to wait, far into the long night . . . and many of her children are coming back to her; their hearts have become sensitive to a voice that says to them: Doubt has become impossible, 'Behold your Mother.' "-Bernard Lambert, Ecumenism, Theology and History, page 523.

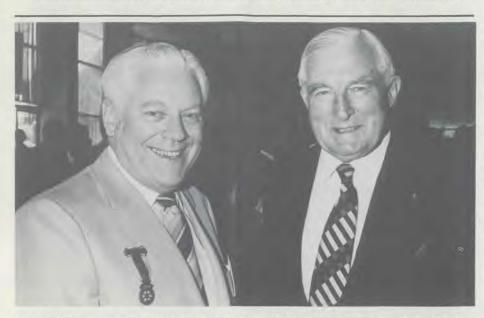
Ecce Mater tua! But what of the Adventist Church? Is she "going home to mother" too? No, definitely not. However, it might be pertinent to ask, Are we standing firmly on the platform of truth with Luther and "protesting" against error and in favour of truth? Are we praying as he did? Are we expending the energy Martin Luther did in writing-books, pamphlets, tracts, letters-giving them to friends, acquaintances, neighbours, citizens, leaders of the nation. Personally, I cannot speak for the Adventist Church; I do not know the activities of every member in my own local church, let alone across the world. But I can compare my own life. The servant of the Lord was given a greater vision than any of us, and in her words, at the turn of the century, she said, "The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be far in advance of the position which they occupy today. . . . The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The watchmen are asleep. We are years behind."-Testimonies, Vol. 5, pages 714, 715. Was this statement only true in the late 1800s when the National Reform movement was working towards Sunday law legislation? Or does it still apply today?

It is strange how principles in the writings given through the Spirit of Prophecy, like the Bible, are applicable in every age! Further on Sister White says, "While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed."-Id, pages 715, 716.

Let's celebrate. Yes, let us celebrate, and thank God for Martin Luther; for the "Protestant" princes of Germany; for the wonderful Bible; for the glories of salvation; for the priceless Saviour-our Lord Jesus Christ.

AN ADVENTIST ROTARIAN

LAURENCE GILMORE, Assistant Communication Director, North NSW Conference



Mr Lyn Knight with fellow Rotarian Sir Charles Court, immediate past Premier of Western Australia.

"DISTRICT 975 Governor Lyn Knight's 'impossible dream' had become a reality. The Australian Retirement Planning Foundation-the most ambitious for the district in fifteen years-comes at a time when retrenchments and early retirement lay-offs are making daily headlines. The idea of ARPF was born more than eighteen months ago when Lyn Knight sought to find a significant project to involve the fifty-one member clubs (and 2,308 members) in District 975 in a common cause of community concern during his year of office." So reported Rotary Down Under (January 1983), the official regional magazine of the Rotary clubs in Australia, New Zealand and the south-west Pacific.

Mr A. Lyn Knight is the second of three sons born to the late Pastor A. W. Knight and Mrs Knight of Wahroonga. He joined the Sydney Rotary Club twenty-two years ago and, as many readers will know, a man becomes a member only by invitation and after careful assessment of his background. In any given town or city, only one man from any profession or trade may be a member. Lyn has served his club of 381 members, the largest in Australia or New Zealand, as president, district secretary and chairman of many committees.

A number of Adventist men have been Rotary club presidents, secretaries and members, but I believe that this is the first time the office of district governor has been held by one of our churchmen in Australasia or indeed, the world. Inducted on July 1, 1982, Lyn just recently completed his year's term of office. Every new president is expected to give his local club or district a theme for community service and Lyn's was "Leadership in Rotary."

Knowing the man, it wasn't a surprise to have windows opened during his office in Rotary. The most enterprising was the establishment of the Australian Retirement Planning Foundation, which was launched at Rotary's annual conference by the Hon Ian Wilson, Assistant to the Minister for Social Security. In congratulating Lyn Knight, Mr Wilson said that the Foundation met the urgent need for the community.

At the same conference, formally opened by the Hon Sir Charles Court (past Premier of Western Australia), the Avondale Singers of Cooranbong gave a musical tribute to Rotary ideals. The forty-voice mixed choir created an original "Let There Be Peace on Earth" for the day. There the Adventist Church was represented by the choir as they communicated to over 700 Rotarians and wives.

In the Australian Senate questions were raised about the Retirement Planning Foundation (remember that the idea was an

Adventist man's dream)-to which Senator F. Chaney, Minister for Social Security, gave warm and responsive support. Said he: "Rotary is singularly well placed to inaugurate the Foundation. Its membership is composed of capable and experienced business and professional leaders-it is complete non-commercial motivation." The Foundation has the backing of Commonwealth and State government departments, being formed only after consultation with and advice from leaders at national and local levels.

Firstly, Lyn is a loyal Adventist and currently an elder at his home church in Wahroonga, which office he has held in past years, plus being Sabbath school superintendent and Youth leader. With his wife Audrey, they have made their former home in Wahroonga open for socials and a photographic venue for newly marrieds.

