



extraordinary people

By THOMAS A. DAVIS

DR. RADHAKRISHNAN, former President of India, once remarked chidingly to a Christian missionary with whom he was talking: "Christians are ordinary people making extraordinary claims."

Christians do make some extraordinary claims. For example, they claim that of all the many sacred books of the world's religions, their book, the Bible, is the only true one; that it alone contains pure truth. They claim that of all the multitudes of the world's gods, only their God is living and efficacious. And, perhaps the most abrasive of all, Christians claim that only Christ is able to forgive sins and to save from sin.

Dr. Radhakrishnan is a Hindu, and a Hindu is willing to concede that all religions are good and their goal is the same — only the roads are different. Thus, to a pious Hindu, Christians are arrogant and presumptuous in their exclusive claims.

But it would seem that the real implications of Dr. Radhakrishnan's remark are: Why are not Christians as extraordinary as their claims? If all the things that Christians claim are so, why are they not better people than I observe them to be? Why is not Christianity a more meaningful force for good in the world?

Dr. Radhakrishnan had a right to ask these questions. He had a right to expect Christians to measure up to the claims of their religion. For we judge a man's religion by what it does for him. And if Christians make extraordinary claims, others

may naturally expect them to measure up to these claims.

And many honest, dedicated Christians of all persuasions are searching their hearts with deep concern. They too are asking, Why is Christianity not manifesting the dynamic power it claims to have? For it seems that Christianity is like a Samson who has long been shorn of his hair. And all the time the world is drifting farther and farther from a condition in which Christianity has for it an appeal. Daily we see Christianity's values, beliefs, interests, philosophies, becoming less oriented toward God's Word; we observe the very language of traditional Christianity becoming meaningless to today's people; we see fewer and fewer points at which the teachings of Christianity touch the ideologies of the average person.

Yet Christians — if they sincerely believe and teach what the Bible teaches — believe that their religion, and theirs only, has the answer to the world's problems.

How, then, can the answer be given?

As we consider these things, it seems that nothing but a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit can cut through the thick, solid, opaque wall of unbelief, indifference, cynicism — the outright paganism — that separates the multitudes from truth and light.

But as the welder must have his oxyacetylene gun through which to channel his gas mixture, thus enabling him to produce a cutting flame,

so God must have His people to use as channels for the heart-melting power of the Holy Spirit.

On more than one occasion I have heard one of our church leaders pray during an ordination of ministers: "O Lord, may they be no ordinary men!" In other words, may these men now being consecrated to the gospel ministry be made extraordinary men commensurate with the demands of an extraordinary gospel; may these ordinary men be extraordinarily endowed by the Spirit.

That prayer was prayed for a specific occasion. But we believe that it needs to be prayed for the whole church membership: "O God, may we be no ordinary people!" This is the crying need of Christianity today — a people extraordinarily invested with God's Spirit to demonstrate to the whole world that the claims of Christianity are not mere mouthings of visionaries and charlatans and misled simpletons, but the mighty power of God unto salvation.

The real problem of Christianity today, then, is that there are too many ordinary Christians. What the church must have is an extraordinary people, a people endowed with God's Spirit as they have never before been endowed, no, not in all history.

Referring to our day, Mrs. White wrote years ago: "Peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place, and God's people are to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, so that with heavenly wisdom they may meet the emergencies of this age." — Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 436. (Bold supplied.)

The question to which the whole universe awaits the answer with intense and impatient interest is When are God's people going to open their hearts to the Spirit's power?

—Review and Herald



Your President Writes

August, 1969

Dear Guardians of Our Youth in Inter-America:

On a recent Friday afternoon, a businessman knocked on my door. In the visit that followed, he learned that I am a Seventh-day Adventist minister. The name "Seventh-day Adventist" stirred an old memory in this man's mind, and he began to recount a personal experience.

Located near his boyhood home was a Seventh-day Adventist church. As a young lad he attended Sabbath school. Enthusiastically he told me how missionaries would come from time to time and tell interesting stories of foreign lands. "I can still remember," he said, "a song that one missionary taught us more than 50 years ago." And my business friend began to sing in one of the African dialects a song that I recognised by the tune:

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so."

As I listened to this experience, I thought, Do we realize how lasting are the impressions of early childhood? Then other questions followed: Are we mindful that every word spoken within the hearing of little children is an influence upon their character? Are we being careful to surround our boys and girls with a Christian atmosphere? Are we painstakingly laying a firm foundation for spiritual growth in the little ones God has entrusted to us?

We cannot place too much importance on the early training of our children. The parents' responsibility in forming the character of their son or daughter begins at birth, for the love and care given the child during babyhood is revealed in his character in later life. Mrs. E. G. White admonishes, "The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with the forming of his character than all that it learns in future years."—**Child Guidance**, p. 193. Almost three thousand years ago the wise man wrote, "Train up a child in the way that he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

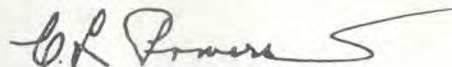
Frequently I have some dear father or mother request, "Please pray for my son Jim. He is losing his way." When I inquire where the boy received his education, the reply is usually something like this: "He studied in the public school near our home. It has better equipment and better-trained teachers than our academy has." Beloved parents, if our boys and girls are not under the influence of a Christian school, can we expect them to be interested in religious things? Getting a Christian education is part of being a Christian.

