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Reflection

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While I reflect upon the dying year,
A new year waits upon the threshold fair;
Tonight, kind God, I cast a backward look
And see my human weakness everywhere.

There looms in view all that I meant to do—
Those messages my lips oft failed to speak.
Tonight I see the souls I meant to help;
The year has slipped away—I feel so weak!

I see the babe whose prattle seemed but noise;
I see the lad whose mischief patience tried;
That loved one longing for my tender touch—
How oft Thy precious help has been denied!

I see those tender ties of friendship strained,
Those worldly aims that seized my friv'lous soul;
Send to my heart the searchlight of Thy Word—
Forgive its chill. O make me warmly whole!

Tonight Thy mercy ushers in another year,
A year portentous of grave harm and ill;
Kind God, in fear I would but draw me back,
Save trusting in Thy power and goodness still.

Guide Thou these falt'ring steps in paths untried,
As timidly I place my hand in Thine;
I would lean hard upon Thy grace and love—
Work out in me henceforth Thy will divine!

Proceedings of the Autumn Council

By J. I. ROBISON

Associate Secretary of the General Conference

THE city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, acted as host to the Autumn Council this year, 1945, and the delegates, I am sure, felt that they were comfortably and adequately provided for in this friendly city in old Michigan, the State around which cluster so many memories connected with the early days of this movement.

As we gathered in Council, it was with a feeling of profound gratitude that the scourge of war has, at least in a large measure, been lifted from our world. It was a great privilege and joy for the delegates from some of our overseas divisions, especially those who during weary years had been interned in prison camps, to meet again with their fellow workers in Autumn Council. We rejoiced to hear again from other lands, now liberated, from which we had received no news for years. Our people in most countries, or our soldier boys stationed there, are now able to correspond again with the General Conference office, and although they tell of tragedy and losses, they also give us news of the faithfulness of our people during years of persecution and trial.

Messages of greeting to the Council by cable were received from R. R. Figuhr and H. O. Olson, of the South American Division; P. G. Nelson and G. A. Lindsay, representing the East and West Nordic Unions; A. L. Ham and A. F. Tarr, of the Southern Asia Division; E. L. Branson, superintendent of the Middle East Union; H. W. Lowe, president of the British Union; William McClements, superintendent of the West African Union; J. F. Cummins and J. A. Stevens, General Conference representatives visiting the Middle East, and R. A. Anderson, at present in Australia. A letter of greeting was read also from A. Minck, president of the Central European Division, transmitted to us by one of our servicemen; also a letter from F. C. Gilbert, who had hoped to be present at the Council. Appropriate replies to these greetings were sent by the secretary and also to C. W. Bozarth and E. A. Moon, in South Africa, and to some veteran workers who could not be present. These included W. A. Spicer, I. H. Evans, F. M. Wilcox, and C. H. Watson. Unfortunately, A. V. Olson, F. Brennwald, and W. R. Beach, of the Southern European Division; and H. W. Lowe, of the British Union, were not able to complete their journey to the States to attend the Council as they had planned, as they were held

up because of transportation difficulties.

Among those present from distant lands were E. L. Longway, just arrived from China; Dr. Herbert Liu and Milton Lee; and S. L. Frost, Miss Bessie Mount, and Miss Thora Thomssen, missionaries from China recently released from internment. The Far East was represented by its officers, V. T. Armstrong, W. P. Bradley, and P. L. Williams, and by R. S. Watts. Also present from the Far East were C. W. Lee, F. A. Pratt, and James Leland, recently released from prison camps in the Philippines. South America was represented by F. L. Harrison, J. Berger Johnson, and Roger A. Wilcox. There were present from Southern Africa, Milton Robison, W. H. Anderson, E. D. Hanson, and G. R. Nash; from Inter-America, Glenn Calkins, W. E. Read, A. H. Roth, and Wesley Amundsen; and from Southern Asia, L. C. Shepard, E. M. Meleén, and H. G. Woodward.

In his opening address Elder J. L. McElhany, the president of the General Conference, struck a stirring keynote message for the Council and an appeal to our workers everywhere, calling one and all to a larger and more aggressive evangelism and to the finishing of our task. He called for a restudy of our financial possibilities and limitations, that we may use our resources as God would direct in these days of great projects and unlimited spending. This address has already appeared in the REVIEW.

The devotional hours in the morning were occasions of spiritual refreshing and self-analysis as we were led to a fuller recognition of the dangers that threaten the church in this hour of world apostasy. L. K. Dickson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, in the first devotional study gave a clarion call to the church to take stock, to re-examine our movement in the light of the spirit of the pioneers, and to recapture the resolute purpose and noble stability of those who established this work a century ago. F. D. Nichol's closing question in his devotional-hour study, "What are we waiting for?" was a challenge to God's people at this late hour to rise and finish the work of the Lord, that His coming may no longer be delayed. Other devotional hours were equally inspiring, as were also the Sabbath services. These messages from the Word of God, we trust, will reach out through the workers present to many

souls and help all our people everywhere to recognize anew the need of giving more earnest heed to the things that we have heard and known, lest at any time we should let them slip.

The Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee is primarily a business session. It is also a very busy season, for scores of committees, institutional boards, advisory councils, and legal meetings must be arranged for, their business transacted, and their reports considered. The drawing up of the budget of the General Conference for the ensuing year, which is the chief business of the Council, takes many hours of time and prayerful consideration. It is a heavy responsibility to apportion justly the funds so generously provided by our people for the world-wide work, and to this task each year the Budget Committee at the Autumn Council gives earnest and prayerful study.

The Committee on Plans held many important sessions, as they considered ways and means of conducting our world-wide work both at home and abroad. The Finance Committee earnestly studied financial plans, the raising of funds, and other recommendations to keep this great world movement going on to its final triumph.

In these committees the business of the Council has its birth. The recommendations and resolutions are first carefully considered, then brought before the Council, and again discussed and often amended before final action. They then become the voice of the General Conference Committee in full session with others who sit as counselors, and these actions form the working policy of the denomination, which should be the guiding rule for every worker in his service in this cause.

We here give a few of the outstanding resolutions passed by the Council and a summary of some of the reports and other actions taken. These we believe reveal an earnest purpose on the part of the delegates to build up the work of God in all its various departments and to give strength and unity to the work as we face the uncertain future.

Resolution of Gratitude

Fittingly the following resolution of gratitude was passed unanimously by the Council:

WHEREAS, The good hand of our God has been graciously over His people since

last we met in Autumn Council, bringing surcease from war to an anguished world, with protection and release from internment for most of our imprisoned missionaries, and the reopening of doors of access and opportunity in those lands ravaged by war in Europe, the Near East, and the Far East; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the global conflict God has graciously protected His cause, preserving the lives of our workers and believers, using them to His name's honor and glory, and bringing the principles and mission of the remnant church before untold millions through the loyalty of our people to the principles of present truth; therefore,

Be it resolved. That we herewith reverently acknowledge the goodness of God to usward, and recognize in the holding of the winds of strife for a little season a supreme challenge to arise and finish our commissioned task. We therefore solemnly pledge anew to God our lives, our service, and our all, praying for enabling grace, wisdom, and power clearly to discern the pathway marked out for us through these still troubled times. We entreat the guidance of the Holy Spirit rightly to lead the people of God forward in the completion of our appointed mission to mankind. To this end we humble our hearts, confess our sins, acknowledge our need, and recognize our Source of all strength. And unitedly we pledge our all to the finishing of the work God has given us to do in time's last hour.

Statistical Report

Claude Conard, the statistical secretary, rendered a very encouraging report. A summary of this follows:

During 1944 large sections of the General Conference territory have had little or no direct contact with the headquarters offices, and it has been possible to secure only partial information regarding Seventh-day Adventist activities in many parts of the world. In view of the fact, however, that in these isolated countries the truths of God are still bearing fruit even under adverse conditions, the statistical summaries for these fields have been held in the 1944 report at the level which had been reached when the last authentic reports were received. It is not improbable that when complete returns are secured from the entire world, more favorable results will be evident than those shown in these statements.

Membership and Workers

At the close of 1944 the available figures listed 9,351 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the world, with 557,768 members, of which 206,908 were in the United States and Canada and 350,860 in overseas divisions:

In the following tabulation of church memberships in the several divisions, some of the totals from fields where current data could not be secured are the same as have been reported previously:

Division	1944 Membership
Australasian	22,349
Central European	42,387
China	19,814
Far Eastern	35,015
Inter-American	51,257
North American	206,908
Northern European	29,096
South American	39,289
Southern African	45,193
Southern Asia	8,013
Southern European	33,325
Russian	16,513
General Conference Missions	8,609
Total	557,768

According to 1944 records, there were 14,648 workers engaged by the conferences and missions in evangelistic and colporteur activities, and 15,017 more employees in publishing houses, schools, sanitariums and hospitals, and other institutions. Of these 29,665 workers, 11,158 were in the United States and Canada, and 18,507 in overseas divisions.

Baptisms

Because current reports are only fragmentary from fields that have been cut off on account of the war, the figures representing baptisms from these sections are largely those of the latest available year. Thus the total of 19,748 baptisms in overseas divisions may not represent the exact conditions in 1944. Based on the accepted overseas church membership, these accessions represent 57 baptisms for each 1,000 church members. The 11,908 baptisms in the North American field in 1944 were 1,204—11.2 per cent—more than in 1943 and average 59 for every 1,000 church members at the first of the year as compared with 54 in 1943. The annual average has been 73 baptisms for each 1,000 members in the United States and Canada during the last fourteen years.

A decided improvement seems to be evident in the comparisons between the number of members taken into the churches by baptism in 1944 and the net increase in membership. For every 100 members baptized in 1944, the actual membership gain was 49 persons. This is the best record since 1940, but still below the fourteen-year average of 53.

Tithes and Offerings

The total contributions to home and foreign activities in all divisions of the General Conference in 1944 of \$28,685,434.11 amounted to \$3,006,185.00—11.7 per cent—more than in 1943. The increase in 1943 over the figure for 1942 was 27.7 per cent. Of the aggregate sum raised in 1944, \$17,865,482.31, or 62.3 per cent, was tithe; \$7,498,171.99—26.1 per cent—mission offerings; and \$3,321,779.81—11.6 per cent—contributions for home work. The distribution of these funds in the North American and overseas divisions is shown in the tabulation:

	In World Field	Outside North America	In North America
Funds Received in 1944			
Tithe	\$17,865,482.31	\$3,808,108.57	\$14,057,373.74
Mission offerings	7,498,171.99	1,859,186.98	5,638,985.01
Home offerings	3,321,779.81	406,019.45	2,915,760.36
Totals, 1944	\$28,685,434.11	\$6,073,315.00	\$22,612,119.11
Totals, 1943	25,679,249.11	5,357,020.79	20,322,228.32
Increase, 1944	\$ 3,006,185.00	\$ 716,294.21	\$ 2,289,890.79
Per cent of increase	11.7%	13.4%	11.3%

In 1944 each Seventh-day Adventist church member in the world field was reported to have paid in tithes and offerings an average of \$51.43. This is \$4.29 more than in 1943. In fields outside of North America the annual per capita payment of tithes and mission and home offerings was \$17.31, and in the United States and Canada alone \$109.28.

Denominational Investment

In Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses, sanitariums, food centers, colleges, and secondary schools in all the divisions of the General Conference the total investment at the beginning of 1944 was \$32,237,303.69. The entire valuation of all denominational properties, including churches and conference facilities, was \$86,141,653.96. The net increase in the value of properties owned by Seventh-day Adventists was \$11,355,720.88, or 15.2 per cent, over the value of the previous year.

Thus the one year's increase in property investment was a larger amount than the entire denominational value in buildings and other resources in 1910.

Schools and Colleges

Throughout the world field 3,116 elementary and mission schools were in operation in 1944 with a reported enrollment of 113,447. Teachers employed were 4,411, and the cost of operating these schools was \$1,497,949.91. These elementary school figures for 1944 show an increase over the previous year of 89 schools, 106 teachers, 6,498 pupils, and \$169,209.65 in annual maintenance. In the United States and Canada the number of pupils in elementary church schools has risen from 102 for every 1,000 church members in 1943 to 105 in 1944. In 1928 there were 153 pupils in Seventh-day Adventist church schools for every 1,000 church members. If the 1928 record could have been maintained in 1944 nearly 10,000 more Seventh-day Adventist children would have shared in the blessings and benefits of Christian education.

In 1944 students above the elementary grades throughout the world field numbered 22,572, of which 16,563 were in the North American territory and 6,009 in overseas divisions. Reports indicate that in the entire General Conference territory there were 285 schools regularly doing classwork above the elementary grades in 1944, employing 2,495 teachers and other workers.

Publishing Agencies

Sixty-one publishing centers, employing 1,106 workers, were engaged in the preparation and printing of Seventh-day Adventist books and periodicals in 1944. In addition to the workers in the publishing houses, 3,440 colporteurs were engaged in distributing this literature. The current reports showed that 280 periodicals were being published, and that literature was printed in 185 languages.

Book and periodical retail sales for the world field in 1944 were given as \$8,509,267.09. This amount is \$826,583.15—9.7 per cent—more than in 1943. Estimated conservatively, the 1944 sales represented nearly one and one-half billion pages of literature which, placed end to end, would

encircle the earth more than eight times at the equator. Spread only once around the world this literature would form a band four feet wide.

Health Institutions

In the world field 184 sanitariums, hospitals, clinics, and treatment rooms were reported in 1944, caring for 100,857 patients staying in the institutions, and giving 856,211 treatments or medical services to others coming to the health centers for attention. Connected with these institutions were 2,176 physicians and nurses and 3,709 other helpers not including 1,061 nurses in training. In addition to the care of regular patients, the health institutions reported \$504,161.34 of charity work in 1944.

Sabbath Schools

At the close of 1944, 14,602 Sabbath schools with 669,863 members were re-

ported in operation in the world field. In the United States and Canada alone the Sabbath school membership of 186,091 was 20,817—10.1 per cent—less than the Seventh-day Adventist church membership. In overseas divisions the Sabbath school enrollment of 483,772 was 132,912—or 37.9 per cent—larger than the membership of the churches.

Sabbath school offerings for missions in 1944 were \$3,544,888.34, a gain of \$539,063.20—18 per cent—over those of 1943. In the North American Division 52.6 cents of every dollar raised for foreign mission purposes came through the Sabbath schools. In the entire world field, including North America, 47.3 cents of each mission fund dollar was given by the Sabbath schools.