For eight years he has been a member of the Sydney Adventist Hospital's board of management and finance committee; the charter president of the Avondale College Foundation for three years; the foundation president of the Association of Business and Professional Men (ABPM) Ltd, an Adventist organisation with branches around the Division; chairman of the new Australian Retirement Planning Foundation and a Justice of the Peace. Lyn founded the National Fund Raising Council of Australia, which with others of his companies have raised over \$350 million in gifts for 1,500 worthy causes in many countries.

In challenging his fellow Rotarians, Lyn declared: "Strive for excellence-be unsatisfied-look for new opportunities to lead and serve. Have faith in your own strength and purpose and then you will always be stronger than your difficulties."

Imagine his great surprise on the last night of his office, when District 975 presented our man with one of Australia's most prestigious service club awards-the Paul Harris Fellowship. It recognises outstanding services to the community in the service club promotion field. It is the highest honour Australian Rotary clubs give, being named after Rotary's founder, Paul Harris.

Every district governor around the world must go to Rotary Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, United States of America, and while there Lyn met his president, Hiroji Mukasa of Japan. Adventists must, like Paul of old, be good mixers by rubbing shoulders with people in every level of society.

Congratulations past district governor Lyn Knight-we fellow Adventists are proud of you.

ACF Annual General Meeting in Perth

G. W. W. DRINKALL, Communication Director, Western Australian Conference

PERTH played host recently to the 1983 annual exercises of the Avondale College Foundation. The annual general meeting was held at Carmel College on Saturday evening, August 6, at 6.30. Twenty-six interstate visitors were present for the occasion, eighteen of whom were delegates.

The annual dinner, attended by ninety-six people, followed the general meeting and was held in the tastefully decorated dining-room at the college. Guest speaker Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman gave a thoughtprovoking and challenging address on education.

Committee work was done the following day at the Western Australian Conference Office, Gosnells. Office bearers for 1984, as from Janury 1, are: president, E. Long; vice-presidents, J. van Schoonhoven, A. L. Knight; secretary, C. Johnston; treasurer, N. Grace.

Important Points

When commenting on the weekend activities, the chairman of the Western Australian chapter of the foundation, Dr Bryan Stacey, made several important points:

- ☐ It was very heartening to have the Division and union president in attendance at the meetings.
- ☐ A pleasing feature was the number younger people attendance-and to see them involved.
- ☐ The cooperation that exists between the Western Australian Conference and the foundation.
- ☐ The fact that less than 1 per cent (0.7 per cent) of the Adventist community had accomplished, by God's grace, what has already been done by the foundation.

Dr Stacey put much time and effort into the preparations, and the success of the weekend is due, in large measure, to the energy he expended in this direction.



Present officers of the ACF, from left: C. Johnston, secretary; R. Branster, vice-president; J. van Schoonhoven, president; L. McMurtry, executive director; N. Grace, treasurer. Photo: G. W. W. Drinkall.

Adventist Influence on Council

ROBYNNE WESLAKE, Communication Secretary, Hamilton Church, NNSW

THE WEEKEND of September 24 was chosen for local council elections in New South Wales. In Newcastle the poll results were of special interest to Hamilton church members. Two members were hoping for re-election to the City Council.

Alma Tate, and son, John Tate, were both standing for office-Alma for her third consecutive term, John for his second. Both were chosen by their Citizens Group party as number one candidates in their respective wards.

Late on Saturday night the results were announced. John had received so many first preference votes that he had not only been re-elected himself, but had pulled his number two candidate in as well. Alma had also been re-elected by a large majority of the votes in

John has a special interest in road safety and traffic problems. He has been interviewed on local radio and television on this subject. He had also been featured several times in the Newcastle Herald. His other concern is for a greater role for council in welfare.

Alma is best known for her dynamic initiatives in child care, senior citizens' centres and sporting facilities; also for her campaigns against litter. She instigated the entry which won for her suburb of New Lambton the "Tidy Town Competition" run by the "Keep Australia Beautiful" Committee of New South Wales

Alma and John have both found opportunities to share our message through standing firm on their health principles at public functions. Alma says that being a dedicated Christian has not hindered her public office, but rather made it more enjoyable.

Being in government at any level is not an easy task. John and Alma have earned the respect of Newcastle for their integrity and genuine concern for people.



Alma Tate



John Tate. Photos: R. Weslake.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

US TRUCKIE WITNESSES TO OTHERS

JOHN 15:16 says, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chose you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." We may not see immediate results of what we do, but one day we will. Oh, to be used of God—that is my desire.

After asking Jesus to get into my eighteen-wheeler with me, I went up the road and I talked with the Lord as I went along, "Ride with me up and down these roads, and lead me to an honest heart." At a rest area I prayed again that if there was an honest heart there I would be led to him.

I was about to leave when I saw a man waving at me. "Oh," I said, "Thank You, Lord! I know You must be leading him to me. You're answering my prayers. Surely I will be able to witness to this person in some way. I pray You will lead in every word I speak."

The man asked, "How are you, sir? My wife has always wanted to see inside one of these eighteen-wheelers. Could she get up in your truck and look it over?"

"Bring her on over," I replied. They introduced themselves as Clifford and Ann. The seat is on a type of air cylinder, that lets the seat go up and down, and Ann bounced on it like a kid, and really enjoyed it. When she climbed down, I asked, "Where are you folks going? Where have you been? Have you been on vacation?"