It is the responsibility of the entire church to provide an opportunity for the youth of the church to be trained and developed in Seventh-day Adventist schools. If there are no more than six children to attend, a school should be established to save those children. Rightly conducted, every educational center will be an evangelistic center directed toward the salvation of our youth.

Today the youth, especially in the large cities, are surrounded by satanic influences. Unless parents and church leaders encourage and support educational opportunities and wholesome activities for the young people of our church, they will turn to the world. No challenge to the church today is greater than that of saving her youth.

Our **greatest** responsibility is not to provide high scholastic opportunities for our children, helping them acquire important degrees to be recognised by men. It is far more important for them to know Jesus as their personal Friend and to be recognised by Heaven. Steps to heaven are taken one at a time, and every advance strengthens and enables for the future. The family altar, where children are fed with manna from heaven and then committed to God's care; the Sabbath school, where memory verses and songs make an indelible impression upon the heart and serve as a guide through life; church school, academy, and Christian college, where Christ is the center of all learning — these are steps we should provide for the building of noble characters in our boys and girls, characters that will endure throughout eternity.

Yours for the best training of our youth,


C. L. Powers

Evangelistic Miracle in Cayman

By H. S. WALTERS

In March, a great evangelistic miracle was performed in the Cayman Islands Mission by R. K. Cemer and his evangelistic team. For years the workers and believers in the Cayman Islands have been praying for a revival. Elder and Mrs. R. K. Cemer of the Florida Conference were invited to accept the challenge. This they did. The Northeastern Conference assisted by sending Rosa Lee Jones, who arrived three weeks before the effort to organize and train a community choir and to help prepare the believers. Elder and Mrs. S. L. Dombrosky, Elder and Mrs. G. I. Gantz, and two Bible workers from the Florida Conference also spent a week working with the team.

Attendance grew from night to night. On the evening that the change of the Sabbath was presented in the form of a jury trial by Elders Cemer and Dombrosky, about 1,200 persons heard the message. We are happy to report that, as a result of these meetings and the blessing of the Lord, 80 souls have

already been baptised. There is a possibility that an additional 20 will take their stand for truth, bringing the total close to one hundred.

This achievement is indeed a modern miracle. It has been difficult to win souls in conservative Cayman. The inhabitants warmly accepted Elder Cemer and listened with interest to his messages. He was ably assisted by Sister Jones. Cayman had never before experienced such a revival.

Through the years Elder Cemer has been used by God to go into conservative areas and produce outstanding results. This was his experience in Bermuda and in the Bahamas. We of the West Indies Union appreciate his ministry among us. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Northeastern Conference for sending us Sister Jones, to the Florida Conference for sending us two of their finest Bible workers and Elder and Sister Dombrosky, and to the Hialeah Hospital for sending Elder and Sister Gantz.

Evangelism in Montego Bay

J. C. Palmer and his team of workers recently concluded a very successful evangelistic campaign in Montego Bay. A total of 252 new believers were added to the church by baptism, the largest number ever to be baptised in Jamaica as the result of one effort. The entire city of Montego Bay and the countryside were stirred by the messages presented.

Also as a result of these meetings the Mt. Salem Seventh-day Adventist church was recently organised into the sisterhood of churches. Elder Palmer and his team are planning for another major effort within a few months, and they are earnestly praying for a harvest of over 300 souls.

The West Jamaica Conference baptised 1,388 souls during 1968, placing first among the conferences comprising the West Indies Union.

—H. S. Walters

► Abdonel Abel, president of the South Haiti Mission, reports that he has been holding a small evangelistic effort in Maissade, a town outside Port-au-Prince. Interest in our message has grown, and after attending the meetings for four weeks, 30 persons signed decision cards, pledging to keep God's Sabbath. The people in the village have stated that for the first time they understand what Seventh-day Adventists believe.



Pictured above (right) is the San Salvador baptism, which took place Sabbath, April 26. On that memorable day 170 souls pledged through this rite to live a new life in Christ Jesus. Seen (from left) are Pastors Orley Ford, Daniel Moncada, I. M. Nation, R. A. Rodriguez, Efrain Murillo, P. C. Roque, Rafael Ramirez Carranza, and Cesar Funes in the act of baptising a group of new believers. The evangelistic effort which produced this rich harvest of souls took place in San Salvador early this year under the able direction of Evangelist Efrain Murillo, the first centurion evangelist for 1969 in the Central American Union. Pictured to the left are the laymen who assisted Evangelist Murillo, second right, middle row. Standing next to Elder Murillo are (left) Adino Rodriguez, assistant evangelist, and (right) P. C. Roque, lay activities secretary of the Central American Union.

WHILE THE IRON IS HOT

By Dr. CHARLES R. TAYLOR

TIMING is of the utmost importance, especially in making and executing decisions. Some decisions, such as the choice of a school for your child, are best made in the transition period between one school year and the next.

