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# Quit Yourselves Like Men

An Open Letter to Our Men in Camp and Field

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S my thoughts go out from day to day over the great world field, I think of you who are in the service of your country. Some of you are in training camps preparing for service; others of you are already at the front. I think of how you have left home and friends, of how your life plans have been sacrificed, at least temporarily, and of how you face a future of danger and uncertainty. You are brought into a new and strange environment, under conditions which will prove trying alike to your patience and to your endurance.

These changes in your life have entailed real sacrifice in feeling and in temporal interest—a sacrifice to you, a sacrifice to your fathers and mothers, your brothers and sisters, and perhaps to wives or sweethearts, whom you have left at home. Only those who have formed a part of a family circle can sense the sadness of the separation. Let this bond of love and affection encircle you during the separation, and turn your thoughts to the old home and to those who pray for you in your absence, and who, on the conclusion of peace, will eagerly and joyfully await your return.

Although your leaving home required the sacrifice of home associations and blessings, it did not require the sacrifice of your qualities of heart and life, or of your relationship to Christ. Indeed, the sacrifice of the former may, by your co-operation with the great Architect of your life, serve to enhance and ennoble and strengthen the latter qual-You may carry Christ with you to the camp, to the field, to earth's remotest bounds. You may find in your loneliness, in your trials, in times of imminent danger, a communion with Him which is sweeter and more satisfying than any communion you may enjoy with earthly friends. In that communion, with your broader opportunities for Christian labor, with your new viewpoints of observation and study, you may find enlargement of heart, clearer perspective of earth's values as compared with the things of God, growth in grace, and perfection of life. This will be possible only as you keep your purposes

pure, your motives true, and your lives loyal to Christ and His truth.

Be true to Christ. Make His service first. Your obligations to Him are paramount. Take His holy law as the standard of your conduct. Daily study His word and listen to His voice speaking to you through its instructions. The help you may be able to pass on to others will be the help you yourself will receive from Christ through His Holy Spirit from day to day in your own personal experience.

Cultivate the spirit of prayer, so that even when you cannot assume the physical attitude of prayer, your heart can ascend to God and your faith can grasp His promises. Remember that you stand as a representative of Christ and His church. Others will judge, and they will have a right to judge, by your conduct, the denomination you represent. Be true to the faith of that denomination. Do not parade your religion. Do not make it obnoxious to those around you. On the other hand, do not be ashamed of it. Do not cover it up. Do not be afraid to kneel down and pray, and to let your companions know that Christ is your Saviour. Be faithful in Bible study.

Be true to yourself. Keep your conscience clear. Keep yourself up to the level of your own selfrespect. Do not do in the dark what you would not do in the light. Do not do among strangers what you would not do back in the old home circle. As you walk about, as you associate with your companions, do so with the consciousness in your own heart that you are what you profess to be true in purpose, in motive, and in thought to your highest ideals. Live as you will wish you had lived when you look back upon your experience

after you return home.

We would say to you in the words of the great apostle to Timothy, "Keep thyself pure." Safeguard the morals and virtue of every woman you meet as you would wish others to safeguard the virtue of your mother, your sisters, your wife, or your sweetheart. Remember that the path to the house of the harlot leads down to death, and in the great majority of cases to utter and final separation from God. (See Proverbs 7.)

You will find many leisure hours. Do not permit this time to go to waste. Do not spend it in revelry, frivolity, or trifling, but rather in self-improvement. The Master has a work for you to do in His great army in the days to come. Improve every opportunity to fit yourself for efficient service. Follow definite lines of reading and study, making up as far as possible the loss you will sustain in not being able to engage in regular schoolwork.

Be true to your fellow men. Do not betray the confidence they repose in you. Do not disappoint their expectations. Live among them as did Daniel in Babylon, as did Joseph in Egypt, an example of loyalty to truth, of purity of heart, of sobriety of conduct. See in those with whom you associate the purchase of Christ's sacrifice, judgment-bound souls; and recognize that Christ's providence has brought you in touch with them that you may represent His character. Be true to the trust He commits to you.

Though you cannot engage in wild revelry, in smoking and drinking and gambling, as some of your companions may, in your personal associations be companionable. Do not hold yourself aloof from your associates. Be a friend, a brother, a kind, generous-hearted, genial Christian man.

Be true to your country. Next to your duty to God comes your duty to your country in your present relationship. Seek to perform that duty as a true man. The United States Government has made liberal provision for those whose religious convictions will not permit them to take part in active warfare. In this it has shown a high consideration for the conscientious convictions of a small minority of its citizens. It proves the earnest purpose of our lawmakers to perserve, even in times of national crisis and war, the high principles of civil and religious liberty upon which this nation was founded. As a member of the Seventhday Adventist Church, you naturally will be entitled to this exemption, provided your personal convictions are in harmony with noncombatant principles which have been held by the church throughout its history. This will entitle you to assignment to some noncombatant corps or hospital service.

Whatever may be the work to which you are assigned, be true to your trust. Do cheerfully and heartily the tasks which fall to your lot. Christians ought to be subject to those in authority, "not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake." Rom. 13:5. Perform your duties as unto God, not as unto men. If at times things are not so pleasant or agreeable as you might wish, remember that the Government is engaged in a life-and-death struggle, that it has great and insuperable difficulties with which to cope. Therefore do not find fault or criticize, but rather pray for those in authority, in harmony with the exhortation of the apostle. (1 Tim. 2:1-3.)

Be courteous, respectful, and deferential. Be thus to those who are placed in authority over you, to all your associates. If you have requests to present, make them, not in the spirit of demand, but in meekness and humility. Be so circumspect in your deportment, in the discharge of your duties, that it may be said of you, as it was said of Daniel, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

So live and labor from day to day that you will be able to hold in your heart continually the consciousness of Christ's abiding Spirit. You will face situations which will try your faith to the utmost. Any hour may bring to you problems which only divine wisdom can help you to solve. Oftentimes in your personal relationships there will be a question, not alone of what you should do, but of how you should do it. God, in His overruling providence, has permitted you to come into the position in which you find yourself today. Believe that He in His great power is able to work out every experience for good. (Rom. 8:28.) Perhaps He has brought you into the position in which you are today in order to represent through your life the qualities of His character, the principles of His saving gospel.

And remember that daily the prayers of your relatives, and of your brethren and sisters in the church, are ascending to God in your behalf. In the consciousness of this great concert of prayer, find hope and courage. Keep in close touch with the home and church folk. Write them as freely as your environment will permit, of your experiences, of your tests and trials. Write them words of courage and strength, for in seeking to pass on to others the spirit of courage, you will find this spirit reacting on your own life.

Be careful of your health. Your work will necessarily be strenuous and exacting. But excesses which undermine health you can avoid. It is unthinkable that you will ever drink alcoholic beverages. As far as possible obtain regular rest and sleep. Think purely; live nobly. Be an optimist. Think, talk, and act courage. Radiate good cheer to others. These habits and this spirit will go far to keep you healthy and happy.

Be careful in the expenditure of your money. It will not come to you in large amounts, but by economy you can make the smaller sums go a long way, inasmuch as the Government provides you with food, shelter, and clothing. Render to God His own in tithes and offerings. Render as there is need such help as you can to your parents or to your wife, if you are married. Send the remainder of your money home to be deposited in some bank, or for the purchase of savings bonds, which bear a small amount of interest and which offer you the safest investment so far as human security is concerned.

"Be strong and of a good courage." In closing, let me give you the word of the Lord to Joshua, when he was called upon to face a new and untried world and to shoulder heavy and exacting responsibilities: "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt

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meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:7-9. Some in the environment in which you are placed will grow weak. They will lose their bearings. They will drift with the tide. They will take on the form and feature, the mold and coloring, of the unusual

associations and circumstances which come into their lives. Conversely, you may grow strong in this same environment. The very discipline which at times will appear exacting and perhaps in some instances overbearing, if submitted to in the right spirit, will broaden and develop your Christian manhood.

May God bless and guide and keep you is my sincere prayer.

Your friend and brother, FRANCIS MCLELLAN WILCOX, Editor, REVIEW AND HERALD.

Lessons From the Sanctuary-No. 10

# When God Actually Dwells With Men

HEN God dwelt with the children of Israel in the wilderness tabernacle, His Shekinah glory was veiled from the people. When the Son of God tabernacled in earthly flesh, His divinity was shrouded. But someday it will be said, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:3. At that time there will be no veiling of the divine glory, for God will in all reality be with men.

As if to emphasize the close association that the redeemed remnant will have with God and His Son Jesus Christ, the revelator says, "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." Rev. 14:4. The psalmist declares, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleas-



### He Understands

BY EFFIE A. JAMES

God sees.

Man may be deaf, and dumb, and blind,
Or in a prison house confined.
But what of these?
The Master sees!

God hears.
Though all this troubled world is rife
With crushing tumult, war, and strife,
Be done with fears!
Our God still hears.

God knows.
We may not now quite understand
His every wish or stern command;
But we can trust!
Oh, friend, we must!

He sees, He hears, He understands, And worlds are swung by His commands. Then fear not, faint not, child of dust; But in His boundless goodness trust. ures forevermore." Ps. 16:11. Paul, writing of that time when God shall associate with men as He has not done since the fall of man, says, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known." 1 Cor. 13:12.

#### When Our Eyes Are Opened

One cannot read such passages as these and not be impressed with the fact that someday, when the saints are perfected, a new and glorious experience will come to men. It will be something vastly different from what they have known hitherto. It will no doubt be similar to the thrill of the disciples when their eyes were opened and they saw their beloved Lord standing before them in the home at Emmaus. They had felt the comfort of His presence as they walked by the way, but what a joyous surprise they had when they saw the resurrected Lord at the end of the jour-How often we have felt the comforting presence of the Master, but how wonderful it will be when the scales shall be cast off from our eyes and we are permitted to look upon His face. Then shall the redeemed be able to say in truth, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee."

No longer will we need to plead the merits of the Lamb of God in order to come into the veiled presence of God. No longer will we need a mediator to speak in our behalf. We then will have free access to the very presence of the Omnipotent One. The door to His throne will be wide open.

He, too, will come to meet with us, whether in our own dwelling place or as we walk by the way. The association will be as familiar as that of friend with friend. Christ indicated this when He said to His disciples, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends." John 15:15. The spiritual friendship which we now have with the Lord is but a foretaste of the actual friendship that shall be ours when we can see each other face to face.

#### The Change That Will Come

It is difficult to understand the wonder of the change that will take place when, through the

door of the resurrection or of translation, we shall be ushered into the very presence of God. Paul tries to describe it in his letter to the Corinthians. He writes:

"Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin. . . . But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:51-57.