"Yes," she said, "we've been to Florida. We're going back home to Buffalo, New York."

"Bless your hearts," I said. "I know you have had a nice trip, but while you are riding along, how would you like to read a good book? Something that will make you a better person. Something that will give you some knowledge and will help you to have more to live for?"

"Oh," she said, "yes."

Books and Magazines

Now, I stack all different kinds of books in my truck: The Great Controversy, The Desire of Ages, Steps to Christ, The Other Side of Death, and some magazines; without looking I put my hand in the box and pull out a book. God knows whom I'm going to be talking to, and what they need.

This time I pulled out a black book. I didn't even look to see if it was upside down or sideways. I just climbed down out of my truck and handed them the book. The title happened to be *The Great Controversy*. Ann said, "Oh, Clifford, I told you so. When that man walked by the car I felt something."

I didn't feel a thing, but God was leading me. We are told that angels go before us and prepare the hearts. This woman was attracted to me and my truck, when there were so many other trucks in that rest area. She said, "Clifford, I told you, didn't I?" she continued.

"Yes, you did," he said.

"That's the book I was taught from as a child, *The Great Controversy*. I know Seventh-day Adventists, I know all about the Sabbath. I told you we shouldn't be going to church on Sunday. We ought to be going on God's holy Sabbath day."

"You're right, young lady," I said. "God sent me here with this book. I have been praying all the way up the road, 'Lord, send me to an honest heart. I need to witness. I need to let the water of life flow through me.' "Oh, what a thrill it was when she said that!

She took the book and held it close to her heart. I said, "Ann, maybe Clifford doesn't understand the Sabbath quite as well as you and I. I've got time if you have; maybe we could just take a few minutes and have a short Bible study and perhaps I would be able to point out some things to him that will be helpful in making his decision for God."

I continued on my way to the next state. Now I have always had a trailer waiting for me in the town of Branford. I got down there to pick up the trailer, and it wasn't loaded because the computer had gone haywire. The company said the trailer would not be loaded until around noon the next day.

Chance Meeting

The next morning I felt impressed to go early for my truck. I saw a truck from NAPA. I was driving for Raylock, which is a division of NAPA. If I had received my load the day before on Tuesday, I never



Gary and the eighteen-wheeler truck he drives.

would have met the driver of that truck, for he always came on Wednesdays. His name was John; a very nice fellow, who smiled freely. But he looked tired and like a man who was sick, I asked, "John, how's your health?"

"I was recently in the hospital and I've been off work for three months, recuperating," he answered.

I invited him to come outside where we could hear a little better, as there were many plant noises. I asked, "John, are you a Christian? Do you know Christ?"

"Yes," he replied, "I just joined the Baptist Church."

"Praise God," I said. "The Lord is leading your life. Will you get in my truck with me and study the Bible?"

As I began to turn in my Bible I felt impressed to give him a Bible study on the Sabbath. But I just don't point out the Sabbath; every one of those Ten Commandments is important. I pointed out that we must love God with all our hearts and love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you." John 13:34. I came down to the Sabbath question and pointed out: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour..."

"Gary," he said, "may I interrupt you? You know, I have been drinking and smoking, I've cursed and done everything contemptible. When I had this heart attack and was lying there in the hospital I heard my wife outside the door talking with her pastor. She said, 'Whatever you do, don't mention religion! Why he's liable to go into a rage and have another heart attack!' I was listening to every word they said, and I knew that I needed something that man had. Before he came into my room I had prayed, 'God, if you will let me live through this, whatever You want me to do I will do—just show me.'

After John got out of the hospital he

joined the Baptist Church. The doctor told him that it would be several months before he could go back to work. Rather than watching television all the time he began reading the Bible. Everything he read in the Bible led him to Jesus and the Ten Commandments. All through the Psalms and everything he read was, "My commandments, My commandments." The Sabbath just seemed to make an impression on him, and finally he asked his minister, "Why is it that we worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, when the Bible doesn't mention it?"

The Baptist minister told him that the resurrection of Christ was the reason. When John was telling me this incident he said, "Gary, I've been praying ever since that God would give me a better understanding of His Word. I know God put you and me together."

"Amen, brother," I said. "I've been praying that God would lead me, and you are one of the sheep who hears His voice."

I Want to Be an Adventist

Tears began to stream down John's cheeks. He said, "I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist. You've convinced me right here that God has a commandment-keeping people, and I am going to be one of them." When he left me, tears were streaming down his cheeks.

In Sarasota, Florida, a few weeks ago I got lost. I began looking for a place to turn my truck around. I couldn't see a place big enough, so I just kept on going until I came to an antique store, Aunt Bea's Antiques. I didn't see anybody in the store at first. So I called out, 'Is anybody home?'

I heard a voice way in the back. "Yeah, I'm back here." I called out the name of the company I was looking for, and she said, "If it were around here, I'd know where it was for sure, and I've never heard of it."

"Thank you just the same and I hope you have a really nice day," I said. I went back out to the truck and said, "Oh, I don't care how late I am." The Lord says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. The Lord can add to your time, too.

I got one of my favourite books, eased back in the door, and called out, "Lady,"

She said, "Yeah?"