Among the many activities of the church, along a spectrum that is ever more varied in its details, the educational work takes on special importance in most of the unions of the Inter-American Division during July and August. The time to strike a blow for Christian education is the time when good decisions can be implemented in practice. Select and hire the best Christian teachers for our schools. Send all the children of our church to our own schools. Open new Seventh-day Adventist church schools where there are none. Encourage our young people to attend our training schools to become workers for the Lord. Encourage our educational workers by giving them good tools to do their job more effectively — libraries, laboratories, and equipment of every kind.

How wonderful it is to see the devotion of our people to the cause of Christian education! See how the members in Villavicencio, Colombia, acquired a large lot and built the church school on it before they built their house of worship—they know their investment is saving souls seven days a week until they accumulate the means to put a church on the front of the lot! And what a thrill it is to see one thousand children in Seventh-day Adventist schools in a single city, as we do in the capital of the Dominican Republic!

Last year we saw enrollment in Seventh-day Adventist schools grow from 27,000 to 32,000 in Inter-America, so that now we have 24,000 elementary students, 7,000 secondary students, and 1,000 college students in our division. This is a real challenge for one thousand Christian teachers. But there are

twice as many children of Seventh-day Adventist homes who find the Christian influence of the home and the Sabbath school heavily counterbalanced by thrilling adventures in exploring today's world under the leadership of men and women who do not place God first in their affections and whose values are the values of the world that surrounds us. Who will espouse the cause of these spiritual orphans, and organize the energies of God's people to lift them above the swelling tide of temptation and violent conflict that engulfs the world's institutions of learning today?

This is a work that involves the whole church.

Christian education begins in the home. Parents who love God and dedicate their children to Him at birth have the assurance of the protection of guardian angels who watch over their young. Morning and evening worship, kind words and singing in the home, uplifting pictures on the walls of every room in the house, Christian papers and books in the library — all these contribute to answering their prayers. The General Conference Department of Education provides study guides to help parents and groups of parents and teachers obtain the most benefit from group study of **The Adventist Home and Child Guidance**.

The minister who provides "a corner for the children" in every sermon, who feeds the lambs and shows a tender care for them, will



What a Man with Vision Accomplished

The members of the Sonsonate Seventh-day Adventist church in El Salvador were poor in the wealth of this world, but they were rich in children. For years they questioned, How can we give our children a Christian education? How is it possible to provide a church school for them?

Then Ramirez Carranza was assigned to the Sonsonate district, and he saw the great need. Oh, he saw the poverty all right, but he also saw the children. Accepting the Lord's counsel, he soon had a vision of a finished church school. It became the burden of his heart and of his prayers. He talked school, school, school, until the members also caught the vision of a finished church school. With constant determination Elder Carranza led his flock in the gathering of building funds and in soliciting construction materials. With his own hands he guided in the construction.

Today the Sonsonate church is no longer poor. The members feel richly blessed, for their children have an attractive three-classroom school. There their boys and girls are learning to read and to write, and day by day they are preparing for a place in God's kingdom. (Pictured above are students of the lower grades in their classroom.)

All this is a reality because one man had a vision of Christian education. Do you?

G. E. Maxson

surely have many stars in his crown. So will the willing church workers who give of their time and energies to make the children's Sabbath school divisions places of attractive colors and smiles of happiness. So will the JMV and Pathfinder counselors who give of their spare time to bring meaning to the often-wasted hours children spend outside of home and school.

But all of these are not enough. "The continuity of Christian influence is the secret of its success." The Christian teacher who links the thought of God with the thrilling exploration of the world that surrounds us in nature and in the history of the human race, shaping and molding character through the gentle, persistent guidance of formal education, is doing a work that will endure throughout eternity. As a church, we honour this work by placing our teachers whose education and service justify professional status in the same position as our ministers and office personnel, even though tuition and contractual arrangements between the local churches and the conference. The department of education is proud to provide silver service pins distinguishing those teachers who have given five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or even twenty-five years of their lives to the cause of Christian education. A gold pin is awarded to those who have given thirty or more years of service.

At a time when 637 Catholic parochial schools were closed in 1968 in the United States for lack of financial support, when Jewish education is the subject of televised debate and discussion, and student protest and rebellion spread like wildfire in the public educational institutions around the world, how proud we can be to be associated with a growing system of Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Inter-American Division. The Panama Conference and the Martinique Mission have recently acquired properties for the establishment of new campuses for boarding academies. The Guatemala Mission and the Pacific Colombia Mission have acquired new properties for day academies. Guyana and Nicaragua are contemplating similar steps. Harrison Memorial High School in

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE



from the President of the General Conference

Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Advent Believers Around the World:

I treasure the inspired words: "I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement — a work of revival — going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call. My brethren, the Lord is speaking to us. Shall we not heed His voice? Shall we not trim our lamps, and act like men who look for their Lord to come?"—**Selected Messages**, book 2, p. 402.

Here is what God's people have been hoping for, praying for, looking forward to for years. What a glorious day it will be when this inspired scene becomes a glad reality!

"A work of revival — going forward in many places." This is no superficial experience based on emotion. Here is the real thing — an awakening among us created by a deeply felt need in the hearts of God's people. Here is true repentance — heart sorrow for sin that turns those who experience it away from evil-doing.

