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- ◎ **81,000 members by 1981**
- ◎ **Opening up new work in dark areas**
- ◎ **Use of new evangelistic endeavors**
- ◎ **Wider use of radio, television evangelism**
- ◎ **More utilization of lay leadership**
- ◎ **Emphasis on home Bible study and prayer**

How Ambler Got a Chapel

Bernie Willis

A Seventh-day Adventist chapel for the village of Ambler was the dream of John and Naomi Topkok for more than seven years. Their faithful efforts have built up a Sabbath School that overcrowded the largest room of their home. Finally, during the first part of September 1976, a crew of volunteers from Fairbanks and Palmer flew in to put the chapel together.

The first stage of its construction began about the time I was introduced to Alaska by Elder Joe Hansen, mission president from 1961 to 1974. We were flying along the Kobuk River when a raft of logs with a small outboard motorboat was spotted. A closer inspection revealed the

Topkok family heading for Ambler.

Initially, the Topkoks went to Ambler at the invitation of the villagers. It was necessary to build a house. That first fall was spent in a tent while the temperatures went below -40° . Gradually their cabin took form and they moved in.

Ambler is just above the Arctic Circle about 350 miles northwest of Fairbanks and around 130 miles northeast of Kotzebue. In short, that means inaccessible. Transportation is very difficult for anything, especially building materials. Barge service is irregular because of the shallowness of the river and the short ice-free season. Aircraft capable of carrying large

items can't land on the tiny, sandy airfield with a big hump in the middle. As a result, the chapel was built of logs. Most of the Arctic is barren, but along the Kobuk many good stands of spruce are to be found.

The transportation of these logs to the site at Ambler was no small chore, however. Some logs were cut while it was still possible to get around with a snowmobile. Then they were tied in a raft and floated downriver after the ice was out in the spring.

One such trip resulted in near catastrophe when John Topkok and Marvin Gottschall (a former student missionary from WWC) rounded a bend in the river. John, in the tow boat, couldn't hear Marvin's warning yell as the logs on which he was riding caught on the gravel bank. Instantly the tow rope pulled the boat under. John was left afloat with an empty gas can. Marvin ran along the shore until he was able to catch John under an overhanging branch. With the boat, motor, chain saw, rifle and camping

gear gone, they spent several cold hours on the bank until they were rescued.

Some years the gathering of materials went better. Harold and Jeannie Smith worked with Richard and Mary Lynn Grizzell for a couple of weeks getting logs ready at Agnes Creek. They returned with stories of good fishing and bark that peeled off easily.

The last of the logs came downriver right after the ice last May. It was a quick trip with Richard Grizzell and Dennis Seaton. The logs were tied fast near the village. In a few days the river level changed and logs began to slip away. Children ran to tell Topkoks. Naomi, being home alone, took immediate action and saved all but three or four logs from loss down the river. Other folk in Ambler later helped get the logs out of the water and up to the building site.

The final phase of the project began after a group of interested people got together at the Southcentral Alaska Camp Meeting in August. Glenn Gingery, the Fairbanks



Second day of construction on the Ambler chapel.



Fifth day of construction.



Third day of construction.



Volunteer workers in front of the nearly finished Ambler chapel. Left to right: Naomi Topkok, Bernie Willis, Lucinda Topkok, John Topkok, Jim Osborne, Oscar Ragenovich, Lowell Topkok, Kurt Ueek.

pastor, and Jim Osborne, the Bible instructor, carried the ball from that end. Kurt and Lorraine Ueeck, 250 miles to the south at Palmer, organized the building procedures and food. On Labor Day we converged on Ambler to put it all together. Each day more logs went into place. The next Sabbath we met with the Sabbath School for the last time in the Topkoks' house. In the afternoon via the mission plane we visited the Grizzells at Selawik and the new Adventists in Kotzebue. Sunday morning we returned to Ambler to frame in the windows and finish the roof. By early afternoon we were out of materials and almost finished. It was necessary to head for home.

A few weeks later when passing through Selawik, I headed for the school superintendent's office to see about some insulation to finish the chapel. Asking several folk on the way about the availability, I learned that none remained for sale.

Living beyond the realm of massive human resources, one soon learns to depend on the divine. This was no time not to let Him show the way. After considering all His direction and protection in the past, I continued in to see Mr. Ede, the man in charge.

After my short introduction to the situation, out came his negative reply.

A moment of thought and I turned the problem over to God.

The next words came from the school superintendent. "How large an area did you say you needed to cover?" he asked.

I repeated the information and he responded with a reasonable price. Soon the insulation was on the way to Ambler.

God has shown the way throughout this project. Its success is the result of His directing and protecting hand. May the Ambler Adventist chapel be a means in the continuing search for souls in the Alaskan Arctic.



Planning for God's Work--Goals and Objectives

"Well-defined plans should be freely presented to all whom they may concern, and it should be ascertained that they are understood. Then require of all those who are at the head of the various departments to cooperate in the execution of these plans. If this sure and radical method is properly adopted and followed up with interest and good will, it will avoid much work being done without any definite object." *Evangelism*, p. 94.

"We are altogether too narrow in our plans. We need to be broader minded. . . . We must get away from our smallness and make larger plans. There must be a wider reaching forth to work for those who are nigh and those who are afar off." *Evangelism*, p. 46.

"As a people we are not advancing in spirituality as we near the end. We do not realize the magnitude and importance of the work before us. Hence our plans are not becoming wider and more comprehensive. There is a sad lack of men and women prepared to carry forward the increasing work for this time. We are not doing one-twentieth part of what God requires us to do." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 11. (Emphasis supplied)

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Designed and produced by GLEANER designer Tim Larson, the cover incorporates the theme mark for Target 81 and the objectives of this far-reaching plan.

In This Issue

Bernie Willis ("How Ambler Got a Chapel") is a pastor in the cold country of the Alaska Mission . . . B. E. Wagner, compiler of "Preparation for the Latter Rain," retired in 1958 after 41 years in church publishing work. More than a half-million copies of "Preparation for the Latter Rain" have been circulated since its original presentation in the Redlands, Calif., church. He now lives in Loma Linda, Calif. . . . L. H. Canaday ("Walla Walla College . . . Industrial Technology") has been teaching industrial technology students for 23 years in a "temporary" war-surplus building.

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A Very Special Message

A quick glance at the GLEANER that you hold in your hand will tell you that this particular issue carries a very special message to your home. We are praying that it will also bring a particular challenge to your heart as you carefully read each page. The officers and staff of the North Pacific Union Conference, in harmony with recent Annual Council actions, are excited with the thought of actually attempting to reach every household within the North Pacific Union territory with the message of Christ's love and soon return. We are proposing plans and objectives which will accomplish this task.

We are pleased to report to you that the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee has wholeheartedly endorsed the plans herein described. Local conference leadership has enthusiastically accepted the challenge of accomplishing the assignment in each field, and are presently putting the finishing touches on plans and procedures for an unprecedented organized outreach for Christ.

We believe that the membership of the North Pacific Union Conference has within it the talent and the resource to do its part in reaching this area of the world field with God's last message, while continuing to support programs overseas. We also believe that it is necessary to define some objectives and order our priorities if we are to efficiently carry out God's assignment and truly finish the work in the great Northwest. This we have attempted to do in these pages.

The most carefully laid plans will avail little, however, unless we tune our hearts and ears to the direction and pleadings of God's spirit. We therefore include in this special and important issue of the GLEANER the excellent compilation of quotations entitled "Preparation for the Latter Rain," by B. E. Wagner. We urge you to prayerfully take the time to read each of these statements. They carry a stirring and startling message that is so very important as we ponder the serious task of "Finishing the Work."

We urge you to keep this special issue for future reference. We believe that frequent referral to, and application of the stimulating quotations presented will assure the achievements of the outlined goals. We challenge you to be God's men and women for such a time as this. Why not decide now to be a participant in hastening the coming of Jesus.

M. C. Torkelsen, President
North Pacific Union Conference



M. C. Torkelsen



R. C. Remboldt



D. P. Huey

Note: The following presentation was given at the Annual Council of the church which met recently in Takoma Park, Md. Feeling that this message is of vital importance to every member in the North Pacific Union Conference, we have reprinted it in the GLEANER. M. C. Torkelsen

A review of our history, our theology and God's providential leadership can only deepen our conviction that the singular objective of this global organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is to proclaim to the whole world the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14, which, in addition to the cardinal doctrines of the Christian church, embodies the distinctive truths of the sanctuary and righteousness by faith. The church exists for the purpose of touching lives with redemptive action; teaching young and old how to live in today's complex world as Jesus Christ lived 19 centuries ago, and then developing this saving relationship by growing in grace and by witnessing to others and sharing the everlasting gospel with them.

As the final segment of our Lord's

be, the church is the only objective on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. . . . He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition. . . ." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 15.

While recognizing the future ultimate victory of God's church, we firmly believe that preliminary victories must and can be ours now, if we fully obey the revealed will of God. Could it be that just as Israel of old needlessly expended precious time and energy in the wilderness when they could have enjoyed the blessings of Canaanland, we today are following a course which is delaying our entrance into the promised heaven-land? Perhaps the greatest enemy of the church is the apathy and rebellion found within its walls. Once we recognize that no enemy can stand before the church of Christ (presupposing its purity and integrity), we must also recognize that Satan's attack within is a factor that the church has always had to deal with. The great reform churches are crumbling, not because of outside opposition, but from within.

activities. Yet, in spite of our human failure let us encourage one another with the fact that we are in partnership with God.

Decisive, Unparalleled Action Needed Now

Most members and ministers recognize that we are weakened by a Laodicean condition in the church. Recently, one of our leaders addressed 50 ministers, and in the course of his talk asked for response. His first question was, "How many of you believe that the church in North America is finishing God's work on earth so that in a given length of time, whatever that time be, the work of God will actually be finished?" This created an uneasy atmosphere, but not a single hand was raised. He then asked the question, "How many of you believe that the church is in a 'holding pattern' and is definitely not gaining on the actual finishing of God's work in North America?" Just about every hand was raised.

This presents problems of many dimensions, a few of which are listed below:

1. Meeting Highest Pastoral Objectives. As illustrated above, a significant number of our ministers are frustrated because they are not meeting their highest objectives. The things they believe about the finishing of God's work do not seem to materialize as a result of their ministry. Administration in the Adventist Church must study this problem with all diligence and find out how to "free" the pastoral-evangelistic worker in such a way as to let him feel the glory and the joy of meeting the prime objectives of the church. To focus our attention on this emphasis and to seek by the grace of God to implement His counsel is the purpose of this document.

2. Fully Implement God's Plan. Ellen White states that the spirit of God which lightens the whole earth with His glory will never come while the largest portion of the church is not laboring together with God. We recognize that in the membership of our churches there is a vast potential which has not yet been fully realized. It should be our studied effort to involve all in harmony with God's plan.

Finishing God's Work

true sevenfold church that spans the centuries, we believe that our mission and message are to be the decisive factors in God's eternal judgment of earth's missions before the final disposal of Satan and sin. We also believe that God will yet use us to reach parliaments, palaces, legislatures and the world's population with His last message, and so shake the sinful order of the earth that individuals will either unite with God's loyal remnant and receive His seal, or turn against them and receive the mark of the beast. We believe that we are the one remaining challenge to antichrist, and that in earth's last generation this church will be forced to stand against hell's legions, yet, in spite of all opposition, come through victoriously. When Jesus declared that "all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He meant that no enemy could possibly stand in the way of God's conquering church. ". . . Enfeebled and defective as it may

There has been a tragic loss of their reasons for existence and the will to pursue their original objectives.

Seventh-day Adventists still contend that their vision is unblurred and undimmed. We would, however, be less than honest with ourselves if we failed to acknowledge that the Adventist Church today is in a struggle not unlike the struggles of other great movements throughout history. It is incumbent upon us as leaders to carefully examine the central objective of this church, the progress we are making in finishing God's work, and the degree to which we are keeping the church on course.

Satan could easily triumph over this church if he either blurred this objective or caused a sleeping church to believe that she was reaching this objective while doing many lesser things of a laudable nature which fall short of this goal. Our danger could well be that of proliferating secondary

3. Concern for Souls. The lack of concern over lost souls throughout our churches is a cause of great concern to all. The winning of souls by our members appears to some to be so awesome and difficult that it requires professional training. Pastoral sermons on evangelism have had a measure of success but we long for a far greater response from our people. The term "evangelism" has come to have shades of meaning which are not scriptural, and therefore clear statements must be made to restore it to its scriptural definition.

4. Proper Balance Between Field and Office Personnel. While recognizing the fact that we must choose administrative and departmental leaders from among our strongest workers, we must admit that in doing this we may weaken instead of strengthen that area of work where soul winning mostly occurs. The church must diligently and faithfully seek to restore the basic evangelistic work force. In the process it must also seek to make all Adventist workers in all categories evangelistic and to lead the members of our churches to join in setting new priorities, norms and objectives for accomplishing our task of a finished work.

5. Standards and Family Worship and Personal Bible Study. The church has reason to be concerned about the slippage in standards of recreation, dress and morality among us. Surveys conducted at selected academies, colleges, churches and camp meetings would indicate that in North America, at least, there is a great need for special emphasis and continual endeavor to foster personal Bible study and family worship in our Adventist homes. We believe this has contributed to an inevitable decline in the spiritual strength of the church. Even more basic is the lack of evangelistic purpose and objectivity that has removed to a large degree the impetus for deep spirituality among us. In a tragic sense we are following the fearful trend of the early church in which, after the apostolic leaders were laid to rest, Christianity accommodated to paganism and little by little adopted it.

It is our conviction that if a sense of mission and commitment to evangelizing the world in an unprecedented manner is brought before the church through blood leadership, we will witness a true revival and reformation.