I said, "I'm back again. I'm going to lay this little book on your desk, and sometime when you are sitting around, read it. It did something for me, and it will do something for anybody who reads it. It's a book of

As I started to lay it down she called out,

"I've Been There"

JOHN GATE, President, Eastern Highlands Mission, Papua New Guinea Union Mission

THE ADVENTIST APPEAL will never be the same for Brother Jerry Gate and his wife, Sister Lillian Gate, when they return to Australia at the end of 1983.

They are north Queenslanders retired from sugarcane farming, and after selling up, and with no material encumberances to hold them back, they have been here in Papua New Guinea, in the Eastern Highlands Mission, as self-supporting volunteers for the past twelve months.

With his farming and machinery background, Brother Gate has fitted in beautifully to the practical needs of local mission operations. Vehicle maintenance and service, repairs of all kinds, tractor and implement repairs and settings-you name it, we ask him to do it. Sister Gate's work and witness around the compounds is a blessing to all.

Together they have been out into isolated mission airstrips to help with projects such as cutting timber from the bush for a new mission school, or moving around to different churches on Sabbaths to see church dedications, organisations, baptisms or new work projects.



Brother and Sister Gate in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. Photo: J. Gate.

They'll be sorry to go, and we'll be sorry to lose them. They're sold on mission work. They've seen it first hand and been involved.

It's a great way to meet folks on the door-step when on the Appeal-to say, "I've been there."

Thank you, Dad and Mum, for your fellowship and ministry to the Eastern Highlands in 1983.

"Don't you lay it down. Don't you do it. I'll be right there. Just hold it." Well, I had an aunt who had an abrupt disposition like this lady, so I was used to that kind of thing. The lady had broken her ankle, and she came hobbling towards me, using a walker. Here I was, already an hour and forty minutes late, and it was going to take another ten minutes for her to walk back to where I was. Then I thought, "Run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1), and I prayed, "Lord, give me some patience."

She finally got there and took the book out of my hand. After looking at it she said, "Ellen G. White. What church do you go to?" I said, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist."

"All right," she said, "You come right on over here and sit down. I know you are looking for a place, but you'll find it. You just sit down here, and tell me what the difference is between keeping one day or another."

It took about twenty minutes for me to give a Bible study on the Sabbath. The Lord just kept giving me those texts—you know how they come. They just came like rainfall, and she listened . . . and she listened . . . and she listened. I could see

that her face was amazed at the things she heard, and her face lit up when these truths struck home. She said, "Praise God! Amen! I see!" Every time she said something like that, it was like giving me a shot in the arm.

When I finished, she said, "Now, I will tell you why I had to know. There weren't any 'ifs' nor 'ands'; I knew you were in a hurry, but when I broke my leg I took my Bible and opened it and prayed, Now, God, if there is something that You want me to know, You show it to me and I'll do

"Gary, my mother was a Seventh-day Adventist, but she was never able to tell me, or I didn't ask her, why she insisted on going to church on the seventh day. My dear mother has passed on now, but God answered my prayer today, and I am thrilled with it. I knew as you were talking God had answered my prayer, and that it had all worked together. Now, after what you have shown me when I read my Bible I'll know what it is talking about.'

"Let's you and me turn our faces to God and have prayer," I said.

Oh, the Lord knows how to set the stage!

-Adventist Book World.



Mr Little, a patient in Sydney Adventist Hospital, looks at some photographs of the "Sydney San" as he remembered it some seventy-four years ago when he was also a patient. The new television facility is seen on the right. Mrs Roslyn Major, RNA, looks on.

The Old and the New

LARRY J. LAREDO, Public Relations Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital

MR LITTLE, a member of our Hamilton church, New South Wales, is currently a patient at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. In his early nineties, he can remember when he was first a patient in the old "Sydney San" seventy-four years ago. He well remembers Dr Sherwin and some of the staff who were caring for him during those days.

It was interesting to talk with him and discover that he has lived in the same street in Stockton, a suburb of Newcastle, all his life. Mr Little, who is one of our oldest patients at the moment, is seen in the picture with one of our newest acquisitions, the portable television installation which has been fitted to each of the beds.

Sydney Adventist Hospital is one of the first hospitals in Australia to have this facility. Not only can the set receive the normal commerical channels, but there is provision for in-house television, such as the Westbrook Hospital type programs, health education, and "This is Your Hospital."

The new facility will undoubtedly enhance opportunities for communication, and many more patients will be able to view our 10 a.m. Sabbath morning service which comes from the chapel.

Health Lectures Pave Way for Daniel Seminar

ERIK ANDERSEN, Communication Secretary, Otahuhu Church, North New Zealand

A SERIES of heatlh lectures, complete with vegetarian cooking demonstrations, were sponsored by the Otahuhu Seventh-day Adventist church in their Church Street Community Services Hall, on consecutive Sunday nights. During each night's demonstration, tasty vegetarian savouries and delicious desserts-mostly prepared without sugarwere sampled by about thirty people. Mrs Evelyn Clover, the Otahuhu Adventist Health and Temperance secretary and vegetarian nutrition instructor, was in charge of the cooking demonstrations.