This repentance is followed by revival — a revival of primitive godliness in the life, a revival of golden-rule living, a revival of the family altar, a revival of Christlike zeal in service for others, a revival of sacrificial giving, a revival in the principles of healthful living and Christian modesty. A revival, it will be, that will make Seventh-day Adventists stand out as a "peculiar," a "called-out" people! What a revival! Would that we were in the midst of it right now! How about it, my brother, my sister, has this revival begun in **your** life?

"Our people were moving into line." What a scene! Here is a people who dare to be different. Here is a people "moving into line." — moving into line with the Word of God, with the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Here is a people asking for the old paths, moving into line with the three angels' messages, moving into line with the precious truths of the Word that will prepare them for the imminent return of their Lord. What a movement Godward!

I believe we are beginning to see it among many of God's devoted people, now, but it is only a tiny rill. Our precious Lord longs for the floodtide movement that will remove the last barrier to His return. How about it, friend of mine, are **you** moving into line with God's longing desire for **you**?

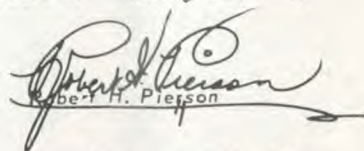
"Responding to God's call." How long He has been calling! His words of love invite each of us — "Follow Me!" Following Jesus, making **Him** the pattern of our lives, making Him our example in all things — this is His invitation to each of us. This is the Shepherd's call to His sheep — those inside and those who are straying.

He is still saying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4). In an evil age God's call is still "come out of her, my people." God's call is to a higher, holier life. Seventh-day Adventists are still to be a called-out people — a separate people! Have you responded to His call? Can your friends, your neighbors — yes, your own family — see that you have your eyes on Jesus, that He is your Great Exemplar, that you have responded to His call?

"My brethren, the Lord is speaking to us." God is saying insistently, "Son, daughter, of Mine, your time is short! The end is near, very near! **Now** you must prepare for My return! Don't delay! **Now!** Now! Now!" Brother, sister, God is speaking to **you**.

"Shall we not heed His voice?" This is the challenging question to your heart and mine. The scene described by the Lord's messenger is rapidly coming into focus. Sounds of revival are being heard in many places. Thousands of God's people are moving into line. Honest hearted men and women are responding to God's call! The Lord is speaking to us! Thousands are heeding His voice! How is it with you, my friend? This is no time for uncertainty or guesswork! We must know how we stand with God — and with our fellow men! May the Lord help each of us to be part of that great movement Godward **now!**

Yours for "moving into line,"


Robert H. Pierson

—Review and Herald

School has started

again, and so . . .

They're Gone

By AURELIA J. SMITH

FOR days life in our house has proceeded at a mad scramble. There were name tags to be bought and attached, lists of necessities to check. I went through the house itemizing the things that a family uses in common which must now be purchased for two members: shoe polish, band aids, pressing cloth, the old set of the *Testimonies*. All summer we watched for special prices on sheets, curtains, bedspreads. We found a rug for a floor much smaller and far more cracked and worn than any previously experienced. And occasionally I thought to myself, How strange it will seem to have them gone. How quiet everything will be.

But nothing had prepared us for the aching emptiness of these first few days. I had heard people say that it's hard to see one's children leave home, but this was almost a cliché — no one had told us what it would be like to change from a family of six to a family of four in one day, to feel the silent loneliness when two teenagers leave.

We took them out to the academy. We had forgotten the long lines and delay entailed in registration. The boys looked warily around, eying the youngsters who would in effect be their brothers and sisters for the next nine months. Everywhere we were impressed by the genuine friendliness and interest shown by the faculty during what must have been a most nerve-racking day. We saw them signed up for

algebra, English, typing, physical education, geometry. Our sophomore is carrying an unusually heavy load, and we aren't going to be around to encourage him, except by mail. Our freshman is a quiet boy who observes more than people sometimes realize — will he be all right without us there to prop him up when his illusions are shattered?

They've been gone for a week now. Already we have received five letters — letters that reflect boys who are very lonely, although the words haven't said that.

"How does Tammit like being in the second grade?"

"Does twinkle (the poodle) miss us? How are Dan Patch, Mr. Frisbee, Blackie, Spot, and Mamma Kitty?" (These last are the family cats.)

"Is Tom riding my bike and did dad get that pedal fixed?"

"When are you coming to see us?"