Paul here writes of the change that shall take place in our bodies so that we can live in the presence of a holy God. This body, he says, which has been subject to dishonor, will be raised a glorious body not subject to corruption or sin. It will reflect the glory of Him in whose presence it must dwell. That change takes place when God shall come in splendor to receive His own.

In view of this glorious event Paul admonishes us in these words, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Verse 58.

The work of the Lord in which we are to abound is that work which has been revealed in the sanctuary—the confession of sin, the cleansing of heart, the feeding of the soul, the communion with God, and the witness before men. It is this work that must be done before we may receive the change to which Paul refers. Before that victory over death and corruption shall take place we must have complete victory over sin. The change to which Paul refers has to do only with our bodies, but that which fits us for that final change is a transformation of character that must take place here and now.

#### The Change That Must Take Place Now

Much inspired instruction has been given us in regard to this matter. We read:

"The characters formed in this life will determine the future destiny. When Christ shall come, He will not change the character of any individual. Precious, probationary time is given to be improved in washing our robes of character and making them white in the blood of the Lamb. To remove the stains of sin requires the work of a lifetime."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 249.

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"What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them forever beyond all change."—Id., Vol. V, p. 466.

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"When He comes, He is not to cleanse us of our sins, to remove from us the defects in our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished before that time. When the Lord comes, those who are holy will be holy still. Those who have preserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immortality."—Id., Vol. II, p. 355.

Someday our great High Priest will cease His ministry, the golden censer will be cast down, and the work of atonement will be completed. As the veil between the holy place and the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary was rent asunder when the work of the earthly services was completed, so the veil that now separates man and God will be removed and all will find themselves exposed to the glory of the heavenly Father. Some will be unable to endure that glory and will be consumed. But those who have walked the way of righteousness and sanctification will rejoice in that glory.

#### Life With God

And what will the life with God be like? We read, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4. "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isa. 65:17.

Then our close fellowship with God begins, of which we read:

"'I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.' The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. 'Now we see through a glass, darkly.' We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence, and behold the glory of His countenance.

His presence, and behold the glory of His countenance. "There the redeemed shall know, even as also they are known." The loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul, shall there find truest and sweetest exercise. The pure communion with holy beings, the harmonious social life with the blessed angels and with the faithful ones of all ages, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, the sacred ties that bind together the whole family in heaven and earth,"—these help to constitute the happiness of the redeemed."—"The Great Controversy," pp. 676, 677.

Thus we reach the end of that road which leads from earth to heaven, from sin to salvation, from condemnation to glorification. Now new vistas open before the redeemed, new visions of the love and majesty of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, as they in truth dwell with men. F. L.

"PRECIOUS are the many promises and declarations in the written Word of the love of God toward us; there are also lessons in the world of nature. The material world is an open book, written by the finger of God as surely as the written word. Its precious personal messages are waiting to be read and appropriated by us. So ever and anon we should 'stop, look, and listen' for Heaven's word to us through the things about us, great and small.

"In nature, as in the sacred pages of the Old Testament Scriptures, divine, momentous truths are revealed; and in His teaching, Jesus laid these open before the people, bound up with the beauty of natural things."

# GENERAL ARTICLES

# Serve the Lord With Gladness

By MRS. E. G. WHITE

E shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee." Those who honor God by obedience to all His requirements are free to eat and rejoice before the Lord, and He Himself, as an unseen guest, will preside at the board. That which is done for the glory of God should be done with cheerfulness, with songs of praise and thanksgiving, not with sadness and Would that all who profess to be the children of God, who profess to keep His commandments, might bring thankfulness and rejoicing into the service of Christ. Nothing is more grievous to God than for His children to go constantly mourning, covering the altar with tears. He says by the prophet Malachi, "And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand."

Our God should be regarded as a tender, merci-The service of God should not be looked upon as a heart-saddening, distressing exercise. It should be a pleasure to worship the Lord and to take part in His work. As the people of God meditate upon the plan of salvation, their hearts will be melted in love and gratitude. When they were lost, Christ died to save them; through the gift of the Son of God, provision has been made whereby none need perish, but all may have everlasting life. God would not have His children, for whom so great a salvation has been provided, act as though He were a hard, exacting taskmaster. He is their best friend, and when they worship Him, He expects to be with them to bless and comfort them, and fill their hearts with joy and love. The Lord desires His children to take comfort in His service, and to find more pleasure than hardship in His work. The Lord desires that those who come to worship Him shall carry away with them precious thoughts of His care and love that they may be cheered in all the employments of daily life, that they may have grace to deal honestly and faithfully in all things.

The children of God are called upon to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the goodness and mercy of the Lord. If they but revealed His goodness from day to day, barriers would be raised around their souls against the temptations of the evil one. If they would keep in remembrance the goodness and love of God, they would be cheerful, but not vain and full of carnal mirth.

The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Jesus says, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,

neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto My Father; for My Father is greater than I." "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy might be full."

When we go mourning, we leave the impression upon minds that God is not pleased to have us happy, and in this we bear witness against our heavenly Father. Satan is exultant when He can lead the people of God into unbelief and despondency. He delights to see us mistrusting God, doubting His willingness and power to save us. He loves to have us feel that the Lord will do us harm by His providences. O let the attitude of doubt be changed! Christ in the Old Testament is the same as Christ in the New Testament. His commands and promises are identical. When he charged His people of old to rejoice before Him, it was for our comfort as well as for theirs. Happiness that is sought only from selfish motives, outside of the path of duty, is ill-balanced, fitful, and transitory, and when it is over, the soul is filled with loneliness and sorrow. But when we engage in the service of God, the heart should be aglow with thanksgiving; for the Christian is not left to walk in uncertain paths, he is not left to vain regrets and disappointments. If we do not have the pleasures of this life, we may still be joyful in looking to the life beyond. Let us never doubt God. He made us, He loves us, and in one rich gift poured out all heaven for us; and "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

God knows our wants, and has provided for them. The Lord has a treasure house of supplies for His children, and can give them what they need under all circumstances. Then why do we not trust Him? He has made precious promises to His children on condition of faithful obedience to His precepts. There is not a burden but He can remove, no darkness but He can dispel, no weakness but He can change to power, no fears but He can calm, no worthy aspiration but He can guide and justify.

We are not to look at ourselves. The more we dwell upon our own imperfections, the less strength we shall have to overcome them. We are to render a cheerful service to God. It is the work of Satan to present the Lord as lacking in compassion and pity. He misstates the truth in regard to Him. He fills the imagination with false theories concerning God; and instead of

dwelling upon the truth in regard to the character of our heavenly Father, we fasten our minds upon the misrepresentations of Satan, and dishonor God by mistrusting Him and by murmuring against Him. When we act like culprits under sentence of death, we bear false witness against The Father gave His only-begotten and well-beloved Son to die for us, and in so doing He placed great honor upon humanity; for in Christ the link that was broken through sin was reunited, and man again connected with Heaven. You who doubt the mercy of God, look at the Lamb of God, look at the Man of Sorrows, who bore your grief and suffered for your sin. He is your friend. He died on the cross because He loved you. He is touched with the feeling of your infirmities, and bears you up before the throne. In view of His unspeakable love, should not hope, love, and gratitude be cherished in your heart? Should not gladness fill your service to God?

Satan ever seeks to make the religious life one of gloom. He desires it to appear toilsome and difficult; and when the Christian presents this view of religion in his own life, he is, through his

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unbelief, seconding the falsehood of Satan. dishonor God when we think of Him only as a judge ready to pass sentence upon us, and forget that He is a loving Father. The whole spiritual life is molded by our conceptions of God; and if we cherish erroneous views of His character, our souls will sustain injury. We should see in God one who yearns toward the children of men, longing to do them good. He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. All through the Scriptures, God is represented as one who calls, woos by His tender love, the hearts of His erring children. No earthly parent could be as patient with the faults and mistakes of their children as is God with those He seeks to save. No one could plead more tenderly with the transgressor. No human lips ever poured out more tender entreaty to the wanderer than does He. O shall we not love God, and show our love by humble obedience? Let us have a care for our thoughts, our experiences, our attitude toward God; for all His promises are but the breathings of unutterable love.— Review and Herald, Jan. 14, 1890.

# The Latter Rain-No. 10

By MEADE MacGUIRE

ERHAPS you have heard the story of a little child whose parents were discussing the meaning of a text of Scripture. There seemed to be a difference of opinion. Finally the little girl said, "Well, if God did not mean what He said, why did He not say what He meant?" How important it is that we study God's word to know just what He says, and then accept it with simple, childlike faith, believing that He means just what He says.

"God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach. 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning.

"The tempter's agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. Satan is jubilant when he hears the professed followers of Christ making excuses for their deformity of character. It is these excuses that lead to sin. There is no excuse for sinning! A holy temper, a Christike life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God."—"The Desire of Ages." n. 311. (Italics mine.)

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"Many of us fail to improve our privileges. We make a few feeble efforts to do right, and then go back to our old life of sin. If we ever enter the kingdom of God, we must enter with perfect characters, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."—"Messages to Young People," p. 105.

"God requires perfection of His children. His law

"God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 315.

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tures which they think set forth a different standard. They say, "The Bible teaches that 'there is none righteous, no, not one." But the same passage from which they quote, Romans 3:10-18, also says that "there is none that seeketh after God," and "their feet are swift to shed blood," and "there is no fear of God before their eyes." Anyone reading this passage will see at once that it does not apply at all to God's children, but to the godless and unbelieving world. The word of God never contradicts itself, and we read in Genesis 7:1, "The Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation." And again we read of Zacharias and Elisabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, "They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." Luke 1:6.

Whatever we may think of God's requirements for the past, there is no question about His standard for those who live to see the close of probation, the time of trouble, and the coming of the Saviour.

"Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. . . . Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble."—"The Great Controversy." n. 623.

Again, there are those who are conscious of their defects of character, and what are often called "little sins and imperfections." But they feel sure that when the time of trouble and persecution comes, they will arouse and seek God and obtain the victory. But the Lord has warned us against the danger of this attitude.

"Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any subsequent time. The case of all such is hopeless."—Id., p. 620.

There are others who have the idea that if they "try hard" to overcome their besetments, and if they "do the best they can," whatever wrongs and imperfections of character remain will be taken care of when Jesus comes. Here again the instruction is plain and specific.

"It is a solemn thing to die, but a far more solemn thing to live. Every thought and word and deed of our lives will meet us again. What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them forever beyond all change."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 466.

We believe without a doubt that Christ is soon com-... When He comes, He is not to cleanse us of our sins, to remove from us the defects in our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished before that time. When the Lord comes, those who are holy will be holy still. Those who have preserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immortality. But those who are unjust, unsanctified, and filthy, will remain so for-ever. No work will then be done for them to remove their defects, and give them holy characters. The Refiner does not then sit to pursue His refining process, and remove their sins and their corruption. This is all to be done in these hours of probation. It is now that this work is to be accomplished for us. .