Young People's Missionary Volunteers

Missionary Volunteer Societies membership around the world in 1944 was 186,087. This young people's enrollment was 12,901—7.4 per cent—more than the previous year. Collections for home and local society work totaled \$64,854.81, all other contributions by the young people having been included in the regular church funds.

Recruits for Mission Service

Not counting workers returning to their fields from furlough or the children of missionaries, the General Conference sent out 111 new recruits from the home bases for mission assignments in 1944. During the 44 years since 1900 Seventh-day Adventists have placed in overseas fields 5,029 new workers for foreign mission service.

Treasurer's Report

W. E. Nelson, the treasurer of the General Conference, gave a most encouraging report of the financial standing of the General Conference as of June 30, 1945. Space does not permit of more than a few of the outstanding figures as presented. The total income of the General Conference for the six months' period was \$6,401,061.83. This was made up of per cent of tithes, \$1,966,445.66; mission offerings, \$3,635,061.98; and miscellaneous funds, \$799,554.19. The total appropriations, administrative expenses, and revertible funds were \$5,906,394.58. This leaves a net gain for the six months' period of \$494,667.25. This does not include the Rehabilitation Fund. At the end of the six months there was \$4,207,110.29 in this fund, which now is being appropriated to various reconstruction enterprises and for the rehabilitation of our work in needy fields.

The reports revealed that for the first time in our history the church as a whole in North America passed the goal of fifty cents per week per member, the actual amount raised in 1944 being 53.3 cents per week per member, or a total of \$5,190,056.80 raised in North America alone for missions. A portion of this sum, or \$1,423,390.16, reverted back to the various union conferences in North America for the extension of the work in the home base, and the balance of

\$3,766,666.64 was available for mission work overseas.

The liberality of our people in giving to the mission fund during the last nineteen years the sum of \$52,430,588.56 is indicative of the faith of the advent people in the message of a soon-coming Saviour which must be heralded to every land.

Nominating Committee's Report

The work of the Nominating Committee at the Autumn Council is not heavy, as only vacancies in General Conference elected personnel are filled at such times or members elected to boards which have different terms of service. The following report was adopted.

BOARD OF REGENTS.—As members of the Board of Regents: for a term of three years, D. Lois Burnett, A. C. Nelson; for a term of two years, W. C. Hannah; for a term of one year, A. D. Holmes.

ELECTIVE MEMBERS GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.—To fill vacancies in the list of elective members of the General Conference Committee: J. R. Ferren, W. E. Read.

Proposed Plan for Special Missionary Preparation

This recommendation, when put in operation, will be one of the greatest forward steps we have taken in years in providing better-trained missionary appointees for our mission fields.

WHEREAS, Three elements enter into the preparation of candidates for service in overseas mission lands—(1) the general cultural training, (2) the professional training (theological, educational, medical, technical, etc.), and (3) the special missionary preparation—the first two elements being offered in the colleges and professional schools, such as the medical college, the teachers' college, the theological department of our senior colleges, and the Theological Seminary, a third element still being necessary to provide special missionary training in our own School of Missions, perhaps on a plan similar to that now offered in such institutions as the Kennedy School of Missions in America and the Livingstone School of Missions in England; and,

WHEREAS, This special missionary preparation for Seventh-day Adventist mission appointees should include a simplified medical and health-evangelism training for nonmedical missionaries and a general orientation into the whole work of missions, as our missionaries are called upon to perform many types of duties in the mission field for which they have not been prepared in the colleges and the Seminary—especially is this true of those locating in interior or more remote mission areas—as much as six months being spent in this special missionary training before the appointee sails for the field, in order that he may not be handicapped throughout his entire missionary career or have to learn to perform some of the vital services the hard way; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a six months' period of special missionary training be provided for missionary appointees in a School of Missions, to be conducted in connection with the Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

2. That this training include a course in Medical and Health Evangelism for nonmedical appointees, and general orientation courses for both medical and nonmedical missionary appointees.

3. That the staff for medical training include one full-time clinic nurse, qualified in public health, and doctors and nurses in the Washington community who have had rich experience in their particular area of study either through mission service or special study.

4. That the staff for the missionary orientation courses be the officers and other members of the General Conference staff who have had experience in foreign mission service, together with the regular staff members of the Theological Seminary, and others who may be brought in from various parts of the field for specific instruction.

5. That the General Conference Committee, in conjunction with the Theological Seminary Board, work out plans for the carrying out of this resolution.

Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library

Two actions that should result in helping to unify the church in lands overseas were the recommendations on the selection and promotion of the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library. These provided for a uniform selection of basic Spirit of prophecy books to be made available in the various languages spoken by Seventh-day Adventists in overseas conferences and mission fields whether the constituencies be large or small, and at a price within the buying ability of these peoples. The books and compilations will cover the basic teachings of the Spirit of prophecy and are being selected by a competent committee appointed for this work. Provision is made to finance the project and set plans in operation to begin at once to make available these indispensable books to our people in other lands.

Australasian Union Conference Memorial

One of the important questions considered at the Council was a memorial addressed to the General Conference Committee by our brethren in Australia in which a request was made for approval of a plan for the formation of a new division in the South Pacific area at the forthcoming General Conference session in 1946. This memorial was studied at considerable length by the Council, and, upon recommendation of the General Conference officers, the following actions were taken:

We recommend, 1. That approval of the plan to form a new division in the South and Southwest Pacific area in response to the Australasian Union Conference Memorial, be given at this Autumn Council.

2. That budget provision for the financing of this new division be made in the distribution of the budget this year.

3. That the determination of what territories shall be assigned to this new

division be left over until the next General Conference session.

4. That in the interval between now and the next General Conference session the territories involved in the proposed changes be administered by the General Conference Committee.

Seventh-day Adventist Self-supporting Institutions

Consideration was given to the development of some plan for a closer co-operative organization in which the self-supporting Seventh-day Adventist institutions in the South may be knit together in closer fellowship and still preserve the original objectives, as pointed out by the Spirit of prophecy, that led to their establishment. To this end it was recommended that the General Conference Committee arrange for the formation of an organization to be known as the "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-supporting Institutions" and invite such institutions to join. This organization is to have its own constitution, bylaws, working policy, and board of directors. It will set up institutional standards and policies of operation and rules for membership, and assist the member institutions to carry on their work in harmony with the policies as laid down in the constitution.

The recommendation also provides for the General Conference Committee to co-operate in organizing a legal corporation to serve as a holding corporation for properties of the various units. This is intended to safeguard the properties of the member institutions to the self-supporting work to which they have been dedicated.

The recommendation calls for the General Conference Committee to create an office of secretary of self-supporting work, whose duties shall be to foster the interests of the self-supporting work and to serve as a co-ordinator between the denominational organizations and the self-supporting units, and to assist in unifying the policies of these institutions, and, in counsel with the Educational and Medical departments, to guide in the development of their work.

Medical Advisory Board

One of the most constructive actions taken by the Council was the formation and election of a Medical Advisory Board to foster and encourage the endeavors of Seventh-day Adventist medical workers to meet fully the denominational purposes and objectives in the conduct of the medical work of the denomination. There are many instances in which experienced medical counselors can assist in developing to the fullest extent the educational facilities of the denominational medical institutions, particularly community health education, internships, residencies, and the professional aspects of nursing service,

and give counsel relative to sanitarium and hospital organization and administration, medical staff organization, and professional standards. This board will stand as a group of counselors and serve as a committee of the Medical Department of the General Conference to give counsel regarding the conduct of the medical work of Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world.

The following sixteen members were elected as the initial Medical Board, but provision was made for the terms of four members to expire each year, thus providing a rotating membership of the board:

W. E. Macpherson, M.D., Harold Shryock, M.D., O. B. Pratt, M.D., John E. Peterson, M.D., H. A. Morrison, Metta Hudson, R.N., D. H. Abbott, M.D., Herbert Liu, M.D., Irene Robson, R.N., R. A. Hare, M.D., E. L. Place, John Shull, George T. Harding, M.D., Ralph Waddell, M.D., C. E. Parrish, M.D., T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

Financial and Mission Goals for 1946

The Council, in facing the world task and the increasing demands for help from the mission fields, recommended higher financial and mission goals for 1946 and expressed confidence that our people will gladly respond to this invitation to give still more liberally to the cause of missions.

WEEKLY MISSION GOAL.—We recommend, That beginning with January 1, 1946, the average weekly missions goal for churches and conferences be increased from fifty to sixty cents a member.

MISSIONS GOAL FOR COLORED CONFERENCES.—We recommend, That the weekly missions goal for our colored conferences and churches be fifty cents a member in the Southern and Southwestern Union conferences, and sixty cents a member in the Northern conferences.

MISSIONS GOAL FOR MEXICAN CHURCHES.—We recommend, That the weekly missions goal for our Mexican churches in the Southwestern Union Conference be fifty cents a member.

INGATHERING GOAL FOR NORTH AMERICA.—We recommend, That we adopt as the North American Ingathering goal for 1946 the sum of \$2,000,000.

MISSIONS EXTENSION GOAL.—We recommend, That the Missions Extension goal for North America for 1946 be \$225,000.

Rehabilitation Offering—1946

Our people last year, in connection with the Rehabilitation Offering, gave the largest single gift ever given by this denomination on one day, and in view of the urgent demands for rehabilitating our work in lands devastated by war the Council unanimously passed the following:

We recommend, 1. That an earnest endeavor be made to raise one million dollars for rehabilitation in an offering to be taken on July 27, 1946, and that for this year the Midsummer Offering be combined with the Rehabilitation Fund Offering.

2. That the goal be apportioned to our conferences on the basis of membership.

Not only were plans laid for this another million-dollar offering, but the

conference and institutional delegates at the Council pledged \$376,750 of their surplus funds toward this rehabilitation offering in addition to the anticipated million-dollar offering next year. Surely God's people are willing in the day of His power.

Second Sabbath Offering

WHEREAS, The plan of receiving an offering for foreign missions in all our churches on the second Sabbath of each month has not been stressed and promoted as in former years; and,

WHEREAS, During recent times there has been a substantial decline in mission offerings in relation to our tithe income; and,

WHEREAS, A mission offering received at the time of the church service encourages every worshiper to lift up his eyes and look on the fields; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the Second Sabbath Offering for Missions be received regularly in all our churches.

2. That the Second Sabbath Offering be added to the list of general offerings and listed in our financial reports, together with the Sabbath school, Ingathering, Midsummer, Week of Sacrifice, and Missions Extension offerings.

3. That the leading responsibility for the promotion of this offering rest with the Treasury Department of the General Conference.

Report of Committee on Evangelism

Realizing that we have entered upon the day of God's power and of unprecedented opportunity in saving lost souls, and believing that the minister of today is called upon to make known the saving knowledge of God as never before, and recognizing that the work of soul winning is being sadly neglected among us now when we should be gathering in the largest harvest of souls in our history; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a call be sent forth to all our workers and members to renew their dedication without reservation to the work of God and earnestly seek that spiritual revival necessary before the Pentecostal outpouring of God's Spirit can be experienced.

2. That immediate steps be taken in all our conferences and churches to enlist the active participation of the church membership in all possible forms of soul-winning endeavor.

3. That we appeal to those church members who have settled in, or are planning to settle in, already overpopulated Seventh-day Adventist centers to give heed to the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy and go into needy areas where we have no, or but few, believers, and assist in raising up new churches wherever possible.

4. That the conferences give special study to the organization and utilization of their evangelistic forces with the view of distributing the work of the ministers in such a manner that the workers who are best fitted for aggressive evangelism be allowed to devote the major portion of their time to that particular line of work, while others less gifted along evangelistic lines be called upon to look after lines of endeavor where their abilities can be utilized to good advantage.

5. That new evangelistic recruits be carefully selected, only such individuals being employed as give evidence that they have been called of God for the work of the ministry and are successful in winning men and women to Christ; and, that in planning the evangelistic work with their workers, conference

leaders seek to encourage the younger ministers, to help them wherever possible to become more successful as soul winners.

6. That ministerial interns devote their time to evangelism and not to work among churches, as district leaders or church pastors. That the first-year interns be directed first of all to learn the art of soul winning personally and directly by combining personal house-to-house visitation with their public ministry.

7. That committees exercise greater care at the time of the conference sessions and annual audits in checking over the soul-winning accomplishments of individual workers in connection with the renewal of licenses or credentials for an additional period of service.

8. That in selecting conference leaders special care be exercised by nominating committees to make sure, as far as possible, that such men be chosen as have had a sufficient background of evangelistic and pastoral experience to give them the necessary understanding of, and interest in, evangelism to cause them to lead their fellow workers, as well as the churches, into strong, aggressive, soul-winning endeavor.

9. That the General Conference arrange for a meeting of the union and local conference presidents, together with such General Conference representatives as may be available, to give special study to a program of evangelism commensurate with the urgency and need of our day.

Appeal to Leaders, Church Officers, and Laity

WHEREAS, We have come to a time unparalleled in the history of mankind, and we are face to face with the close of probation and the coming of Christ; and,

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we earnestly appeal to our conference leaders, pastors, and church officers to take immediate steps in laying plans whereby every member of the church will be adequately trained for soul-winning work and be assigned such type of work as may be best suited to him.

2. That we call upon all our lay members for a reconsecration of themselves to unselfish soul-winning ministry in whatever line of activity their talents are best suited; and,

3. That every member be encouraged to win as many souls as possible for Christ during 1946 by engaging in one or more of the following suggestive lines of activity:

- a. Systematic literature distribution
- b. Colporteur evangelism
- c. Lay preaching
- d. Cottage meetings
- e. Lay Bible work
- f. Dorcas ministry
- g. Branch Sabbath school work
- h. Medical missionary work

or any other form of soul-winning endeavor.

Recommendations on Home-Foreign Work

Foreign-Language Literature

WHEREAS, There are at present many opportunities to carry the light of the message to the unwarned millions of the foreign-speaking peoples in North America through our truth-filled literature,

We recommend, 1. That all our foreign-language workers and believers in North America increase their soul-winning activities among the people of their own nationalities,

a. By utilizing a greatly increased circulation of literature.

b. By asking our English workers and churches to lay definite plans for a systematic literature distribution among the foreign-speaking people in their communities.

2. That diligent effort be put forth to enlist suitable talent to engage in full- and part-time colporteur work with our subscription books and magazines in foreign languages, and that we solicit the co-operation of our publishing department secretaries to help train and encourage such colporteur evangelists.