Ingredients were previously prepared by well-trained helpers for the sixty or so recipes: sausage rolls, soybean patties, hunza pie, savoury chunks and mushroom casserole, tofu meat balls, coleslaw with sprouts, Burmese salad, wholemeal and rye bread, banana cream pie, to mention only a few. Even our minister, Malcolm Bull, presented and demonstrated a couple of very 'meaty tasting' vegetarian savouries, which disappeared with surprising speed during the "tasting ceremony" held at the conclusion of each night's session.

Mrs Clover's husband, Arthur-a schoolteacher by profession-assisted with the actual vegetarian nutrition instruction, and lectured each night on subjects like "Is Protein a Problem?" "What Is Energy?" "Which Foods?" "The Fat of the Land?" etc.

Also vitamins and minerals were dealt with in detail, including, "Zinc, the Amazing Mineral," "Only in recent years has it been

discovered that many people are lacking this important trace element, causing illnesses ranging from slow healing of wounds, prostate gland trouble, acne (pimples), to general lack of growth and proper development in children.

Lastly-but not least-emphasis was placed on self-control in eating, adequate drinking of pure water, and daily exercise.

The Adventist health course concluded with a smorgasbord dinner. Each course-participant could bring a friend, and everybody enjoyed the prepared goodies, agreeing that food does not have to consist of meat and be loaded with salt to be tasty (in fact some thought it may have been made from flesh food), and that desserts do not have to be made with sugar-nor artificial sweetening-to be delicious.

Instead of flesh food, sugar and salt, the preceding six weeks had been "loaded" with information for healthful living. Over the next ten weeks-also each Sunday night-Brother Bull will continue with a series of lectures in the form of seminars on the Book of Daniel, and to this the health-course participants can bring as many friends as they like. Said Brother Bull, when he proposed that hands be put together as an appreciation to Mr and Mrs Clover and their helpers: "Not only do people in general like good food, they also like to know about the future. The seminars to follow will do just

Some of the "goodies" at the smorgasbord dinner. Photo: E. Andersen



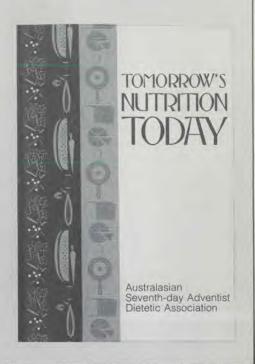
Tomorrow's Nutrition Today

This book is for you, a person who wants to know more about nutrition. It is a simple, scientific book for Australia and New Zealand, based on local foods and food habits and written by Australian and New Zealand nutritionists and scientists.

It does not purport to be free of scientific terms. It could not be and present up-to-date nutrition to a public which is exposed daily to such terms as cholesterol, dental plaque, hyperkinesis, triglycerides, etc, in the press, radio and television. The material is designed to challenge you and increase your knowledge. It may even require some study and the use of a dictionary.

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Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years, Volume 5, by Arthur L. White

IN THE OPINION of this reviewer, the author's aim of a selection of events and happenings which illustrate Ellen G. White's lifestyle and work within the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been accomplished with credit. It is readable, and presented in such a manner as to make it a valuable contribution to the present knowledge of the growth and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in the significant events surrounding the turn of the century.

In addition to presenting a biography of the routine lifestyle and character of the woman herself, and the method of her preparation and issuing of her counsels and the publishing of her books, it presents a history of significant, and at times turbulent, happenings within the church; as well as establishing the importance of her place and influence in its progressive development. This aspect alone makes the book a good investment.

To many, both ministerial and laity, the subject of Ellen G. White and her work is often but a matter of ancient history but dimly perceived, and of little consequence. To such the book should be valuable and worth its cost in establishing confidence in her claims—as it does—to be "the messenger of the Lord." In view of the popular connotations surrounding the title "prophet," this reviewer prefers the title she herself used.

Her humanity may be revealed in her prayer for a storm at sea, while the ship was approaching harbour, that she might not be disturbed by the nocturnal revellers on the deck above her cabin (page 25). It may be doubted that some old Cooranbongites may appreciate the reference to the necessity of her watchdog, Tiglath-Pileser, because "parts of Australia [Newcastle] had been settled by convicts, and some of their descendants seemed to inherit the proclivities of their forebears." Page 19. Even so, such touches improve a book's readability and interest. References to such locals as Leonard Paap (page 21) and others who were still active in Australia and elsewhere in the twenties and thirties, as of course A. T. Jones and J. H. Kellogg were, makes it even more relevant to a generation active in those times.

The crises outlined, such as "The Holy Flesh Movement," and the inception and inevitable end of the Dr Kellogg slide to repudiation and apostasy, are of much value in understanding the times, then—and now. "One who will not learn from history, will learn that it repeats itself."

Some of the misleading interpretations of the "Holy Flesh Movement" are still relevant in today's scene.

There is the recital of the Kellogg controversy, and Dr K's ambition to make the Battle Creek Sanitarium the heart of a one-man medical-religious empire outside of the church. The 'tail which would wag the dog' (!) explains much in regard to the background of Kellogg's eventual open denial of the Ellen G. White counsels of advice and reproof.

We read also of "The Alpha of Apostasy" warned against by Ellen White as she saw it in Kellogg's book *The Living Temple*. The book claimed to be leading to a godlier life, while hiding its reversion to pantheism's Oriental gnostic mysticism, which evitably leads to a denial of the reality of God, the Creator, and of the priesthood of Christ. This account makes the book by Arthur White a must for all who would learn from history, and avoid its mistakes.