After the restoration of the demoniacs, Christ commanded them to go and tell the story of their salvation to others. The comment of Ellen

White on this experience is most significant. "It is in working to spread the good news of salvation that we are brought near to the Saviour." *The Desire of Ages*, p. 340. Pentecost dramatically teaches us this same basic truth. We believe that the latter rain will be poured out and the upper-room experience of the disciples will be repeated when the leadership and laity of our movement, as the disciples of old, pray "with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men. . . . The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls." *The Acts of Apostles*, p. 37.

Surely, this sense of urgency and love for the souls of lost sinners must grip our hearts before we enjoy the mighty blessings of the latter rain. Furthermore, this concern for souls will give purpose to our study of the Word and to our personal and family devotions.

6. Why Has Our Lord's Coming Been Delayed? With deep heart-sorrow we acknowledge the delay of our Lord's return. Long ere this God's people should have been in the kingdom. Our insubordination, our spiritual apathy, our indifference to the urgency of soul winning in our personal lives as leaders and members, our failure to make first things first delays our Lord's return. Today's Adventist generation can with God's blessing be the generation which will arise and finish God's work and put an end to the tragedy of our Lord's delay.

The Real Issue

The real issue before the leadership of God's church is whether or not we are serious enough to take decisive action now to overcome the church's inertia and thus arise with holy courage and faith to finish God's work in all the world. At stake is the mission of the church and whether or not the powerful calls given by our General Conference president for revival and reformation, in which we have all shared, will be realized in a context of the greatest redemptive thrust in our history!

Administrative action is urgently needed to help reclaim this glorious Christ-centered purpose. The essence

of righteousness, demonstrated by a faith that works, is evangelism, revival and salvation. This work is to penetrate all the ranks of the church. We are in these last days called upon to do the kind of work upon which God can signally pour out His full blessing. It is time for the showers of the latter rain, and the finishing of the work. We, as leaders, have permitted the pressures of our church and the influence of people and programs to distract us from our central work. It could well be that we are standing under a certain indictment of heaven for not courageously and faithfully pursuing the finishing of God's work through direct evangelism, and that because of a "business as usual" attitude the calls for revival have not been followed with desired results as God has promised.

"All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance. . . .

"At this time, when the end of all things is at hand, should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church? . . . Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed today than in the time of the apostles?" *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 33.

" . . . If human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work. . . ." *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 46.

Plan of Action

We have only words of appreciation for the leaders who have preceded us and who valiantly, under God's guidance, laid the foundation upon which we now seek to build. Ellen White expressed it beautifully when she wrote, ". . . having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 31.

It is for us now to determine the steps to take in order to give absolute priority to evangelism at all levels and on all fronts. To do this, we must let go certain areas of emphasis that now

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consume our time and attention, and break loose for God in dynamic evangelism. To continue in the status quo will only find us more and more becoming the victims of the church's miscellany, reacting instead of acting. As one writer expressed it, "We are so busy doing the urgent that we have no time to do the important."

A diligent effort has been initiated to focus and coordinate the soul-winning talents and energies of the entire church. This conditioning process brought us closer to our goal of "every member involvement." Our Annual Councils through repeated discussions, appeals, studies and prayer sessions have directed our minds toward an all-out revival, reformation and evangelistic thrust. During this time we have witnessed a greater advance in evangelism than ever before. We acknowledge, however, that God calls for a finished work. Therefore, with our potential of human and financial resources, and under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit, and because of the promises of our Lord, we are determined that the gospel will be carried to everyone everywhere.

The task of moving the world church in the direction of placing unquestioned priority on evangelism with attendant revival and reformation is an awesome one and is fraught with difficulties. Leadership has either gotten us where we are, or remained neutral when wrong trends took over. Hence, decisive administrative conviction and action are essential now in programming the priorities necessary for finishing God's work.

What do we mean by the term, "finishing the work"? IT MEANS BOTH AN INWARD AND OUTWARD WORK—A PEOPLE SAVED BY GRACE, WORKING TO SAVE OTHERS. IT IS THE REACHING OF EVERY PERSON ON EARTH WITH THE CLAIMS AND PROMISES OF GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE AND SALVATION, SO THAT THIS GENERATION MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BE RESTORED IN HIS IMAGE, NOW AND FOREVER. THUS, THE "FINISHING OF THE WORK" MEANS ONE THING: COMMUNICATING GOD'S MESSAGE THROUGH THE POWER AND MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ALL OF EARTH'S POPULATION SO THAT GOD CAN PROCLAIM HIS WORK FINISHED. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, JESUS WILL COME. "AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME." Matthew 24:14.

In the light of the foregoing, and after a period of intensive prayer and study, we recommend the following objectives for the North Pacific Union Conference:

With a general theme of "Channels of God's Love," we suggest a title of "Target 81," a reference to our NPUC goal of 81,000 members by 1981. This projection envisions 26,000 new members by the time of the next quinquennial session.

In order to reach these objectives, it is necessary to give the trumpet a "certain sound," calling for our membership to rededicate themselves to the God-given task of soul winning. It is most reasonable to look for 50 new churches and companies in our union by 1981.



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In the book *Christ's Object Lessons*, Mrs. E. G. White has much to say about the utilization of talents and the perfecting of one's character. One passage is pertinent to us in our planning: "Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no definite object for which to live, no standard to reach." p. 331.

What applies to individual effort is equally true for the united work of individuals who make up our church. If we attempt little, we accomplish little. When we attempt great things for God, He blesses.

Here are some exciting things to ponder, suggestions for our member-

ship and leadership in reaching out to finish the work in our area:

1. Dramatic efforts should be made to open up work in dark counties and dark cities in the NPUC. Appeals should be made for self-supporting families to move into these areas to begin work. Conferences should be encouraged to employ a few young couples to pioneer new work.

2. Churches should be limited in size to an arbitrary figure, ranging from 200 to 400. When a church reaches that size, members should be encouraged to "swarm," setting up new work in other nearby areas. Empty churches could be purchased for this purpose.

3. We envision Adventist churches lighted on Sunday night, with evangelistic or other meetings designed for the public.

4. Young people can be encouraged to take part in street corner and park ministries, using modern methods to attract people to a brief gospel presentation and a personal witness.

5. A subscription to a message magazine should be made available to anyone who wishes it.

6. Our academies and college should have their own "mission fields," with definite objectives in holding evangelistic meetings and establishing new work.

7. There needs to be more lay member participation in the planning processes of the conference and the union. Lay advisory committees can provide excellent suggestions for the church leadership.

8. The Maranatha concept has proven its workability. Many members are eager to use their talents in the construction of churches and schools. This is one way of getting around the high costs of labor.

9. An approach should be made to cable television stations, as well as local radio, to acquaint station managers with what is available from the church.

10. There should be a concentrated effort to stabilize the family,

emphasizing the need for daily Bible study and prayer as an integral factor in keeping the family intact for God.

11. Since a minister's wife often has to work, why not use her talents for the church? Qualified and interested ladies could receive a monthly allowance for a given number of hours of Bible instructor work.

12. Additions should be made to the full-time evangelist staff.

13. The NPUC has many able-bodied sustentees who are willing to assume responsibilities if an approach

is made. These men and women should be encouraged to use their talents of leadership in serving temporary pastors and other assignments in the local congregation.

14. In addition to the sharing of the usual \$250,000 for evangelism on a formula basis, the union should share on a 50-percent basis in new evangelistic adventures. Some of these include the following: (a) Academy outreach projects; (b) Expenses of pastor's wives who qualify to do Bible instructor work; (c) Radio-TV programs on new stations. ➤

ASI Department

D. P. Huey

1. All privately owned Seventh-day Adventist services and industries invited to become members of the ASI.
2. Establishing of a Northwest chapter of ASI.
3. Increasing utilization of the professional and technical expertise of ASI organizations. ➤



D. P. Huey

Communication Department

Morten Juberg

1. Complete one-year supply of Capsule Commentary scripts, a daily one-minute radio program.
2. Prepare slide program on "foyer evangelism" for use in communication workshops and for showing to pastors at workers' meetings. This program will be made available to the General Conference and will be the first of a series of slide training programs that will cover various aspects of communication.
3. Work out plans for a unionwide use of Capsule Commentary with the suggestion that one pastor in each conference begin to use the program. These plans would also include a subsidy program for the use of the series with the union, local conference and the local church sharing the expense.
4. Produce a one-year sequence of



Morten Juberg

Health Cues, a one-minute health program that could be used by pastors on local radio stations on a public service basis.

5. Prepare a series of public service television spot announcements which would cover VBS, Ingathering, Halloween food gathering, Five-Day Plan, cooking, nutrition and Wa-Rite classes.
6. Produce a series of television spot announcements that could be used by conference evangelists. These would tie in with current events and would be of a nature that could be used by all evangelists.
7. Produce a half-hour special television program using one of the Northwest evangelists, the topic to be the second coming. This is to be a hard-hitting program designed to elicit a response from the listener. This program would be presented on local independent stations, one in each conference, with adequate advertising.
8. Do a survey of newspapers in the NPUC. Query editors as to their attitudes to religious material and tailor news and feature stories to their needs.
9. Prepare a feature story once a quarter on some aspect of Adventist activity in the Northwest and submit it to farm magazines, trade journals and to newspaper supplements and magazine sections.
10. Produce a series of programs that could be used on cable television.
11. Produce an annual 30-minute program using the most dramatic soul-winning stories available. This would be used at camp meetings and would be available for evangelists to use. ➤

Education Department

T. W. Walters

1. To operate Seventh-day Adventist schools which are consistent with the historical guidelines, yet are future-oriented, preparing students for life in terms of technical, academic and evangelistic excellence.

a. To review the basic philosophic position of Seventh-day Adventist education and restate it in terms understood and accepted by a 1980 Seventh-day Adventist culture.



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b. To train and select teachers who appreciate and support the philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist education.

c. To refine and develop techniques or methods of teaching that correlate with Seventh-day Adventist philosophy.

d. To develop and implement cur-

riculum materials that encompass the fundamental principles and philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist education.

The preceding objectives are calculated to accomplish these ends:

1) Each teacher, a positive example.

2) Each campus, a center for teaching Seventh-day Adventist values.

3) Each subject taught, a Christ-centered subject.

4) Each student, a witness for Jesus and His promised return.

2. To implement the guidelines of the NPUC Education Code for structuring a system of Adventist education.

a. The conference board of education and the superintendent to be responsible for administration of the system in areas of long-range planning, budget; and the placement, transfer, termination, etc., of personnel.

b. The school operating committee and the school principal to be responsible for decisions regarding teacher load, student behavior, adequate equipment, supplies, materials, etc.

c. The school principal to be responsible for teacher supervision, curriculum development, etc.

3. To develop and implement an adequate equitable plan of fiscal support for Seventh-day Adventist education at elementary, secondary and college levels. Inherent in this objective is the development of a formula which would provide for subsidy from parent denominational bodies based on tithe percentages, and a formula providing for equalization of Seventh-day Adventist educational opportunity in the interest of making it accessible to the maximum number of students.

4. Create and project a positive climate—one which is attractive to young people.

a. Since the school premises represent an advertisement to the community and provide the learning environment for the student, that emphasis be given to the critical importance of maintaining a clean, well-ordered educational facility.

b. Employ personnel whose appearance and behavior give promise of their exercising an optimum positive influence on students.

Health/Temperance Departments

R. M. Wisbey

1. Work toward the reestablishment of active youth temperance teams in all academies of the NPUC (AYBL).

2. Assist WWC CABYL organization as advisor.

3. Work with conference leaders toward a goal of at least one health screening van per conference.

4. Encourage each conference to develop health education centers with trained personnel.

5. Work closely with Northwest Medical Foundation and the conferences to establish live-in condi-



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tioning programs and year-around conditioning centers emphasizing prevention and rehabilitation.

6. Encourage students involved in the Loma Linda University School of Health off-campus program to utilize newly gained information and abilities in outreach ministries in their local areas.

7. Encourage each congregation to develop a temperance/health council at the local level.

8. Continue a strong health/temper-

- ance emphasis at the elementary level, utilizing the *Winner* magazine and other departmental tools.
- Support and assist in the development of new and creative ways to utilize standard community health/temperance outreach programs.

- Establish a continuing education training program for nutritional instructors with an emphasis on basic training as well as cooking demonstrations and organization.
- Continue to encourage basic life-style into harmony with instruction given in the Bible and Spirit

of Prophecy, and to develop a health measurement instrument for use with our church members for the purpose of motivating behavioral changes. →

Lay Activities Department

D. E. Caslow

Lay Evangelistic Objectives

- Distribute 3 million pieces of literature annually.
- Make 4 million witnessing contacts during the quinquennium.
- Give 250,000 follow-up Bible studies to the interest found.
- Objective of 100,000 *Signs* sub-



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- scriptions annually in the NPUC.
- To reach the \$700,000 objective in NPUC Ingathering appeal funds, which would call for an annual gain to reach this attainment, and to make each call an evangelistic contact in search for souls.
 - Encourage our laymen to help win 10,000 souls.
 - To encourage a greater interest in, understanding of, emphasis on and participation in the weekly reporting program.

Community Services Objectives

- Foster 15 new community service centers in larger cities and communities where needed.
- Plan to assist 800,000 persons.
- Prepare to distribute 3¼ million

- pieces of clothing, bedding and other needed articles.
- Encourage and enlist volunteer social workers to give 2 million hours of community services.
 - Cash value of food and other welfare services to be given in NPUC territory approximately \$1 million.