But the letters also say that they like academy. The sophomore is pleased that the dean has complimented him on the painting he's doing in the dorm to help on his bill, and the freshman has changed

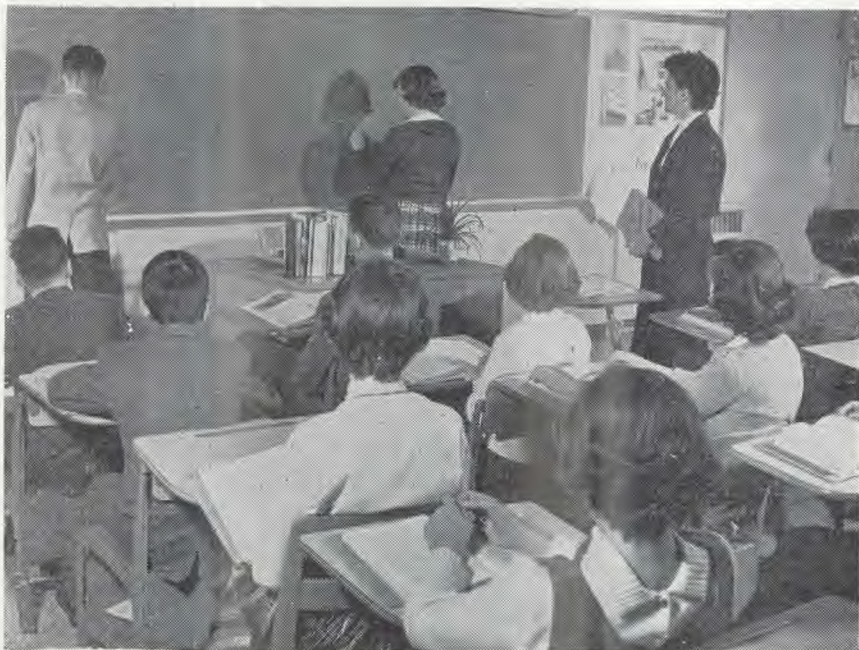
jobs and really likes what he's doing now.

My neighbor across the street asks, "Why do you send your boys away from home when there are such good schools right here?"

So I tell her that we consider the spiritual development of these boys just as important as their secular education. In teen-agers, the desire to be like one's contemporaries is stronger than at any other time in life, and we don't feel that it would be fair to expect our youngsters to be different just for the sake of being different, when with a little sacrifice they can be associating with other Seventh-day Adventist young people.

But that isn't the whole story. These boys whom we miss so much could be right here at home with us. They could be attending wonderful public schools in a State that ranks high in the national averages of education. Their teachers would be highly educated; the buildings in which they would study are marvels of architecture, carefully planned for the best possible stimulus to learning.

Instead, they are attending classes in a building that was old before their parents were born. They are living in a dormitory just as old,



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Anything other than a Christian education is less than the best.

in rooms that are small and, we have been warned, are a bit chilly in our subzero winters.

Charged by God

Why, then, have we sent them away? As my neighbour pointed out, we enjoy our children. We not only love them, we also like them and want to have them around.

In the book *Education* we read, "God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. . . Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy. And it rests with us who have received the knowledge, with our children to whom we may impart it, to answer their cry."—pages 262, 263.

This is why our boys aren't at home. This is why we have sent them away when we would much rather have them here with us. We are not merely rearing them to become good, law-abiding citizens. We are charged by God with the task of bringing up children who will be workers for Him.

For generations now we have been saying, "The work will surely be finished by this group of young people."

And still it is not done. Will our sons and daughters indeed be the ones who do the finishing?

We don't know. But we can stand firm in the knowledge that it can be done by this generation, for we read, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come. . .!"—*Ibid.*, p. 271.

We want to see Jesus come. And when He comes, we hope to find ourselves and our children waiting for Him, ready to go with Him. We dare not risk anything less than the best for these children.

Anything other than a Christian education would be less than the best.

—Review and Herald

Would you really be Wise?

By CLIFFORD B. HOWE

IF you were the world's greatest geologist and knew every rock and yet knew not Him who is the Rock of Ages, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most brilliant botanist and knew every flower in the vast field of botanical science, and yet know not Him who is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most renowned astronomer and knew every star in the limitless reaches of space, and yet knew not Him who is the Bright and Morning Star, would you really be wise?

IF you were the best-informed scientific wizard in this marvelous, enlightened age of ours and knew all the laws of electronics, nuclear fission, and the complicated mathematical calculations of rocketry and space exploration, and yet know not Him who is the Light of the World, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most successful businessman and knew all the laws of world economics and the fine art of business administration, and yet knew not Him who made and owns the world, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most famous and popular of all celebrities and knew the way to success, wealth, and fame, and yet knew not Him who said, "I am the way," would you really be wise?

IF you were the most noted linguist and knew every dialect and tongue spoken by man, and yet knew not Him who is the living Word, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most authoritative sociologist and knew all the ills and problems of mankind and all the laws governing human behaviour, and yet knew not Him whose name is Love, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most eminent historical and archeological scholar and knew every king and ruler who ever lived, yet knew not Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords, would you really be wise?

IF you were the most learned of all the world's sages and knew all the wisdom of the ages, and yet knew not Him whom to know, to love, and to fear is the beginning of wisdom, would you really be wise?

WOULD YOU?

—Review and Herald



Escorted by Elders G. R. Thompson, E. W. Howell, and the Pathfinder director, A. S. Maxwell reviews a small army of Pathfinders that serve as his honour guard upon his arrival at the airport in Barbados.

Inter-America Welcomes "Uncle Arthur"

By virtue of the 104 books that he has written and the 50 million copies circulated, Arthur S. Maxwell is acclaimed as the world's greatest living Christian author. Judging by the overwhelming welcome accorded him on his first trip to Inter-America in April, he must also be the best loved! Uncle Arthur, as he is fondly known to millions of readers, was received very warmly by his English-, French-, and Spanish-speaking "nephews and nieces," young and old alike.