3. That during the Signs campaign special attention be given to an increased circulation of our foreign missionary papers,

a. By urging our believers to give these periodicals a wider circulation.

b. By having the home missionary secretaries in the union and local conferences continue the same active interest in promoting the circulation of our foreign periodicals as they do the English papers.

Lay Evangelism

WHEREAS, These days of crisis are also days of opportunity for the carrying forward of successful efforts in lay evangelism,

We recommend, That well-planned home missionary institutes be conducted in our home-foreign churches to help train the members in soul-winning service.

Church Colporteur Auxiliaries

WHEREAS, We have been admonished: "Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. . . . Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the church takes up her appointed work, she will go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'" (*Christian Service*, p. 147); and,

WHEREAS, Unused potentialities in colporteur evangelism reside within our churches where many members who are unable to engage in full-time colporteur work would gladly devote some time to the sale of our subscription literature if given an opportunity to do so; and,

WHEREAS, Changed conditions emphasize the need to revive the single-copy sale of our monthly and quarterly magazines; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we offer to our church members the opportunity to join our great program of colporteur evangelism by the formation of Colporteur Auxiliaries in all our churches, the members of these auxiliaries to be regarded as a new type of part-time colporteurs and to undertake to work a regular number of hours each month in the sale of magazines and small subscription books.

2. That we set as a goal at least one auxiliary member for each twenty members in the church.

3. That individuals be chosen by the publishing department committee in counsel with the local pastors and church elders, to be known as Colporteur Auxiliary Captains, to act as leaders of these groups; these captains to be in charge of the work of organizing the groups and also to be responsible for ordering their literature and remitting funds to the Book and Bible House.

4. That the auxiliary captains deal

with members of the group on a strictly cash-with-order basis, and in the settlement of Book and Bible House accounts the auxiliary leader will operate with the Book and Bible House on the same basis as a colporteur, settling accounts within thirty days. And further, under no circumstance shall the church be held responsible for the settlement of these accounts.

5. That the publishing department secretaries of the conferences shall be responsible for the training and supervision of these auxiliaries.

6. That the work of these auxiliary colporteurs shall be reported in each conference by the publishing department secretary in the department newsletter which is issued each week, so that their sales will become a part of the permanent colporteur records.

7. That any promotion contacts by publishing house representatives with these auxiliary groups or group captains shall be made only through the conference publishing department secretary.

8. That in no case shall literature be given free by any publishing house or at a reduced rate, or provided by any means, or through any channel to these colporteur auxiliary workers in such a way as to constitute or have the effect of a "tie-in" sale, such as a gift of free literature for a certain amount of literature sold.

"Daniel and the Revelation" Circulation

WHEREAS, The book *Daniel and the Revelation*, since its appearance in the early days of this movement as our first subscription book, has been the means of bringing to thousands a knowledge of the third angel's message, and is a book which we believe will turn souls to this truth and will also keep the certainty and hope of the message burning brightly in their hearts; and,

WHEREAS, This volume has recently been revised and reillustrated and should have the widest possible circulation at this time; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the union conferences of the North American Division plan for a campaign through their churches, urging the members to procure one or more copies of *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*.

2. That the publishing houses make the regular subscription edition of this book available for a period of ninety days to the Book and Bible Houses on a special basis to be supplied to the churches at a price not to exceed \$1.95 a copy, postpaid, the books purchased at this special price being for home use and missionary evangelism, and are not for resale.

3. That the General Conference arrange with the Review and Herald office to present a series of outline studies on the book *Daniel and the Revelation* through the columns of the REVIEW AND HERALD, and that the whole church be invited to enter upon this course of study.

4. That the union conference papers support this campaign by giving it generous publicity through special articles by leading workers, urging church members to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Compulsory Military Training

We recommend, 1. That the Minority Committee of the General Conference follow carefully the proceedings in Congress regarding any proposed legislation for compulsory military training and endeavor to have inserted in such bills a provision similar in content to Section 5 (g) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, exempting conscientious noncombatants from all training in combat lines.

We recommend, 2. That a committee be appointed to prepare a course of instruction in the fields of health, physical education, and medical cadet training to become a part of our educational curricula, and which may also be used in special training schools for those young people who are not in our regular denominational schools; that this course shall be sufficiently comprehensive and complete to justify us in seeking permission from the Government to offer it as a training for the young men of the church who, because of religious training and belief, may desire to elect this training in the place of that which may be required by the Government for the preparation of medical soldiers.

Fund for the Poor

WHEREAS, It is the gospel duty of the whole church to care for the sick, the aged, the needy poor, the orphans of its membership, and as far as possible to relieve needs in the community about it; and,

WHEREAS, Funds are required to relieve these human needs,

We recommend, That the following source of welfare funds be provided:

1. That a regular offering for the needy poor be taken in our churches at least once a quarter, if possible at the time of the quarterly service.

2. That a thank-offering box be provided in the church in harmony with the instruction given in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 5, pages 150, 151, which reads:

"In every church there should be established a treasury for the poor. Then let each member present a thank offering to God once a week or once a month, as is most convenient. This offering will express our gratitude for the gifts of health, of food, and of comfortable clothing. And according as God has blessed us with these comforts will we lay by for the poor, the suffering, and the distressed. I would call the attention of our brethren specially to the point. Remember the poor. Forgo some of your luxuries, yea, even comforts, and help those who can obtain only the most meager food and clothing. In doing for them, you are doing for Jesus in the person of His saints."

3. That appropriations from this special fund be made from time to time to meet emergencies.

4. That this fund for the poor be disbursed by the church board.

Temperance Resolution

WHEREAS, In this country crime, accidents, divorce, and arrests for drunkenness have increased in proportion to the amount of liquor that has been consumed during the past few years; and,

WHEREAS, Last year more than \$75,000,000 was expended in a nation-wide advertising campaign, largely over the radio, by the liquor trade to make liquor attractive as having nutritive value as a food for adults and children; therefore, Be it resolved, That we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference in annual council assembled at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 13 to 20, respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to enact legislation similar to the Johnson Bill S. 623, which aims to prevent the youth in our homes from being exploited and enticed by the fallacious liquor broadcasts which invade our homes; and further,

We recommend, 1. That Seventh-day Adventist church members everywhere endeavor to arouse the public conscience against the evil effects of the liquor

traffic by carrying on a vigorous campaign of temperance education by the following methods:

a. By means of the circulation of temperance literature.

b. By temperance lectures in public schools based on scientific and health principles.

c. By giving temperance programs in our churches, colleges, and academies in co-operation with other temperance organizations.

2. That our publishing houses prepare temperance literature in the form of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and leaflets to be supplied at a minimum cost for general circulation.

3. That the American Temperance Society be asked to arrange, in co-operation with the Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments, for the preparation of filmstrips on temperance for use among the schools.

4. That wherever opportunity is given in local-option elections to outlaw the liquor traffic or to minimize the evil effects of liquor upon society, Seventh-day Adventists be urged to assist the cause of temperance "by voice, pen, and vote," in order that we may help to make this a happier, safer, and better part of the world in which to live.

"Youth's Instructor" Promotion

WHEREAS, The plans which call for an enlargement of *The Youth's Instructor* beginning March 1, 1946, make it possible greatly to improve our youth's journal, we desire to bring this enlarged, better *Youth's Instructor* to all the youth of the church and to the societies for use of young people as an evangelistic agency in their missionary activities; therefore,

We recommend, That the month of March, 1946, be *Youth's Instructor* Month, and that special effort be made during this month by all churches and Missionary Volunteer Societies greatly to increase the circulation of our youth's journal and that special emphasis be placed upon this endeavor in the societies during Missionary Volunteer Week; and further,

We recommend, That *The Youth's Instructor* circulation goal of 60,000 subscriptions be adopted, and that this goal be prorated to the conferences on the basis of church membership, and that the union conference Missionary Volunteer departments be responsible for the promotion of this campaign.

Foreign-Mission Bands

WHEREAS, The opening doors in mission lands demand a great advance; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference faces a man-power shortage in finding workers to answer the urgent calls to foreign-mission service; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That Foreign-Mission Bands be organized in all our Missionary Volunteer Societies, academies, and colleges.

2. That the meetings of these bands be so conducted that the youth of the church will be inspired and encouraged to prepare themselves to answer God's call: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel."

3. That the book *An Outline of Mission Fields* be revised, and that this volume be used as a study guide by Foreign-Mission Bands; and further,

We recommend, That in our colleges and academies earnest effort be made by faculty members and guest speakers to exalt God's work in all its branches, and that all our youth be encouraged to dedicate themselves to the task of giving the advent message to all the world in this generation.

North American Division Youth's Conference

WHEREAS, During recent war years it has been impossible to hold any large youth gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, In this hour of opportunity our young people need a deepening conviction of their high destiny; and,

WHEREAS, the youth of America are being rallied by other religious movements today,

We recommend, 1. That a North American Division Missionary Volunteer Conference be held not later than the summer of 1947, and that this conference be dedicated to the following objectives:

a. Earnest seeking after God for power for effectual witnessing.

b. The focusing of the attention of our youth on foreign missions, emphasizing our great need of recruits to enter open doors in foreign service.

c. The exalting of Christian living and Christian service as the supreme consideration in these days of opportunity, and the establishment in the lives of our young people of attitudes and habit patterns that will stand the test of eternity.

2. That we refer to the General Conference Committee the question of determining the basis of youth's delegations to such a gathering, the time and the place where it shall be held, and the plan for sharing the expense.

Servicemen

WHEREAS, Thousands of Seventh-day Adventist servicemen and servicewomen have returned and are returning from the war zones; and,

WHEREAS, Many of these persons have endured great dangers, hardships, trials, privations, and loneliness; therefore,

We recommend, That each church, in co-operation with the Missionary Volunteer Society, take special notice of these returning veterans and welcome and honor them in some appropriate manner by arranging for a suitable commemorative program, social gathering, or outing, and further, that earnest effort be made to enlist in the life and activities of the church and its several departments the talents and service of these returning members; and further,

We recommend, That we invite our union conference committees to give study to a plan of providing missionary literature for servicemen and servicewomen not of our faith who are returning to their homes, suggesting that these veterans be supplied through the Missionary Volunteer Societies with the *Serviceman's Morning Watch Calendar* and the booklet *Search for Certainty*, to be accompanied by a letter expressing appreciation for the service they have rendered their country.

Youth Night

We recommend, To our evangelists that they capitalize on the wave of evangelism for youth that is sweeping the country by having one night a week in their public evangelistic meetings to be known and advertised as *Young People's Night*, suggesting Friday or Saturday night as preferable, and that on this night the young people of the church be invited to participate in the service.

Bible-Reading Campaign

WHEREAS, The promotion of the Bible-reading campaign, in co-operation with the American Bible Society, has been very helpful to our churches and a blessing to thousands who have been visited; therefore,

We recommend, That the General Conference arrange for the continuation of the plan of a Bible-reading campaign each year in the North American Division, in co-operation with the American Bible Society, in the United States, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, in Canada, if these societies continue this effort; otherwise that the plan be continued on our own initiative.

Press Relations

WHEREAS, Our denominational program for building co-operation with the public press is bearing fruit, with the result that newspapers generally are giving an increasing amount of space to the publication of church news and information concerning home activities, world work, and teachings of Seventh-day Adventists; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a united effort be continued in behalf of the appointment of a church press secretary in every church where there is opportunity for local publicity; or in cities where several churches are located, pastors and leaders work together in arranging for the correlation of press activity so that someone capable and active be made responsible for contact with the newspapers, to serve the interests of the Seventh-day Adventist churches; and,

2. That in each of our larger institutions—colleges, sanitariums, conference office headquarters, and other centers—leaders make provision for the appointment of a local press representative; and,

3. That we encourage our ministers to give more thought and study to press relations, to gain experience in writing, and use the newspapers in relation to churches under their care, and their evangelistic efforts; and,

4. That we make such plans as will open the way for the giving of short training courses in religious reporting for senior ministerial students, ministerial interns, and our younger ministers.

Home and School Director

In view of the fact that the parents' work underlies that of every other and that the needs of this hour call for stronger and better homes,

We recommend, That in churches where there is no Home and School organization a sponsor for the Parent and Home Education work be appointed to foster and promote this important work under the direction of the educational superintendent of the conference.

Report of Committee on Distribution of Labor

We recommend, 1. That the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference be requested to release W. H. Grotheer, to connect with the Atlantic Union, to labor in the Northern New England Conference in district work.

2. That the Lake Union and Indiana Conference be requested to release Richard A. Mitchell, to connect with the Atlantic Union for labor in the Northern New England Conference.

3. That the Southwestern Union and Arkansas-Louisiana Conference be requested to release K. C. Beem, to connect with the Atlantic Union, to serve as union cashier and assistant auditor.

4. That the Southern Union and Florida Conference be requested to release E. W. Bradley, to connect with the Columbia Union, to serve as manager of the East Pennsylvania Book and Bible House.

5. That the Southern Union and Alabama-Mississippi Conference be requested to release Margaret Fuller, to connect

with the Columbia Union, to serve as Bible instructor in the West Virginia Conference.

6. That the Southern Union and Florida Conference be requested to release A. L. Kirk, to connect with the Northern Union, to labor in the Minnesota Conference as pastor of the Beacon Light Church.

7. That C. E. Westphal, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to make the Idaho Conference his field of labor.

8. That the Canadian Union and British Columbia Conference be requested to release Leland Hesseltine, to connect with the North Pacific Union, to engage in district work in the Upper Columbia Conference.

9. That C. E. Townsend, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union, to serve as publishing department secretary of the Hawaiian Mission.

10. That the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference be requested to release Ray Archuleta, to connect with the Pacific Union, to labor in the Arizona Conference as pastor of the Phoenix Spanish church.

11. That the Lake Union and Michigan Conference be requested to release L. E. Abelson, to connect with the Northern Union, to serve as publishing department secretary of the Minnesota Conference.

12. That H. J. Westphal, returned missionary from South America, be invited to connect with the Columbia Union, to serve as district pastor-evangelist in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

13. That the Columbia Union be requested to release S. L. Clark, to connect with the Atlantic Union, to serve as publishing department secretary of the union.

14. That the Atlantic Union be requested to release J. F. Kent, to connect with the Columbia Union, to serve as publishing department secretary.

15. That W. H. Bergherm be invited to connect with the Southern Union for service at the Florida Sanitarium, as extension secretary.

16. That J. Berger Johnson, returned from South America, be invited to connect with the Voice of Prophecy office in Glendale, to serve as business manager.