Training Objectives

- The conducting of Adventist men's seminars to inspire lay preaching efforts, prison ministry and disaster relief assistance.
- Foster a continuing Witnessing for Christ training program to equip laymen for personal soul winning through witnessing and follow-up Bible studies. →

Ministerial Affairs Department

Paul W. Nelson

Ministerial Association

- Recognize the main priorities of the church pastor to be:
 - Life of prayer and Bible study.
 - Shepherd of souls.
 - Saving of the lost.
 - Training of lay leaders to carry church business affairs.
- Evangelism emphasis: every pastor an evangelist; every church a lay training center.
- Percentage of tithe dedicated to frontline evangelism.
- Planting of new churches and limiting size of church congregations; entering dark areas.
- Development of an undershepherd plan to help hold and stabilize new converts and youth of our churches.

- Concerted effort to reclaim the many former members of our churches.
- Encourage our members and workers to open their homes for weekly prayer and Bible study groups with their friends and neighbors. Study guide materials to be provided.



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Stewardship and Development

- Hasten the coming of Christ by motivating all our workers and members to a total commitment of life—talents and abilities, body temple, time and financial resources—in a complete dedication for a finished work.
- Promote a greater revival spirit within the church by combating the evils of covetousness and selfishness through the holding of yearly stewardship emphasis series in all churches.
- Encourage systematic study of the book *Counsels on Stewardship* through the use of the study guide *Hidden Treasures*, Vols. 1, 2 and 3, for prayer meetings or Sabbath afternoon series.

4. To encourage each field to actively promote a conference-wide development program to coordinate the spiritual and financial resources of the conference, the

sisterhood of churches, to accomplish what local churches cannot achieve separately.

5. "When they shall arouse and lay their prayers, their wealth, and all

their energies and resources at the feet of Jesus, the cause of truth will triumph." *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 475. ➔

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department

A. R. Lickey

During the next five years this department will seek to increase its effectiveness in its many areas of activity.

Public Activities

1. A broader circle of acquaintanceship will be sought with people of influence in areas of government, education, labor and business.
2. Continued efforts will be put forth to influence legislation that affects religious liberty and the activities of the church in such areas as: Sunday closure, labor,

education, solicitation, book sales, taxing of church property, temperance and health, and others.

3. In all of these activities an even greater emphasis will be placed on the importance of Christian witness.

Church-Related Activities

An ever-stronger program of education for the constituency will be stressed through regional meetings, conference itineraries, camp meeting sermons and classes, the local religious liberty secretary in each church, and the North Pacific Union GLEANER.

Solving Individual Religious Liberty Problems Related to Sabbath Work, Labor Unions, Solicitation, Book Sales and Other Areas

1. We shall continue to be personally involved in solving these problems.
2. Greater emphasis will be placed on

training the pastor in the techniques of solving problems.

Liberty Magazine Promotion

1. Strong emphasis will continue to be placed on increasing the list of high priority persons who are receiving *Liberty* in the North Pacific Union Conference area.
2. The constituency will be challenged to give stronger support than ever before to the sending of *Liberty* magazine to people of influence.

In Conclusion

We shall seek in every way possible to be a more effective tool in the support of the principle of religious liberty and the finishing of the task which God has given to the church. We pledge our complete cooperation and support to the administrators, pastors and church members in each conference in the North Pacific Union Conference. ➔



A. R. Lickey

Publishing Department

M. R. Lyon



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Literature Evangelists

1. Sales: Projected annual growth rate of 20 percent will achieve another 100 percent increase in sales level.

Year	Sales	15% Increase	Total
1976	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000
1977	3,000,000	\$450,000	3,450,000
1978	3,450,000	517,500	3,967,500
1979	3,967,500	595,125	4,562,625
1980	4,562,625	684,394	5,247,019

2. Leadership: Field staff to be

increased by 50 percent, bringing total to 15 district publishing directors. By 1980 two of them will be women for director of specialized small literature programs in metropolitan centers.

3. Full-time Literature Evangelists: Number to be doubled by 1980. Through recruiting and stabilizing them in their ministry—130 regulars.
4. Separate corps of Vanguard litera-

ture evangelists to be trained for door-to-door work using the health approach.

5. Student program to be expanded through revival of college-level student participation and book program—\$200,000 in sales by summer of 1980 (400 percent increase).
6. VOP Enrollments: 70,000 annually by 1980 (280 percent increase).
7. Baptisms: 400 annually by 1980 (400 percent increase).
8. Alaska Mission to become a regular district with full-time leadership

doing \$250,000 in sales annually by 1980.

9. A goal of 114,000 sales demonstrations in 1980 (300 percent increase) reflecting new vision and implementation of new policy placing emphasis on demonstrations.

Adventist Book Centers

1. Sales: 15 percent sustained fiscal growth rate.

Year	Sales	20% Increase	Total
1976	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
1977	1,000,000	\$200,000	1,200,000

1978	1,200,000	240,000	1,440,000
1979	1,440,000	288,000	1,728,000
1980	1,728,000	345,600	2,073,600

2. Special thrust for educating that 75 percent of the Adventist constituency who have yet to become regular ABC customers.
3. Special drive for outside business as jobbers through local bookstores.
4. Employment of ABC technical consultant to serve as union associate publishing director in charge of ABC affairs.

Sabbath School Department

D. E. Caslow

Sabbath School Evangelism Plans

1. A new impetus, by promotion, to all forms of Branch Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools:
 - a. Branch Sabbath School Quinquennial Objective: 50 new groups to form nuclei for future churches.
 - b. Vacation Bible Schools: a minimum of 175 VBS programs annually to attract at least 7,000 non-Adventist children.
2. To continue to foster the pastor's Bible class to provide newly interested people with an avenue into Sabbath School membership.
3. Development of effective methods for attracting guests to Sabbath

School, emphasizing community guest days and Sabbath School enlargement month.

4. Better organization and utilization of Sabbath School classes to make them evangelistic action units.
5. Appeal to pastors, Sabbath School

officers and teachers to seek to reclaim missing members by personal contact until every church member is an active Sabbath School member.

Sabbath School Offering Objectives

1. Birthday-Thank offerings	\$ 475,000
2. 13th Sabbath offerings	1,700,000
3. Investment offerings	1,825,000
4. Twelve Sabbath offerings	6,000,000
Total objective	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

Training Objectives

1. Use of institutes and workshops to train officers, division leaders and teachers.
2. Conduct classes to develop a well-trained, spiritually motivated teaching ministry.



D. E. Caslow

Trust Services Department

W. L. Massengill

As we pause for a moment to take a look at our Trust Services program, we can only say, "A faithful man shall abound with blessings." Proverbs 28:20. (Emphasis supplied.)

There is no way to measure the joy and peace and satisfaction that comes to a family or an individual who, as a steward, has made proper preparation for death in the disposition of his "Lord's goods." The normal way of measuring the success of a program is in statistics.

During the past 10 years an average

of 400 trusts were developed each year. Also, during the past 10 years an average of \$20 million in trust assets were added each year. With added staff, added confidence in the program and loyal support from administration, it is easy to imagine:

1. Two thousand additional trusts developed;
2. One hundred million dollars in additional assets;
3. Fifty million dollars set aside for the Lord's work;

4. Between \$7 million and \$8 million in matured trusts distributed to the Lord's work.



W. L. Massengill

Should this projection be accomplished, the startling facts would still be present. Only 25 percent of the families in the North Pacific Union

will have taken advantage of this tremendous opportunity to remember the Lord's work while at the same time remembering their loved ones.

Youth Department

R. M. Wisbey

1. Encourage and work with each academy and Walla Walla College to implement plans for appropriate witness and outreach training leading to the establishment of a new church in the school area of influence.
2. Work with the education department and each secondary educa-



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- tional institution to nurture a renewal of spiritual values within the personal life of each student and staff member.
3. Continue to develop and work with local youth directors in developing new and creative tools to assist our local church youth leaders.
4. Develop programs and concepts for reaching the students for Christ on the secular campus.
5. Continue to give strong emphasis to the junior youth and Pathfinder programs. Assist in developing ongoing programs for this maturing and important age.
6. Find ways to utilize the tremendous resource of senior youth into productive summer ministries.
7. Work closely with the college in

completing development and implementing the youth services major.

8. Develop plans for training and work with conference administrators for implementation of area youth pastors in strategic locations within the territory of the NPUC.
9. Develop an effective strategy for family life training in all churches of the NPUC.
10. Continue to give strong emphasis to further development and use of our conference youth camps as an evangelistic outreach model of the church.
11. Continue to work closely with the WWC campus ministers' team and the local conferences in developing positions for MV Taskforce volunteers.

Walla Walla College

N. Clifford Sorensen, President

D. M. Warren, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academic Projections

In a world of accelerating change, no institution can effectively serve its constituents by remaining static. Walla Walla College is academically on the move.

To more effectively meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of its 2,000-plus students, the college is currently in the process of revising the

general studies program, which provides a broad core of courses educating the "whole man." The college is continuing to develop a comprehensive range of vocational, professional and preprofessional curricula to provide graduates with the necessary vocational and academic skills to pursue lifelong careers.

During the next five years, Walla Walla College is considering imple-

menting additional programs to meet shifting career interests of students and vocational opportunities in the employment market. Currently under study, or being proposed, are the following curricula:

1. Medical Technology (B.S.)
2. Agriculture (A.S.)
3. Inhalation Therapy (A.S.)
4. Two-year Nursing Program (A.S.)
5. Flight Technology (A.S.)
6. Flight Maintenance Technology (A.S.)
7. Aviation Technology (B.S.)
8. Aviation Management (B.S.)

Inspired by a vision of mission service, hundreds of students and graduates have volunteered for overseas service. In this spirit the college stands ready to implement an affiliation agreement with Japan Missionary College to enable that institution to



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D. M. Warren

upgrade the quality of classroom teaching and to give academic recognition to its programs.

Spiritual Projections

1. On-Campus
 - a. Day camp (summertime usually, but should extend the program through the winter).
 - b. SeDAven House (conference sponsored, but utilizing student expertise).
 - c. Selecting a target town (blanketing with literature, Bible studies, evangelism, keeping record of every house visited, returning to homes unvisited and, at completion, selecting a new town).
 - d. Support or involve conference and hospital health programs in the area.
 - e. Sponsoring assistance to pastors with more than one church.
 - f. Evangelizing ex-Seventh-day Adventist youth.
 - g. Concentrated effort to reach

non-Seventh-day Adventists on campus.

- h. Fostering an industry similar to Oakwood College's (Develop an enlarged literature evangelism program, utilizing a number of vans sponsored by the conference and under the direction of a conference worker. Students would receive scholarships according to the usual conference plan and any extra monies, from sales, beyond scholarships would go into a student aid fund. This method could include moving an entire team into an area, some doing literature evangelism, some assisting a pastor with an evangelistic thrust, ending up with Bible studies to interested individuals from these meetings).
 - i. Expanding of the present sports physical fitness program with a follow-up to include parents.
2. Off-Campus
 - a. Big Brother-Big Sister program

- b. Branch Sabbath Schools
- c. Tutoring in the migrant labor camp
- d. Jail visitation
- e. Inner-city youth work
- f. CABL (Collegiate Adventist Better Living), a temperance type work
- g. Public school health programs (drugs, alcohol and tobacco) and nutrition seminars
- h. Continuation of the Taskforce workers and student missionary programs

Physical Facility Projections

1. Physical Education - Nursing Complex
2. Industrial Arts
3. Nursing Education building and dormitory at PAH
4. Men's housing - married students housing
5. Health Service
6. Engineering
7. Library

Northwest Medical Foundation

M. J. Blair, President
Don Dixon, Vice President

This document sets forth the overall objectives for the Northwest Medical Foundation (NWMF) for the years 1977-1981. They are to:

1. Acquire a minimum of three additional hospitals within the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) that are located in conferences not now having a church hospital.
2. Establish specific physician recruitment goals for each conference and each healthcare institution within the NPUC.
3. Establish specific dentist recruitment goals for each conference within the NPUC.



M. J. Blair

4. Develop a coordinated, innovative health education program. Such a program would include a physical conditioning center, expanded community health education programs through the use of mass media, and coordinated planning between NWMF/hospital health education representatives and union/conference representatives.
5. Promote paramedical careers among young people within the NPUC.
6. Study further and identify specific ways for increasing the Christian impact of the church through its medical work. This is to be done by studying innovative approaches that feature one-to-one contact, literature distribution, modifications of the atmosphere of each hospital and the effective utilization of mass communications/audio-video methods.
7. Create a better understanding and appreciation of the medical work by the leaders and members of the church. This comprehends communicating the historical back-

ground of the medical work and how the medical work today works closely with and complements the overall goals of the church, as well as providing Christian healthcare.

8. Identify and develop high-potential personnel. This would include visiting college campuses and the identifying of young people with high success potential. These young people would be matched with potential employment opportunities and a program of development.
9. Develop a strong fund-raising and development program for NWMF-affiliated institutions.
10. Establish a biannual physician/dentist conference under NPUC sponsorship.
11. Affiliate NWMF with an overseas division to strengthen that division's medical ministry.
12. Identify specific goals for the recruitment of medical residents into postgraduate programs of the Northwest.

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your library for constant study.
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Preparation for the Latter Rain

Quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy, compiled by B. E. Wagner

Christ's Message to the Remnant

Laodicea's Great Need

The great controversy between Christ and Satan is nearing its culmination; Satan is marshalling his forces for the last act in the drama of human history.

We are told in Rev. 12:12, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

1 Pet. 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

A similar warning is given by the messenger of the Lord to the members of the Remnant church:

8 T 298 "Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide-awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of Prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. . . . God has spoken to us through the *Testimonies for the Church*, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?"

5 T 67 "I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. . . . They are what God has opened

before me in vision—the precious rays of light shining from the throne."