"We are now in God's workshop. Many of us are rough stones from the quarry. But as we lay hold upon the truth of God, its influence affects us. It elevates us, and removes from us every imperfection and sin, of whatever nature. Thus we are prepared to see the King in His beauty, and finally to unite with the pure and heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory. It is here that this work is to be accomplished for us; here that our bodies and spirits are to be fitted for immortality."—Id., Vol. II, pp. 355, 356.

God does not want this high standard to discourage us, and so He makes it very plain that He will accomplish the work if we will only co-operate with Him.

"God has made provision that we may become like unto Him, and He will accomplish this for all who do not interpose a perverse will, and thus frustrate His grace."—"Mount of Blessing," p. 116.

We have reason to be of good courage, and to press forward with hearts full of joy and confidence when we read what God has done, and will continue to do in our behalf.

"The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.

"The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full, and abun-

dant, is to be to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection, Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation, and His love, and the supplement of His glory,—Christ, the great center from which radiates all glory."—"Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 18, 19.

# "I Will Save Thy Children"

By J. S. WASHBURN

To fathers and mothers there is in God's blessed book of comfort, among its many "exceeding great and precious promises," no greater promise than the one found in Isaiah 49:25, "I will save thy children." Our cruel enemy is too strong for us. Yet God, who fights our battles for us, is infinitely greater and stronger than Satan. Hear these glorious words: "Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:24, 25.

Every true parent has great pity for his children, because they inherit the weaknesses of their father and mother. The "terrible" enemy preys upon these inherited weaknesses. But God has in times past heard and answered parents' prayers for their children, and He is just as willing to do it today.

A father brought the wreck of his son, completely under Satan's power, to the disciples to be healed. They could not cast out the evil spirit. Why was this? After Jesus had completely healed the boy, He told the disciples why their faith was not strong enough to restore the child. "This kind goeth not forth but by prayer and fasting." Matt. 17:21. This record in Matthew is a divine explanation, an illumination, of Isaiah 49:24, 25. That child was helpless, hopeless; yet restored. Surely then God can save and redeem any who are in any stage of the disease of sin. And to this end we are privileged to pray.

When Moses prayed so earnestly for the forgiveness of his great, sinful family of Israel, "Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written" (Ex. 32:32), God forgave their sin. When we pray as earnestly for our natural children, God will certainly hear us.

What a wonderful thing to be able to say, in the great day of the gathering of the righteous, "Here am I and the children Thou hast given me." Let us, as parents, keep on praying earnestly, faithfully—laying fast hold of the promise of our loving heavenly Father, "I will save thy children."

STAND in Christ's presence and mirror His character, and you will be changed in spite of yourself, and unknown to yourself, into the same image from character to character.—Henry Drummond.

# IN MISSION LANDS

# Our Overseas Work\*

By E. D. DICK

(Concluded)

#### China and the Far East

E turn to China and the Far East. This is the section of the world field where our work has suffered the greatest dislocation. And here I want at this time to pay tribute to the devotion of our missionaries and make some explanation of just what has taken place.

When the war clouds began to gather over the Pacific and we saw that war was inevitable, we sent this cable to N. F. Brewer, who was at that time president of the China Division: "HAVE CABLED HAM OSS FOLLOWING MESSAGE: OWING INCREASED DANGER AND AFTER WIDE COUNSEL GENERAL CONFERENCE AGAIN URGES MISSIONARIES SHANGHAI, HONG KONG, CANTON, MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HANDING WORK NATIONALS PRE-PARATORY IMMEDIATE **EVACUATION** UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DIVISION. COUPLES WEST CHINA, MANILA, AMERICA. OTHERS MANILA OR AMERICA. ALL SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE REMAINING DO SO ON OWN RESPONSI-BILITY. COMMITTEE DEPENDING ON YOU CONVEY EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT DELAY."

You will notice that we sent a duplicate of this message to other leaders there in China, Elders Ham and Oss, lest one might go astray.

When Elder Brewer received this cable, he was in Manila. Naturally, we had overestimated the safety of evacuation to Manila. Elder Brewer took the plane to Hong Kong immediately, and in a day or two (December 6, 1941) we received this message from Brother Brewer:

"AFTER WIDE COUNSEL AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES HONG KONG WORKERS PERSONAL CONVICTION REMAIN FOR PRESENT. CAUTIOUSLY WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS."

Truly this is an indication of devotion and loyalty to the work for which they had spent their lives.

You know, of course, what took place on December 7.

It is with deep sorrow that we report that at the present time there are interned, in different parts of the world, 88 missionaries. I may say that one is interned in Australia; nine remain on the mainland, back in China; one is interned in Germany; ten are interned in India; three are in the Netherlands East Indies; and sixty-four are in the Philippine Islands. When our workers in the Netherlands East Indies found they could not make their escape, they fled back into the interior, and we have not heard from them since.

#### The Philippine Islands

So far as we know, our missionaries in the Philippine Islands are safe. They are allowed their liberty, they have sufficient food, and are well. So far as the prospects of rehabilitation are concerned, they seem to be meager, particularly in view of the recent developments in the Pacific. But I wanted to bring that to you, my brethren and sisters, to help you to understand the devotion of the missionaries. When they saw the war coming on the horizon, they chose to stand by. And when we saw these developments, we sent a number of new appointees clear around by Singapore and up into Burma. And when the Japanese took Singapore and then Rangoon, we pushed those missionaries on up to China, and they are doing a valiant work there at the present time.

I wish to say that despite our moving of hundreds of missionaries, who have traveled from one area to another and in their travelings covered tens of thousands of miles, to date we have not had a single casualty, and I praise God for that, brethren and sisters. As I think of our missionaries traveling here and traveling there on the high seas, there is a bit of a tug at my heart.

One of our missionaries came in from the Orient week before last. He had been on the way from India almost three months. He first went to Cape Town, then on through the Straits of Magellan, and up the west coast of South America through the Panama Canal, and up to New York. Another, one of his friends, left the same port at practically the same time, and a few days ago we received a telegram from him saying they had landed safely in Los Angeles. You can see how they spread out. No one knows where he is going except the ones in charge of the ship. But it is most cheering to realize how the Lord is protecting His children in these times of peril, as they have been caused to flee before onrushing armies and to launch out on perilous, submarineinfested waters. And yet at the same time, I say, during all these travels we have not had a casualty. It is also interesting and gratifying to know how the Lord has had His hand over our people in times of peril and havoc. As an example of this I wish to bring to you a brief message from E. M. Meleen. Concerning the havor in Rangoon he says:

<sup>\*</sup> Sermon at Potomac Camp Meeting, July 3, 1943.

"Although the raid on December 23 resulted in the death of more than eleven hundred people in Rangoon and in the wounding of double that number, and though the worst bombing occurred in the section of the city where several of our members had their homes, not one lost his life or was hurt. Exploding bombs shook Brother Donaldson's house and demolished buildings all around, but Mrs. Donaldson and her baby were not hurt. Brother Ward's apartment home was partly wrecked. His three motherless children were at home alone while he was out tuning pianos. A neighbor took them along into a trench when the siren sounded. Hundreds of dead lay around Brother Ward's doorstep when he returned about noon. Not until after a hunt that continued until ten o'clock that evening did he find his children, unhurt.

"Brother Ross, one of our new members who had been baptized on December 13, an electrician, was at work adjusting wires on a pole. He and his five assistants did not hear the siren on account of the din of city traffic, and their first warning was exploding bombs. He slid down to the ground and lay down in the gutter, pulling one of his helpers down also. He felt the pavement heave as bombs exploded and shrapnel demolished doors and windows, cut trees to slivers, wrecked all sorts of vehicles, tangled wires on the pavements, and mowed down people like grass before But Brother Ross was not even scratched, a scythe. though his four helpers who ran were all killed. Brother Martin had just returned to his home from his morning's work, leaving his car near the front of his house. Scarcely had he entered when the siren wailed. The inmates of the house ran to the near-by trench and had barely entered it when a bomb struck the house, blowing it to splinters and setting it afire. But not one of the members of the family was hurt."

Praise God for the deliverances He has wrought in so many, many instances.

#### In North Africa

I read from a letter from J. A. de Caenel in North Africa, concerning what has taken place over in the African zone. He says:

"I am very glad to tell you that all our workers and their families are well. We have good news from them with the exception of those in Tunisia."

What is the report from Tunisia? A little while after receiving this letter, we received a cable from A. V. Olson of the Southern European Division, stating that our church in Tunis is unharmed and all our members are safe. And so, after all the battles that took place in Tunisia, our church there is safe.

Brother de Caenel goes on to say:

"One of our families had gathered in one of their rooms for Friday evening worship when, while they were praying, under a very heavy raid, two bombs fell in a little garden back of the house. Their whole house was shattered to pieces with the exception of the room in which they were praying. A shrapnel pierced through the wall, unhooked a framed ten-commandment chart, which fell to the floor without the glass being broken. That was the only disturbance brought to that room. You can easily understand how this family thanked God for this marvelous protection. Many other instances could be told in which God has visibly intervened to save in a remarkable manner the lives of His children.'

So, brethren and sisters, the Lord is prospering His work and protecting His workers.

#### Conditions in China

I told you that when our families had to evacuate from China, many of them were given the privilege of retiring into free China, and others from Burma went up into free China. The conditions in China are almost too dreadful for me to try to tell about. You know of the famine and of the flood, and the war and inflation. It would be difficult to say which is worse. At the present time possibly inflation is bringing as much difficulty as any one thing. The prices of staple articles have increased as much as thirty times—not thirty per cent, but thirty times. Flour, which was selling at 5 cents for a given unit, is now selling for \$1.50 for the same unit. I do not know that I ought to try to tell you about the conditions which our workers there have to face. I may say that we have recently sent to China \$20,000, to give relief to our own people and to other people in that needy environment, and the government has matched this dollar for dollar.

G. J. Appel, writing in April, 1943, says of conditions in China:

"From latest word received from our workers in Honan the situation is terrible. Many are starving to They write that the cemeteries are dotted with unburied corpses and even human flesh is sold on the market for meat."

That is the situation—too dreadful to discuss. We are told, however, that they know of only one Seventh-day Adventist who has perished because of famine. of a notice of a section

Just this last week, we voted to give China \$150,000 above the regular budget for the support of the native workers, \$25,000 extra for the support of their foreign workers, \$20,000 for relief, \$16,000 for the development of their publishing work, and \$20,000 for the reconstruction of our church in Chungking, which had been destroyed by bombs.

One would almost wonder how the work could go forward under conditions of this kind, but, brethren, our work in China has not stopped. We hear that 178 people were baptized in North China last vear.