17. That the Southwestern Union be requested to release T. H. Coopwood, to connect with the Lake Union, to labor in the Lake Regional Conference as pastor-evangelist.

The Budget for 1946

The complete budget, as passed by the Autumn Council, would take many pages to record. It includes the base and special appropriations to all the world fields in detail as well as Church Extension and revertible funds for

both North America and overseas divisions. The following summary reveals the encouraging fact that the total appropriations for 1946 made at this Autumn Council is the unprecedented sum of \$12,408,188.19. This is by far the largest budget ever voted and is an indication of our growing work and the faith of our loyal people in the triumph of the advent message as it goes into all the world.

Medical College Building Extension

The Autumn Council recommended a plan for financing the College of Medical Evangelists' building program which has been approved by the General Conference Committee. This plan provides for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 during the next five years in enlarging and strengthening the work of the Medical College and in providing essential facilities and new buildings for carrying on our medical-training program in a good strong way. It has been recommended that \$600,000 of this sum shall be raised annually and be allocated as follows:

General Conference	\$ 90,000
Union and local conferences of the Pacific Union	60,000
Union and local conferences of the other nine unions	70,000
Sanitariums, excluding Loma Linda and White Memorial	10,000
The four publishing houses	30,000
To be raised by the medical college	340,000
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	\$600,000

Conclusion

As the Autumn Council adjourned its 1945 session and the delegates hurried back to their respective fields and heavy burdens, it was with a feeling of deep gratitude to God that He has in His mercy given us still a little time in which to finish the task committed to the remnant church. But "knowing the time," we realized as never before "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom. 13:11, 12.

Summary of Appropriations

Base, all divisions		\$7,453,171.93
Specials:		
Overseas divisions	\$1,245,000.00	
North American and General	946,100.00	2,191,100.00
Church Extension:		
Overseas divisions	120,000.00	
North American	80,000.00	200,000.00
Estimated revertible funds:		
Overseas, 1944 basis	1,074,295.95	
North American, 1944 basis	1,489,620.31	2,563,916.26
Total appropriations for 1946 including reversions, 1944 basis		<hr/>
		\$12,408,188.19

Seeking Security

By M. E. LOEWEN

IN the Garden of Eden God asked man to recognize Him as the source of life and the giver of every good and perfect gift. Bible history records the fact that man failed miserably in the test he had to meet. Only as humanity is willing to acknowledge the sovereignty of Jehovah can it hope to be restored to that close communion lost in the beginning of history.

"The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth,—that God is the source of every blessing to His creatures, and that to Him man's gratitude is due for the good gifts of His providence."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 525.

Just as Adam would have received moral strength and spiritual blessing throughout all eternity had he continued to keep inviolate the tree reserved for God, so the sons of Adam will receive moral strength and spiritual blessing's coupled with material prosperity as they recognize the supremacy of God by keeping inviolate the tithe reserved for God.

The promise of the Omnipotent God has been given. The believer is invited to launch out on an adventure of faith and prove the validity of that promise. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

Rich and poor alike can enter into this holy and solemn adventure of faith. Those of limited financial means and the wealthy, together will be blessed for faithfulness, blessed in basket and store.

"The tithe . . . is the Lord's." Here the same form of expression is employed as in the law of the Sabbath. "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." God reserved to Himself a specified portion of man's time, and of his means, and no man could, without guilt, appropriate either for his own interests."—*Ibid.*

There are those who are reluctant to obey the Word of God, who argue that if they should observe the Sabbath they would lose their jobs and starve. Yet the testimony of hundreds of thousands of Sabbathkeepers throughout the world proves that God does not permit His faithful children to starve because of obedience.

In like manner, "none need fear that their liberality would bring them to want. Obedience to God's commandments would surely result in prosperity."—*Ibid.*, p. 533. Coupled with the command, "Bring ye all the tithes," is also the promise that the windows of heaven will be opened and a blessing will be poured out "that there shall not be room enough to receive."

The command to consecrate the tithe has a special connotation. Material blessings and special protection are promised besides the spiritual blessings that naturally follow acquiescence in the will of God. The Ruler of the universe throws out a challenge to His followers, that He might have an opportunity to show His care and regard for His children. It is not His desire to shower promiscuously His best spiritual and material blessings upon those who do not appreciate them, but if there are those who want to be eligible for these tokens of His regard, the way has been clearly marked, that all may recognize Him as their Partner in life.

"In the Bible system of tithes and offerings the amounts paid by dif-

ferent persons will of course vary greatly, since they are proportioned to the income. With the poor man, the tithe will be a comparatively small sum, and his gifts will be according to his ability."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 73.

None are too poverty stricken to be excused from the obligation to recognize God as the Supreme Ruler and heavenly Father. Especially do the poor need the help which will be given those who acknowledge the Creator of heaven and earth as their personal God.

Evidence is abundant in the Word of God to convince us that the gifts of the poor are not measured by quantity but rather by the quality of the love for Christ which has prompted the sacrifice. Especially do the financially handicapped need to show careful regard for the Lord's portion. By misappropriation the debt is doubled and the blessing cut off because of guilt.

Many, who in self-pity proclaim their poverty, have allowed their eyes to be blinded to the luxuries they enjoy. One member who insisted he could not afford to pay tithe because he could not secure the necessities of life, was sitting at the time beside his wife's electric sewing machine. Their kitchen was modern to the last degree, and the house comfortably furnished. If we persist in our theory, which the angels of the judgment know to be false, God may allow our affairs so to work out that our plea may become true. (*Testimonies*, vol.

2, pp. 59, 661, 662.) He says in Malachi that a curse is to be placed upon those who dare to rob Him.

Everyone who continues to take the Lord's portion for his own use is fostering in his character traits that will definitely cut him off from the family of God.

How happy the lot of the individual who knows in whom he has believed and is assured that He is



able to keep His promises! What a comforting peace possesses the heart assured that all is well with his soul! No dark cloud of difficulty can remain when the sunshine of faith lightens the pathway of duty.

The world is seeking for security. The human heart longs for security. God promises real, total security to those who desire it. Security from

financial embarrassment, security from worry, security from discouragement, all these are promised to the individual who will join in partnership with God, who will recognize Him by setting aside His share of the income.

Will you make sure of this security? Will you claim the sure promise of God? Will you invite Him to

join you in every activity of life? In partnership with the Ruler of the universe, security will dominate the attitude of the trusting child of God.

God has made every provision that you might have that security in your experience. Recognize your heavenly Father as the source of every blessing, and your faith will be generously rewarded.

God's Purpose in Trials

By DALLAS YOUNGS

WHEN many see the trials and afflictions through which the righteous are at times required to pass, they often question, "If God is able to protect His people, why does He not do so?" And they sometimes reason further that if God does not protect and preserve those who choose to serve Him, what profit is there in divine service? Altogether they think it very strange.

Says the apostle, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Peter 4:12, 13.

It is oftentimes true that God does choose, in His infinite wisdom, to intercede in behalf of His followers and perform a miracle of deliverance. However, we have no promise that God will always do this. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews gives us a record of the trials of faith of the righteous from the time of Abel. The history of the Dark Ages is replete in its records of undelivered heroes of that long period. And God is calling upon His people today to pass through the "fiery" trials and not to think it strange, but rather to rejoice in tribulation, because only through such experiences can we enter into the sufferings of Christ. And it is necessary to enter into His sufferings if we would, in the time to come, enter into His glory.

Christ Suffered as Our Example

Too often we fail to realize the true nature of sin. Sin, which is described as spiritual leprosy, is so great an evil that it required the life of God's Son. A correct conception of the heinous nature of sin is essential to repentance and salvation. Now Christ, who in



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Margaret Wilson, the Girl Martyr of Solway

Paradise knew no suffering, came and suffered for us that we might in time to come enter into His joy. But before we enter into Christ's joy we must suffer with Him.

Christ was our example in suffering, as we are told by Peter: "For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:21. Yes, the Lord entered into all the trials and afflictions of mankind, that He might through actual experience be better able to help us—that He might be a faithful and true High Priest.

The Lord has left us an example of suffering, of enduring hardship and persecution. His persecution began when He was still a babe, and continued until He expired on the cross. He was acquainted with poverty and long hours of toil. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests;

but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Matt. 8:20. He bore the trial of rejection. "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:10, 11. He knew the heartache of ingratitude. Of the ten lepers but one returned to thank Him. Sorrowfully He inquired, "Where are the nine?" Christ was misunderstood, misquoted, and misinterpreted. Of His good works evil was spoken, and He Himself was accused of having a devil. He was betrayed by one of His inner circle of friends, suffered the humiliation of arrest, and endured the sneers, scorn, and wrath of a murderous mob crying out for His blood. He saw the criminal Barabbas obtain liberty while He Himself stood under false accusation. The Roman government, which should have protected Him in His innocence, washed its hands of Him and turned Him over to the bloodthirsty mob

that took Him out and put Him to death in the most ignominious manner possible.

The servant is not greater than his Lord. If Jesus suffered all these things, how can we expect to qualify as His disciples and followers if we are free from trials? In this light the "fiery" trials that beset the righteous are not so "strange."

Trials an Evidence of Divine Interest

When they see others suffering financial loss, sickness, or death, many think they have fallen under divine disfavor. Such may not be the case at all. In fact, it may be just the opposite of this. Divinely permitted trials are God's agents of purification. These are the instruments by which God perfects His saints. The writer of Hebrews sets this forth very clearly to us:

"My son, despise not thou the chas-

tening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Heb. 12:5-11.

God Is Farsighted

We human beings are shortsighted people and cannot see the end from the beginning. Now God is able to look down the stream of life and tell what will come before it arrives. God knows us far better than we are able to know ourselves. He has the ability to see the inception of some evil propensity that will ruin our lives and deny us our place in heaven long before it becomes evident in our character. And so, loving us as He does, God brings or permits some trial or loss to come to us which counters and corrects the evil thing while it is still unknown and unrecognized by us. Since we do not have this divine foresight, we often wonder and doubt when we see trials and difficulties come to us and to others.

We must trust God and remember that Romans 8:28 still holds: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

It takes the darkness to bring out the stars, and sometimes it takes the darkness of affliction to bring out the beauties of our character. The mother eagle pushes her young off the edge of the nest, that they may learn to fly.

In the great iron foundries, in the making of steel the process is watched through a spectroscope in which the changing colors of the flames show exactly when the metal is perfectly ready for its uses. When the flame becomes a precise shade of color, then the great crucible is tilted and the metal poured into molds. So the great divine Refiner, the loving Christ, sits down by the crucible of our discipline and chastening, watches intently to see when the fire has done its work; and when this point is reached, the metal is removed from the flames. Not a pang or sorrow that is not necessary to our purifying will God permit.

Men have no better aids to heaven than the trials and afflictions that come to them. It is well said that "God lays us on our backs to give us time to look up." Thousands who are living Christian lives today would not be doing so were it not for the chastening agent of pain and disappointment. There are no accidents with God, and we must remember that all things that come to us are allowed of God and will, if we rightly relate ourselves to them, prove a blessing in disguise.

The home and mill of a poor man were washed away by floods. As he stood on the bank after the water had subsided he was heartbroken and discouraged, for all his worldly possessions were gone, so he thought. However, he chanced to see something bright on the bank washed bare by the flood, and said to himself, "It looks like gold." He examined it. It was gold, and he was rich.

THE REFINER'S FIRE

"He sat by a fire of sevenfold heat

As he watched by the precious ore,
And closer he bent with a searching gaze

As he heated it more and more.

"He knew he had ore that could stand the test,

And he wanted the finest gold
To mold as a crown for the king to wear,
Set with gems of price untold.

"So Christ laid our gold in the burning fire,

Though we fain would have said Him nay;
And He watched the dross that we had not seen,
As it melted and passed away.

"And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright;

But our eyes were so dim with tears,
We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand—
And questioned with anxious fears.

"Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow

As it mirrored a Form above
That bent o'er the fire, though unseen by us,
With a look of ineffable love.

"Can we think that it pleased His loving heart

To cause us a moment's pain?
Ah, no! But He saw through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain.

"So He waited there with a watchful eye,

With a love that is strong and sure;

And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat

Than was needed to make it pure."

James, in his book, appeals to those who would be saved to endure temptation, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." James 1:12.

The Kind of Youth Who Will Finish the Work

By PHILIP GIDDINGS

THOSE who will finish the work are not the Rehoboams and their young men, who consider their counsel *absolute*, and that of the old men *obsolete*. *Headlong* is not the same as *long head*. It is still true: "Old men for counsel; young men for action." While Jeroboam was not excusable for leading Israel astray, Rehoboam was coresponsible therefor, in provoking Jeroboam thereto. (See 1 Kings 12.)

The youth who will finish the work are the Josephs—for chastity (Genesis 39); the Daniels, Hananiahs, Azariahs, Mishaels—whom the king's dainties will not turn from their simple healthful dietary; whom the lions' den and the sevenfold fiery furnace will not change from their steadfastness to God's commandments. (Daniel 3, 6.) And it is worthy of remark that besides these four there were other Jewish youth (Dan. 1:3-10) who, identifying themselves with the Babylonish youth at the table, were lost and left out henceforth from the missionary list and record and from the unfolding tableaux that followed. Here is notice to Adventist youth!

The youth who will finish the work will be the Timothys whose youthfulness none can despise, *because* they are examples of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1 Tim. 4:12); they are studious readers (2 Tim. 2:15), whose youthful practice recommended in 1 Timothy 4:13 is the same as that followed by the apostle. (2 Tim. 4:13.) They practice the ethics taught in 1 Timothy 5:1-23; they treat old men as fathers, old women as mothers, and the young, male and female, with correct seemliness. With such youth, their conformity to Leviticus 19:32—"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man"—shows that head culture and heart culture have combined for the exquisite exhibition of good manners so rare in this disrespectful age—in the world and in the church.

The youth who will finish the work are not those who have little respect for age. Father Jethro stood by the whole day watching his ardent son-in-law unnecessarily wearing out himself and the people in the long line of

units, each waiting his turn, and then counseled: "The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people. . . . Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel. . . . Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. . . . So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law." Ex. 18:17-24.

Among the incidents showing the greatness of Moses is this: A man who received his orders direct from God did not feel himself above acquiescing to human, common-sense counsel. God could speak *through* Jethro as well as *to* Moses, and Moses had the proper sense and the common sense to recognize them both, there being no conflict between the two.