A Grave Crisis Awaits Us

In this dark hour of earth's history we certainly need every ray of light shining from the throne of God. We know that a great crisis awaits the world; but we read in volume five of the *Testimonies*, page 711, that "a great crisis awaits the people of God."

DA 636 "The crisis is stealing gradually upon us. . . . Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy forever shut."

8T 315 "A storm is coming relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it?"

9 T 17 "Fearful tests and trials await the people of God."

8 T 37 "Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world. . . . May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world."

More than a half century ago (1909) the servant of the Lord wrote:

9T 29 "If every soldier of Christ had done his duty . . . the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind."

6 T 450 "Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God." (1900)

If some should be tempted to say, "Yes, but a national Sunday law has not yet been passed," they might well consider the following statement:

GC 48 "Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be re-kindled."

Inasmuch as the coming of Jesus has been delayed for so many years, should we not at this time give diligent, prayerful study to the real cause for this long delay that we may prepare quickly to hasten His coming?

9 T 46 "If human agencies would but cooperate with Divine agencies, (Holy Spirit, angels) many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, . . ."

Know Him 330 "The Holy Spirit is waiting for channels through whom to work. . . . The Spirit of God will be poured out upon the church just as soon as the vessels are prepared to receive it."

EW 119, 120 "I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. . . . A great work must be done for the remnant. . . . Said the angel, 'Legions of evil angels are around you, . . . Ye suffer your minds to be diverted too readily from the work of preparation,' . . . Said the angel, 'Sabbath-keepers will have to die to self, . . .'"

However, we are without excuse, because "the events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented" (GC 594).

1 T 466 "Nearly all who profess to believe present truth are unprepared to understand the work of preparation for this time."

Christ the True Witness (Rev. 1:5) has sent a message to the Laodicean church, which if heeded will prepare us for the Latter Rain.

The Laodicean Message

Rev. 3:14-21 "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him

that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

The message to Laodicea is a true picture of the spiritual condition of the Remnant church during the last days of earth's history, and is Christ's final appeal to the Remnant before the close of probation.

The reason for Laodicea's lukewarm and wretched state is that self reigns in the heart and Christ is kept outside the door.

The Laodicean message is a "startling denunciation" (3 T 252) yet it is a message of love. It is an appeal of love from the great Lover. If we heed the counsel of the True Witness and open the door of the heart so that Christ by His representative, the Holy Spirit, can come in, we will receive Divine power to overcome every besetment and enjoy the great privilege of sitting down with Christ in His throne.

DA 388 "It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of life eternal."

Let us give prayerful study to the following statements from the pen of God's messenger on this most vital subject upon which hangs our eternal destiny.

RH Aug. 28, 1894 "The counsel of the True Witness does not represent those who are lukewarm as in a hopeless state. There is yet a chance to remedy their state and the Laodicean message is full of encouragement."

6 T 77 "The warning for the last church also must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians. The Laodicean message, like a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches: . . . Are we putting forth every effort that the churches may be warned?"

3 T 259 "What disposition will these make of the message of the True Witness to the Laodiceans? There can be no deception here. This message must be borne to a lukewarm church by God's servants. It must arouse His people from their security and dangerous deception in regard to their real standing before God. This testimony, if received, will arouse to action, and lead to self-abasement and confession of sins."

MH 455 "Man's great danger is in being self-deceived."

4 T 87 "The only hope for the Laodiceans is a clear view of their standing before God, a knowledge of the nature of their disease. They are neither cold nor hot; they occupy a neutral position, and at the same time flatter themselves that they are in need of nothing."

1 T 263 "What shall I say to arouse the remnant people of God? I was shown that dreadful scenes are before us; Satan and his angels are bringing all their powers to bear upon God's people. He knows that if they sleep a little longer he is sure of them, for their destruction is certain."

Why is the Remnant not prepared to give the third angel's message with great power during this late hour of

earth's history? The following quotations reveal the strategy of the enemy.

Satan's Deceptions

GC 625, 626 "Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief."

9 T 43 "The powers of Satan are at work to keep the minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day—these occupy the minds of men and women."

8 T 316 "We must turn away from a thousand topics that invite attention. There are matters that consume time and arouse inquiry, but end in nothing. The highest interests demand the close attention and energy that are too often given to comparatively insignificant things."

"... We need to feel our responsibility to give our souls food that will nourish and stimulate spiritual life."

1 T 341 "Man is naturally inclined to follow Satan's suggestions, and he cannot successfully resist so terrible a foe unless Christ, the mighty Conqueror, dwells in him, guiding his desires, and giving him strength. . . Satan is preparing his deceptions, that in his last campaign against the people of God they may not understand that it is he" (2 Cor. 11:14).

GC 508 "This vigilant foe is upon their track every moment."

1 T 302 "Evil angels are upon our track every moment."

8 T 294 "I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win members to his side."

COR 149 "There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit."

5 T 397 "A constant battle must be kept up with the selfishness and corruption of the human heart. . . Those who forget God, even for an hour or a moment, are in a dangerous path."

5 T 394 "Whenever a Christian is off his guard, this powerful adversary makes a sudden and violent attack."

One-third of the angels of heaven were deceived. Eve and Cain, her firstborn, were deceived. All but eight were deceived at the time of the flood. Many of the religious leaders at the time of Christ were deceived, even though they witnessed the Son of God perform some of His greatest miracles.

In the last days when Satan's power is greatly increased (*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 277), he will deceive if possible the very elect (Matt. 24:24). "Because of the increasing power of Satan's temptations, the times in which we live are full of peril for the children of God" (*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 322).

5 T 102, 103 "No matter how high our station, we need to watch and pray continually. We must be daily controlled by the Spirit of God, or we are controlled by Satan. . . .

"Those who are not wholly consecrated to God may be led to do the work of Satan, while yet they flatter themselves that they are in the services of Christ."

TM 79 "Satan takes control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God."

DA 636 "Few believe with heart and soul that we have a hell to shun and a heaven to win."

1 Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

Suf. of Chr. 8 "The continued, earnest prayer of faith will bring us light and strength to withstand the fiercest assaults of Satan."

9 T 44 "Intense earnestness should now take possession of us."

Arousing God's People

Let us ponder these divine comments on the message to the Laodiceans.

5 T 233 "Will you heed the counsel of the True Witness, to seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve? The gold is faith and love, the white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the eyesalve is that spiritual discernment which will enable you to see the wiles of Satan and shun them, to detect sin and abhor it, to see truth and obey it."

But, many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction. . . . the name 'foolish virgins' represents the character of those who have not the genuine heart-work wrought by the Spirit of God. The coming of Christ does not change the foolish virgins into wise ones. . . .

"The state of the church represented by the foolish virgins is also spoken of as the Laodicean state" (*RH Aug. 19, 1890*).

4 T 87 "The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name but no zeal. . . . They are unwilling to die to self."

1 T 186 "I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God's people at the present time. . . . It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and to be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel."

The foregoing quotations make it clear that by giving heed to the Laodicean message God's people will be pre-

pared to proclaim the third angel's message with great power during the Latter Rain. However, Laodiceans who do not realize their spiritual poverty and are not willing to follow the counsel of Christ, the True Witness, will be shaken.

EW 270 "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people.

"I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified."

Those Who Heed the Message

If we heed this last message to the Remnant, we will not be shaken. When the national Sunday law is enforced we will stand the great test, experience the Latter Rain, and act a part in giving the message with great power during the Loud Cry. The faithful Remnant will follow the counsel of Christ, the True Witness. They will crucify self, be transformed by the Holy Spirit, fitted for the Latter Rain and for translation.

7 T 14 "Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."

9 T 107 "God will do the work if we furnish Him the instruments."

7 T 16, 17 "Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. From every direction, from far and near, are coming calls for help. God calls upon His church to arise and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened.

"As the third angel's message swells into a loud cry, great power and glory will attend its proclamation. The faces of God's people will shine with the light of heaven."

What a glorious opportunity! I am sure that with me you will determine to give heed to the Laodicean love message, die to self daily, permit the Holy Spirit to have full control of your life that you may be speedily prepared for the Latter Rain and act your part in giving the message with compelling power during the Loud Cry.

The Early Rain Needed Now

PK 148 "The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world."

This message began on time in fulfillment of prophecy, and it is going to be finished. God will finish the work (Rom. 9:28) with you and me, if we will, or with others if we will not.

The Holy Spirit is given for service, not for the work of our own choosing, but for the work God calls us to do. "We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people 'to will and to do of His good pleasure'" (DA 672).

The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit

If we are not willing to let the Holy Spirit have His way in our lives, then we are working in the energy of the flesh and not in the power of the Spirit. And what will be the result? Here is God's answer:

5 T 158 "Without the Spirit and power of God, it will be in vain that we labor to present the truth."

The last words of Jesus just before He ascended to heaven should constantly ring in our ears. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

1 SM 156 "Christ, the great Teacher, had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose, but the one upon which He dwelt most largely was the endowment of the Holy Spirit. What great things He predicted for the church because of this endowment. Yet what subject is less dwelt upon now?"

DA 296, 297 "Man needs a power outside of and beyond himself, to restore him to the likeness of God, and enable him to do the work of God; but this does not make the human agency unessential. Humanity lays hold upon divine power, Christ dwells in the heart by faith; and through co-operation with the divine, the power of man becomes efficient for good.

"He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples."

1 SM 374 "We can be fitted for heaven only through the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart; for we must have Christ's righteousness as our credentials if we would find access to the Father. In order that we may have the righteousness of Christ, we need daily to be transformed by the influence of the Spirit, to be a partaker of the divine nature. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, to elevate the taste, to sanctify the heart, to ennoble the whole man."

Satan will seek to prevent the outpouring of the Holy Spirit by introducing a counterfeit (Read GC p. 464).

For many years we have seen many evidences of the counterfeit. Inasmuch as the hour is so late, should there not be abundant evidence of the genuine? The greatest need of the world today is to see manifestations of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who profess to be giving the last warning message.

For years many have felt this need. Here are a few statements taken from a series of lectures on Evangelism given in 1952 by William Ward Ayer to a large group of theological students at Bob Jones University. (Printed in a book entitled *Flame for the Altar*).

"We need a prophet! We need an Elijah! . . . Therefore we ask at the very outset, 'Where is the Lord God of Elijah? . . .'

"In this solemnly tragic hour, this crisis time of history . . ., the Church is passive, waiting like the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda. . . .

"The need of the churches, therefore, is the spirit and the power of Elijah. They must submit themselves to the Lord God of Elijah until He imbues them with the spirit and power. . . .

"I am not exaggerating when I say that the great body of the church has failed miserably in truly leading the people of our communities to the truth of God. 'Preachers must thunder the command, 'Ye are my witnesses,' until the people awaken from their deep sleep and start in to win the lost."

Someone has said, "The church is now under fire, when it should be on fire."

In a personal letter dated Nov. 1, 1942, a vice-president of the General Conference (now sleeping) wrote:

"I believe, Brother Wagner, that the only thing that hinders the finishing of the work now is the lack of a deeper consecration, and a deeper work of grace in the hearts of our church members everywhere. If our workers and church members were what they ought to be, the fullness of the outpouring of the latter rain would come, and the message would go like wildfire."

The lack of Latter Rain power during this very late hour should humble our hearts and impel us to faithfully follow the counsel of Christ to the Laodiceans that we may speedily be prepared to experience the "refreshing," and be ready to act our part in giving the message when it will be proclaimed with great power during the "Loud Cry."

The following quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy, reveal why the Latter Rain has been so long delayed, and what we must do in preparation to give this message with great power.

1 T 261 "I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are

wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen."

1 T 619 "I was shown that if God's people make no efforts on their part, but wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors; if they depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel, they will be found wanting."

TM 507, 508 "Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. . . . If we do not progress, if we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door."

The Indispensable Early Rain

The Holy Spirit in the Early Rain purifies and transforms us until we overcome and gain the victory on every point. This is the preparation we must make before we are ready to receive the Latter Rain.

1 SM 191 "Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self. . . . Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready . . . for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement . . . fitted for the time of refreshing . . . fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

5 T 214 "It is left with us to remedy the defects of our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost."

1 T 187, 188 "Those who come up on every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation."

EW 71 "I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have

to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. . . . I saw that none could share the 'refreshing' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action."

1 T 186 "I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God's people at the present time, . . . It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel."

Those who do not die to self daily and let the Holy Spirit purify and transform their lives will not recognize or understand the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. They will be shaken out and their places will be filled by others taking hold of the truth and uniting with God's commandment-keeping people.

TM 399 "We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out, those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain."

TM 507 "But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it."

2 SM 57 "Those who are devoid of the Holy Spirit cannot be faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion; for they are blind to the work that ought to be done, and do not give the trumpet a certain sound."

"The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly intelligences will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, 'Beware of fanaticism.' They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, 'These men are full of new wine.'

" . . . there will be those who will question and criticize when the Spirit of God takes possession of men and women, because their own hearts are not moved, but are cold and unimpressible."

EW 271 "The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and

they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks."

Preparing Now for the Latter Rain

5 T 216 "It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character. 'Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.' We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. 'But ye, brethren,' says Paul, 'are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.' . . . "What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold, and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth,—these are receiving the heavenly mold, and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth, and the stamp is impressed their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity."

The hour is very late. We must not delay. Israel spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness when she could have gone to the promised land in two weeks.

When God's people are prepared for the Latter Rain, the work of God will be finished in a very short time.

OHC 187 "We are not safe a moment unless guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit."

PP 421 "There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind, or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God."

8 T 46 "We need the breath of the divine life breathed unto us. . . . Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it."

5 T 158 "We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost."

Our greatest need is a daily anointing of the Holy Spirit to prepare us for the Latter Rain.