I want to share with you a part of this experience—I mustn't take time to read it all—which comes to us from A. R. Mazat. He tells about a trip which he and Elders Longway and Warren were making up to Suchow. Just as they arrived at Suchow at night, the spider gears in the rear end of the truck ground themselves to pieces. Elder Longway had to fly back to Lanchow in order to get the rear end of the truck repaired. Brother Mazat says that while they were waiting, he and Elder Warren improved the time by doing some Ingathering work in that city. And how much do you suppose they raised? These two men, Elder Warren and Brother Mazat, who were out there doing Ingathering while Elder Longway was getting the parts for the truck, raised \$5,000.

"There is one experience I shall never forget." It bears repeating. One morning Brother Warren called on an old carpenter and asked him if he was a Christian. The carpenter answered in the affirmative. Then Brother Warren said, 'Do you go to church on Sunday?'

"'No, I go to church on Saturday.'
"'But,' replied Brother Warren, 'don't you know that Jesus rose from His grave on Sunday morning?'
"'Ah,' replied the carpenter, 'but He didn't com-

mand anyone to keep that day holy.' 'At that point the old man went for his Chinese, Bible to give ample proof. Brother Warren called him. back to him and offered his hand, saying, 'We are Christian brothers.'"

Yes, brethren, even though they are facing difficulties and perplexities almost beyond that which we can imagine, yet at the same time the brethren are finding ways and means for the pushing of the work away back in the remote sections of China.

#### In the South Pacific

Well, I wonder how it is going away down in the South Seas, where so much military activity is being witnessed at the present time. Elder Turner tells me that where the present campaign is the heaviest, in the very thick of it, is the center of our mission activity in the Solomons, that Brother Kata Rangoso has been given recognition there for having rendered to the government outstanding service, and that our people there have rescued, I believe, twenty-eight airmen and others. The government greatly appreciates the work which has been done by Seventh-day Adventists. Here is a story which comes to us from one of our brethren in Australia. He says:

"One of the most thrilling stories of modern missions comes from our Pacific mission field. For years we have been praying that the Lord would open up the way for us to enter Rennell Island, north of the Solomon group. The government has endeavored to keep this island free from the influence of the white man's civilization. However, nothing can stay the onward progress of God's message. This is how it entered Rennell Island.

"A heathen lad named Moa from that island visited the Solomon group, and while there came in contact with our mission. He experienced a wonderful conversion and became filled with zeal to take the knowledge of Jesus to his own people. After only five months' contact with our mission, this lad returned to his own people and immediately erected this notice outside his house: 'Headquarters of the Seventh-day Mission.' Filled with the Holy Spirit, he went to work.

"Last year he wrote to our missionaries in the Solomons and told them that he had obtained permission from the government for our missionaries to visit the island for ten days' medical work. When they arrived they were amazed to see what God had done through young Moa. The people were wild with joy to think that their missionaries had really come! Our brethren found that through Moa's work ten church buildings had been erected, and there were one thousand inhabitants of Rennell worshiping in these churches on each Sabbath day. Without any equipment whatsoever save the Spirit of God, this boy had brought to his own people, as far as he knew it, the gospel of Jesus. What a thrilling ten-day visit it was, as we preached to the people and cared for the sick and suffering!

"Moa then took the missionaries to the near-by island of Bellona. Here they found the same wonderful work done. In fact, the whole island had turned from heathenism to the Saviour. And the only way this boy had of traveling across the open sea to Bellona was in a hollowed-out log!

"Before the missionaries arrived Moa wanted to be married, but he refused to be married according to the old heathen rites and ceremonies. Since there was no missionary there to perform the ceremony, he was in a predicament. However, this is what he did. He took his bride, and together they walked down to the front of the church that he himself had built, and side by side at the altar they pledged to each other their troth. Then he quoted some words of Scripture to her, and they knelt together and married themselves. Surely this marriage was ratified in heaven. Thank God for what He is doing even through our native believers. What a privilege it will be to meet Moa in the kingdom

and see his radiant face as he stands among those whom he has led to a knowledge of the Saviour."

Thank God, I say, for Moa. Yes, brethren and sisters, the Lord is doing a wonderful work out in the remote parts of the earth as a result of the faithfulness of our native believers.

#### In Interior Africa

Marvelous transformations are taking place in Africa. I have time for only one story to illustrate this. I think of Ruanda, where the work was opened in 1925. It was my privilege to go into that country in 1929 with C. W. Bozarth. We were traveling to our Rwankeri Mission, a twenty-nine-day trip from Cape Town. The last ten days we had to walk. You can understand, I am sure, the thrill which we had when we came over the mountain and saw our mission station away in the distance.

When our missionaries went into that country in 1925, the native people shouted from hilltop to hilltop, "Run for your lives. The white men are coming to kill us." But when we saw our mission station in the distance, we began to see little groups of people running from here and there; and when we were about five miles from the mission station, we were surrounded by a great crowd of people, five or six hundred. They were not shouting, "Run for your lives. The white men are coming to kill us." But they all broke out in singing, "The Great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus." I don't know why they chose that song, but that is what they sang. We went on to the mission station.

The first Sabbath we had a congregation of a thousand. The second Sabbath we had a congregation of more than 1,100, and we felt very grateful for the great work, as we thought, that had taken place in that country. And truly it was wonderful. When one stops to think of what has taken place since, this is more won-You know, brethren and sisters, when they came together for a camp meeting year before last they had not 1,100, not 5,000, or 10,000; but they had the largest meeting we have ever had in all the world. You know, the 1941 General Conference was a wonderful gathering. We had a great auditorium which seated about 12,000 in the main auditorium, and then we had rooms all about which seated possibly another thousand. Also we had a hall rented some three blocks away where 3,500 young people were in attendance, making possibly a total attendance of about 16,000. But in the African meeting 20,000 were present. I am going to read a report which Elder J. A. Stevens wrote concerning this meeting and other meetings in that country:

"My visit to Ruanda-Urundi was the most thrilling experience of all my years in the work. One can never accurately describe the meetings at Gitwe, with 12,000 people present, or the more stirring sight of 20,000 at Rwankeri. Ngoma was another, with more than 9,000 present, and even Ndora, where the work is scarcely more than three years old, with 1,600 in attendance, was a most heartening sight. And in the Ndora field there will be two other meetings almost as large, and Elder Vail estimates there will be nearly 4,500 total for the three meetings. And Ruanda-Urundi is wide open to us today."

You know, I think it was Elder Stevens who, out of curiosity, said to Brother Moses, one of the native workers, "Moses, how many people did you bring to this meeting?"

And Brother Moses, who is short of stature, got up on something that would make him higher and began to shout for all the people who had come from his valley to stand; and how many do you suppose stood? Well, a congregation of about the same size as we had in this tent this morning, approximately 3,000 people, stood.

"But," you say, "are these people really Christians?" A person does not have to have a Ph.D. or an M. A. in order to be a Christian. No, no. You know why we do not have larger results from the proclamation of the truth in the Western World. It is because we are too smart. The people of the world begin to look at the Bible. They look at Genesis. They don't believe that, and they tear it out, as it were. They read something else, and tear it out. When they finish they have nothing left but the covers, and there isn't much salvation in them. Those people know enough to believe the Bible. And when they are told that if they confess their sins, God forgives their sins and cleanses them from unrighteousness, they believe it. What a wonderful thing it is!

Brethren and sisters, the results which one sees there almost put our devotion to shame. I remember one time seeing an old, old woman in Nigeria. She was the first one to accept Christianity when the missionaries came to her country.

#### A Simple, Childlike Faith

Then, when our missionary came, she was the first one to keep the Sabbath. When she accepted Christianity, her sons tried to kill her by poisoning. Then when she accepted the Sabbath, her own native church fined her five pounds. That was a huge sum for that country, probably equivalent to \$300 or \$400 for us; but as fast as she could secure the money, she paid it and kept right on going to our Bible class and conforming her life to all our teachings.

Finally camp meeting time neared. This old woman—at that time about seventy years of age—looked up into the face of our Teacher Johnson and said, "Teacher, I want to go to camp meeting."

"Camp meeting!" he said. "How can you get to camp meeting? There are no trains, buses, or roads, no means of communication, only footpaths to the place where the camp meeting is to be held."

She looked up into his face again and said, "Teacher, don't you have a bicycle?"

"Yes," he said, "I have a bicycle."

"Won't you take me on your bicycle?" she begged.

And that old woman, stooped and weatherbeaten as she was, got onto the frame of that bicycle and Teacher Johnson cycled her to the camp meeting, forty miles away.

It was my privilege to baptize that old woman. When she came up out of the watery grave, she smiled at me and said, "Now I am ready to die." And, brethren and sisters, I believe she was. My

own hope is to be as ready as she was when my time comes.

I remember an old sister who had been bitten by a snake in her childhood. Her leg was all drawn up, and the only way she gould get around was to hop. That old sister had hopped eighteen miles to come to camp meeting. Brethren and sisters, when one realizes the devotion and simplicity and courage of these people, one is a bit ashamed of what he does and the sacrifices he is willing to make.

#### Unexplainable Providences

I want to tell you some of the unexplainable providences which have taken place. You ask, How did they happen? I do not know. As I said, they are unexplainable.

A doctor was needed very badly down in Bechuanaland, Africa. So G. R. Nash, one of our missionaries there, went to the government in Rhodesia and explained to them their need, requesting them to intercede with the United States Government to get priorities for a doctor to come out. The Rhodesian government cabled to the Home Office in London, asking them to contact the British Embassy in Washington, and they called us up. As a result of all our communications back and forth, in due time the British government opened the way for Doctor and Mrs. Royer to go forward to Africa; and they placed in their hands two airplane tickets from New York to London, without charging us a cent. Very early thereafter Doctor and Mrs. Royer were given a place on a convoy to Africa, where they are now doing valiant service out in Bechuanaland.

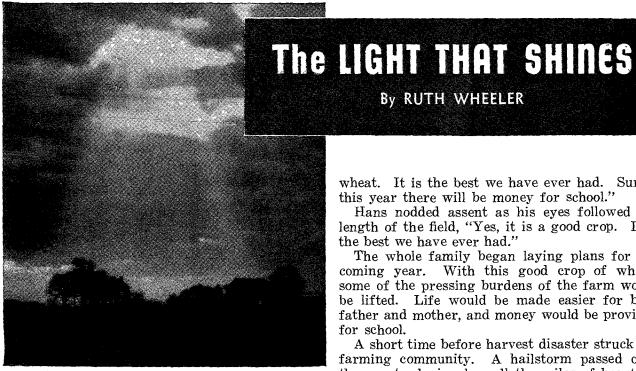
You know of our plans and the work we are doing in Washington in training missionary appointees for work among Mohammedans. As a matter of fact, we have nine families and four single women at the present time studying the Arabic language. We found that we needed the help of Elder George Keough. Elder and Mrs. Keough have spent many years in the Near East and are very well equipped in the Arabic language. We felt he could serve best at this time by training these workers for labor among the Moslems of the Near East. We went to the British Embassy and asked their assistance to get priorities for the Keoughs to come to America. They told us that Elder Keough should apply to the American consul in Cairo, Egypt. Keough did, and as a result of these negotiations, they not only provided priorities for him to come, but they also placed in his hand two airplane tickets—tickets for himself and his wife from Cairo, Egypt, to Miami, Florida, without cost to us. How did it happen? I do not know; I have no idea.