We have no intention of discouraging the use of the slogan, "The Youth Must Finish the Work." But Mrs. E. G. White, to show the high qualification of fitness for such a task, said, "I saw that there is not one in twenty who knows what experimental religion is." This should lead the youth to

the staggering, sobering, personal inquiry: Lord, is it I? Lord, am I one of those noughts among the twenty? "Don't discourage the youth," we hear often. Yes; we must not discourage the youth. But to some of them we *must speak plainly*, lest they be lulled to sleep with false hopes and hollow assurance.

Those acquainted with the habits of squirrels tell us that while picking nuts they drop some without even cracking them, knowing from their lightness that they contain little or no kernel.

Forms and activities, good as they may be, without the meaningful heart application are but shells without kernels—light, worthless, creditless. The fit lesson for the empty hustler is found in 1 Corinthians 13.

The kind of youth who will finish the work will be the kind that began it—for example, Joshua V. Himes at twenty-two, James White at twenty-one, Uriah Smith at twenty-one, J. N. Loughborough at twenty, S. N. Haskell at nineteen, Ellen G. Harmon at seventeen. And these consecrated finishers will be *studious, pious, earnest, honest, clean, God-fearing, and will love His appearing*.

crowd and elbow oneself into notice. Self must be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In that atmosphere envy cannot live. There must be "no schism in the body." 1 Cor. 12:25. A slogan in the late war was "Divide and Conquer." Every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. (Matt. 12:25.) Division or factions in the home or the church spell defeat.

"But not to any class is Christ's love restricted. He identifies Himself with every child of humanity. That we might become members of the heavenly family, He became a member of the earthly family. He is the Son of man, and thus a brother to every son and daughter of Adam. His followers are not to feel themselves detached from the perishing world around them. They are a part of the great web of humanity; and Heaven looks upon them as brothers to sinners as well as to saints."—*Ibid*.

While it is true that "all who have been born into the heavenly family are in a special sense the brethren of the Lord," His love is not restricted to these alone. There are multitudes everywhere in a perishing world about us who are longing for the joy and peace attending that heavenly relationship. Christ's followers are regarded as brothers to sinners as well as to saints. In the church there are members whose faith is weak and whose feet are faltering. Their souls are afflicted; they are downcast and in despair. Others are selling their spiritual birthright for a mess of pottage. Salvation is a work of recovery and restoration. In treating the wounds of the soul there is need of the most delicate touch. Only the tender love of Jesus can avail.

The love of Christ in the heart forgives and covers the faults of others. We should not talk about, magnify, nor unnecessarily expose the mistakes of others. "He that converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

FRIENDS

"If you would have friends, be friendly;

Be gracious, be noble, be true,
And the good you show to others,
Will surely come back to you.

"If you would have friends, be friendly;

If you would be lovely, just love;
If you would have help, help others
On the road to the city above."

THE best way to solve every problem of parish congestion is to call into full play the energies of the laymen, and set them vigorously to the work of ministering.—O. S. DAVIS.

Members One of Another

By P. E. BERTHELSEN

IN the human body the head is the citadel, or center, from which every member is controlled and directed. All orders proceed from the head. There is a wonderful bond of sympathy existing between the members of the body. Some member may sustain an injury. A finger, coming in contact with a sharp knife, may sustain a wound deep and painful. Immediately the fingers of the other hand come to the rescue. Very tenderly and sympathetically they enclose and hold the wounded finger until further help is secured. But what would you think if, instead of this gentle ministry, those same fingers should light on the wounded finger and deliberately tear the wound open, thereby augmenting the distress and pain? You could arrive at only one conclusion, that these same members had lost connection with the head of the body.

Spiritually speaking, the church is the body of which Christ is the head. As the head, He controls and directs each true member of the body. This was the case in the apostolic church after Pentecost. There was perfect unity among the members. They were "of one heart and of one soul," and moved in perfect harmony, directed by their Head. They were keeping "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." No longer were they a collection of independent, discordant units;

no longer were they aliens and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. In mind and character they had become like the Master.

"All who have been born into the heavenly family are in a special sense the brethren of our Lord."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 638. A divine relationship has been entered into. The love of Christ cements hearts together, and in the body, the church, they are truly members one of another. (Rom. 12:5, Eph. 4:25.) This relationship is mutual. They have the same care one for another. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with him; or, if one member be honored, all the members rejoice with him. Hearts are knit together in the bonds of Christian love and fellowship. Lowliness, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing and forgiving one another, are in evidence.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; *in honor preferring one another*." Rom. 12:10. Perhaps someone was chosen to fill a position of responsibility in the church for which you considered yourself better qualified. Better than to feel slighted, one should hold that person in higher estimation and give precedence to that person in office and in leadership. "In honor preferring one another" excludes all ambition to

Look Upon the Fields

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN

It was close to the hour of midnight; yellow lights flared on either side of the black concrete airstrip at the Miami airfield. Our huge aluminum airship taxied lightly down to the point of take-off, then stopped. For a few minutes we waited while each one of the three powerful motors roared in turn in response to the throttle as the pilot checked to see that they were functioning perfectly. The test being over, the ship turned majestically, nose to the wind. Then, like a frightened bird, it started down the runway, gathering speed as it thundered along, and then, suddenly, we were air-borne. Once more I was on my way to visit among the islands of the Antillian Union, this time in company with S. A. Wellman, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department. He had preceded me to Puerto Rico by about fourteen hours.

Flying in the dark is not as interesting as daytime flying. But we cannot always choose our flight schedules; we go when there is space on the plane. Arriving at San Juan, Puerto Rico, I found the city battering down for an expected hurricane. Fortunately, it passed by on the other side, and, unfortunately, struck the Florida coast later.

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico, as everyone knows, is a major dependency of the United States. It has a population of approximately 2,000,000, being one of the most densely populated countries in the world, comparable to the islands of Java and Barbados. The language of the people is Spanish, although the United States Government is making a bold attempt to change it to English. This island field presents a strange picture, in which customs of modern

America vie with those of old Spain. Nationalism is growing stronger with every passing year, and the demand for a separate statehood is heard everywhere.

Into the midst of this medley and explosive caldron Seventh-day Adventists are endeavoring to introduce the teachings of God's final message to a lost world. And they are having some degree of success. The new superintendent, S. L. Folkenberg, assisted by his office and field workers, is planning a program of greater evangelism together with a strong church-building campaign. Two other phases of work demanding much of their attention are the educational and the medical. C. R. Olmstead, recently arrived on the island, is working hard to accomplish the former, and the two medical doctors, C. W. Dunscombe and C. Moore, who at present are doing self-sustaining work, are eager to lend their aid in the establishment of a medical unit in the thriving city of Mayagüez.

As we traveled from place to place, visiting our churches in the interest of the Sabbath school work especially, we were received most cordially by our members everywhere. A note of progress marked the whole course over which we traveled. Faithfulness to God and the message was in evidence, and we praised God and took courage.

At the small church at Arecibo, with its membership of thirty-eight baptized believers, we have an evidence of what God is doing through the faithful members. Nineteen branch Sabbath schools are being operated by this small group, with an average enrollment of five hundred members. The wife of the pastor conducts four branch Sabbath schools herself every Sabbath.

One of the outstanding evidences of God's grace is the work being done for the prisoners in the penitentiary at

Rio Piedras, where fifteen hundred men are incarcerated. One hundred and fifty of the prisoners attend the Sabbath school, and they prepare their own Sabbath school program under the leadership of the superintendent, who at one time was one of the worst criminals in the prison. They have their own orchestra, which plays for the singing and at times renders special music. Their offering for the thirteenth Sabbath usually amounts to from ten to fifteen dollars every quarter. There are eighty-seven persons in the baptismal class and thirty-five of these have taken their stand and are asking for baptism.

The work in this prison began back in the year 1934 and has continued until today with increasing success. About a year ago the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence lessons were introduced behind the prison walls, and eighty-one of the inmates are on the active list at the present time.

We were told that the baptisms in Puerto Rico would exceed four hundred for the year 1945. This is a wonderful record for a field where the membership was listed at the beginning of the year as being 1,747. Surely the hand of God is in the work. The membership in Puerto Rico has been doubled in six and one-half years.

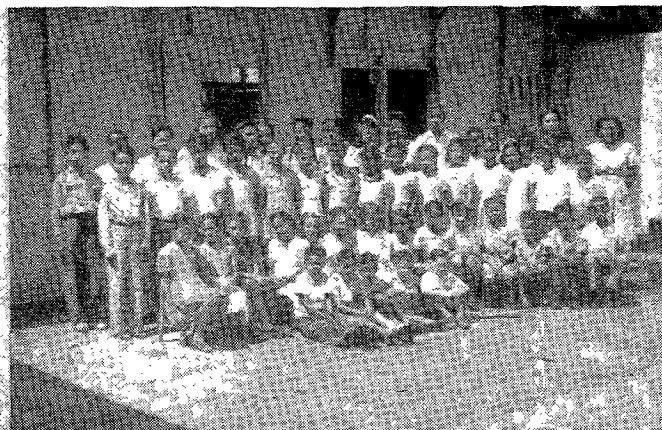
Dominican Republic

As other fields were awaiting us, we flew over to Ciudad Trujillo, the clean and orderly capital of the Dominican Republic, the land which Columbus loved the best, and where everything is regimented even down to the boot-blacks with their license-plated boxes, all of similar shape and construction.

Here, too, we found signs of progress even though the workers are very, very few. We found the superintendent, H. C. Brown, just getting ready for a trip back to the homeland with his hard-working wife, for a much-



Haitian Mission at Port-au-Prince, Haiti



School Children at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic

needed furlough. These undermanned fields wear men down quickly, for there is so much to be done and so few men to do it. Trips out into the field, where travel conditions are difficult and trying, where the food is oftentimes insufficient and of the kind that most Seventh-day Adventists do not relish, bring real hardships to these missionaries of the cross. The only compensation that they really get out of this kind of unselfish service is that of seeing souls won to Christ. Whole families back in the interior are asking our workers to come and conduct meetings among them, but they have to wait, for there are neither men nor means enough to go around. In some places baptisms had to be held in the darkness of the night because of travel conditions and shortness of the worker's time.

The largest church, with a membership of four hundred and fifty, is located in the capital city. This church has a good reputation in the community, and business people speak favorably of our work.

The Dominican Republic is open for greater evangelism, but what we do there must be done quickly. At present we have about eighteen hundred members in the Dominican mission, with a Sabbath school membership of almost that many more.

One of the outstanding needs which was presented to us was that of a secondary school for the training of their young people. This educational problem must be solved. But, again, there must be men to operate the school and money with which to build, as well as to pay salaries and expenses of the teachers. People are extremely poor in many of these countries, and they must have help from the outside.

We were well satisfied with the attitudes of Sabbath school officers as we conducted Sabbath school officers' conventions. The response was excellent, and so was the attendance. We were impressed with the desire of the Sabbath school officers for leadership to train them more fully, and some of the members approached us with a request that we send a Sabbath school department secretary to their mission, so that they might be instructed in the work of winning souls through the Sabbath schools.

The Republic of Haiti

Haiti, the teeming republic which occupies less than half the area of the island of Hispaniola, is a land of great need. It is a portion of Ethiopia transferred to the West Indies—a land of approximately 4,000,000 colored people sadly in need of the regenerating gospel of Christ. These



Sabbath School Convention, Speakers and Officers, in Puerto Rico

millions live in an area comparable to that of Vermont. There are 5,500 baptized Seventh-day Adventists scattered from one end of the land to the other. The Sabbath schools count a combined membership of almost ten thousand.

Church buildings where believers in the coming of the Lord can meet on the Sabbath day are all too few. If you will take your map and look at Haiti, you will see a long arm on the south side of the island extending westward. On this peninsula there are more than fifteen hundred Sabbath school members without a church in which to meet. There are actually only fifteen buildings in the whole republic that can be classified as Seventh-day Adventist churches. These churches care for only about seventeen hundred of the members, the remainder, almost four thousand of them, have to be content with shacks, thatched-roof shelters, private homes, open-air shelters, yes, and some even hold their services under the trees. It means that some eight thousand Sabbath school members, including thousands of children, have no suitable place where they can conduct their Sabbath schools. There possibly is no place in Inter-America where the need for church buildings is greater.

Naturally there are other needs which we discovered during our visit to Haiti, one of which is most tragic. Three thousand children attend the Sabbath schools of Haiti every Sabbath, but they have no children's Sabbath school lessons. The war cut off these French-speaking islands from France, the source of supply, and nothing was done to make up the lack. As a consequence, the children have had to try to digest adult food by using adult Sabbath school lessons. We are now taking steps to provide lessons for the children of Haiti.

Many Needs to Be Considered

And what a need for church schools! Thousands of boys and girls who want to go to a Christian school have none to go to; at least there are very, very

few of these schools. We were told that far back in the interior, among the mountains, a young Haitian girl is teaching a church school. She loves the work of the Lord and has willingly gone into this section of the field in order to do her part. And for her labor of love she receives the sum of three dollars a month.

The laymen are constantly on the move here also. One lay brother went into an unworked area and prepared twenty-nine persons for baptism. Several months later he had twenty-two more ready, and at the present writing he has still another baptismal class in preparation.

A. Orville Dunn, director of the Haitian Mission, said, "The Lord has promised to send for many fishers and for many hunters to find the people in the holes of the rocks. He is actually doing this in Haiti. People have been found in a place called the 'Holes of Hell,' and they are today waiting for the coming of the Lord."

We must hasten and press on into these ripening fields. The harvest awaits our reaping. Shall we continue to delay sending men and means into the openings which invite us to enter? Already the representatives of other religious organizations are opening up new schools and hospitals, and are extending their lines deep into areas where we have many interests. Businessmen in certain places are calling to us and saying: "We want your religion, we want you to teach us and teach our people. Do come and establish your work and teachings among us." What will our answer be?

One major line of advance for which we are profoundly thankful, is the new building site and the proposed buildings for the training school. Just outside of the thriving city of Port-au-Prince, our people have bought an acreage which is well suited to our needs. We hope that it will not be long before Collège Vertières will take its rightful place among the Christian schools of our denomination.

While we were in Haiti, H. B. Lundquist, newly appointed superintendent of the Antillian Union Mission, brought the union committee together for the purpose of studying some of the needs of the field. It was a good meeting. The leaders and representatives of the local missions were united in the purpose of building more effectively for God. They faced their problems of lack of funds and shortage of working forces with courage. They reported good advance all along the line. But they also expressed their hope for increased help financially and

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Conducted by Nora Machlan Buckman

In the Service

By MRS. H. E. WARNER

MRS. BROWN was not taking an active part in any branch of defense work—not because she did not love her country or was unwilling to serve it, for she did love it. But it so happened that her time was just about full with caring for her family.