All in all, expecting a somewhat colourless "day by day" recital, this reviewer has been most pleasantly surprised and pleased. Not only does it have an easy and readable presentation, but it is relevant today when we see "history repeating itself." It is worth rereading at a more leisurely pace, and is highly recommended (as should be its companion volumes). Above all it is informative, interesting, and of value to all interested in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the place and influence of Ellen G. White in it then—and today.

-Llewellyn Jones.



ANGEL GUARDS

JEAN JONES

THIS STORY happened forty years ago in Papua New Guinea when many natives living in country areas were savage, dirty and degraded.

Down in Sydney, the call came to Don and his young wife Del to go to one of these wild areas to take the gospel story—the people there had asked for a missionary to be sent to help them—as they tried to teach the heathen people to know a better way of living.

At last Don and Del and their goods arrived, and were given a small house to live in which the natives had built for them. This house had been built on a small hill some distance from the

native village.

Don helped Del to unpack their trunks and arrange their few pieces of furniture. Then he talked to the natives and invited them to some meetings he would be holding. Most of the people seemed eager to find out what this missionary had to teach them.

Del was kept busy making her little house as comfortable as possible, then she too began visiting the women of the village, trying to teach them how to keep themselves and their children clean—how to prepare more healthful foods—and take better care of their babies. Being a nurse, she found the people needed lots of care and help.

"Our meetings will be starting next week,"
Don told Del one evening. "The men have cut a
nice clearing out of the bush so that we can have
a meeting place; and they're putting some logs
in for seats, too. I'm looking forward to

showing them some pictures."
"Do you think many of them will come?"

she asked. "Some of them still seem frightened when they see us."

"Yes, I know that, but I'm hoping that when they see the other men coming along they'll see there's nothing to be afraid of. We've prayed about it—you know—and I believe God will help them to come to the meetings."

The night of the first meeting came—and Don and Del were excited to see many of the native men, and even some of the women, coming to the meeting place. Don showed some pictures on his screen—this really caused some excitement and a little panic among the natives. Don told them a little about the great God in heaven who made the earth and all things, and who loved them all.

Night after night the people came back to the meetings—and gradually Don taught them how much better it was to obey the God of heaven. He taught them how much God loved them—told them how to be more clean and

healthy—and especially how that meant giving up drinking the "firewater" (as they called strong drink) that made them really savage and dangerous

Many of the men took all this in and were willing to give up many of their customs. Gradually they learned to keep themselves clean. Then they cleaned up their houses and their village and attended Sabbath services. The whole village was cleaner and happier.

But there were a few of the older men who were not willing to change their ways, and they were angry to see so many of the other men who

were following the missionary.

One night they met together away from the village. They drank their firewater and became more and more angry. "We don't want this missionary telling us what to do—do we?" they asked each other. "We want to keep on with our drinking and our smoking and our dances."

"We won't be able to keep on if the missionary stays here," said one. "How can

we get rid of him?" asked another.

"Let's all meet again tomorrow night," someone suggested. "We'll bring our knives—and when it's late we'll go up that hill to the mission house and we'll kill the missionary."

The others agreed. And so it happened that the next night these men, who had been drinking freely, met as arranged. With their knives ready, they crept quietly up the hill to the mission house.

Suddenly, as the house came into their sight, they all stopped still! Something most surprising and frightening had happened! All around that mission house they could see tall soldiers dressed in white.

"Oh! Oh!" they whispered, as they tried to shuffle quietly downhill, "Who are those soldiers? We've never seen them before!"

"The missionary must keep them in his house," said one. "But perhaps some night they won't be there. Let's keep on coming up to see."

But night after night as these rough men crept up the hill to the mission house, it was always surrounded by those same big soldiers—and so after a time they just gave up trying to kill the missionary.

Some of the men even began going to the meetings with their friends, and at last they wanted to be God's children, too.

One day these same men came up the hill to Don's house once more—this time without their knives. "Master," they asked Don, "where do you keep your soldiers?"

"Soldiers? I don't keep any soldiers" laughed the missionary. "Whatever would I need soldiers for?"

"Well, master," one of the men told Don, "when you first came here and began teaching our friends to give up drinking and smoking—it made us very angry and we wanted to kill you. We came up to your house for many nights with our sharp knives, but always there were soldiers, dressed in white, standing all around your house—and we weren't able to get near it."

Then Don knew that God had sent His angels to stand around his house to protect them from those savage men. He was glad to tell these men that God promises to send His angels to protect His children when they are in danger.

Weddings

KIRATIDIS—MATTNER. George Kiratidis and Kerry Mattner exchanged their wedding vows in the beautifully decorated Brighton Adventist church, South Australia, on Sunday, October 2, 1983. It was a delightfully picturesque wedding party. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed their vows, and attended their reception at the Prospect Social Centre. A special feature was sharing in an evening devotion together, as the bridegroom prayed before they departed. This young couple are dedicated Christians, and we wish them God's richest blessing as they establish their home together.