Just a little time ago Elder and Mrs. G. E. Shankel and their daughter, Virginia Jean, who are missionaries in Africa under the Southern African Division, worked out arrangements to come home on furlough, because of the health condition of Mrs. Shankel. Their furlough was long overdue. The plan was for them to come through Central Africa, on to West Africa, and then on

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# BY THE FAMILY FIRESIDE

Conducted by Ruth Conard



This is the true story of a godly mother, whose life was a light guiding her children in the Christian pathway. Hans and Marie Olson, with their four children, lived on a farm on the rolling wheat prairies of Canada. They had learned of Seventh-day Adventists through a series of meetings held in a near-by schoolhouse. Marie had been baptized, but Hans had hesitated, fearing he could not carry on his farm work and keep the Sabbath. However, Marie, though living many miles from any other Adventists, determined to bring up her children to be workers in God's great cause.

#### Chapter Nine

"HE years passed quickly for Anna, who was away at college. Soon, it seemed to her, she had finished the normal course and was ready to teach. Although she was very young, she was given a small school far away in the northern edge of the province.

"To think that I am actually going to teach!" she often said to her parents and her brother and sisters. "I must be very careful that my actions are proper. I don't want anyone to think I am too young."

Later when alone with her mother, she said, "At last I am going to be in the Lord's work. I must succeed, for I am to represent Him to those people away off up there where they never see a minister and have so few privileges."

The problem of educating the younger children became a serious one. They had finished the district school and Kristine had even stayed out a year. But now something must be done, for Nels and Asta also were ready to enter high

"I think the children can go to college this year, don't you, Hans?" said Marie as she looked out at the wheat standing tall and straight, making a great green carpet stretching over the rolling hills. "I have never seen such a fine crop of wheat. It is the best we have ever had. Surely this year there will be money for school."

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Hans nodded assent as his eyes followed the length of the field, "Yes, it is a good crop. It is the best we have ever had."

The whole family began laying plans for the coming year. With this good crop of wheat, some of the pressing burdens of the farm would be lifted. Life would be made easier for both father and mother, and money would be provided for school.

A short time before harvest disaster struck the farming community. A hailstorm passed over the county, laying low all the miles of beautiful waving wheat. When the storm was past, only broken, muddy fields were left.

This was a blow hard for Marie to bear. She did not sorrow so much for herself and for Hans, although the droop of his shoulders as he looked at his ruined crops hurt her. It was for her children and their education that she wept. If only in some way they could go to college.

"Things seem dark," she said as the family stood together. "But the Lord leads in His own way. We will leave the future to Him. He still loves us. We will follow where He leads."

"We must send them to high school, Hans," Marie said one night as the two sat on the porch talking. "We shall entrust them to the care of the Lord and do the best we can. They must not make friends with the young people of the town. If we take them Monday morning and go after them Friday afternoon, they will not have time to make many friends, and we can have them here on the Sabbath."

"I think that will be a good plan," he answered. "I don't want them to run around with those young people in town, but they will be so busy during the week that they won't have time."

"I know the high school is not the place for them, but we will do the very best we can and pray the Lord to open up a better way."

When the children talked the plan over with their parents, they agreed to try their very best to uphold the standards they had been taught at home, even though they must be exposed to the influence and temptations of the large school away from home.

The Olsons found rooms in town where the

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children could keep house. Every Friday when school let out they found their father waiting for them. Even when snow fell and the roads were almost blocked, he always managed to push his way through. One very stormy day the children were told it would be impossible for anyone to reach town from their community.

"I guess we shall have to stay here," Asta said to Kristine. "We'll miss Sabbath school with Mother, and it will be lonesome for her, but I am sure Father can't come."

But when school was out there stood the sleigh, almost covered with snow. The horses were white with frost and great icicles hung from their steaming nostrils. Their father was as thoroughly sheathed in frost as the horses, and his eyes were almost frozen shut.

"Oh, Father," cried Asta as she rushed down the walk, "we were sure you wouldn't come. Why did you ever try in such a storm?"

"Mother was afraid you would be disappointed," he said as he climbed stiffly from the seat. "I couldn't disappoint her and you too—and myself," he added as he shook the snow from his heavy fur coat.

Although the children did all they could to maintain their integrity in the high school, their mother and father knew that the influence was not for the best.

"I know God wants our children in our own school," she said, "and we must not let them go to a worldly school. We must make some other arrangement."

There was no money to be used for school the following year. All summer they planned and schemed, but it seemed out of the question for all three of the children to go.

"Why not let Kristine go," Nels suggested. "She is the oldest, and I can work and earn enough so that maybe I can go next year."

Marie looked troubled. "I know, Son, you

are willing to do that, but I so want you all to go together. Maybe the way will work out. We will leave it all to the Lord."

"Why couldn't Nels and I stay at home and study?" Asta suggested. "Then we could work too. You need me, and Nels could help Father outside. We can all save money that way."

"That's a good idea," said Nels with enthusiasm. "Let Kristine go on to college, and Asta and I can study at home. We will take a year's work by correspondence. You know there are correspondence courses advertised in the Review. We can send for those."

And so it was decided. Kristine went to school, making the most of the opportunity, while Nels and Asta studied at home. The big attic room was made into a study, and there the brother and sister pored over their assignments each evening and whenever they had time during the day. The lessons were interesting and the young people progressed rapidly.

Marie took a keen interest in their work. She came up whenever she had opportunity and sat by them while they studied. When she had not had time to talk with them about their work during the day, she always climbed the stairs for a last look before she went to bed.

"I want to see what you have accomplished today," was her nightly greeting, and no matter how late the hour, she carefully checked and commented on each step of progress.

This interest in their work had been carried since the children's first days at school, and put away among her treasures were their first crude drawings which they had brought home from school, their first writing lessons, a few arithmetic and spelling papers marked with 100%, and every grade card since Anna's first.

In the spring the examinations were given by the province, and all the young people who took correspondence work and who expected to receive

## Partnership

BY FLORENCE ROBERTS WADSWORTH

I DIG the friendly soil;
He gently warms it through.
I plant a tiny seed;
He gives it rain and dew.
I bid this beauty rise
From out the senseless clod.
I can't help feeling proud—
In partnership with God.

He furnished me a seed;
I laid it in the soil.
He gave it sun and cloud;
I gave it loving toil.
He gave it all the power
To rise from lifeless sod.
I can't help feeling humble—
In partnership with God.



H. M. LAMBER

grades from the province, had to take these examinations. Sometimes these were given on the Sabbath, and then special arrangements had to be made by the Adventist young people. The tests which were given by special permission to these students were often made especially difficult.

Asta and Nels worried a great deal about these provincial tests. They prepared the best they could, but still they felt uncertain. When the day came for the tests and they went to town to take them, all their fears were revived, for the tests proved to be very hard.

"Just pray and God will help you," Marie had said before they left home. "Remember James 1:5, 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,

that giveth to all men liberally."

Now they silently lifted their hearts to God, asking Him to fulfill the promise given in the text. The encouragement that came from the knowledge that their mother was praying at home helped, too. And indeed the prayers which were offered were answered, for the young people were able to call



## Songs of Zion

BY CARRIE TEEL THOMAS

THE songs of Zion, how they cheer Our pilgrimage below! They comfort, lift our thoughts above, As on toward heaven we go.

By blessed hour of song we greet
The Sabbath day so bright.
God's presence and His peace is there,
As twilight fades to night.

When we with all His people meet In house of prayer so dear, We join with angels in their song, Who there are hovering near.

When filled with woe and torn our hearts, Made sad by Satan's dart, The songs of Zion hope will bring; Glad tears of joy will start.

As mighty vessels of the sea, Held fast by anchor strong, So faith, upon life's troubled waves, Is safely held by song.

God is the refuge of His saints; Let all the people sing. To Him who knows our every need Our cares we daily bring.

With songs and everlasting joy— No, nevermore to roam— God's saints will all to Zion come, His ransomed gathered home.

The pain and woe of life all past;
All sorrows fled away.
With joyful songs of praise we'll greet
Our Lord on that glad day.

to mind the facts they had learned and transfer them to their test sheets. They left the room with the feeling that they had done their best and that they had passed the tests.

(To be continued)

## Bible Game Great Chapters

By MRS. LESLIE HARDINGE

AIM: To gain familiarity with great chapters of the Bible.

PREPARATION: For several Sabbaths preceding the introducing of this game, the chapters can be taken as Scripture lessons.

To Make the Game: Cut some broad ribbon of attractive colors into lengths of about nine inches. On these type or write in marking ink the titles of the chapters. Keep in a separate box.

To Play the Game: Distribute the bookmarks to the children, giving the younger ones the easier chapters. Let them put them in the correct places in their Bibles.

KEY

Commandments chapter Shepherd psalm Safety psalm Alphabet psalm Virtuous woman chapter Time chapter Youth chapter Prophecy of Jesus chapter New earth chapter

Beatitudes chapter Signs of the end chapter

Jesus' promise chapter Charity chapter Faith chapter Third angel's message chapter Exodus 20 Psalms 23 Psalms 91 Psalms 119 Proverbs 31 Ecclesiastes 3 Ecclesiastes 12 Isaiah 53 Isaiah 65 or Revelation 21, 22 Matthew 5 Matthew 24 or Mark 13 or Luke 21 John 14 1 Corinthians 13 Hebrews 11 Revelation 14

#### Our Overseas Work

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home by plane. They came by train to Elisabethville, then on down to Leopoldville, and after waiting there about ten days, over to Lagos, in Nigeria, and after waiting at Lagos, they made another hop over to Accra, on the Gold Coast. They waited about three weeks or possibly a little more. After cabling and praying, they interceded with everyone who had anything to do with airplane traffic, and there were finally placed in their hands three airplane tickets from Accra, on the Gold Coast, clear to Miami, Florida. How did it happen? I am afraid I couldn't tell you.

It seems to me that the Lord is working for us in ways and by means we can scarcely realize. I trust this afternoon that we may be encouraged by these evident workings of God, that we may realize that He is going before us even in these troublous times, and that we may, as loyal and faithful members, followers of His, be true to Him until He comes and enter into our reward with those whom He has gathered from the East and the West, the North and the South, for His name's sake.