Ellen Mattison and her enthusiastic non-Adventist pupils welcome their favorite author.

"Welcome, Uncle Arthur. You are greatly appreciated here! We are so grateful to you for your magnificent books and happy for your visit." Gracious words such as these were spoken by prime ministers, governor-generals, prefects, and other high government officials in Jamaica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Barbados, and Trinidad.

"Your wonderful books, Dr. Maxwell, must be more widely used to feed the minds of our young people. May God continue to bless your ministry!" This was the tone of the kindly comments of many archbishops and bishops of the Catholic and Anglican churches, and of leaders of the Council of Churches whom he visited.

"Please, Uncle Arthur, can't you stay with us a little longer? Do come back again and favour us with more of your charming programmes." Similar pleas were spoken by television and radio personalities as well as by managers and programme directors in Mayaguez, Ponce, Bridge-town, Port-of-Spain, Georgetown, and Port-au-Prince. (Video-taped and recorded programmes of the special interviews with the celebrated visitor are still being repeated to delighted audiences that keep insisting on reruns.)

"Oh, Brother Maxwell, I was reared on your books, and now my children are being blessed by them too. I am so happy; I never thought I would have the chance to meet you personally!" Similar expressions

Above left: Naturally, some of the older "nephews and nieces" want their books autographed too. C. U. Campbell, Book and Bible House manager, endeavors to accommodate every one while Uncle Arthur calmly signs the books.

Lower left: Sir Winston Arleigh Scott, Governor-General of Barbados, chats amiably with "his Uncle Arthur" about the inestimable worth of *The Bible Story*.



The Catholic Archbishop of Kingston in Jamaica, the Most Rev. John L. McEleney, enjoys The Bible Story volumes and converses happily about them with his celebrated visitor

were repeated time after time by both Adventist and non-Adventist admirers alike.

Alert Book and Bible House managers, in conjunction with their honoured guest's speaking appointments, displayed and sold many of Arthur S. Maxwell's books. (At Convention Hall of the National Arena in Kingston, Jamaica, Uncle Arthur autographed about one thousand copies of his books which were purchased by those in attendance.)

"Please don't go, Uncle Arthur! Please, tell us another story! Just one more..." These pleas were repeated over and over again by delighted boys and girls in the West Indies, Antilles, Franco-Haitian, and Caribbean Unions.



The programme director and the manager of Channel 7 in Ponce, Puerto Rico, far right and far left, with their honoured visitor and his associates, L. A. Ramirez and Eliseo Lopez.

Uncle Arthur's first good-will tour in Inter-America will long be remembered as a happy highlight in the history of Adventism in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

—L. A. Ramirez

Institutes Held for Dominican Teachers

On March 19 and 20, 1969, 110 teachers of the elementary schools of the Dominican Conference met for one-day institutes at Santiago de los Caballeros and Santo Domingo. Leadership was provided by Edgar Williams, conference educational secretary, assisted by Eliezer Mel-



In Fort-de-France, this little girl presented a school gift to the departing visitor and said, "We are giving you this little ship, Uncle Arthur, to remind you to come back."

endez, of the Antillian Union, and Charles R. Taylor, of the Inter-American Division.

Over one thousand students are enrolled in the nine church schools in the capital of the Dominican Republic, and 3,056 students are reported for the conference as a whole during the current school year.

May the Lord richly bless the seven hundred elementary school teachers in the Inter-American Division. Most of these teachers find inspiration in yearly teachers' institutes, which help them to be more effective in leading our children to happy and fruitful service in the cause of Christ.

—Charles R. Taylor



Dominican teachers who attended the Santiago de los Caballeros institute.



Seventh-day Adventist teachers who gathered in Santo Domingo for their yearly institute.



Kitty Church Dedicated

After worshipping for 27 years in a rented welfare hall, church members in Kitty, Guyana, dedicated their new church building on Sunday, May 11. Mrs. Shirley Patterson, Minister of Education for Guyana, addressed the overflow congregation during the ceremony and extolled the work of the church in preparing its children for good citizenship.

In the dedication sermon G. O. Adams, president of the Caribbean Union Conference, counseled church members to practice the Golden Rule as enunciated by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. Also participating in the service were C. M. Willis, of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Tulio R. Haylock, of the Inter-American Division, and Guyana Mission president, V. T. Boyce, and secretary-treasurer, Steve Willsey.

In 1939, Seventh-day Adventists began work in this Georgetown suburb with an evangelistic campaign in the home of W. W. Weithers, who is now the lay activities and Sabbath school secretary of the Caribbean Union. In 1941 the small group moved to a local welfare society hall, and there it continued to meet until February, 1968. Members remember many occasions when they arrived at the hall on Sabbath morning and found band instruments

and empty bottles strewn around the room.

Through the years plans were laid and offerings collected for a new church building, but there were always insurmountable problems. In 1965 Brother George donated a lot in memory of his wife, and this gift proved to be an opening provided by the Lord. Ground was broken in 1967, and the first service was held in the unfinished building a few months later, in early 1968.