A. R. Dickson.

OEHLMANN—LANG, Sunday, October 9, 1983, was a very special day for John Oehlmann and Carmen Lang as they met to exchange their marriage vows in the Warwick church, Queensland, John's parents are Mr and Mrs Allen Oehlman, while Carmen is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Clif Lang. They, with many friends and relatives who were present for the happy occasion, join in wishing John and Carmen God's guidance and richest blessings as they set up another Christian home in the Warwick area. H. M. Pascoe.

WANKE—HANCOCK. On September 18, 1983, Rick Wanke and Judy Hancock met together at the Millicent church, South Australia, to pledge their love to each other and to be united in marriage. Rick is the eldest son of Stan and Joan Wanke, while Judy is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lindsay Hancock, both of Millicent. For Rick and Judy, love had grown from high school days, through Christian fellowship and baptism, to the love and happinesse ach showed for the other on their wedding day. The family and many friends who gathered wish and pray their love may continue to grow, on and on in this new Christian home.

E. B. Andrews.

Till He Comes

ELLICOTT. Richard Keith Ellicott of Cooranbong, New South Wales, aged seventy-nine, died in the Wallsend Hospital on October 1, 1983. Born in Armidale in 1904, he became a Seventh-day Adventist under Pastors Burnside and Duffy in Tamworth in 1964. Left to mourn his passing are his wife Margaret, daughters Marion (Mrs Kilchester), Dawn (Mrs Verness) and son Lionel. Brother Ellicott had built churches at Tamworth, Kyogle, Coonabarrabran, Gunnedah and Narrabri, and looked forward to the day of rejoicing when he would see the Master Builder Himself. Barney Shelley was associated with the writer in the service at the Avondale Cemetery on October 5. L. J. Laws.

HILL. Elsie Alice Hill (nee Coles) closed her eyes in death's sleep on August 18, 1983, in her ninetieth year. In 1936 she accepted the truth of God's Word and was baptised, remaining a loving and lovable Christian lady, loyal to her convictions and dispensing a joyful influence to all who had the privilege of knowing her. During the last eight years of her life she lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Stan Hill, at Goolwa, South Australia, and attended the Tooperang church. We laid her to rest beside her beloved in the Scotts Creek Cemetery. The gracious promises of Jesus regarding His coming and the resurrection gave assurance to loved ones, of a reunion soon to come. F. L. Mackay.

LESA. John Taui Lesa passed quietly to his rest early Sunday morning, October 2, 1983, at his home in Sydney, New South Wales. Attending the Greater Sydney Conference camp at Goulburn the previous day, he little realised that he would be called to lay down life's burdens so suddenly at fifty-four years of age. John attended Vailoa College in Western Samoa, and then went to Auckland, New Zealand, where he was a member of the Ponsonby church for a number of years, Later he moved to Christchurch with his family and then to Sydney. He will be remembered by those who knew him for his love of music, particularly brass bands. He leaves

to mourn their loss his wife Elisa and his five children. Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer, assisted by the church pastor, A. R. Faro.

SAWTELL. Arthur Leslie Sawtell passed to rest at Hillcrest Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia, on September 7, 1983, at seventy-one years of age. Much of the last twenty years were spent under hospitalisation because of a bad quarry fall in 1963 which left him permanently incapacitated. As he was laid to rest in the Lismore Lawn Cemetery, New South Wales, his family and friends were pointed forward to the great resurrection day of the soon return of Jesus.

Frank Cantrill.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late John Taui Lesa of Sydney, Australia, wish to thank all those who kindly sent messages of sympathy, those who came from New Zealand and Western Samoa to express their love and sympathy, and especially to those who were so closely involved in the services both at the church and the graveside. Will all please accept this as a personal Thank You.

Pastor R. C. Harris and family of Brisbane wish to sincerely thank their many friends in the Adventist family throughout Australasia who so kindly expressed their love and concern during the terminal illness and recent passing of Meriel, darling wife of Reg and loving mother of Jenelle, Nigel and Mandy. The many prayers, flowers, cards, letters and other forms of encouragment, support and comfort were greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.

ARCADIA-GALSTON 75th ANNIVERSARY

All past church members, ministers and interested friends are invited to join us in our day-long celebrations on December 3, 1983. Lunch will be provided. Any historic photographs, or other memorabilia? For further information contact Tom Tompson (02) 653 1446.

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Pastor Eric White, Youth director of the North NSW Conference, wishes to purchase a copy of the book Island of Forgotten Men by Thomas Davis (R & H). If you can help, please contact Pastor White at PO Box 129, Hamilton, NSW

CARMEL COLLEGE GRADUATION

The principal and staff of Carmel College would like to announce the forthcoming graduation exercises to be conducted on December 2 and 3. This is to be followed by the official opening of the new Manual Arts Centre Complex on December 4. We invite past students and any other interested persons to this occasion, the first graduation of our amalgamation year.

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Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Session of the North New South Wales Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held in the Avondale Memorial church, Cooranbong, from December 9 to 11, 1983. The first

formal business session will convene in the Memorial church at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 1983.

Delegates will be appointed in harmony with the Constitution.

The business of the Session will be as provided in the Constitution, incorporating the presentation of reports and financial statements for the triennium. There will also be editorial changes to the Constitution.

The officers, departmental directors and executive committee of the conference will be elected.