THE ADVENT DEVIEW

# WORLD-WIDE FIELD

We solicit and welcome reports for this Department from our workers throughout the world field. But our space is limited; so please be brief, concise in what you write.

### Upper Columbia Camp Meeting

HE Upper Columbia Conference camp meeting convened in the large Columbia Auditorium on the campus of Walla Walla College, June 9-20. It was a long session but many of our faithful believers stayed by through all the meetings. It was one of the largest and most successful of the camp meetings held in this conference. At the devotional meeting many thanked God for the rich blessings they had received each day during the whole session.

The early morning devotional meetings were regularly attended by a large group. Day after day as opportunity for prayer and testimony was given, large numbers

freely took part.

Between three and four thousand people were in attendance at the Sabbath services. Through the week, as well as on both Sabbaths, Through the consecration services were held where some gave themselves to the Lord for the first time. Others who had backslidden made a new start, and most of the congregation signified their desire to serve the Lord more fully. It was an inspiring sight to see a large number of the older members of the church go forward when, on the last Sabbath after other calls were made, the call was given for those who had been in the truth forty and fifty years or more to come forward as a testimony of their faith in the triumph of the message and reconsecration to the truth.

Our great mission task and its needs was presented in a strong way, and the response in interest and in giving was thrilling. The appeal for gifts found many ready

to make a large offering. Large checks for \$1,500 and \$1,000, envelopes with large sums of cashone containing \$400 in bills—were turned in on the Sabbath and during the week. The special camp meeting offering on the two Sabbaths, including two large Sabbath school offerings, totaled well over

Two features seem to have been outstanding events in all our camp meetings—the giving of large sums of money for missions, and the purchase of large amounts of literature by our people. The "book sale" meeting creates a great interest. Large numbers of books were sold. Book sales during the camp meeting amounted to more than \$4,000.

The conference session was held during the early days of the gathering. Officers of the conference were re-elected. The reports of the president, treasurer, and departmental leaders revealed good progress in all lines with large increases in baptisms, tithe, offerings for missions, colporteur sales, and literature distribution over the previous two years.

Tithe receipts for the last two years amounted to \$440,106; mission offerings, \$172,121; colporteur sales, \$30,108. Colporteur sales for the first five months of 1943 totaled \$21,480.

This conference is doing an excellent work in evangelism. Seven tabernacle, one tent, and three hall and church efforts are to begin at an early date. All these companies are equipped to do good, representative work. Many young couples talented in music are taking an efficient part in this work.

A most interesting service was one celebrating freedom from debt of the Walla Walla Sanitarium and Hospital. A well-arranged program of music and speeches had been prepared by the manager, E. S. Humann. The final and most important part of the service was the burning by L. E. Esteb of a row of notes totaling \$45,000, which were strung on wire and held up by two nurses. This institution is now in excellent condition. It is filled to capacity. The building is a wellconstructed one and is in fine repair. The well-laid out grounds are most pleasing. Many who had labored long to build up this fine sanitarium and hospital greatly rejoiced on this occasion.

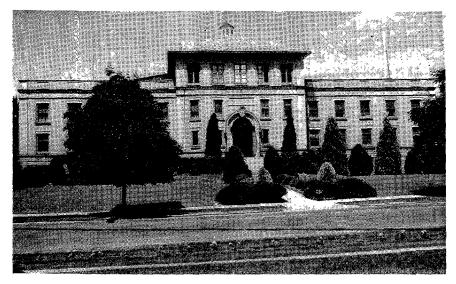
As the last day of the long camp meeting came to a close, many, both old and young, felt stronger in Christian experience because of the spiritual help they had received. L. H. Christian, C. L. Bond, and Frederick Lee from the General Conference had a part in the daily program, as did the representatives from the union. Local workers likewise had a part in the well-planned program of this camp meeting, which featured in all its messages the seriousness of the times in which we live, the tests ahead, and our need for a truer and richer experience in the things of God.

FREDERICK LEE.

#### Detroit German Church

CABBATH, July 3, was a high day for the members of the Detroit German church in observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of their organization and rejoicing at being able to dedicate the church building free from all financial encumbrances at the same time. They were also happy to record the passing of their conference goal in the annual Ingathering for missions campaign for the current

The church records reveal that the work among the German population of this city began in 1916, J. E. Patzkowski being the first gospel worker sent here. On June 1, 1918, a church was organized with nine members. Three years later, Miss W. Mueller and G. P. Gaede were transferred to Detroit. Under the guiding and blessing of God, the church added a goodly number of members so that in the



following year they proceeded with the buying of a building lot. The cornerstone of a church and school building was laid on May 9, 1925, the cost of the building amounting to \$38,325 aside from gifts of various building materials. The first church service in the new building was conducted on March 13, 1926.

The world-wide depression which occurred shortly thereafter and financial responsibilities heavy made it impossible to liquidate the remaining indebtedness on the building, which in June, 1937, stood at \$5,964. With the kind assistance of the Michigan Conference Association in the last three years this obligation has now been paid off. In the last five years the building has been redecorated twice and various improvements added with approximate expenditure of \$2,000. During the past ten years the church has sent to the conference treasury in tithes and offerings the sum of \$48,721 and has raised an additional amount of \$13,500 for local work—a grand total of \$62,200. The dedicatory sermon was given by T. G. Bunch, president of the Michigan Conference, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by O. F. Schwedrat. The former ministers and workers who were connected with this church—J. E. Patzkowski, G. P. Gaede, H. Neumann, C. Beck, H. Berg, and Miss W. Mueller—sent their greetings and best wishes to the church on this happy occasion.

Free from the burden of debt, the members may now give their exclusive attention and their full measure of devotion to the various phases of evangelism which in this city with its many scattered nationalities and races is not an easy task. Under the blessing of God, however, the members may confidently face the future and dedicate themselves to the finishing of the work in this part of God's vineyard.

O. F. SCHWEDRAT.

# Northern Union Camp Meetings

DURING the month of June three camp meetings were held in the Northern Union Conference in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

In South Dakota the meeting was held in the show grounds in the city of Huron. It was not a large meeting, but a very happy one. The seasons are good, again bringing prosperity to the farmers throughout the Midwest, from which group most of our members are drawn. The country looks beautiful with the promise of bountiful crops, and so the pall of drought and scarcity is lifted from the hearts of those good people.

This condition was reflected in the reports presented to the delegates in the conference sessions. The tithe receipts for 1942 in South Dakota revealed a fine increase of 49 per cent over 1941, making possible a considerable increase in soul-winning activities. At the same time the conference made a gain of \$5,748.11 in operating. The net gain in membership was sixty-The departments in general revealed a very healthy condition as was shown by the reports of the various departmental heads. There is need, however, of a revival in the sale of our literature through the colporteur ministry, and recommendations were adopted pledging the conference to support such a program.

H. L. Rudy was re-elected to the presidency of the conference by a constituency which seemed to have complete confidence in his leader-ship. G. L. Sather of British Columbia was elected secretary-treasurer, and H. J. Perkins of the South Dakota Conference will most likely go to British Columbia. The departmental secretaries were re-

elected to office with the exception of the secretary of the publishing department, the conference committee being charged with the responsibility of filling this vacancy.

The spiritual meetings were well attended and our dear people returned to their homes greatly refreshed.

The North Dakota camp meeting was held on the fairgrounds in Jamestown, where the facilities for such a meeting are most excellent. Instead of grasshoppers, drought, crop failures, dust storms, and depression, God has recently given copious rains, and the people came from their farms to attend the meeting greatly heartened by the outlook for a prosperous year.

Under the leadership of DeWitt S. Osgood there has been considerable activity in the field of evangelism during the biennial term. In 1942 alone, there were baptized 287 converts, and the net gain in membership for the year was 227, or 10 per cent. This healthy condition was reflected also in the tithe income of the conference. For the previous biennial term it was \$63.-808.96, while for the years 1941-42 it was \$119,039.06, and the tithe gain of 1942 over 1939 was 250 per cent. Many of the spiritual meetings were conducted in two sections, there being a separate pavilion provided for our German brethren. North Dakota seems to be particularly active in the educational field, and the report revealed that the number of church schools has grown in one year from five to ten, with a progressive program looking for still further growth. The departments generally were in a very prosperous condition, and all the departmental secretaries were re-elected.

G. E. Hutches of Minnesota was elected to the presidency of the conference and R. E. Spangle was reelected secretary-treasurer.

This was a good meeting and our people were greatly blessed. Although few in number they contributed on the first Sabbath \$1,932 plus an acre of flax for missions, and on the second Sabbath \$1,819 was contributed for evangelism and educational work. At the close of the meeting the workers scattered to engage in nine evangelistic ef-The administration of the forts. The administration of the North Dakota Conference have gathered together in that field a fine group of strong young men and women to strengthen their working force, and we feel sure that the field will be greatly blessed in the future as the result of this wise planning.

Minnesota the conference In owns its own camp grounds at Anoka. The camp was pitched in a beautiful grove, which afforded excellent shade for most of the tents, giving much-needed relief from a hot spell that prevailed during the meeting. The annual gathering was not so well attended as in former years owing to the difficulties in traveling brought about by rationing. Many of our people from the northern end of the State were thus unable to be present. meetings over the week end, however, were well attended because of the great influx of our people from the twin cities only a few miles distant.

The president's report revealed that the affairs of the conference have been well conducted and the conference is in a sound condition. During the years 1941-42, 534 persons were baptized, so the present membership of the conference stands at approximately 4,700. All the departments of the conference show considerable strength, and the reports from the men heading the various branches of this work were most heartening.

The tithe receipts of the conference show that Minnesota is sharing with the rest of the nation in the greatly improved economic conditions. For the two-year period, 1939-40, the tithe receipts were \$204,992.53, while for the biennial period just closed they had increased to \$272,406.03, showing a gain of \$67,413.32. Not only did this bring great blessing to the conference in increasing their ability to push their evangelistic program, but it also meant an increase of \$40,000 to the contributions made by the conference to the General Conference for the world-wide program of evangelistic endeavor. For the previous biennial period the conference showed an operating gain of \$26.32, and for the period just closed the gain was \$13,397.13. The mission offerings showed a correspondingly favorable increase.

H. W. Walker was re-elected president of the conference and

C. B. Caldwell as secretary-treasurer. All the departmental heads were re-elected with the exception of the leader of the home missionary department, Brother Hutches having been recently called to the presidency of the North Dakota Conference. G. H. Rustad was elected to fill this vacancy.

All these meetings throughout the Northern Union were excellent gatherings, and we greatly enjoyed the association with the brethren in the business and spiritual meetings. Nathan Brewer, R. L. Ruhling, M. E. Olsen, and the writer were in attendance from the General Conference, and the publishing house brethren from the Pacific Press and the Southern Publishing Association represented their interests. We believe there is a bright day ahead for the work in the Northern Union during this prosperous period which we have entered. H. M. BLUNDEN.