Her friends and neighbors could not understand her attitude. They would raise their eyebrows as well as their voices, and ask, "But don't you think you ought to do something to help in the defense work?"

Only yesterday Mrs. Young had righteously declared that she played cards only *three* afternoons a week now, so she could have more time for Red Cross work.

All very well and good, but Mrs. Brown knew that on those three bridge afternoons Mrs. Young's children were running wild. She also knew that fourteen-year-old Bobby Young was spending his afterschool time in questionable places. And Bobby was smoking and drinking and swearing, besides doing many other things that

should alarm a mother, even though she was busy with defense work.

Mrs. Brown's thoughts raced on. If she had no family— No family! Why, the thought was preposterous, for families were the backbone of the country. If you did away with them you would have to do away with the country. Mrs. Brown loved her family, even though it was a large one and kept her busy from early morning till late at night. Could they, she wondered, spare her to take a more active part in the defense work?

There were the two old people living with them: Bob's mother and her own father. To be sure, they all loved them. Grandmother was peaches and cream; yet quite often the cream soured. And grandfather had streaks, stubborn streaks. If they were sent to some home— She shuddered at the thought of it. Not that, not that! They must stay with her, for she knew how to handle them, to make and keep them happy.

Then there were Ruth Ann and John, both in school, and forever

bringing their friends home with them, which meant one or two extra plates on the dinner table. Could these get along with less of mother's time? She dare not try it.

During the school year she also mothered a young girl, one of the teachers, who boarded with her. And through vacation time a young student who was selling books in order to gain a scholarship stayed with her. Then there was still another—the young man on the third floor who had no home to go to after his stay in the hospital. Every day he was gaining in strength, but he was not quite strong enough to go out job hunting. But Mrs. Brown knew when he did go that it would be with a new outlook on life.

Yes, her family was large, and when she counted ten, twelve, and even fifteen around the dinner table, she knew that the contents of her purse would have to be pinched and stretched over and over; but somehow, like the widow's cruse of oil, there always had been plenty.



H. A. ROBERTS

There Is No Service More Important to the Mother Than the Care of Her Family

She had been told that because she had a large house people imposed upon her. Well, perhaps; but then again, didn't the Good Book have something to say about the giving of a cup of water?

Because Bob, her husband, could only be home for week ends, the burden of the household all fell upon her shoulders. At times it was hard; yet when she saw the young people developing clean, strong bodies and characters that would safeguard them as they went out from the home into the world, her heart was comforted.

Mrs. Brown knew her family needed her, and she knew she must keep on washing dishes, sweeping, dusting, baking, scrubbing—keep on doing the common everyday tasks that are so often taken for granted, and leave to the women who had more leisure the glory and honor of serving their country. Yet she wanted to serve—she really did—but how could she?

The question was revolving in her mind as she went to the door to get the mail. One letter and a paper were all the mail carrier had left for her; but the letter was from a faraway friend whose letters were few and far between. Hastily she opened the envelope and took out a few hurriedly penciled lines.

This is what she read.

"Yesterday, quite by accident, I discovered one of Herman Hagedorn's poems, which gave me a new slant on life. May it comfort your heart as it has mine.

"Loads of love.
"M."

And the poem:

"SERVICE
"There are strange ways of serving God;

You sweep a room or turn a sod,
And suddenly, to your surprise,
You hear the whirl of seraphim
And find you're under God's own eyes
And building palaces for Him."

This little poem answered her question. It helped her to see that by faithfully performing her duties in the home, mothering the young and the old, she was serving not only God but her country as well.

At last she was in the service. And oh! how glad she was to know that in this defense work, homemakers had a very definite part to play in the home guard role.

Two Ways of Correction

By HILDA RICHMOND

MRS. HARVEY noticed that John and Bettie did not look happy when they returned from a visit with their Aunt Helen. Sooner

or later she would learn what was the matter; she would not ask.

After a little whispering with Bettie, John said, "Mother, is there enough money in my bank and Bettie's to buy a pretty dish like Aunt Helen's?"

"Do you want to buy a dish like Aunt Helen's?" asked Mrs. Harvey.

Then it came out that when Aunt Helen had invited them to help themselves to candy out of the dish, both children had taken hold of it, and then, though they did not know how it happened, it broke.

"And you want to replace the dish now?" said Mrs. Harvey.

The children tearfully owned that they had permission only to help themselves to candy out of the dish, but they had been naughty and had played with the dish and broken it, and now they were anxious to buy another as near like it as they could.

"Do you think," asked Bettie, "that it will take my two shiny half dollars that grandfather gave me for my birthday?" Both children looked very solemn, but a bargain is a bargain, and they had decided, when talking things over with their mother some time before, that if they broke or damaged anything belonging to another person, it was only fair to make the matter right.

During the conversation a caller had come in, and when the children went to get their banks, she said to Mrs. Harvey, "Are you really going to let those poor children use their money to replace that dish? Don't you think you are hard on them?"

"I don't think so," said Mrs. Harvey. "They both know that it is wrong to meddle. What would you do in such a case if it were your Jack and Jan?"

"Well," said Mrs. Crosby, "I would explain that what they had done was very, very naughty, and probably I would not let them visit that house again for a long time."

"Here come Jack and Jan," said Mrs. Harvey. "Come right in," she called hospitably.

The children sat down and remained quiet for a few minutes, and then they began to run about the room. "Oh! see here," said Jan, taking a new book from the table. "Isn't this pretty?" Jack had found a paperweight and was trying to carry it to his mother.

"Children, children! how often have I told you not to touch other people's things? Put that book right down, Jan—and, Jack, let that paperweight alone."

The children obeyed sulkily. In a minute or two, however, they found other things they wanted to see, and they could not resist handling them. After they had gone, John and Bettie came back from Aunt Helen's with the

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— LIFE'S PATTERNS —



SNOW STATUES

"We build statues of snow and weep
to see them melt."—Scott.

FORTUNATE indeed is the child who grows up in a section of the country that has plenty of snow in the wintertime. It is one of the simplest means of assuring a happy childhood, because there is always something to do. As children we used to work hard and long to build snowmen and get them in just the right pose. Because of the abundance of snow we could afford to be "choosy" and wait until it was of the right consistency. We liked it just wet enough to pack well but not soft enough to melt.

After we had completed a snowman we would dress him up a little by putting an old hat on his head and a broom in his hand.

Sometimes the temperature would go down and freeze our statue. Then it would last for days. But there always came the day when the sun laughed merrily as it licked the snowman's frosty sides until he vanished like an ice-cream cone.

An expectant crowd had gathered around the

public square, where a famous artist was to unveil his masterpiece. He had spent the greater part of his life in perfecting this monument for the king, and now he stood enraptured at his work of art. He felt he could almost see it breathe, it looked so alive. But just before it was to be revealed to the public gaze, he noticed a small flaw in the cheek and spoke of it to the king.

"It must be a very small one, for I do not even see it, but go quickly and correct it if you must," the king admonished him.

Cautiously threading his way up the scaffolding, the sculptor began to chisel at the tiny imperfection which his eagle eye had discerned. In his feverish excitement he struck a hasty blow which loosened the statue and sent it toppling to the ground. Horror-struck, he covered his eyes with his hand, not daring to look at the scene below. So overwhelmed was he with grief and despair that he dashed himself to the heap of ruins and thus ended his career.

A lifetime spent in amassing wealth, personal honor, and fame, or just living to please oneself in any capacity is like building snow statues. They simply cannot last. There must come a day when their frailty becomes apparent.

Have you been using your talents, your time, and your money building statues which cannot bear the heat of the sun? Listen to these words of Daniel Webster:

"If we work upon marble it will perish. If we work upon brass time will efface it. If we rear temples they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

N. B.

The Power of the Written Word

SINCE the greatest struggle of earth has ended, many war stories are being told, unhampered by security reasons. Of deep interest to Seventh-day Adventists are many events which reveal how God interposed to maintain His work.

We go back to those hectic days after Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. The General Conference had asked me to associate with the brethren as secretary-treasurer of the newly organized East Cuba Conference, with headquarters in Camaguey, about twelve hours distant from Havana by land travel.

Our gallant bookmen were rolling up impressive sales, leaving behind truth-filled books which explained the events already stirring the world, ominous shadows of a storm which we have already weathered. When war broke out over the Pacific area, affecting the lives of most of the nations in the Western Hemisphere, We immediately increased our orders for new books, even though we had made ample provision for normal times.

Censorship rules for cable transmission had not been publicly announced; yet when the telegraph operator read our cable, he suddenly became very inquisitive:

"What does *Uprising* mean?"

"That is the cable address of our publishing house branch. I can show you their letterhead if you would care to see it," I answered.

"But what do you mean by these cases of *Conflicto de los Siglos* [Spanish title of *Great Controversy*] and *Esta Hora Decisiva*?" continued the operator. (The latter book, *This Decisive Hour*, by Robert L. Odum, was our main colporteur book, just off the press.)

Possibly the young man saw therein the makings of events which might change the whole course of history—and who dares say these books have not, in a spiritual sense—and felt he was duty bound to investigate and report this unusual cable message.

So we explained about Seventh-day Adventists, their world-wide mission work, and of our new local office in his city. This had been our first message as an organization from this source, to be routed into that cable office. Then he said abruptly:

"Now I understand. My mother is a member of your church in Havana. Now I can explain this cable to the censor."

The message went through, and the

books came on time by one of the last ships to leave the Panama Canal before service was drastically curtailed and the paper shortage began to be felt. Later, larger stocks had to be maintained, and orders placed far in advance. One other field was so short of books that one whole shipment was routed by air express in order to meet delivery dates. Other shipments of our books were sunk in transit by submarines, and in one case a box of books was washed ashore in Cuba, books which had been desperately needed in one of the other island fields.

One of our colporteurs came across these books which had floated over the waves, and bought them as salvage from a man who had paid another for their rescue. Still the books found eager souls, preserved miraculously for their intended purpose.

The American Bible Society is sponsoring the world-wide reading of the Bible, a plan which we gladly endorse



as a church. The late Professor William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, is quoted as saying that the Bible "ought to have written on the cover, 'Highly Explosive. Handle With Care.' It is the book which by the dynamite of its message has lifted empires off their hinges and turned the course of human events. It has put down the mighty from their seats and hath exalted them of low degree."

Never since Gutenberg lifted the Bible out of the obscurity of the lowly monastic cells, where it was bound with chains, and out of the musty libraries of the rich and mighty men, to make the Holy Scriptures available to the common people, freely and cheaply, has there been such a desperate shortage of the Book in Europe and in many other places of earth.

One Friday morning in Cuba we had sold our last Spanish Bible, but in God's providence a big caseful came the same afternoon, and Sunday we continued filling orders as if nothing had happened. Bookstores had run out of Bibles, and one manager came

to see whether he could replenish his small stock from us. The Bible was in demand, and the demand became greater as the war progressed.

This shortage had developed because of the bombing of London in the 1940 air blitz, when the British Bible Society was destroyed. Provisionally, the Bible plates had been removed to the safe shores of America, but machinery, paper, and finished stock were destroyed by bombs and fire. The American Bible Society then was shouldered with a double burden. And furthermore, over 100,000 Bibles had been turned into pulp by orders of the Spanish government to relieve their paper shortage. Perhaps this act will be deeply regretted later on, when liberty-loving citizens seek with renewed fervor to know what forces are attempting to suppress the knowledge found in that Sacred Volume.

Dr. Visser t'Hooft, secretary of the World Council of Churches, said (and we quote from American Bible Society releases):

"It is ironic that the ——— regime has, by its persecution, done the cause of religion a service. The people thought that since the ——— attacked the Bible so vigorously, it must contain some dynamite, and they began again to open its pages to find that dynamite—and they found it!"

Instinctively we turn to the Bible itself for a revelation of times such as these and those yet to come: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Amos 8:11, 12.

CHARLES A. RENTFRO.

Our Work for the Blind

THANKS to a new discovery in eye surgery, hundreds of persons who have lived for years in darkness are now blessed with physical sight, but spiritual sight is even more important, for on it hangs one's eternal destiny. Spiritual light, "Rays of Light to the Blind," engrosses the attention and service of all who are connected with the Christian Record Benevolent Association. Since the first year of the present century large quantities of embossed literature have been going out from this organization to the blind in all parts of our country, and, in fact, to other countries also, for the circulation of its Braille literature is international.

If you were blind you would need and appreciate a friend. *The Christian Record* is a friend to every blind person in the United States. Its one purpose is to work with and for the people who must spend their days in physical darkness. These people are needy. They are worthy. They need and appreciate the "cup of cold water," and the Christian Record workers are happy in the knowledge that "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Many Learn of the Truth

Through the years many dear blind people have found the truth of the third angel's message, and are now rejoicing in it; and literally thousands of others have found comfort and satisfaction such as good, clean inspirational literature brings to them, and their lives have been enriched with the nobler things of life. From the constant stream of letters that pour into the Christian Record office, it is evident that the journals issued monthly from this office are the most loved of all current literature for the blind. Taking a few letters of very recent date; we notice these excerpts:

"*The Christian Record* brings to me, and this without reservation, my greatest comfort." "It truly is the most wonderful magazine we have in Braille. I never want to be without it." "What a marvelous blessing is *The Christian Record* to my son. The very depths of his soul hunger for the words this magazine brings to him." "*The Christian Record* has been helpful during my college career. The knowledge I acquire, I use in my classes, and, strange to say, I have been made a student of honor in this college. Each issue of the magazine served as my reference list, and my contributions were recognized, and much of the information was received by my classmates." "A recent number of the *Expositor* set me to thinking. You can never imagine how I felt. I began to see my great error in keeping the first day of the week instead of the seventh day. From that time on I began to realize that if I am to live with Christ, I must keep the seventh-day Sabbath. Now I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Letters like these could be given without number.

"The Christian Record"

Though the Christian Record is a branch of the great organized work of the General Conference that has been serving the blind for many years, we find that many of our people are not yet acquainted with what the institution is doing. It seems well, therefore, to list its activities here. First are its publications. These are four monthly journals in embossed type. *The Christian Record*, the parent magazine, has a far larger circulation than any other

inspirational journal for the blind in the United States. It is a magazine of fifty-six pages, filled with religious, temperance, and character-building articles each month. A second journal contains our Sabbath school lessons. These lessons are issued monthly rather than quarterly, because Braille print is very bulky. The third magazine is *The Bible Expositor*. This journal deals with the doctrines of the Adventist faith, much as *Present Truth* does for sighted people. A fourth magazine is *The Children's Friend*. This is for small blind children, and is the only journal of its kind in the United States.