The entire Inter-American Division church family had a part in financing the project, and a generous contribution was also received from Liga International. In 1967 the five Georgetown churches organized themselves to promote the building of new church homes in Georgetown, and through that promotion nearly G\$6,000 was raised for the project. The completed structure is valued at G\$30,000 and has a seating capacity of 150, with rooms on the lower floor for Sabbath school divisions and the Dorcas Society.

Because of the unpleasant surroundings of the old welfare hall, little effort has been made for an outreach into the community with the gospel. An evangelistic series is being planned for September of this year, to be conducted by the mission treasurer and to be preceded by Gift Bible evangelism.

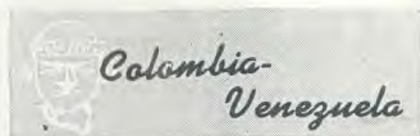
—Steve Willsey

* "Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education."—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 195.

"If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express."—Councils to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p. 166.



The new Kitty church.



The "Little Debbie" van arrives at Icolven.

A New Industry for Icolven

There was an excitement on the campus of the Instituto Colombo-Venezolano, in Medellin, Colombia, when a large van-trailer of the McKee Baking Company, of Collegedale, Tennessee, arrived at the college. No doubt it was a new experience for "Little Debbie" (trade name of the products of the McKee Baking Company) to travel over the high Andes from Buenaventura to this lovely valley city, for she is more used to the level highways of the North, where she travels to many states with McKee products.

The van and fifteen tons of baking equipment are a gift from Brother O. D. McKee of Collegedale, and will make possible the establishment of another industry at the college for the benefit of the students. The new bakery building is now under construction.

—S. L. Folkenberg

WHILE THE IRON . . .

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Jamaica is expanding to accommodate an enrollment of one thousand in a single day school. Secondary schools are blooming all over the division, and a new one will be inaugurated in September in British Honduras, bringing the total to 53. What wonderful opportunities they bring to our young people!

Yet, Christian education is not only a matter for parents to consider. Young men and young women have a

voice in determining their own future. You young people who read this message are invited to seize opportunity by the forelock — the ancient Romans painted "Opportunity" as bald and slippery behind. "Do not wait for an opportunity — make one." And you who are returning to school, "make your student life as perfect as possible; you will pass this way but once."



News Notes

► W. R. Vail, president of the Franco-Haitian Union, has just completed a tour of the churches of Martinique and French Guiana. He held revival services in each country, and in each place the response of the people was most touching and very gratifying. Church members renewed their consecration, non-Adventists decided to follow their Lord, and many who had lost their way were reclaimed.

► The first quarter of 1969, always a light period for statistics, shows 732 baptisms and a net gain of 620 members in the Franco-Haitian Union. The membership for the union now stands at 34,522, with 132 organised churches.

► The South Haiti Mission reports that approximately 85 souls are preparing for baptism as the result of the evangelistic campaign held in the village of Bellanse, on the southern shores of Haiti. It was here that a new church home was dedicated in February, 1969. This campaign will help to fill it.

► On May 6, 110 delegates, representing the lay activities department of the churches of the South Haiti Mission, met with J. E. Edwards of the General Conference, and A. H. Riffel, of the Inter-American Division, for a day of study of methods and of inspiration. The meetings were held in the Port-au-Prince auditorium. At the close of the day's session the laymen were asked to set their individual goals for souls won in 1969, to sign their names and designate their church. When these were totaled, the number

reached 1,235! The total mission goal for baptisms for 1969 was set for 1,000; so the laymen alone surpassed that goal by 135. We look for big things in South Haiti in 1969.

—W. R. Vail

Visiting Doctors Aid in Polyclinic

April was a big month for the Adventist polyclinic, at Diquini, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A group of visitors to the clinic from the United States brought a shipment of eyeglasses with them and dispensed approximately 500 pairs in three days of operation. An oculist and an optometrist from Orlando, Florida, along with friends and relatives to help in the distribution of the glasses, worked from early till late to care for the hundreds who came for fittings.

With the same party were two dentists, also from Orlando, who cared for patients needing dental care.

The services of these professional men cannot be valued in dollars, but their help will long be remembered by the assistance given to needy patients and the addition to the reputation of the clinic in the city.

—W. R. Vail



News Notes

► During Nurses' Week in Puerto Rico, the Sertoma Club of Mayaguez gave special honour to Miss Susana Pellot, director of the Bella Vista School of Nursing. Miss Pellot, a graduate of the Glendale School of Nursing, has spent nine years at Bella Vista Hospital.

► The Bella Vista School of Nursing celebrated its second graduation service May 16 to 18, at which time 13 young people finished their course and were recognised as graduate nurses. Among these were four young men who have chosen to dedicate their lives to this type of service.

► The radio programme "Your Doctor Speaks" is now reaching over half the island of Puerto Rico. This outstanding programme, sponsored by the Bella Vista Hospital, is transmitted over eleven stations. It is known to be one of the most popular programmes on the air.

► The department of education of the Dominican Conference carried out a successful series of teachers' institutes, under the direction of Dr. Charles Taylor, educational secretary of the Inter-American Division. The 110 teachers who attended returned to their respective schools with a new vision of the task before them.