## The Lynwood (California) Camp Meeting

OR a long time the possibility and advisability of conducting a camp meeting this year in the Southern California Conference was doubted. The campground is located about ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, while not far distant are giant industries, vast oil installations, and the busy Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors.

The question of holding the meeting was referred to the local officials, who in turn passed it on to others until at length it was brought to the attention of the highest civil and military authorities in California. Their courteous sanction appeared as a special indication of divine favor, and at the appointed time all was in readiness. Aside from the forty-four private tents and house trailers, five hundred fifty-five family tents were erected-a total of five hundred The weather was ninety-nine. and the ideal, well-organized, smooth-running arrangements on the grounds elicited many expressions of appreciation.

The main auditorium with a seating capacity of some 8,000 was filled to overflowing on both Sabbaths. Suspended high above the platform to greet the worshipers was the inspiring motto, "Loyalty to God and Country." At the same time and in other sections, services were conducted for the youth, juniors, primary, kindergarten, and cradle roll. Group meetings were also held for the Spanish, Italian, and German speaking brethren and sisters. The total attendance on Sabbath days was thought to exceed ten thousand.

The program was well prepared, and as no conference business sessions were conducted, the entire time of the meeting was devoted to inspirational and spiritual interests. The early morning services, conducted in separate sections for the adults and youth, were indeed seasons of refreshing. W. H. Branson's studies on Christian growth were sincerely appreciated; and his narration of remarkable providences in mission fields indicated that in spite of the terrors of war, the gospel message speeds onward to trium.ph.

W. A. Scharffenberg, of the General Conference Home Missionary

Department, emphasized the numerous facilities that should be set in operation in our homes and churches; and F. D. Nichol, associate editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD, thrilled our hearts with the recital of developments in the first angel's message that occurred approximately a century ago.

The union and local conference secretaries gave excellent help in promoting their various phases of service. L. K. Dickson, president of the Pacific Union Conference, presented several heart-searching appeals for all to live in preparedness for Christ's return. On the last Sabbath at the close of the morning service, \$21,996.83 in cash and pledges was laid on the altar of foreign missions. The Sabbath school offerings at the camp meeting amounted to nearly \$5,000; the gifts for local and foreign work totaled \$28,423.83; the Book and Bible House sales reached the unprecedented figure of \$12,680.95.

At one of the Sunday evening services an interesting feature was a colorful pageant in which large numbers of those who have received training as Medical Cadets and Red Cross nurses, in home-nursing classes and other branches of emergency medical service, marched in review. In his well-chosen remarks the mayor of Lynwood expressed his complete surprise to see the extensive efforts put forth by Seventh-day Adventists in preparation to serve their country and stated that the evening's program was a great revelation to him.

On another evening H. M. S. Richards and F. W. Detamore of the Voice of Prophecy spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience, the special music being furnished by the Voice of Prophecy Chorus. Beginning their coast-to-coast broadcast eighteen months ago on 83 stations, they now send forth the message from 240 stations. Enrollments in the junior and senior Bible Correspondence Courses have increased to approximately 150,000. In the Spanish and Portuguese of South and Central America, some 30 stations already herald the message of Christ's return. Correspondence courses in Spanish, Portuguese, and German are soon to open. The daily mailbag brings a

thousand letters and the volume of work now requires an office staff of eighty employees. Eternity alone will reveal the far-reaching results of this effort.

One of the most inspiring meetings was a symposium by ministerial interns and college boys just entering the work. Eleven of these are now in service in Southern California. Our conference president, David Voth, and his committee are to be heartily congratulated for this corps of energetic youth who are consecrating their lives to soulwinning evangelism.

Among workers and people this gathering called forth feelings of sincere gratitude. It was a spiritual feast long to be remembered. Loyalty, courage, and consecration were the watchwords, and we are persuaded that there are bright days ahead for the remnant church in Southern California.

ROY F. COTTRELL.

# A Good Meeting

OR more than half a century I have been attending Seventhday Adventist camp meetings, sometimes as many as twelve or more a year, but the Southern California camp meeting will stand out in my memory as one of the very best I have ever attended. One of the contributing factors was thorough organization of the camp. Everything seemed to be in perfect order when the meeting was ready to be opened. Every worker of the conference had apparently been given his task and, as far as one could discern, looked after the task assigned him.

A spiritual atmosphere pervaded the camp. The preaching was with power, the sermons and Bible studies being filled with rebuke, reproof, and instruction in right-eousness. The high standards of the denomination were upheld with the Scriptures and quotations from the Spirit of prophecy.

There were frequent appeals to sinners and backsliders to which many responded by coming forward for prayer, and the whole congregation joined in renewed consecration to God and the cause of present truth.

Modest and brief announcements of available literature at the book tent were made from the pulpit, but there were no public sales; yet the book sales at the book tent were marvelous. If I was correctly informed, more than \$12,000 worth of books were sold, and the best part of it was that they were Seventh-day Adventist books published by our publishing houses.

Yes, I found it a privilege to attend this camp meeting from the first to the last day, having no responsibilities to carry, but being left free to listen, to worship, to pray, and to rest.

W. W. EASTMAN.

## Theological Seminary

THE summer reception at the Theological Seminary, in Takoma Park, D. C., on the evening of July 11, brought together the largest group of people yet to be connected with this institution for a single session. The teachers, students, and guests present numbered approximately 150, and of these, 108 are enrolled as students for the summer term.

In an hour or two of relaxation from the intensive study program which is carried on at the Seminary, the teachers and students, with their guests, enjoyed a buffet supper and a short program. The program featured a brief talk by Professor Kern, president of the Seminary, several selections by students and teachers, and a mission film.

The classrooms, library, and halls of the Seminary hum these summer days with the activities of students going their several ways, following various lines of study, yet all with the same objective in view—that of carrying forward the Lord's work with the greatest possible speed and efficiency, so that it may soon

be completed.

Here evangelists, taking a few weeks out from their earnest labors in cities and towns, gather to review and strengthen their knowledge of the great truths of our message and to study new approaches to their great work of presenting the gospel to the multitudes. P. O. Campbell, who is a student at the Seminary this summer, is conducting a class in Evangelistic Music, which gives an opportunity for discussion of the problems of that invaluable aid to the evangelist in his public meetings—the music director.

Teachers of Bible and history, ministers, and other workers have opportunity to delve into doctrinal problems, to gain a valuable understanding of Biblical backgrounds, to secure a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew for study of texts in the original, to study the history of the church through the centuries, and to follow a number of other lines of study and research which will better fit them for their work.

Here Bible instructors, in addition to gaining great help in the general Bible and history classes, are given opportunity to study improved methods in their particular line of carrying the truth into the

homes of the people.

Public speakers gain further training in the art of persuasion before large audiences, in proper use of the voice, and in radio speaking. These classes are taught this year by R. B. Lewis of Walla Walla College.

Here, also, workers are being trained for labor in fields beyond the limits of this country. The Spirit of Missions program has brought to the Seminary fifty-four students of different foreign languages, who are preparing for service in mission lands. There are nine couples and four single women here for the study of Arabic. Ten couples are studying German, and six couples are studying Russian.

At the close of this Seminary term, many of these 108 students will, of course, leave to go back into active service. Others, such as the language students, will continue their study until the European and Near Eastern fields open for labor. Probably never again in this world will this same group assemble in one place. But though their labors may carry them far apart, they will still be one in the purpose which united them at the Seminary, that of carrying the gospel message to all the world; and in the great all the world; and in the great home-coming in the kingdom of God, it will be their privilege to meet again, bringing with them the fruits of their labor.

RUTH CONARD.

## The Illinois Camp Meeting

THE annual session of the Illinois camp meeting convened at its permanent camp site on the grounds of Broadview Academy, June 15-20.

The meetings were held in a large pavilion which was ideal for holding the annual convocation. Over the week end thousands of Sabbath-keepers came together to worship the Lord. The conditions of our day have awakened a desire on the part of God's children to have a better understanding of the times into which we have come. What an inspiration it was for the speakers to talk to a group of people who were hungry for spiritual food!

Excellent reports were given of how God's people are supporting the cause of truth at home and abroad. L. E. Lenheim and his associates are carrying forward a strong program to bring a knowledge of present truth to the people in the State of Illinois. The field is being well manned by evangelists. The publishing work is being fostered under the leadership of R. G. Campbell. His corps of colporteur evangelists are faithfully sowing the seed of truth in all parts of the field.

On the afternoon of the last Sabbath two workers, namely, Francis W. Avery and John A. Dewald, were set aside to the sacred ministry. The manner in which the ordination service was carried out lent great dignity to the cause of God.

The book sales during the camp meeting amounted to \$2,543.47, which is a gain of \$400 over the previous year. Aside from the local and union workers there were present R. A. Anderson from the General Conference; L. L. Dunn from

Puerto Rico; J. D. Snider, C. E. Palmer, D. A. Bailey, and J. M. Jackson from the Review and Herald; and the writer.

Elder Lenheim and his earnest group of workers and church members have pledged, with the help of God, to make the coming year the best they have ever experienced in soul winning.

J. J. STRAHLE.

# Regional Meetings in Wyoming

N my recent visit to Wyoming to attend the last two regional meetings in that State, my first stop was Casper, where the mission office is located. I had the pleasure of meeting our people there at the Wednesday evening service. The following morning I accompanied E. H. Oswald, the superintendent of the mission, and his wife to Saratoga, 165 miles away.

At Saratoga we had a large attendance of our people, considering the long distances they had to travel. The meeting began Thursday evening, June 17, and closed the following Sunday night. From the first service to the last, the Spirit of God was present in a marked way. Elder and Mrs. J. E. Frick, who had spent seven years in China, related the story of their miraculous deliverances while in the midst of the perils of present-day warfare. It was evident to all who heard their story that God had in a very special way intervened in behalf of our missionaries and our dear Chinese believers. How precious the promise, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." And again, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

The Sabbath was truly a blessed day. Practically the entire congregation seemed to be constrained by the Spirit of God to come forward to seek the Saviour for complete pardon, for cleansing from sin, and for freedom from its power and dominion. It was most encouraging to see parents and children, with tears freely flowing, joining in this work of immediate preparation to meet our coming Lord and glorious Redeemer.

The meeting at Cheyenne, held from June 24 to 27, followed. The attendance at the beginning was somewhat disappointing; but on the Sabbath the church was crowded, so much so that it was impossible to separate those whose hearts were convicted of sin during the morning service from the rest of the congregation. The response, however, was not disappointing, for the entire audience, with the exception of a few strangers, joined in consecrating themselves for purity of life and for holy service.