All these magazines, like all other services of the institution, are free to the blind. A large free circulating library in Braille is also maintained by the institution. With the exception of the volumes of the *Testimonies*, the library contains practically all Mrs. White's books, and most of the more important other denominational publications.

The Christian Record Benevolent



Association, in addition to its publications, fosters the Voice of Prophecy program and issues the Bible lessons in Braille. Many hundreds of blind people have thus been served. In other ways, too, the association is active. Six worthy young blind people are in our colleges with all expenses being paid by the Record. Braille Bibles are being given to appreciative blind who could not otherwise own the Scriptures, and much money has been expended in defraying medical and surgical service to people in dire need.

Self-supporting Work

We feel the importance of all this work for the blind, and we invite the help of all our people everywhere to help us get in touch with as many blind people as possible. Here is good missionary work. If the home missionary department in all our churches would seek out all the blind in the environs of the church who can read embossed type and send the names and addresses to the Christian Record, 3705 South 48th Street, Lincoln 6, Nebraska, the institution would thus be able to greatly increase the scope of

its work. You can help the Christian Record with confidence.

This institution asks only for your Christian and moral support. Our own people are never asked to support the work financially. Not even collections are taken in our schools and churches when programs are given. Unfortunately, some have mistakenly thought that certain other organizations that are wholly privately owned and operated were a part of our organized work. There is only one organization doing work for the blind that is owned, operated, and controlled by the denomination, and that is the Christian Record. Any organization for the blind of another name is no part of the Christian Record.

We solicit the prayers of all God's people in behalf of the Christian Record and the great work it is doing for the blind, to the end that many more of these unfortunate but worthy people may have their spiritual sight renewed and thus finally with the redeemed of earth behold the glory of their Lord.

D. D. REES.

Sowing the Seed in Texas

WE are told that to a great extent the loud cry of the third angel's message is to be brought about by literature distributed by missionary workers. (*Great Controversy*, p. 612; *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 140.) There is a reason for this. Words spoken may impress a man, but when he has placed in his hands short, pointed statements of truth which he has not yet known, but which he can now verify by comparing them with his own Bible, a lasting impression will be made.

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions."—*Great Controversy*, p. 588. There is therefore great need that the truth concerning these two subjects should be set forth in brief, pointed statements so plainly and positively worded that the simplest mind can grasp their truthfulness. For this reason I have been using tens of thousands of small leaflets on these questions.

One of these, entitled "Was Lazarus in Heaven Four Days?" shows that Jesus spoke into the grave where Lazarus was sleeping to awaken him to life. The popular doctrine is that when a good man dies he goes at once to his reward in heaven. But did Jesus call Lazarus down from the joys of heaven to live again a life of toil and sorrow upon earth? Positively no! He called him from death to life. Man's condition in death is further demonstrated in this leaflet by the experience of a man who had been drowned.

"How much did you know from the time you sank till your rescuers restored your breath to you?" he was asked. "I knew nothing," he replied.

"Then how much would you know now if you had never been restored to life?" There can be but one answer, verified by the plain statements of Scripture: "*The dead know not anything*"; "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; *in that very day his thoughts perish.*" Eccl. 9:5; Ps. 146:4.

That there is no sacredness to Sunday is shown by a small leaflet entitled "Christ, the Creator, and His Sabbath," which calls attention to John 1:10, Colossians 1:15-19, and other scriptures, which show that it was Jesus who made the world and all things in heaven and earth. This being so, there can be no denying the fact that it was Jesus who is spoken of in Genesis 2:1-3, who worked the six days of creation week and blessed and sanctified the seventh day as Sabbath, a sign of His authority as Creator. The seventh day is then the Lord's day and not Sunday. He therefore declared Himself as Lord of the Sabbath. This is His day as stated in Mark 2:28.

Further proof of the enduring nature of the seventh day as Sabbath is seen from the fact that had man not sinned there would have been no death, as stated in Romans 5:12. In this case the world today would be a beautiful Eden filled with holy, happy people, all keeping the seventh day as Sabbath, as it was ordained by Christ in sinless Eden, just as it will be in the new earth, Eden to come. Isa. 66:22, 23; Rev. 21.

Leaflets containing these and other truths have been placed in the hands of ministers, lawyers, officials, editors, and many thousands of others in twelve county seats and thirty-two other towns in central Texas. Pray that God may impress the truth which they contain upon the minds of all who have received them.

I. A. CRANE.

Cleburne, Texas.

Layman's Work in Mexico

A GREAT part of our work in Mexico is being carried on by our laymen. These self-sacrificing men and women are supporting themselves and at the same time dedicating some time to preaching the message. Men leave the plow and travel over the mountains to distant villages, to bring them the hope of the soon-coming Saviour. At times a number of our brethren take turns going out on these missionary trips. Those who stay at home will take care of the farm of the brother who goes out to

preach. In this way, when the brother returns after several months in this work, he finds his farm all planted and well cared for.

Many of our laymen have been signally blessed in winning souls to Christ as they have gone out in faith without financial support. These people can adapt themselves in a most wonderful way and get along where many would not be able to endure. A little rice, a few vegetables from the market for a stew, and the accustomed beans, cooked in their earthen jars to a perfection not obtainable elsewhere, five or six *tortillas* (bread made from ground hominy), and some fruit, and they have all that they want. They will go into a town and sleep on a dirt floor using a *petate*, a woven rug, for a bed at night, and only their *cobija* (blanket) with which to cover themselves.

We are told: "The work of God in this earth *can never be finished* until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 117. (Italics mine.)

We greatly appreciate the efforts of our laymen in Mexico who are laboring with our ministers to help finish the work. Most of them have learned something of the care of the sick and are using this information to help in a simple way to alleviate suffering.

Many letters come to this office telling of this work of soulsaving by our church members. From a letter that is before me from the Central Mexican Mission I read:

"Pastor Israel Lopez came back from a place called Oriental, in the state of Puebla, where an interest was begun by one of our colporteurs, and as the interest has increased, a lay worker by the name of Emilio Abadon and his wife were sent there. An effort was carried on during the rainy season, but there was an attendance of some sixty or eighty people each night. Fifty persons began to keep the Sabbath, and a strong Sabbath school was organized. Then in a near-by place an interest began, and a second Sabbath school of twenty-five was organized."

Brother Lopez now sends the good word that there are still other interests springing up near by, which give promise of a still more extensive work.

From away down in southern Mexico, in the state of Tabasco, comes word from our worker, F. B. Zaynos. It reads as follows: "I organized three churches and four Sabbath schools, and baptized sixty-nine new believers, and still there are as many waiting to be baptized as a result of the work of laymen who are winning souls for Christ."

There was a case of a criminal, a noted murderer, who had led a very dissolute life. He is a mechanic, and

his work was to make stills for the manufacture of liquors. God touched his heart, and he accepted the message and was baptized with all his family.

Another man, sixty years of age, who was in the business of making alcohol, has accepted the message with all his family. He shows evidence of real conversion.

From the Gulf Mission, Max Casas, of Luis Moya, state of Durango, writes as follows:

"After arriving here I have again studied the lessons given us in the laymen's institute, before going to work for souls. I am now in a place called Albia, in the state of Coahuila. I plan to stay here three months. During the first few days I have found two interested persons."

José Balderas is giving much time in visiting a village that is about twenty miles from his home church. After working there for some time, our brother had twenty persons who were preparing for baptism. They will be organized into a branch Sabbath school.

Brother Balderas visits many other places working for souls. He is a local elder and has a large family.

Another brother, Luis R. Ponce, with his entire family, left his home and went elsewhere to work. Now he has twelve persons keeping the Sabbath and has organized a small Sabbath school.

And then we have the case of our medical missionary worker, Alfonso Baez. This good brother, a graduate nurse from one of our nurses' training centers, went out into new territory and began his medical missionary work. He was soon appointed city coroner, and has had very good success in a town called Cd. Maiz. Now he is busy building a simple little church in which the people there can worship God in peace. This brother is having much opposition, but he writes that God has sustained him thus far, and his confidence in God is strong. He says, "Pray that soon we may finish our church and have a place to invite the people." C. E. MOON.

Well, Why Not?

HORACE GREELEY once received a letter from a woman stating that her church was in distressing financial straits. They had tried every device they could think of—fairs, strawberry festivals, oyster suppers, a donkey party, turkey banquets, Japanese weddings, poverty sociables, mock marriages, grab bags, box sociables, and necktie sociables. "Would Mr. Greeley be so kind as to suggest some new device to keep the struggling church from disbanding?" The editor replied: "Try religion."—*The Presbyterian Record*.

North American Gleanings

Atlantic Union

On November 3, eight candidates were baptized at the Cortland, New York, church. Alexander Houghton officiated.

A new Sabbath school is being organized in East Randolph, New York. Mrs. Woodworth, baptized only a year ago, is largely responsible for this new company.

Five persons were baptized on November 17 in New London, Connecticut. Three of these were brought into the truth through the 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course.

On November 23, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Appleyard and daughter sailed from New York for Bermuda. They will help in pastoral-evangelistic work in that field.

Central Union

A site has now been selected for a new academy in Missouri. It is located on a large farm near Centralia.

On November 3, after an all-day service, nine persons were baptized by C. M. Babcock in the Columbia, Missouri, church.

The effort in Hoisington, Kansas, conducted by S. A. Reile, was brought to a conclusion Sabbath, October 27, as five converts were baptized.

R. E. Williams has been invited to take charge of the publishing work in the Wyoming Conference, and has accepted the appointment.

Columbia Union

Seven were recently baptized in Brockway, Pennsylvania, as a result of the tent meetings held by H. L. Yates and R. M. Spencer, Jr.

The effort at Somerset, Pennsylvania, conducted by A. R. Norcliffe and L. G. Cornelius, was climaxed by a baptism of three persons.

Joseph Dobias recently baptized five persons, who joined the Newark, New Jersey, Slovakian church.

C. P. Anderson recently baptized six persons as a result of a series of evangelistic meetings held in the Adventist church in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Six candidates were baptized in the Scranton, Pennsylvania, church on Sabbath, September 1.

E. S. Dillett reports that thirty-two have joined the church this year as a result of the evangelistic efforts held for the colored people of Washington, D.C.

Lake Union

On Sunday evening, October 14, Grant Hosford closed a series of evangelistic meetings in the Edmore, Michigan, church. Six have thus far been baptized as a result of this effort.

Miss Hamilton is the new worker in the Lake Regional Conference who is heading up the Gary, Indiana, school.

Northern Union

The high school auditorium at Austin, Minnesota, has been secured for evangelistic meetings. R. J. Kegley and Brother and Sister W. R. Dennis will conduct the services.

A new industry has been installed at the Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. It is broommaking.

C. A. Renschler has been having good success in the meetings he is holding in Java, South Dakota.

H. B. Davis and Warren Lawrence are beginning Sunday night Bible lectures in the Aberdeen and Spearfish, South Dakota, churches.

In Sioux Falls, South Dakota, two laymen, Lew Anderson and Guy Overlees, are holding meetings in a rented place.

North Pacific Union

Gem State Academy boasts a new cold room, where it is possible for the school to freeze their own fruits and vegetables. They also have a pasteurizer for their milk.

The effort being held at Wapato, Washington, under the direction of F. G. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrlin Parker, is meeting with good success.

A new church body was organized at the Upper Columbia Academy on November 3.

Pacific Union

Lloyd E. Biggs, who has been the Southeastern California Conference president, has accepted a call to be comptroller of the medical college at Loma Linda. H. H. Hicks will take his place as president of the conference. He was formerly with the Voice of Prophecy.

Claude Heitman, of Southeastern California, will be the new pastor of the Tabernacle Church in San Francisco.

W. P. Henderson is retiring from the Nevada-Utah Conference, where he has been the publishing secretary. Louis Hemrich, who for the past two years has been connected with the Southeastern California Conference

as associate publishing secretary, will fill the vacancy left by Brother Henderson.

Southern Union

Eight believers were baptized by W. J. Lighthall in Salisbury, North Carolina.

One young woman was baptized as a result of the work of M. B. Elliston at High Point, North Carolina.

A new wing has been added to the girls' dormitory of Forest Lake Academy in Florida, and a new church school building is nearing completion.

Six believers have been baptized in Fort Myers, Florida, as a result of the effort conducted by H. J. Fordham.

Elder and Mrs. C. A. Wilhelm will soon be moving to St. Petersburg, Florida, where Elder Wilhelm will serve as pastor of the church there.

Southwestern Union

D. J. Dixon is to be the new pastor of the Marianna, Arkansas, church.

Betty Buckley and Betty Fleming have recently joined the working force of the Texas Conference office. They both worked formerly in the Minnesota Conference office.

N. B.

Bangkok School

A FEW days before December 7, 1941, a very interesting exercise was held at our Bangkok, Thailand, clinic. The accompanying picture shows a class of thirteen nurses who took part in the exercise held at the close of the first year of training. Because of the war the students had to be sent to their homes. They were a very enthusiastic group, even though their textbooks had to be translated into Siamese.