► On March 29, a beautiful new temple was dedicated to the service of the Lord in Samana, Dominican Republic. The Advent message was first carried to this village in 1908 by a Brother Williams, whom some of the members still remember. All these years the members have hoped to build their own church, and now this dream has become a reality.

—Blanche Moore

It is the plan to prepare a directory of Seventh-day Adventist professional people in Inter-America, including future professionals who are still studying in the universities of their respective countries. If you are a doctor, lawyer, teacher, nurse, or engineer, or if you know another SDA who is, please send your/his name and address to the Department of Education, P.O. Box 760, Coral Gables, Florida, U.S.A. 33134. Please include the name of your/his profession and state the number of years spent studying.



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Laymen Set High Goals for Soul Winning

A new type of convention is being conducted in various sections of the Inter-American Division. Special emphasis is being given to the Spirit of Prophecy outline of a finished work in three steps: "visiting people in their homes, opening before them the Word of God, and praying with them for decisions." Elder J. Ernest Edwards, of the General Conference, is the instructor in the reaching, teaching, and reaping phase of the institute; A. H. Riffel, Division lay activities secretary, presents the why, what, when, where, and how of lay preaching.

The first stop on this itinerary was the Dominican Republic, where laymen from each church were present. The Layman of the Year in that conference is Arcadio Colon, a government worker who brought 55 souls into the message in 1968 and presented his trophies at a victory meeting on Sabbath afternoon. Marina Barreto, a lady healed by prayer, has given two to three hours every day to Bible evangelism and has raised up a second church in La Romana. She is the Inter-American Division Laywoman of the Year, having won 60 souls. This institute was climaxed with the 'You Are the Light of the World' torch and candle service and a circle fellowship.

In South Haiti, the large auditorium in the center of Port-au-Prince was the place of meeting. There plans were laid for a great lay evangelistic advance. After pictures were shown of laymen around the world and their exploits, a number determined to become lay centurions by winning one hundred souls to Christ this year.

In Jamaica, the first unionwide laymen's congress was held with representatives present from East, Central, and West Jamaica and the Bahamas. This meeting was held in Montego Bay at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the union. West Indies laymen are determined to press toward an objective of 3,055 souls this year, doubling any previous lay evangelistic accomplishments. In the three Jamaica conferences the goal is to have seven decisions for Christ and His truth in each of the 60 districts of Jamaica

each Sabbath, making 420 decisions each week.

Lay preachers — both men and women — in Inter-America are on the march — determined to carry the message to every home and to experience modern Pentecost.

—A. H. Riffel

*** The eight laymen's schools held in May were climaxed by a Torch of Truth ceremony and a Circle of Fellowship, which was first introduced to our church by William Miller. Laymen attending the eight schools pledged to win 10,827 souls during 1969.**

Dr. Ruth Murdoch Visits Guyana

Dr. Ruth Murdoch, professor of education at Andrews University, spent two weeks in Guyana in the interest of Christian education April 3 to 17. It was Dr. Murdoch's first visit to South America, partially fulfilling a girlhood dream to be a missionary teacher somewhere in South America. Over 50 teachers and teachers-to-be attended the five-day workshop which she conducted at mission head-quarters in Georgetown.

Mrs. Murdoch's lectures treated the methods of the Master Teacher, the psychology of learning, and the psychology of character develop-

ment. She also led the group in a discussion of teachers' problem students. Several teachers had prepared case studies of a problem child in their classroom. These were analysed, and suggestions were given for meeting the needs of each student. Mrs. Murdoch's discussion and lecture method of using many illustrations from personal experience made the workshop very practical and useful.

During four evenings of her visit, Dr. Murdoch conducted a parents' clinic in the central Georgetown church. This clinic emphasized the interest of the mission department of education in helping to understand their role in the education of their children. The four evening lectures, tracing the growth and development of the child from infancy to adolescence, were based largely on the book *Child Guidance*, by Ellen G. White. A period of questions and answers followed each lecture, and many parents took opportunity to learn what others had done to answer common home problems.

Mrs. Murdoch also spoke in six churches and conducted a short workshop for home and school leaders, a seminar for teachers of the Georgetown Adventist Academy, and a meeting for the wives of mission workers. On the last day of her visit, a fellowship dinner in her honour was given in the home of V. T. Boyce, President of the Guyana Mission.

Following Mrs. Murdoch's visit 14 selected churches established parents' councils, which will meet weekly to study the book *Child Guidance*, following the outline in the new *Study Guide to Child Guidance*. In September those who have finished the course of studies will be presented diplomas in a special graduation ceremony.

The Guyana Mission operates 12 primary schools and one academy with an enrollment of about 900 students. Four of the primary schools are located in the Davis Indian area, and they offer classwork to the junior academy level.

Dr. Murdoch's visit has stimulated the interest in Christian education in both the home and the school, and her lectures have increased teacher concern for meeting the individual needs of the pupil.

—Steve Willsey



With some of the teachers who attended the workshop in Georgetown, Guyana, are (left to right, front row): Kenneth Gittens, principal Georgetown Adventist Academy; Steve Willsey, educational secretary of the mission; Dr. Ruth Murdoch, and V. T. Boyce, mission president.