At each of these meetings our people revealed a deep interest in

our world mission program; and as the needs of the fields were placed before them, they contributed very liberally for the advancement of God's cause in the earth. In like manner they gave freely as the program for larger evangelism in their own State was presented to

As the leading brethren placed before our people the great importance of making haste in the circulation of our literature at this critical hour, they followed the counsel given us years ago touching the sale of our literature at reduced prices in such gatherings. took advantage of this opportunity and bought large quantities for distribution as well as for personal

I am sure our dear people who were in attendance at these meetings will long remember those seasons of refreshing experienced as we sat "together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." I shall not soon forget the pleasant acquaintances formed in this and other parts of

the Central Union.

When Elder and Mrs. Oswald and I crossed Wyoming, we followed the old Oregon Trail. While following this old trail for many hours, we spoke appreciatively of the courage, the resolution, and the perseverance that drove these pioneers forward to open a new empire in the great West. Then our minds reverted to other and still greater conquests undertaken by the pioneers who blazed the way for the third angel's message, not to one new empire but to all the world. These pioneers were but few in number, without means or influence, except as they had access to the throne of divine grace.

Behold what courage! Christian fortitude! What invinci-What heroism! ble resolution! What simple, yet indomitable, faith in God's immutable word was thus displayed! These pioneers and their children have crossed every The shining national boundary. path that they blazed leads all who travel it straight to the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem.

E. E. ANDROSS.

## The Maues Annual Meeting

UST preceding the Maués (Brazil) annual meeting, there was held a special meeting with the Manáos church, May 13-16. L. B. superintendent. Halliwell, union superintendent, was present, together with his wife and F. C. Pritchard, F. Garcia, and S. César of the local mission. We were happy to have Mrs. John Baerg of Belém present to lead the music both here and in Maués.

In spite of the fact that the people along the Amazon River are very busy gathering rubber, there was a good attendance at Maués. This annual feast the brethren in that district have learned to appreciate. When the time approaches for the meetings, one can see the covered canoes arriving from all directions. Many of the brethren live in their canoes during the meetings; others stay with the brethren of the Maués church, as we have a strong church in this town, as well as an auditorium which also serves as the meeting place for these annual gatherings.

It is inspiring to hear the musical talent found among the children and young people of these dwellers along the rivers. Their joy appeared complete when the program provided for practice in singing early in the morning, between the services, during the dinner hour, and after the evening service, until the lights went off about ten-fifteen. The dwellers of Maués must have thought we had a music festival. At the evening services there was a large attendance from the town. They were then privileged to hear the choir render special selections, some of these being illustrated with

beautiful colored views.

One encouraging feature of this annual meeting is that the attendance is good at every service. Children, young people, and older ones are always in their places and are most attentive. The church school in Maués and the more advanced school in Centenario, where Brother and Sister Gnutzmann have so capably had charge during the last seven years, must rightly be given credit for the excellent knowledge of the Bible on the part of the children. I was interested to see how children of non-Adventist parents, who attend our church school, readily found the texts of Scripture re-ferred to or read. They had red and quickly underlined verses which especially appealed to them. It is an inspiration to speak to such an audience. It is also a satisfaction to see among our faithful members some of the most influential citizens. This has from the first given our work a good reputation and standing in this district.

Fernando Garcia is now being asked to take the work Brother Gnutzmann has carried, and the latter will devote his time to the ministry in another district. Sabbath afternoon just below the auditorium we witnessed a beautiful baptismal scene. This was followed by the communion service. Instead of the Sunday evening service being the last service, an early Monday morning gathering constituted the closing service. Even then they urged that we stay and continue the meeting longer; especially were the children and young people eager for this, but other appointments made this impossible. They remember when the meetings lasted ten days and desire that this program be re-established.

There is very little malaria along the Amazon this year. The Inter-American Co-operative Public Health Service is distributing free millions of atabrine tablets in regions where malaria is prevalent. They also supply our missionary launches with atabrine. Quinine is H. O. OLSON. more scarce.

### Portage and Bethel Regional Meetings, June 22-28

OR the convenience of our peo-ple in the Wisconsin Conference, it was planned to hold regional meetings. The meetings for the believers in the southern part of the conference were held in a pretty spot just out of the city of Portage where the permanent campground is located. The location is very attractive because of the large shade trees and cold flowing water on the grounds.

The believers came with a definite purpose of securing spiritual help, and it was evident that they

were not disappointed.

Bethel, where the next regional meeting was held, brought together our people from the north central section of the conference. Bethel Academy is located very near the heart of Wisconsin. This part of the State was once a great timber country and today the land is used chiefly for feeding cattle. school lends itself admirably to the holding of a regional meeting. All were housed and provided for right on the campus without the erection of tents.

We had a very full program at Bethel, similar to the plan carried out at Portage. The morning meetings were well attended, and there was an earnest seeking after the Lord. Ringing testimonies of their in the advent movement brought courage to the hearts of

those who attended.

The Sabbath consecration services were unusual. The Spirit of the Lord made itself felt in the congregation. A number who had grown cold returned to cast their lot with the family of God. Several took their stand for God for the first time. As our people gave their hearts to the Lord, they contributed liberally of their means for the advancement of God's cause.

T. E. Unruh and his associates T. E. Unrun and III are carrying forward a strong program to evangelize Wisconsin through the preaching of the word and through the circulation of the printed page. The evangelists are determined to make the coming year the best in their experience. Under the leadership of P. M. Lewis the publishing work is carried forward by a group of colporteur evangelists who are making

their influence felt throughout the State.

Though these meetings were only of five days' duration, the hours spent together at each meeting were very precious. Help for these meetings was provided by the officers and ministers of the local conference and the union. Others present were J. A. Stevens and M. E. Olsen, L. L. Dunn from Puerto Rico, and J. D. Snider and C. E. Palmer and their associates.

We believe that as a result of these meetings the work in the Wisconsin Conference has been greatly strengthened.

J. J. STRAHLE.

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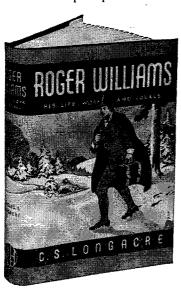
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# OF SPECIAL INTEREST

DID you read last week in our Mission Lands department the address by E. D. Dick, entitled "Our Overseas Work"? If you did, you will surely want to read the continuation of this address as given in this number. Elder Dick gives a thrilling review of the marvelous way in which the advent message is now going in the various countries of the world.

## 1943 Ingathering

UR 1943 Ingathering campaign has been unusual. Officially, May 1 was the opening day, but actually each field started when local conditions seemed to present favorable opportunity. The result is that one whole union conference has not sent in a report of its work, but will do so within a few days.

The latest report, covering receipts up to week ending July 17, reveals that we are much ahead of receipts for the banner year 1942. The report by unions is as follows:

Union	Amount	Per Capite
Atlantic	\$120,418,42	\$ 8.65
Canadian	47,329,23	5.15
Central	65,982.12	4.26
Columbia	233,660.99	10.72
Lake	122,754.19	4.84
Northern	58,800.00	4.81
Pacific		
(First report)	163,142.57	4.48
Southern	134,153.10	6.92
Southwestern	59,058.61	5.04

Total for N. Amer. (July 17) \$1,005,299.23

When all fields give their final report, we hope, with the blessing of God, to have more than a million three hundred thousand dollars.

R. G. STRICKLAND.

#### Evangelism in British Guiana

UR evangelistic efforts are already beginning to yield results this year. O. P. Reid has been carrying forward a strong effort in the city of Georgetown, British Guiana, and on Sunday evenings he has had an attendance of well over a thousand people. A number have already taken their stand for the message. It looks as though there should be a large baptism resulting from the earnest appeals that have been made.

Away up in the interior of British Guiana among the Indians, where the work has gone so slowly through the years, there are at the present time more than one hundred in the baptismal classes. Brother Brooks, who has charge of

our work there, just now writes very encouragingly. They expect to hold a baptism in the next few weeks.

C. G. van Putten, in the island of St. Thomas, is just concluding a successful effort which has lasted for three or four months. At a baptismal service which he recently held, a number went forward. Others are still in the baptismal class and will join the church at a later date. We are hopeful that the efforts in other islands will result in abundant fruitage and that this year we shall see a large number of souls won.

Our slogan for the year 1944, the Lord willing, will be, "Our largest year in evangelistic endeavor." We are planning for practically every worker to take some part in definite soul-winning work. Arrangements are already well in hand so that when the new year opens, every worker will be at his post.

W. E. READ.

#### Africa's Great Need

RECENT letter from P. S. Marsa, one of our missionaries in the Congo in Africa, brings to us a report of progress and of needs which exist in that field. I feel that the readers of the REVIEW AND HERALD will be interested in some of what Brother Marsa has written, and so I ampassing it on for publication:

"As you know, Brother Ambs is the principal of our union Seminaire Adventiste. We conducted camp meeting for our people at a place on the river where the Lowa River flows into the Lualaba. Rather, I should say that Brother Ambs did, as he carried the burden of most of the services. Our people made excellent response. The offering was large, and many heathen came forward to serve the Lord for the first time.

"We also had occasion to meet the governor general of the Congo, who was on an inspection tour of the tin mines. The governor is acquainted with our work here, and he made kindly inquiry about our Christians and asked whether they were receiving all due considera-We were happy to assure him tion. that they were, and on behalf of our native believers we expressed to the government our profound appreciation for the excellent treatment accorded our Christians at that particular place, especially for the Sabbath privileges they enjoy. During this time our native believers gathered at the riverside and

sang the Belgian national hymn and followed with good old Adventist songs. The interview took place on the river steamer.

"Three or four days after Brother Ambs left, Doctor Rouhe met me at this same place. Natives flocked in from distant villages by the hundreds to see the doctor and get treatments for their various ailments. Practically every horrid tropical disease was seen among those who came for treatment. I wish our people in America might have had a glimpse of that pathetic crowd of sick people. It would show them a little of the need of Africa and also enable them to see how precious a missionary doctor is to these poor people.

"Our nearest station is hundreds of miles away; therefore we are making every effort to extend our influence as far as possible. We need more native teachers. 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.' Consequently, we have been campaigning for more students for our central school. During the past year we have increased our enrollment some 300 per cent. This growth should eventually pay good dividends in teachers."

May God grant that in these times when here in the homeland God's people are unusually blessed, they will be possessed of a liberal and self-sacrificing spirit as they give for the support of missions, so that needs such as exist in the Congo, as well as in many other mission fields, may be adequately provided for. T. J. MICHAEL.

# Voice of Prophecy

AVE you seen the Voice of Prophecy News? This interesting paper is sent without charge to all who would desire to receive it. It is ideal for distribution among your neighbors, and where circulated and read it will create interest in our coast-to-coast radio message. The Voice of Prophecy News is issued monthly by our Los Angeles office, Box 55, Los Angeles, California.

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