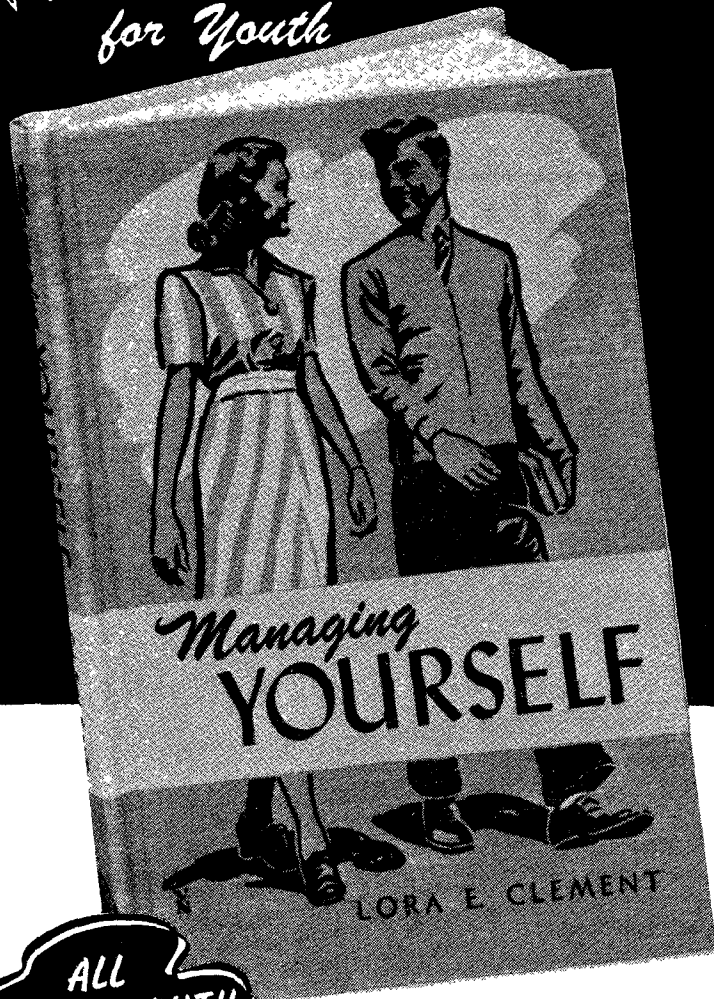
Seated in the front row, from left to right are the Siamese translator; Miss Ruth Munroe, superintendent of nurses; Mrs. D. P. LaTourette, nursing instructor; and Mrs. Kang, supervisor of nurses. Dr. Ralph Waddell is under appointment to Thailand and hopes to leave soon to resume work there and re-establish this very fine mission clinic.

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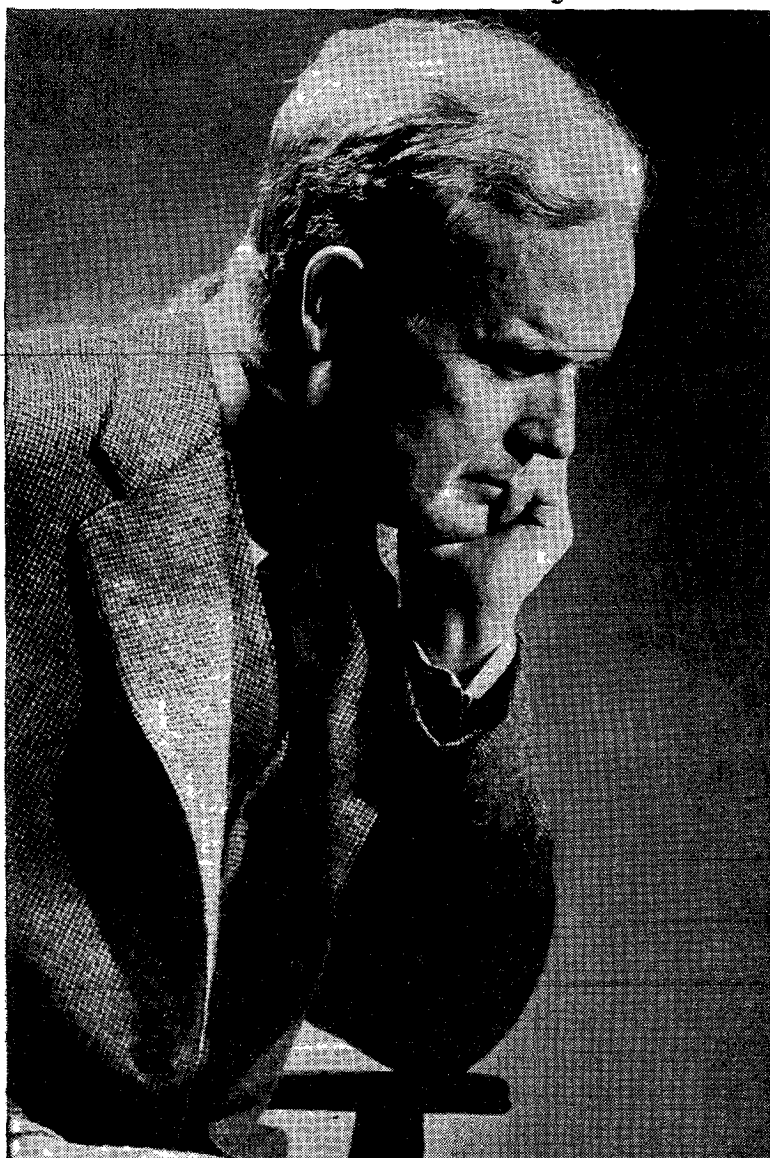
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Voice of Prophecy Responses

Pennsylvania

"I am a widow and the mother of four little children, all under twelve years of age. I tuned in to your broadcast last Sunday, and when I heard the announcement of your Bible course I felt that it might be a help to me and the children. I find it hard to rear my children in these terrible days."

Indiana

"I have been praying earnestly over the Sabbath question. Last Saturday I asked my pastor to help me with this matter, but he didn't give me any help. Later in the day our Sunday school superintendent called and tried to explain to me that, as there is a difference of opinion among Bible writers, we cannot hope to understand these things. I was more eager than ever to know the truth. The same afternoon another friend called and told me that she also had been studying the Sabbath question. Ever since she had read *The Marked Bible* she had been thinking about the right Sabbath. I now declare my allegiance to God, and henceforth I shall keep His Sabbath."

Tennessee

"I have been studying the Bible lessons with a young Seventh-day Adventist woman for several months. We work in the same office and study during the lunch period. I have been going to church with her since May, but as yet have not been baptized. I love the message—it is so wonderful. Please pray for me."

Look Upon the Fields

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otherwise, in order that the work might be quickly finished.

Our people at the home base can well be proud of the achievements of the foreign missionary and his loyal national workers. The mission fields try the souls of men and women. The environment is oftentimes very different from surroundings they have been accustomed to at home. Language barriers loom up as almost insurmountable obstacles to some. Climatic conditions wear on the health of others; still they continue on. They need your prayers; yes, they need our words of encouragement from time to time. They need to know that you are standing right behind them and that you, with them, are sacrificing as you give for the finishing of the work through the preaching of the everlasting gospel in all the world in this generation.

Visits to Cuba and Jamaica

We were still to visit one more island field before separating—Cuba, the "Pearl of the Antilles," the "Sugar Bowl of the Americas," was our next place of call.

Once more the huge bird of the air carried us safely to our destination. We landed at Camaguey, where the headquarters of the East Cuba Conference are located. Here, too, we conducted Sabbath school conventions and found the people responsive.

The church is housed in a poor location, right on a noisy thoroughfare. Streetcars, trucks, automobiles, and wagons rumble by, drowning out the voice of the speaker from time to time. The building is a former store, dingy and dark and not at all attractive. We could increase the scope of our work in this thriving city if we had a representative church building in the right part of the city.

Several other conventions were held on the island—at Holguin, Santiago de Cuba, Havana, and then at the Colegio Adventista de las Antillas, at Santa Clara.

J. L. Brown, associate Sabbath school secretary of the Inter-American Division, accompanied S. A. Wellman from this point on to Jamaica.

We had a profitable trip through these island fields. We saw and heard the needs of the people. Our fingers touched the pulse of the church of the living God in these areas. We endeavored to contribute what we could toward helping the ones we met to do better work for God. As we waved farewell to them, their voices seemed to come to us saying, "Come back and visit us again. Carry our greetings to the brethren in America. Tell them we are waiting for the Lord to come, and we thank them for helping to send the message to us. We, too, want to be faithful and do our part in extending the triumphs of the cross. Come again, *amigos*. May God be with you as you travel."

Two Ways of Correction

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information that the dish had cost one dollar. So fifty cents was counted out of John's bank and fifty cents out of Bettie's, and their mother went with them to buy a new dish.

After they had gone happily out to play, Aunt Helen said, "Mary, I used to think you were too severe with your John and Bettie, but when I compare your children with others, I think you are a wonderful mother."

"Thank you, Helen," said Mrs. Harvey. "Fred and I decided when the children came that we wanted them to be welcome guests in the homes of our friends. It is not the fault of children when they are unpopular; it is the fault of their parents."—National Kindergarten Association.

ALFRED COOPER

(Correction of obituary that appeared in September 20 issue)

Alfred Cooper was born in England March 17, 1867; and passed to rest in San Diego, Calif., July 9, 1945. At the age of fourteen Alfred came to Chicago with his parents and the other children. He accepted present truth and was baptized in 1886. After engaging in colporteur work for a time, he attended Battle Creek College. In 1893 he was married to Lillian Froom. After taking the nurses' course at Battle Creek, Brother and Sister Cooper were sent to Guadalajara, Mexico; he to assist in the recently established medical work, and she to teach. They labored for some time under many trying conditions.

Brother and Sister Cooper were then asked to organize and teach in Mexico City, the first school of nursing in that republic under the direction of the board of health. There were no textbooks available in the Spanish language, so Brother Cooper translated from English and French into Spanish all the instruction given. Because of the failing health of Sister Cooper, they returned to Battle Creek. Later they went to Mexico City, where Brother Cooper established a private business. Here, in 1904, Sister Cooper passed to rest.

Three years later he married May MacBride. They remained in Mexico City until 1930, then located in San Diego. Brother Cooper was closely associated with our pioneer work in Mexico and was always ready to give aid wherever needed. He sleeps in full faith of a part in the first resurrection. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife; his son, Major A. J. Cooper, physician in the armed forces; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Amy Cooper and Mrs. Alice Marquette.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Work of Our Men in Service

THE awful fruitage of the war is only now beginning to be fully realized through the terrible aftermath of its destructive forces. We are told by those who know the situation best that this is Europe's worst winter. They tell us that far more people will die this winter from exposure and malnutrition—starvation—than were lost last winter in battle when the war raged its worst. It indeed is a sad picture.

But through the gloom which hangs like a thick pall over these countries so devastated by war, from time to time we receive letters which help us to realize to some extent the faithfulness of our brethren and sisters in the time of crisis and the high service rendered by our boys in the armed forces as they have fellowshiped with our believers in the terrible wake of the war. We appreciate these reports, not only for the news of our believers which these letters bring, but for the reflection of zeal and devotion manifested by our soldier boys who have interested themselves in our believers and have helped to bring cheer and to restore confidence in the hearts of the scattered flock.

We are cheered by these reports of the progress of the work, and also justly proud of the faithfulness of our boys in the armed forces, who have rendered such a large service in helping us to get into early contact with our believers in the ravaged areas. [As illustrative of the fine work being done by our men in service Elder Dick enclosed with this note portions of two recent letters, which follow.—EDITORS.]

E. D. DICK.

Meeting With Japanese Believers

PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS MELVIN BAKER, of Crawford, Nebraska, now in the occupational force in Japan, writes:

"After arriving in Osaka we began inquiring of some of the Japanese news reporters whether there were any Seventh-day Adventists here. They said the church had been bombed, and they did not think there were any members left, but they told us that there was a church at Kyoto. We put an advertisement in both the Osaka and Kyoto papers, and four members answered in Kyoto. Two of us boys went to the newspaper office the next Sabbath, and one of the men was waiting for us. As he could not speak

much English, the news reporter had left a note that he would be back soon to introduce us. A press car soon arrived to take us to the church. On our way we picked up the Japanese reporter, who spoke good English, and we had a very interesting conversation with him. He was much interested when we told him how our Government treated us in our Sabbath observance. The church building had not been used since before the war. Meetings had to be held secretly.

"The next Sabbath several of us took an interpreter and went to the church where we had a wonderful meeting. It nearly brought tears to our eyes to see how happy it made our people feel to have church again. They were having Sabbath school when we arrived. The leader had been serving a five-year term in prison for keeping the Sabbath, but had been released October 19, after three years' time.

One of our boys spoke through the interpreter in the aftermeeting, and we asked one another many questions. They showed us their Bibles and songbooks, and they had many perfect-lesson-study ribbons. After we sang two songs together, one of our boys offered the closing prayer. It seemed like home again. Nationality doesn't seem to make any difference when people believe alike. We feel that we can do missionary work here, for everyone is so interested in what we do."

Word From Germany

FROM Germany one of our strong leaders writes of the work of our soldiers and expresses appreciation of the contacts made with them.

"Dr. MacAlpine and Dr. Hartwell have been in my home, and again we learned to appreciate the message which triumphs over all war spirit in brotherly love. It is nice to notice this good spirit by all our brethren in the U. S. Army."

Concerning the beginnings of the restoration of our work there, he also writes:

"The evangelistic work is well on the way, and good reports from some places come in. Here in Berlin, in spite of all hindrances, such as destroyed halls and traveling facilities, sixteen were baptized in the month of September. And now since most of the ministers are back from the army and have taken up their work, evangelism is in full swing, and we hope for good results. In Frankfurt thirty-two souls are waiting for baptism, and in Chemnitz sixty souls have been baptized."

Missionary Departures

MR. and Mrs. Melvin L. Hale and their son, Gary, of New Jersey, left Miami by plane, October 28, for Havana, Cuba, Brother Hale having accepted appointment to serve as cashier of the Antillian Union Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Powers and their son, Bruce Douglas, returning to Colombia, South America, from furlough, sailed from Houston, Texas, November 15, on the S.S. *Running Knot*.

Elder and Mrs. V. T. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Williams, and Mr. L. F. Bohner sailed from Los Angeles, December 8, for Manila. Brother Armstrong, the president, and Brother Williams, the treasurer, of the Far Eastern Division will direct the work of the division from Manila until the way opens for them to proceed to Hong Kong, where the new headquarters of the division will be established. Brother Bohner is to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Malayan Union Mission, but will assist temporarily with the work in Manila.

E. D. DICK.

Death of Mrs. E. E. Franklin

WE regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mabel E. Franklin, wife of Elder E. E. Franklin, associate secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference. Mrs. Franklin passed away at the Washington Sanitarium, December 15. In her earlier years she was connected with the educational work in the conferences of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. For the last fifteen years Elder and Mrs. Franklin have been living in Takoma Park, where Mrs. Franklin has served as an earnest church worker, while her husband was bearing heavy burdens in connection with our general publishing work. She was a devoted wife and mother and a sincere Christian. We extend to her sorrowing husband, her son, and other relatives our deep sympathy.

Review Subscriptions

WE are happy to report that as this issue goes to press (Dec. 16) the following conferences are over their goals in the present REVIEW subscription campaign: Alabama-Mississippi, Alaska, Alberta, Bermuda, Central California, East Pennsylvania, Greater New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Potomac, Southeastern California, Southern New England, Washington, West Pennsylvania, West Virginia.

Two unions have reached the goal, the Atlantic and the Columbia. A fuller report on the standing of the conferences will be given later.