H. G. Halliday, Secretary.

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SOUL-WINNING WORKSHOP

Avondale College Soul-Winning Workshop-December 27, 1983, to January 12, 1984. Evangelist John Carter brings his Sydney Opera House evangelistic success to the Soul-Winning Workshop this year. The heart of his Opera House series will be condensed into the meetings and activities offered to laymen and laywomen who attend the workshop this year.

Pastor Carter's program for the Soul-Winning Workshop: Morning classes: Guest lecturer; proclaiming the certainties of our faith; making Adventism relevant in this materialistic age. Afternoon activities: Field visitation. Evenings: Be a team member in the evangelistic programs presented in the Avondale Memorial church.

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FLASHPOINT

LINCOLN STEED Assistant Editor



A SPECIAL WELCOME to our General Conference president.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT Pastor N. C. Wilson
arrives in New Zealand on November
14 for a four-day visit. Then he is off to
Sydney (arriving the evening of
November 17). On Friday the 18th he
travels to Avondale College for
graduation weekend—taking the
Sabbath morning divine service and
attending the grad services on the
20th.

OUR SOUTH PACIFIC Division (name change, remember) annual meetings will be held on November 22, 23, at which time a new president will be elected. I am sure that members throughout the Division will be praying that God's leading will be felt in a real way as Pastor Wilson and our Division leaders face the vital issues of both leadership and direction.

ON NOVEMBER 25 Pastor Wilson leaves for Port Moresby, PNG, on a brief visit to some of our mission territories—PNG, the Solomons, Fiji and Samoa—en route home to the General Conference.

A SOUL-WINNER'S dozen are currently meeting regularly at Peterborough, South Australia. Eddie Mackie, pastor for Kadina, Port Pirie and Port Augusta, is nurturing the embryonic church with regular attention.

QUOTABLE QUOTE from an unnamed member of the Signs staff. In our RECORD it is said that a person in Good Health is Alert to any Signs of trouble.

ON OCTOBER 15 Stanmore church, Greater Sydney, celebrated its 85th anniversary. Stanmore grew out of the original Sydney company. A great history and a great day for Stanmore.

SHERWIN LODGE annual fete was held on November 6. It was without doubt a big event for WA. All area churches were invited to participate, and the already overbooked Perth Advent Band agreed to add their brassy best to the occasion.

TEMPERANCE TIGERS and Tassie Teetotallers! These exotic team names belong to two Adventist youth basketball teams in Tasmania. The Tasmanian Temperance Alliance sponsors the teams as a promotional exercise(!).

PROGRESS AT MARANATHA Homes for the Aged in Tasmania.
Conference president Pastor Lawson reported recently that they had just registered tenders for nine new units at the homes. Shouldn't be too long before plans begin the transformation into brick and timber.

ALL OUT! That was the situation a few days ago when I called the North Queensland Conference office—and the story was similar when I dialled South Queensland. The reason was the Adventist Appeal and the brief two weeks allowed by law for collecting (October 22 to November 6). It's a team Appeal effort in sunny Queensland. Chances are next year the Appeal will only be allowed one week—running shoes will be standard issue then!

HOME HILL church members, north QId, excelled themselves in the first weekend of Appealing. In two days they were only \$300 short of last year's total of around \$1,000. With two weekends to go Pastor Graham Scott was confident they would set a new church record.

THE NEW WESTRIDGE Church complex at Toowoomba, south Queensland, was opened on October 15. Cost \$170,000—valued in excess of \$¼ million. A great day for the approximately seventy members.

UP, UP, AT AMC! What does that mean? Just released figures from the Adventist Media Centre show that Bible course applications for the past financial year were UP 79 per cent over the previous twelve months.

OCTOBER 22 was a high day for the Spanish believers in Brisbane, Queensland. It was their second baptism for the year—six were baptised by Pastor Manuel Cea, bringing the small group to about seventeen members.

AN EVANGELISM council is to be held at Avondale College, from December 4 to 7. Division Ministerial secretary Pastor Arthur Duffy will be leading out in this important gathering.

RETIRED EVANGELIST? No such thing! Pastor Austin Cooke baptised four young people at Kanwal, north NSW, on October 15, proving the evangelistic fervour never retires. He has been studying with a group of young people for about six months, and this baptism was the first fruits of these studies. We can be sure that Pastor Cooke gave them a good grounding in our Adventist certainties.

YOUTH EVANGELISM in Tassie.
Youth in Ulverstone have just
concluded a five-week series which
had good non-Adventist attendance
and produced some interests.
Ulverstone intern Gary Morton was
the speaker for the twice-weekly
series which began on October 2. The
all-youth effort was funded by the
Division and the local conference.

CAMPTIME for north New Zealand is, note—January 13 to 21, 1984—to be held at Haskell Park near Auckland. A previous FP notice gave the south NZ camp date by mistake—"thinking to change times."

AN ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS calendar has been produced by the Adventist Media Centre team for supporters of the centre. With four colour zap and info on projects the calendar is a must. Contact AMC.

CALLED TO PAC. Pastor Neil Watts, currently pastor at Willeton and Fremantle, WA, has been called to Pacific Adventist College to teach in the Theology department.

SOUTH NSW has a new Publishing director, with the call of Bob Holton from Victoria.

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