The Mind of Christ

Phil. 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Phillips' Translation "Let Christ Himself be your example as to what your attitude should be."

KH 265 "Christ is our pattern, the perfect and holy example that has been given us to follow."

MH 143 "The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago,—a revelation of Christ."

KH 174 "To be a Christian is not merely to take the name of Christ, but to have the mind of Christ, to submit to the will of God in all things."

Dr. Elton Trueblood, a noted educator said, "We seek for the emergence of the true church, the company of loving souls, exhibiting the mind of Christ."

The following quotations reveal how dependent Christ was upon His Father. He is our example.

DA 675 "So Christ in His humanity was dependent upon divine power. 'I can of Mine own self do nothing,' He declared."

DA 336 "When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. But He rested not in the possession of almighty power. It was not as the 'Master of earth and sea and sky' that He reposed in quiet. That power He had laid down, and He says, 'I can of Mine own self do nothing' (John 5:30). He trusted in the Father's might. It was in faith—faith in God's love and care—that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God."

Jesus said, "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works" (John 14:10).

And Jesus says to us, "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

COL 160 "All our good works are dependent on a power outside of ourselves."

When we are in the Laodicean state, we do not realize our need. We think that we are in "need of nothing." But "man's great danger is in being self-deceived. . . ." (MH 455)

"For if any man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself" (Gal. 6:3). "When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ" (COR 124).

DA 208 "The Son of God was surrendered to the Father's will, and dependent upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will."

DA 389 "So fully was Jesus surrendered to the will of God that the Father alone appeared in His life."

COL 149 "The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature. All that Christ received from God we too may have."

9 T 22 "The life that Christ lived in this world, men and women can live, through His power and under His instruction. In their conflict with Satan, they may have all the help that He had. They may be more than conquerors through Him who loved them and gave Himself for them."

DA 523 "Self-surrender is the substance of the teachings of Jesus."

DA 664 "Jesus revealed no qualities, and experienced no powers that men may not have through faith in Him."

MB 52 (81) "Whenever men choose their own way, they place themselves in controversy with God. They will have no place in the kingdom of Heaven."

Jesus said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me" (John 6:38). And He also said, "I do always those things that please Him" (John 8:29).

The apostle Paul followed Christ's example. He said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). And he gives us the following counsel, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

God seeks to control the body through the mind. Satan seeks to control the mind through the body. "The body should be servant to the mind, and not the mind to the body" (1 T 487). "All should guard the senses, lest Satan gain the victory over them; for these are the avenues to the soul" (3 T 507). "The senses of many are benumbed by the indulgence of appetite and by familiarity with sin" (3 T 476).

Suf. of Chr. 11, 12 "Our Redeemer withstood the power of Satan upon this great leading temptation (the indulgence of appetite) which imperils the souls of men. If man should overcome this temptation, he could conquer on every other point."

Christ Received a Daily Baptism of the Holy Spirit

COL 139 "Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us. . . . Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit."

DA 123 "Christ's humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the

Holy Spirit. And He came to make us partakers of the divine nature."

If Jesus the Son of God needed a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit daily, what about you and me? Since Christ is our example in all things (*Steps to Christ*, p. 97), we must experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we may be fitted for the conflict.

MB 21 "To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling."

KH 34 "We must look to Christ; we must resist as He resisted; we must pray as he prayed; we must agonize as He agonized, if we would conquer as He conquered."

KH 16 "The Holy Spirit must be constantly imparted to man, or he has no disposition to contend against the powers of darkness."

What Will the Holy Spirit do for Us?

DA 107 "To sin, wherever found, 'our God is a consuming fire' (Heb. 12:29). In all who submit to His power, the Spirit of God will consume sin. But if men cling to sin, they become identified with it. Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy them."

DA 173 "When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God."

1 SM 374 "We can be fitted for heaven only through the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. . . . We need daily to be transformed by the influence of the Spirit, . . ."

RH Aug. 1896 "The Spirit conforms the renewed souls to the model of Christ Jesus."

CH 594 "Our only security against falling into sin is to keep ourselves continually under the molding influence of the Holy Spirit."

AA 53 "If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul."

1 SM 337 "As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ."

The Love of God

Rom. 5:5 "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

COL 419 "The indwelling of the Spirit will be shown by the outflowing of heavenly love."

What was the measure of Christ's love? While He was being nailed to the cross, He prayed for His murderers, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "Oh, what love! what wondrous love!" "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." When we love as Jesus loved, the Holy Spirit will use us to supply the world's greatest need.

COL 419 "There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love."

COL 414 "By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes of God. The light of His glory—His character—is to shine forth in His followers."

COL 415, 416 "The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory."

TM 50 "Through the church eventually will be made manifest the final and full display of the love of God to the world that is to be lightened with its glory."

What a responsibility! What a challenge! What a privilege! By the mighty power of the Holy Spirit we are to reveal God's character of love and manifest His glory.

The only way to accomplish this is to die to self daily and experience daily a baptism of the Holy Spirit. When we fully submit to His power, the Holy Spirit will consume sin in us; purify, refine, and transform us until the countenance reflects the light of heaven. The Holy Spirit creates a new being in the image of God. God's love will be revealed. Then we will be prepared for the Latter Rain and the Loud Cry.

AA 22 "After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were so filled with love for him and for those for whom He died, that hearts were melted by the words they spoke and the prayers they offered. They spoke in the power of the Spirit; and under the influence of that power, thousands were converted."

COL 402 "Without love to their brethren, without humility before God, they are nothing. . . ."

"Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, the love makes fragrant the life,—it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognized as laborers together with God."

6 T 401 "The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord."

AA 50 "For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God."

8 T 23 "My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit."

Shall we not follow the example of Jesus by paying the full price of receiving a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit? "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Enoch and John the Baptist

Knowing God

ED 260 "An intensity such as never before was seen is taking possession of the world. In amusement, in money-making, in the contest for power, in the very struggle for existence, there is a terrible force that engrosses body and mind and souls. In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking."

What is this vital message that God wishes to communicate to man? Listen to His voice in Jeremiah 9:23, 24: "Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me."

Jesus speaks to us, saying, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

MH 457 "The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ . . . is the key that opens the portals of the heavenly city."

DA 668 "When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience."

COL 114 "The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent transforms man into the image of God."

8 T 329 "The knowledge of God that works transformation of character is our great need. If we fulfill His

purpose, there must be in our lives a revelation of God that shall correspond to the teaching of His word.

"The experience of Enoch and John the Baptist represents what ours should be. Far more than we do, we need to study the lives of these men,—he who was translated to heaven without seeing death, and he who, before Christ's first advent, was called to prepare the way of the Lord, to make His paths straight."

Enoch

Gen. 5:24 "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Heb. 11:5 "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; . . . for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

8 T 329 "The infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ, became the subject of his meditations day and night. With all the fervor of his soul he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelt."

God revealed His love through faithful Enoch before the world was destroyed by water, and now He desires to reveal His love through His people before the world is destroyed by fire. A manifestation of the love of God is the greatest need of the world today.

PP 85 "Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had a work to do for God in the world."

8 T 330 "The power of God that wrought with His servant was felt by those who heard . . . Enoch's heart was upon eternal treasures . . . While still on earth, he dwelt, by faith, in the realms of light."

PP 85 "His heart was in harmony with God's will . . . Enoch was a man of strong and highly cultivated mind, and extensive knowledge; he was honored with special revelations from God; yet being in constant communion with heaven, with a sense of the divine greatness and perfection ever before him, he was one of the humblest of men. The closer the connection with God, the deeper was the sense of his own weakness and imperfection."

Constant communion with God brought to Enoch great measures of divine power and filled his soul with humility. It was D. L. Moody who said, the beginning of greatness is to become little, the increase of greatness is to become less, and the perfection of greatness is to be nothing." Ellen White wrote, "The only greatness is the greatness of humility" (DA 650).

PP 85 "Thus he waited before the Lord, seeking clearer knowledge of His will, that he might perform it."

To him prayer was as the breath of the soul. He lived in the very atmosphere of heaven."

PP 87 "Communing thus with God, Enoch came more and more to reflect the divine image. His face was radiant with a holy light, even the light that shineth in the face of Jesus. As he came forth from those divine communings, even the ungodly beheld with awe the impress of heaven upon his countenance."

"The experience of Enoch . . . represents what ours should be" (8 T 329). If we crucify self daily, surrender ourselves to God for service withholding nothing, pray constantly for a daily anointing of the Holy Spirit, our faces will become radiant with a holy light, and others will behold the impress of heaven upon our countenances.

This program will meet our great need, and the Holy Spirit will use us as instruments to meet the great need of the world. Then the work of God will be finished in a very short time.

Shall we not unitedly say, "By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the experience of Enoch represents what ours should be, until the east shall blaze with the coming of the Son of man?"

PP 88, 89 "... The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be 'redeemed from the earth.' . . . But like Enoch, God's people will seek for purity of heart, and conformity to his will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch they will warn the world of the Lord's second coming, . . . As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire."

8 T 331 "For three hundred years Enoch had been seeking purity of heart, that he might be in harmony with heaven. For three centuries he had walked with God. Day by day he had longed for a closer union; nearer and nearer had grown the communion, until God took him to Himself. He had stood at the threshold of the eternal world, only a step between him and the land of the blest; and now the portals opened, the walk with God, so long pursued on earth, continued, and he passed through the gates of the holy city,—the first among men to enter there.

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; . . . for before his translation he had his testimony, that he pleased God" (Heb. 11:5).

"To such communion God is calling us. As was Enoch's so must be their holiness of character who shall be redeemed from among men at the Lord's second coming."

5 T 555 "Our great need today is of men who are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God,—men who walk with God as did Enoch."

7 T 155 "If ever a people needed to walk before God as did Enoch, Seventh-day Adventists need to do so now."

John the Baptist

8 T 329 "The experience of Enoch and John the Baptist represents what ours should be."

John 5:35 "He (John) was a burning and a shining light."

DA 100 "God had called the son of Zacharias to a great work."

DA 100 "Such a messenger must be holy. He must be a temple for the indwelling Spirit of God."

8 T 333 "In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. We must behold God, and in beholding Him lose sight of self."

8 T 331, 332 "John the Baptist in his desert life was taught of God. He studied the revelations of God in nature. Under the guiding of the Divine Spirit, he studied the scrolls of the prophets. By day and by night, Christ was his study, his meditation, until mind and heart and soul were filled with the glorious vision.

"He looked upon the King in His beauty, and self was lost sight of. He beheld the majesty of holiness and knew himself to be inefficient and unworthy. It was God's message that he was to declare. It was in God's power and His righteousness that he was to stand. He was ready to go forth as Heaven's messenger, unawed by the human, because he had looked upon the Divine. He could stand fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs, because with trembling he had bowed before the King of kings."

The Holy Spirit Without Measure

8 T 333, 334 "Looking in faith to the Redeemer, John had risen to the height of self-abnegation. He sought not to attract men to himself, but to lift their thoughts higher and still higher, until they should rest upon the Lamb of God. . . . Those who are true to their calling as messengers for God will not seek honor for themselves. Love for self will be swallowed up in love for Christ. . . . The soul of the prophet, emptied of self, was filled with the light of the Divine . . . So with the followers of Christ. We can receive of heaven's light as we are willing to be emptied of self. We can discern the character of God, and accept Christ by faith, only as we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this, the Holy Spirit is given without measure."

This is a promise to everyone of us. If we meet the conditions as did John the Baptist, our greatest need will be supplied. Then God will use us as instruments to supply the world's greatest need.

9 T 107 "God will do the work, if we furnish Him the instruments."

8 T 332 "With no elaborate arguments or finespun theories did John declare his message. Startling and stern, yet full of hope, his voice was heard from the wilderness: 'Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matt. 3:2). With a new strange power it moved the people. The whole nation was stirred. Multitudes flocked to the wilderness."

God used one man in the wilderness to stir a nation. Soon, yes, very soon, He will use a faithful Remnant to move and stir the whole world. If we determine to be among that faithful few, we must make speedy preparation now. The experience of John represents what ours is to be.

8 T 332 "Unlearned peasants and fishermen from the surrounding country; the Roman soldiers from the barracks of Herod; chieftains with their swords at their sides, ready to put down anything that might savor of rebellion; the avaricious tax-gatherers from the toll-booths; and from the Sanhedrin the phylacteried priests,—all listened as if spellbound; and all, even the Pharisee, and the Sadducee, the cold, unimpressible scoffer, went away with the sneer silenced, and cut to the heart with the sense of their sins. Herod in his palace heard the message, and the proud, sin-hardened ruler trembled at the call to repentance.

"In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that of John is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord."

7 T 16 "Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power."

CM 155 "God's workers must gain a far deeper experience. If they will surrender all to Him, He will work mightily for them."

The Latter Rain

The Early Rain is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, daily infilling the believer's heart, which brings victory over sin and covers with Christ's righteousness.

The Latter Rain is power for witnessing. It prepares God's faithful Remnant to give the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message with compelling power. Then the eyes of the world will be focused upon God's commandment-keeping people.

Then the people of God will reveal the love of God, the character of God—the glory of God. Then they will be prepared to stand during the seven last plagues without a mediator.

1 SM 192 "I have no specific time of which to speak when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take

place—when the mighty angel will come down from heaven, and unite with the third angel in closing up the work for this world; my message is that our only safety is in being ready for the refreshing, having our lamps trimmed and burning."

Although the servant of God did not indicate a specific time for the outpouring of the Spirit, she said that at the "commencement of the time of trouble . . . the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come" (EW 85, 86). This is the brief time of trouble before the plagues fall. We are near to that time when all mankind will be divided in two classes: those with the mark of the beast and those with God's name in their foreheads.

The Mark of the Beast

GC 445 "When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result."

GC 449 "But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—the mark of the beast.' And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive 'the mark of the beast.'"

5 T 451 "When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this three-fold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near."

GC 449 “. . . The enforcement of Sunday-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.”

This will mark the fall of Babylon.

This is the real issue.

God's only answer to the worship of the Beast and his image is the image of God restored in the soul and reflected in the life.

The time of the test is fast approaching. We must prepare now.

7 T 141 “The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama.”

RH May 2, 1893 “The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and national apostasy will be registered in the books of Heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.”

6 T 18 “As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people on every country of the globe will be led to follow her example.”

6 T 395 “Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.”

GC 591 “Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.”

GC 607 “The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith.”

The Great Test

2 SM 368 “When the law of God is made void, the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger portion

than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”

5 T 717 “My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us?”

(Review DA 107 last paragraph: DA 173 first paragraph; and Rom. 8:14).

7 BC 976 “The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.”

GC 608 “As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.”

This may be the time that Satan will personate Christ. Read GC 622-625.

2 SM 51 “We are warned that in the last days he (Satan) will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue those wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness.”

5 T 81 “In this time, the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness.”

DA 630 “Those who apostatize in the time of trial will, to secure their own safety, bear false witness, and betray their brethren. Christ has warned us of this, that we may not be surprised at the unnatural, cruel course of those who reject light.”

The Latter Rain and the Loud Cry

GC 464 “Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.”

EW 85 “At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. . . .

“‘The commencement of the time of trouble’ here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues

shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out."

6 T 401 "... When the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. . . .

"The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord."

EW 277-279 "I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message. . . .

"The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom. . . .

"Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction."

Read GC 612.

GC 606 "Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,—all will be unmasked. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these."

8 T 20 "So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit."

This is the time when the work of the church will be finished in a blaze of glory that shall enlighten the whole world!

5 T 754 "... the swiftness of lightning represents the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion."

9 T 96 "There will be a series of events revealing that God is master of the situation."

Rom. 9:28 "For he will finish the work in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

6 T 19 "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel."

MB 43 (70) "The words of Christ through the gospel prophet, which are reechoed in the Sermon on the Mount, are for us in this last generation: 'Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' (Isa. 60:1) . . . if you have beheld His beauty who is the 'chiefest among ten thousand' and the One 'altogether lovely,' if your soul has become radiant in the presence of His glory, to you is this word from the Master sent."

COL 415 "Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth."

EW 279 "I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message."

TM 445 "Those who overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion."

7 BC 968 "Just before we entered it (the time of trouble), we all received the seal of the living God."

Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion."

GC 613 ". . . The final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received the 'seal of the living God.' Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above."

The Close of Probation

EW 279-281 "I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, 'It is done.' And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. . . .'

"As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, . . . a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. . . .

"Then I saw Jesus lay off His priestly attire, and clothe Himself with His most kingly robes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown. Surrounded by the angelic host, He left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God and cursing Him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape His judgments. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden borne, the last warning given. . . . With terrible distinctness they heard the words, 'Too late! too late!'"

Shall we not do now what many thousands will wish they had done when the plagues begin to fall? Then it will be too late to surrender without reservation and earnestly pray for a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time to put self aside and make speedy preparation for the Latter Rain.

8 T 22 "Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it?"

TM 64 ". . . why should we not prostrate ourselves at the throne of grace, as representatives of the church, and from a broken heart and contrite spirit make

earnest supplication that the Holy Spirit shall be poured out upon us from on high?"

COR 165 "Oh that we as a people might humble our hearts before God, and plead with Him for the endowment of the Holy Spirit."

TM 310, 223 "Realize every moment that you must have the presence of the Holy Spirit; . . .

"We need to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit every hour of the day, lest we be ensnared by the enemy, and our souls be imperiled."

Our task is not just to continue in the Lord's service making large gains year after year. The hour is long overdue when we should let God use us to quickly finish the work by the mighty power of His Spirit.

9 T 44 "Intense earnestness should now take possession of us."

This is the hour of greatest danger.

All that will survive the seven last plagues is a holy character.

The vital need—the greatest need of the Remnant church is not more members, more preachers, more money, or more facilities. The greatest need today is Spirit-filled men and women.

We have great institutions.

We have the greatest literature in the world.

We have the greatest organization in the world.

But to finish the work of God, we must receive daily a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Who will respond without reservation to the mighty challenge of this climactic hour of earth's history?

Danger Ahead

5 T 644 ". . . if Satan cannot keep souls bound in the ice of indifference, he will try to push them into the fire of fanaticism."

Faith I Live By 140 "No one who claims holiness is really holy. Those who are registered as holy in the books of heaven are not aware of the fact, and are the last ones to boast of their own goodness."

SL 7 "Those who are really seeking to perfect Christian character will never indulge the thought that they are sinless. Their lives may be irreproachable, they may be living representatives of the truth which they have accepted; but the more they discipline their minds to dwell on the character of Christ, the nearer they approach His divine image, the more clearly they will discern its spotless perfection, and the more deeply will they feel their own defects."

SC 64 "The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your vision will be clearer, and your imperfections will be seen in broad and distinct contrast to His perfect nature."

A Snare of Satan

GW 316 "As the end draws near, the enemy will work with all his power to bring in fanaticism among us."

8 T 293 "False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect."

7 BC 907 "As we near the end of time, falsehood will be so mingled with truth, that only those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to distinguish truth from error."

TM 55 "False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met, and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavouring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth."

TM 61 "God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."

Those who are tempted to aid Satan by criticizing leaders of laity in the Remnant church would do well to ponder the counsel of God's messenger in the following quotations:

6 T 42 "Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticizing and discouraging."

8 T 36 "We must be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to spend in criticism and accusation."

TM 156 "Those who love Jesus will love the souls for whom He died. The truth planted in the heart will reveal the love of Jesus and its transforming power. Anything harsh, sour, critical, domineering, is not of Christ, but proceeds from Satan."

The inclination to criticize should be a danger signal to us, for when the Holy Spirit purifies and transforms us, our

hearts will be filled with love for God and for our brethren.

While it is true that the majority in the Remnant church are in the Laodicean state, many of whom will be shaken out, yet there is in the church a faithful group that will give heed to the counsel of Christ the True Witness. They will be prepared for the Latter Rain, share in giving the message with a Loud Cry, and be ready for translation.

This is the Remnant church. God will not lead another movement. When the faithful ones give the message with great power during the Latter Rain, a great multitude will come out of the fallen churches, witness for their Master, and triumph with the redeemed on the sea of glass.

Now is the time to prepare for the Latter Rain. And we should remember daily that this work of preparation must take place under the Early Rain.

Additional Quotations for Meditation

EW 66, 67 "My eyes were taken from the glory, and I was pointed to the remnant on the earth. The angel said to them, 'Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that God has prepared for those that love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have . . . Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar,—self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory. . . .'

"Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering. We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view. . . ."

"Said the angel, 'Deny self; ye must step fast.'"

KH 237 "Ask the Lord to reveal to you yourself; . . . Self must die."

KH 291 "Our future eternal happiness depends upon having our humanity, with all its capabilities, and powers, brought into obedience of God and placed under the control of Divinity. . . ."

"Jesus became a man that He might mediate between man and God, . . . that He might restore to man the original mind which he lost in Eden through Satan's alluring temptation.

". . . Through Jesus Christ every man may overcome. . . ."

1 SM 98 "The Lord desires every one of us to be decidedly in earnest."

9 T 44 "Intense earnestness should now take possession of us."

5 T 267 "Pray that the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, and transforming power, may fall like an electric shock on the palsy-stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness. You will thus become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust; and in your souls will be reflected the image of Him by whose stripes you are healed."

CH 138 "In order to be purified and to remain pure, Seventh-day Adventists must have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and in their homes. The Lord has given me light that when the Israel of today humble themselves before Him, and cleanse the soul-temple from all defilement, He will hear their prayers in behalf of the sick, and will bless in the use of His remedies for disease."

PK 233 "To the heart that has become purified, all is changed. Transformation of character is the testimony to the world of an indwelling Christ. The Spirit of God produces a new life in the soul, bringing the thoughts and desires into obedience to the will of Christ; and the inward man is renewed in the image of God."

7 T 33 "All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do."

AA 49, 50 "Daily they prayed for fresh supplies of grace, that they might reach higher and still higher toward perfection. Under the Holy Spirit's working, even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, learned to improve their entrusted powers, and to become sanctified, refined, and ennobled. As in humility they submitted to the moulding influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of the fullness of the Godhead, and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine.

"... If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit."

CH 437 "As human agent submits his will to the will of God, the Holy Spirit will make the impression upon the hearts of those whom he ministers."

MH 512 "Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in the Saviour. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. It will give to the voice a persuasive power. Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived."

Unlimited Possibilities

DA 250 "He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."

MH 160 "To everyone who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results."

Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock

2 SM 57 "The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to receive the Holy Spirit."

COR 146 "If you open the door of the heart, Jesus will supply the vacuum by the gift of His Spirit, and then you can be a living preacher in your home, in the church, and in the world."

7 T 33 "All that the apostles did, every church member to-day is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance...."

"At this time, when the end of all things is at hand, should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church? ... Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed to-day than in the time of the apostles?"

Abbreviations

AA	Acts of the Apostles	EW	Early Writings	PP	Patriarchs and Prophets
BC	Bible Commentary, Volumes 1-7	GC	Great Controversy	RH	Review and Herald
COL	Christ's Object Lessons	GW	Gospel Workers	SC	Steps to Christ
COR	Christ Our Righteousness	KH	That I May Know Him	SL	Sanctified Life
CH	Counsels on Health	MH	Ministry of Healing	SM	Selected Messages, Volumes 1, 2
CM	Colporteur Ministry	MB	Mount of Blessing	Suf C	Sufferings of Christ
DA	Desire of Ages	OHC	Our High Calling	T	Testimonies, Volumes 1-9
Ed	Education	PK	Prophets and Kings	TM	Testimonies to Ministers
Ev	Evangelism				

First Oregon Church To Observe Centennial

The centennial celebration of the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist faith in Oregon will be held at the Salem Central church, Jan. 14 and 15.

The Seventh-day Adventist teachings were spread in Oregon through the pages of the *Review and Herald* magazine. As early as 1870 the McChord family of Oregon City is recorded as having accepted the Sabbath message as a result of reading the *Review and Herald*.

In response to a vision given Mrs. E. G. White in which she "was shown that missionary labor must be put forth in Oregon, California, and Australia, and other territories..." Elder Isaac D. Van Horn was sent to the Willamette Valley as the first Adventist missionary to what

is now the state of Oregon. Elder Van Horn arrived at Oregon City on May 10, 1876, and stayed at the McChord home while conducting meetings in a large tent. After a company was organized at Oregon City, the big tent was moved to Salem, then the largest city in the Northwest with a population of 6,000.

Elder Van Horn began meetings in Salem on July 11, 1876, with an attendance as high as 700. After two months of meetings 30 persons were baptized in Mill Creek and accepted the Sabbath, among them Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Starbuck. On Jan. 14, 1877, Elder Van Horn organized the first church in Oregon at Salem with 35 members. A second church was organized by

Elder Van Horn, also in 1877, at Eola with eight members. Tent meetings were also held that year at The Dalles and Portland, but no churches were organized in those places at that time.

On Oct. 13 and 14 Elder J. N. Loughborough attended a general meeting at Salem and

helped to conduct the first communion service for the group.

A considerable stir was created not long after the Salem church was organized when the pastor of the Congregational church, O. A. Dickinson, accepted the Adventist faith. He later became treasurer of the conference and served as such until his death in 1893.

In the summer of 1878 Ellen G. White, a lady friend and Elder Loughborough sailed from San Francisco on the steamer *Oregon* for the "mission field of Oregon." They brought a large meeting tent and several small family tents that the California Conference had loaned for this mission work.

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The third house of worship for the Salem congregation was built in 1937 at Summer and Hood, and called the Johnson Memorial church.



Across the street at 1330 Summer St., N.E., is the newest church for the Salem Central folk. It was acquired in the fall of 1976.



No photo is available of the very first church in Salem which was located on Mill St. It was a very plain building with no heat, but everyone loved their house of worship. Thomas Starbuck, a returned naval officer, was head elder and a member of the conference committee. He was greatly loved by the congregation. The group next proceeded to build on 5th and Gains Sts.—the construction shown here was completed in 1912 or 1913. Some of the members in the picture are still living and on the church membership rolls.

The Salem Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Centennial Committee extends an invitation to all former members, pastors and evangelists to attend the homecoming weekend on Jan. 14 and 15. Conference President H. J. Harris will be guest speaker; the Rose Chorale choir, Mrs. Glenn Patchen (formerly Valerie Davies), Dick Loganbill and the Sojourners will be among the participating musicians. Events will begin Friday night and continue on through the Sabbath, concluding with a Saturday night banquet with the Walla Walla College brass band for the grand finale.

Salem Central pastor is Elder Don Long; centennial coordinator is Mrs. Ethel R. Jones.



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY and THE GOSPEL go HAND IN HAND

So Says M. C. Torkelsen, President
of the North Pacific Union Conference

Dear Fellow Believers:

What a blessing is ours to be citizens of this nation so rich with civil and religious freedoms--"...the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence..." Testimonies to Ministers, p. 206.

Right now, while we have the priceless treasure of religious liberty, I urge you to join me in a great forward thrust that will carry the gospel story throughout the North Pacific Union Conference as it has never been carried before.

Further, I ask you to join me in a commitment to do all that is possible to help preserve the freedom of religion so essential to the proclamation of the gospel. The two go hand in hand. "The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church...has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands." Acts of the Apostles, pp. 68, 69. And though Bible prophecy makes clear that religious intolerance will develop in this nation, "It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger." Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 452.

This January is LIBERTY magazine month. Every leader in our society whose influence can affect religious legislation, whose arguments can sway the courts, whose position opens the door to the education of others, whose power gives the option to grant or deny religious privileges--yes, these and many others should and must receive LIBERTY. The financial commitment which you and I give to LIBERTY magazine makes this possible.

On Religious Liberty Sabbath may each one of us respond as God leads. Let us join hands as we tell the gospel story and seek to preserve religious freedom.

Sincerely,

M. C. Torkelsen
PRESIDENT
North Pacific Union Conference



LIBERTY SPEAKERS' SCHEDULE
Subject—"Religious Liberty and God's Church"

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Mon.	Jan. 24	7:30 p.m.	Idaho Falls	Lickey
Tues.	Jan. 25	7:30 p.m.	Rupert	Lickey
Wed.	Jan. 26	7:30 p.m.	Twin Falls	Lickey
Thurs.	Jan. 27	7:30 p.m.	*Weiser-Cambridge	Lickey
Sab.	Jan. 29	11:00 a.m.	Boise	Lickey

MONTANA

Mon.	Jan. 17	7:30 p.m.	Shelby	Lickey
Tues.	Jan. 18	7:30 p.m.	Plentywood	Lickey
Wed.	Jan. 19	7:00 p.m.	Glasgow	Lickey
Thurs.	Jan. 20	7:30 p.m.	Havre	Lickey
Sab.	Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Missoula	Lickey

OREGON

Sun.	Jan. 2	7:00 p.m.	Molalla	Follett
Wed.	Jan. 5	7:30 p.m.	Gaston	Follett
Fri.	Jan. 7	7:30 p.m.	Gold Beach	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 8	11:00 a.m.	Brookings	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 8	11:00 a.m.	Silverton	Patterson
Sab.	Jan. 8	4:00 p.m.	East Salem	Patterson
Sun.	Jan. 9	7:30 p.m.	University Park	Follett
Fri.	Jan. 14	7:30 p.m.	Hillsboro	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	Cedar Creek	Follett

Sab.	Jan. 15	9:00 a.m.	Woodburn (English)	Patterson
Sab.	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	Woodburn (Spanish)	Patterson
Sun.	Jan. 16	7:30 p.m.	Riverside	Follett
Wed.	Jan. 19	7:30 p.m.	White Salmon	Follett
Fri.	Jan. 21	7:30 p.m.	Medford	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Grants Pass	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Salem Central	Patterson
Sun.	Jan. 23	7:30 p.m.	Lebanon	Follett
Fri.	Jan. 28	7:30 p.m.	Cottage Grove	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 29	11:00 a.m.	Roseburg	Follett
Sab.	Jan. 29	11:00 a.m.	Coos Bay	Hansen

UPPER COLUMBIA

Sun.	Jan. 2	7:30 p.m.	*Grandview-Prosser	Hansen
Mon.	Jan. 3	7:30 p.m.	Sunnyside	Hansen
Tues.	Jan. 4	7:30 p.m.	Yakima	Hansen
Wed.	Jan. 5	7:30 p.m.	Brewster	Hansen
Thurs.	Jan. 6	7:30 p.m.	Oroville	Hansen
Fri.	Jan. 7	7:30 p.m.	Pasco	Hansen
Sab.	Jan. 8	11:00 a.m.	Pendleton	Hansen

WASHINGTON

Sun.	Jan. 9	7:30 p.m.	Grays Harbor	Hansen
Mon.	Jan. 10	7:30 p.m.	Forks	Hansen
Tues.	Jan. 11	7:30 p.m.	Port Angeles	Hansen
Wed.	Jan. 12	7:30 p.m.	Bremerton	Hansen
Thurs.	Jan. 13	7:30 p.m.	Chehalis	Hansen
Sab.	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	*Arlington-Cedar Home	Chase
Sab.	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	Ballard	Duncan
Sab.	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	Volunteer Park	Lickey
Sun.	Jan. 16	7:30 p.m.	Kent	Duncan
Sun.	Jan. 16	7:30 p.m.	Ferndale	Hansen
Tues.	Jan. 18	7:30 p.m.	Marysville	Duncan
Wed.	Jan. 19	7:30 p.m.	Sedro-Woolley	Duncan
Wed.	Jan. 19	7:30 p.m.	Port Townsend	Hansen
Thurs.	Jan. 20	7:30 p.m.	Sequim	Hansen
Sab.	Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Kirkland	Hansen
Sab.	Jan. 22	11:00 a.m.	Monroe	Duncan

*Underlined church is location of meeting.

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JANUARY EMPHASIS
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

J. N. Loughborough and Mrs. White were guest speakers at this spiritual gathering. The camp meeting was held in Salem near the state fairgrounds in a pine grove in Chemawa on property owned by Adam Stevens. The Maxons and the Woods, pioneer workers in the north country, were among the campers. Mrs. Woods led the singing and played the organ. William Nichols supervised

the dining tent, even managing a profit to help with the expense of the meetings. Total campers' tents were 12.

By contrast, during the 1976 Oregon Conference Camp Meeting there were about 1,600 dwelling units on the grounds.

Camp meeting thereafter was held in many different places, but in 1930 the present chautauqua grounds were purchased, influenced by Dr. Holden, and the wandering camp meetings came to a resting place.

The Northwest Territory of Oregon and Washington was formally organized into the North Pacific Conference on Oct. 25 to 29, 1877. Elder J. D. Van Horn was elected president; his wife, Adelia, secretary, and Alonzo T. Jones, treasurer. Thomas H. Starbuck, elder at Salem, was elected as a member of the conference committee to serve in making decisions with the conference officers.

Dr. Murdoch Shares Character-Building Tips

Illustrations from her own life, her children's lives and case histories of children and youth she has counseled highlighted talks by Dr. Ruth Murdoch in an area Home and School meeting Nov. 12 to 14 at Portland Adventist Academy.

Dr. Murdoch is an educational psychologist at Andrews University, and her Portland visit was cosponsored by Hood View Junior Academy and Portland Adventist Elementary School.

She emphasized that a Christlike character is one's passport to heaven. Children do not inherit character; the foundation is laid foremost by parents.

"By age ten, one's character is pretty well set," Dr. Murdoch claims. "A well-ordered family is a better witness than all the sermons one might hear in a lifetime."

Quoting from the books *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students* and *Education*, Dr. Murdoch stressed there are three types of discipline that help form one's character:

Type one is cruel. It consists of control by the iron rod, is selfish, cold, impatient, and is punctuated by loud commands, fear and public humiliation.

Type two is blind love. Such a parent is overindulgent and wishy-washy. Dr. Murdoch told of an 8-year-old girl who threatened a temper tantrum if she didn't get what she wanted. Naturally, she got it.

Between the first two types is type three—that of gently shaping the character. This is emphasized with love, sympathy and strict discipline; firmness, friendliness and an understanding heart.

Not only parents form children's character, but so do Christian teachers and older people. Then Christ takes the final responsibility.

As Dr. Murdoch stated, it wasn't too long ago that families lived on farms or in small towns, thus being more isolated and dependent on each other.

Now, people are crowded in cities, and the art of neighborliness is almost lost. This puts more pressures on children.

Such pressures include both parents working (with a hurry-hurry atmosphere), lack of communication, using TV as a baby-sitter, being compared with siblings, not knowing what parents really expect, disagreements between parents and divorce.

"Our character is the only thing we can take on our coming space trip," asserted Dr. Murdoch.



Inside the most recent church in November 1976 are: (left to right) Bessie Shaw, Dorcas worker; Ethel Jones, centennial coordinator; Iva Ashby, 88, a member since 1915; Esther Stepper, communication secretary; Daisy Jenkins, 75, member since 1926; Mrs. Oliver; Bertha Bliven, 93, member since 1923; and Edna Sloan, 83, member since 1894.

How He Runs!

Dan Flinn

When Paul spoke of running a race, he had some definite things in mind. The winners receive neither fame nor fortune, but rather an eternal home with the "great-est track star" who has ever run a race—Jesus Christ.

Vernon Kaiser, principal of Columbia Adventist Academy, daily joins those runners described by Paul so many years ago. But not only does he run that spiritual race, he also knows what it is to test the body's many levels of endurance in an actual physical marathon.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, shortly after his 44th birthday, Kaiser ran 26 miles in a field of 290 entrants, to place 134th overall, and 13th in the 40-to-49 age group. For 3 hours, 29 minutes and 29 seconds he put his rugged stamina through perhaps the ultimate test of his life. The result was a closer relationship to God.

With the Saviour running by his side, Kaiser lives to glorify Christ. He recognizes his own limitations as those shared by all men. Many times others have heard him suggest just how weak and unworthy we all are without the grace of Jesus.

Knowing what Mr. Kaiser feels down deep inside makes it so easy to praise God for his life of service. One can almost imagine seeing him at the end of the race, tired, exhausted, barely able to stand, and reading his lips on that wet, misty day in Eugene as he thanks God for the privilege of serving Him in his own special way.



Vernon Kaiser

South Salem Breaks Ground for Church

South Salem members broke ground for their new sanctuary Nov. 7.

Speakers for the event were Oregon Conference President Jack Harris, Confer-

ence Secretary Rankin Wentland, Salem Councilman Dewey Rand, Jr., and the South Salem pastor, Bruce Bowen.

Also participating in the ceremony were Central Salem pastor, Don Long; East Salem associate pastor, Steve Gilliam; former Central Salem pastor, Harry Sharp; former South Salem pastor, Lester Riter; and South Salem member, Elder Eric Beavon.

Giving a hand with the shovels were building committee chairman Dave Tompkins, Ray Hanna, Fred Mann, Ray Miller and Clarence Stroh.

Ernie Wall, Stayton member and owner of Emsig Verband Excavating, was there with heavy equipment to begin excavation immediately. He and his son, Gary, are donating time and equipment for the excavation.

The public was invited to the event and to stay afterward for a vegetarian potluck dinner served on the premises.

The church site is at 6994 Sunnyside Road, S.E., on 7½ acres. It will include a daylight basement for classrooms, will seat 260 and will contain 8,000 square feet.

The majority of the construction labor will be donated, with some materials donated also.

The 150-member congregation is four years old and has been meeting in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 3737 Liberty Road South. It will continue to meet there until the new church is finished.

Four Academies Hold Bible Conference

More than 80 students and their advisors from the four Oregon Conference academies participated in a weekend Bible conference at the Gladstone campground Nov. 4 to 8.

They heard Des Cummings, Jr., chairman of the Youth Ministries Department at the Andrews University Theological Seminary, present a series of talks on practical Christian living. Cummings emphasized individual participation in discussion groups.

The weekend was climaxed with a candlelight communion service.

In his first contact with students in Oregon, Jere Patzer, the newly appointed conference youth director, remarked that Oregon youth seem to be a sincere and friendly group who express the same needs and fears as other youth across the nation with whom he has worked.

"I am looking forward to working with the students and their advisors on the four academy campuses, as well as the young people in our churches," he said.

Many of the Bible conference delegates expressed a desire to live a more successful Christian life which can be shared with schoolmates, it was reported.

Associated with Elder Patzer in conducting the conference were his associate youth director Bj Christensen, and Portland youth pastor, Glen Greenwalt.

'Sweethearts' Eat To Benefit PAES

An evening of gourmet food and entertainment is being planned for couples in the Portland area.

The occasion is a "Sweetheart Dinner" sponsored by the Home and School Committee of Portland Adventist Elementary School, to be held in the school's auditorium Sunday, Feb. 13, from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The event will feature a vegetarian buffet prepared under the direction of Horst Mager, operator of four gourmet restaurants in the Portland area and chef of the KOIN kitchen program on television Channel 6. Musical selections will be provided by Dona Klein at the keyboard and Terry Mace, vocalist and former member of the Heritage Singers, U.S.A. According to Alice Rudiger, coordinator, the program is to raise funds for the school's home economics department. She said adults and those of senior high school age are invited.

Further information is available from Mrs. Rudiger at (503) 658-2390 or 658-2991.



Horst Mager (center) and his "assistants" (left to right) Sharon Ammon, Teresa Rudiger, Joann Heisler and Alice Rudiger prepare for Portland "Sweethearts' Dinner."



At the candlelight communion during the academy Bible conference at Gladstone, students were brought to a more meaningful significance of the Last Supper.



(Left to right) Elder Rankin Wentland, Ray Hanna (hidden from view), Bruce Bowen, Councilman Dewey Rand, Ray Miller, Elder Jack Harris, Fred Mann and Clarence Stroh break ground for new South Salem sanctuary.

Special Session, Oregon Conference

Notice is hereby given that a special constituency meeting of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Portland Adventist Academy, 1500 SE 96th Avenue, Portland, Ore., February 6, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of hearing reports and recommendations and giving study to the secondary schools in the Oregon Conference, and for transacting other business that might properly come before the Conference. Each organized church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate plus one for each 30 members or major fraction thereof.

H. J. Harris, President
Rankin Wentland, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: This special meeting is called in addition to the regular conference constituency meeting which shall be called in March, 1977, and should not be confused therewith.

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58 Years an Ingatherer

At a pre-Thanksgiving dinner Mrs. Mary Esther Johnson was honored at the Pocatello church on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Johnson joined the Adventist church on Oct. 15, 1915, when it was organized in Pocatello, and is the only one of the 16 charter members remaining.

She goes out in the interest of the World Service Appeal calling on business friends as she has been doing for 58 years. Since 1918 she has missed this campaign (which used to be called Harvest Ingathering) only once, when she was out of the state.

Mrs. Johnson says she has taught her Sabbath School class every Sabbath morning

for at least 55 years, and has taught three generations in the same family.

"I'm thankful for 61 years' membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church," she declared Satur-

day when Pastor Roger Bierwagen congratulated her on her many years of service. She added, as she was presented a corsage, "I still love this message and it grows more dear to me each day."



PRIZEWINNER. The quilt pictured was awarded a first prize at the Oregon State Fair. The state bird and state flower of all 50 states are embroidered in the blocks of the quilt. Holding the quilt are Goldie Spainhower (left), Dorcas leader for the Elgin church, and Esther Harwood, maker of the quilt top. The Elgin church has over 67 quilt tops ready to tie.



WARM WELCOME. Mrs. Mae Moore, Dorcas leader of the Weiser church, displays a friendship basket made by the Dorcas Society and given as gifts to both members and nonmembers.

Payette News Notes

● The Pathfinder club of 52 members from Payette, Vale and Weiser recently held three consecutive Sabbath church services. Under the direction of Jerry Rowan, the Pathfinders provided entire 11 o'clock services for Vale, Payette and Weiser. On each occasion the service was followed by a potluck.

● Five physicians from the Payette-Ontario area, along with Payette pastors W. K. Mansker and Rick Wilmot, held a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking Clinic at the Holy Rosary Hospital cafeteria in Ontario. Five attendees reported to clinic directors that they had overcome the habit.

● The annual harvest dinner was held in November at the Treasure Valley elementary school in Payette. Foods from other countries were served. A freewill offering of over \$800 was received, to be applied toward school needs.

● Payette Pathfinders had some happy surprises in their door-to-door Halloween



Some of the Payette-area Pathfinders who presented church programs.

East Oregon Needs More Witnessing Members

Harry E. Darby

The great horned owl blinked from the branch of a gigantic black walnut tree just outside the sanctuary windows, and Seventh-day Adventists of Richland, Ore., again thanked God for their beautiful church home in the old Eagle Valley High School.

Vandalism had all but destroyed windows and the interior of the old stucco building when it was purchased by the Roy Slaybaughs in April 1970. Through their generosity the church was given use of the former high school auditorium, which was repaired and remodeled by volunteer labor and contributions of church members and their pastor, Roger Bierwagen, now of Pocatello. Their faith and dedication resulted in one of the most comfortable little sanctuaries in the denomination.

Roy Slaybaugh (main character in the true story of divine healing, *Escape from Death*, written by his late wife, Rose) and his present wife, Ann, made extensive repairs on the building and fashioned for themselves a homey apartment in the west end, where their hospitality embraced all who came.

Because of advancing age (Mr. Slaybaugh is now 81), he found it necessary to dispose of the building in order to be nearer medical facilities. Not even under the most generous terms was the small congregation of approximately 20 active members able to purchase the property, and it was with some trepidation that they viewed prospects of sale.

Anxious voices were lifted in prayer, and according to his own testimony, Elder H. D. Strever, a retired minister living in Medford, Ore., said the Lord told him to purchase the building to "save it for the church."

Enthusiastically, he and his wife, Ferne, with their friends the Ralph Weidmans of Hillsborough, remodeled the east end of the building into another apartment, hoping that rent from the two apartments would help the church return funds to the Strever Trust Account at the North Pacific Union Conference and thus recycle their investment in the Lord's work.

Since both the Slaybaughs and Strevers live elsewhere, both apartments are empty at this time, leaving the building unattended except when church services are in session.

These prospective homes are waiting to be occupied by families of dedicated laymen, medical personnel or retired workers who wish to be active in soul winning in a rural atmosphere.

Located just outside the small town of Richland, Ore. (population 160), the building is situated on parklike grounds with ample garden space and an adequate growing season. The town is surrounded by fruit orchards and cattle ranches. Beyond these are wooded mountains and streams—a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.

The town of Halfway (population 360) just over the hill is also in need of medical service. There are no doctors or dentists in the area, the nearest help being at Baker, 40 miles to the west.

The old Eagle Valley High School has many possibilities—a basement gym for youth activities, possible church school rooms for future expansion of the church membership, medical offices and treatment rooms. Consecrated youth are needed in the Richland-Halfway area.

Note: Persons interested may contact Pastor Darby at Rt. 1, Box 4, Baker, OR 97814.

visits, as often they were offered treats in addition to food for the needy which they were collecting. With happy expressions and bulging pockets, club members told of how they were complimented for considering the needy instead of themselves at trick-or-treat time.

• A social to welcome Payette associate pastor Rick Wilmot and his wife, Debbie, was

an event of the Halloween season. Elder W. K. Mansker, pastor, presented the Wilmots with a gift in behalf of the church family.

• A recent Saturday night auction took place at the Treasure Valley school. Items from garden produce to puppy dogs were for sale, netting the Payette Community Service Center funds for its operation.

printed indexes costs \$2.25 plus postage.

Youth Ministry Accent, without circulation budget or staff, is not a subscription journal.

The staff of *Accent* is made up of General Conference personnel including Desmond Hill (Youth), editorial director; James Joiner (Youth), editor; Laurrel Peterson (Sabbath School), Kathy Beagles (Temperance) and Louise Corbin (Youth), associate editors.

Church/campus youth leaders are invited to submit articles and materials for publication. A remuneration will be paid for materials published. Topic needs are: local church, college or academy youth programs; reports on witnessing activities; Saturday evening social events; Bible and/or Spirit of Prophecy principles for youth ministry; inspirational stories of youth who have demonstrated qualities of Christian character; and news brief on local

church and campus youth organizations.

The 16-page *MV Kit* will continue to be published biannually and sent free to church schools.

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Claridge to Head Project For Industrial Technology

L. H. Canaday

When Larry Claridge came to Walla Walla College as a GI student in 1946, the manual arts department, as it was then called, was but a year or so old. He became a major in the area, and between then and the time he graduated in 1950 he heard a lot of talk about a "new building" that would someday house the department. But he never dreamed that 30 years later, in 1976, he would be called back to WWC to serve as project director of

general news

Insight Writing Contest Offers \$1,700 in Prizes

The editors of *Insight* have announced the 1977 writing contest, with cash prizes to total \$1,700, including a \$500 grand award.

The contest is open in two categories: the short story and poetry. *Insight* is looking for stories that illuminate aspects of Christian writing.

Deadline for manuscripts is March 14, 1977. Full information may be obtained from Writing Contest, *Insight*, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 6856 Eastern Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

GC MV Announces New Youth Ministry Helps

New assistance for youth ministry in the local church has been announced by the church's world headquarters. Among major steps to improve work with young people is the authorization by the General Conference of a

new publication to assist local church youth leaders.

In the first quarter of 1977 a youth ministry resource publication entitled *Youth Ministry Accent* will be introduced. Its 12 sections include: introductions, media, campus, music, outreach, upreach, youth profile, recreation, programs, Sabbath School, leadership and organization. *Accent* will be 50 pages in loose-leaf format, 8½ x 11", punched, ready for filing.

A total of 6,500 copies of *Youth Ministry Accent* (without ring binders or indexes) will be provided free during 1977 to youth directors in all local conferences. This is possible through funds made available by the General Conference. Distribution will be made from conference youth departments to churches. Additional copies of *Accent* are available through the conferences for \$2.25 per year (four copies) plus postage (from the local conference). A stiff-cover, vinyl ring binder with

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the construction of that building.

Nor did the department staff know, when the master planning committee asked them to find a department graduate with the know-how to oversee the job, where they were going to find the man. But in less than two weeks from the time he was surprised with the invitation, Larry and his wife had sold their business and their home at Laurelwood (to a former customer) and had started their move to College Place.

Claridge brings with him a background of valuable experience. For the first four years after graduation he taught industrial arts at

Southwestern Union College at Keene, Tex., then moved to where Milo Academy was being built. For nine years he worked on construction there and taught the shop classes. From 1963 to 1968 he was manager of Laurelcraft Industries at Laurelwood Academy, then left to help form the Cabana Coach Company in Forest Grove, Ore. A year later the plant was sold to a large corporation, and he and his wife started Lari-Del Enterprises at Laurelwood.

This firm has been successful in carrying on a nationwide mail-order business, supplying plans and all necessary parts and instructions for build-it-yourself motor

homes. They made the front cover of the January 1971 *Popular Mechanics* magazine, and business has boomed ever since. The new owners will carry on the business at the same location.

Claridge's two sons, Ron and Ric, who have both worked in the family businesses, are graduates of the industrial education and technology department at Walla Walla College. Both are presently in construction work.

Larry's job will be to provide liaison and coordination between the builder, the college administration, the industrial education and technology department and the volunteer workers during

construction of the new Industrial Technology Center—the largest construction job undertaken anywhere by the denomination utilizing services of volunteer craftsmen and laborers. Information on opportunity for a direct part in this phase of the project will appear in the GLEANER and other church publications.

The new project director will also plan and coordinate publicity, and pursue the possibility of obtaining equipment for the Industrial Technology Center through a variety of avenues. He has been oriented to the many facets of the job, and is now at work full time.

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announcements

Portland Concert Set For WWC Artists

Tenor Gerald Ferguson and pianist Bob Hunter will present a recital Saturday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Dempsey Center, 1427 S.E. 182nd in Portland.

Both men are members of the Walla Walla College music faculty and have collaborated in a series of concerts and recitals throughout the Pacific Northwest during the past five years.

Their Portland recital will include works by Beethoven, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin, as well as folk songs and ballads.

The recital is open to church members as well as the general public.

Tabernacle Church Offers Sacred Concert

"God's Profile of Love," a sacred musical concert, will be held at 4 p.m. Sabbath, Jan. 22, at the Tabernacle church, Portland. Featured soprano soloist will be Mrs. Valerie Patchen, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon (Koehler) Hale, both formerly of Portland.

Mrs. Patchen has written the narration and composed some of the songs to be presented.

The public is invited.

Othello Campaign Begins in January

Bill McVay will begin a Prophecy Seminar in Othello, Wash., on Jan. 15. Names of persons living in the area who would be interested in receiving an invitation to the

meetings may be sent to: Pastor Henry Lamberton, 1346 E. Cedar St., Othello, WA 99344. Phone (509) 488-5457.

Weekend Seminars Draw Key Church Figures

Six "spiritual growth" weekend seminars opened Nov. 19-21 in the Walla Walla Seventh-day Adventist Church by featuring Dr. Mervyn Maxwell, chairman of the Church History Department at Andrews University.

Other seminars in the series include Dr. H. M. S. Richards, Sr., Elder Morris L. Venden, Dr. Joseph L. Barnes, Dr. Ray Moore and Elder Charles Brooks.

Dr. H. M. S. Richards, Sr., will be featured in five seminar sessions beginning on Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., and concluding on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m.

Elder Venden will be featured in a similar schedule Feb. 25-27. His general topic is "Sanctification by Faith Alone." Dr. Barnes will "explore the dimensions of Christian growth" Mar. 25-27.

Dr. Ray Moore, president of the Hewitt Research Foundation, and widely known as a developmental psychologist and a denominational educator, will be featured in the seminar of Apr. 15-17. His overall topic is "Preparing for Heaven."

The final seminar in this year's series will feature Elder Charles Brooks the weekend of May 13-15. This general field secretary

of the General Conference will address his sessions to the topic of "The Storm and the Shelter."

Pastor Lorie Purdey of the Walla Walla Seventh-day Adventist Church reports that this second season of the popular series "Spiritual Growth Seminars" has brought much favorable response from members in the Walla Walla Valley.

"Realizing the need for spiritual growth and character development, the Walla Walla pastoral staff has scheduled these seminars each month to deal with specific needs of Adventist Christians living in the time of the end," Elder Purdey explained.

GC Youth Leaders Set For Portland Church

Three world youth leaders will participate in the Sabbath services of Portland's Montavilla church, Jan. 14 and 15, according to Pastor Mike Jones.

Speaking Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. will be Desmond Hills, associate youth director of the General Conference. Giving a world view of what Adventist youth are doing in evangelistic outreach will be John Hancock, world youth director for the church. He is the scheduled speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service, Jan. 15. Also taking part in the morning's services will be Karen Spruill, assistant editor of *Insight* magazine.

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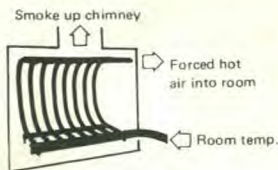
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14	7:30 p.m.	Salem Central (OR)
15	7:30 p.m.	Sweet Home, OR
21	7:30 p.m.	The Dalles, OR
22	2:00 p.m. *7:15 p.m.	Athena, OR (Blue Mountain Valley) Pendleton, OR

February

11	*7:30 p.m.	Tillamook OR
12	2:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Tillamook, OR Lincoln City, OR
13	2:00 p.m.	Logsdon, OR—Mennonite Church
19	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Fall City, OR Dallas, OR
20	7:00 p.m.	Longview, WA—Delaware Plaza

March

11	7:30 p.m.	Ellensburg, WA
12	9:30 a.m. *7:00 p.m.	Cashmere, WA Wenatchee, WA
20	6:00 p.m.	Gresham, OR, Mt Hood Christian Center
26	9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Hillsboro, OR Beaverton, OR

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Portland	4:44	4:52	5:01	5:11
Seattle	4:35	4:44	4:54	5:04
Spokane	4:15	4:24	4:34	4:45
Walla Walla	4:25	4:33	4:43	4:53
Wenatchee	4:27	4:36	4:46	4:57
Yakima	4:32	4:40	4:50	5:00
Boise	5:25	5:33	5:41	5:51
Pocatello	5:12	5:20	5:29	5:38
Billings	4:46	4:55	5:04	5:14
Havre	4:40	4:49	4:59	5:10
Helena	4:57	5:06	5:15	5:26
Miles City	4:33	4:42	4:51	5:01
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