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An Evening With the Southern African Division

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HYMN: No. 448, "Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming."

PRAYER: A. W. Staples, Sabbath school secretary of the division.

C. W. BOZARTH: We are surely thankful tonight for this opportunity of bringing to you the greetings of the advent family of the Southern African Division. Out in the Southern African Division we have a loyal church, one that is looking for the soon return of our Saviour. They number over 46,000 baptized believers, with another 40,000 who are in our Bible classes, making a total of 85,000 men and women who are keeping the Sabbath day. They have their faces turned toward this Conference at this time, and they are praying for us tonight that God may manifest His power in the earth.

The last five years have been good years for Africa. We have had our ups and downs and our difficulties, but through it all the Lord has been gracious to us. We have not been ravaged by war.

We believe that we are unique in one respect. As far as we are able to ascertain, we have one worker who has served more years in the mission field than any other individual worker in the denomination. I refer to W. H. Anderson. Elder Anderson spent fifty years in Africa, and during those years he gave much for the work of God in that country. As you know, old Solusi Mission was the first mission opened by Seventh-day Adventists for the heathen people of the world. Elder Anderson was a pioneer of that station, and it must bring great rejoicing to his heart to have had a contact with that first mission station and to live to see what our eyes and ears behold today.

We are glad Elder Anderson can be with us tonight, and he is going to speak to us.

W. H. ANDERSON: The Lord has promised us in these last days that He will pour out His Spirit in the latter rain upon the church that they might finish His work in the earth. Then He has promised to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and make His name great among the heathen, and God is doing that for us in Africa. I was holding a combined institute and effort in a certain place. I preached to the people about the destruction that is coming to this world.

That night the wife of the chief called me down to her house.

She said, "Do you mean to tell me that these hills here about our village are going to be shaken by that earthquake?"

I said, "Yes."

"Do you mean to tell me that our houses will be shaken down by that earthquake?" she asked.



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I said, "Yes."

"Do you mean to tell me that all the wicked people will be killed when He comes?"

I said, "Yes, the prophet looked upon the earth after that, and he saw no man left in it."

She said, "Why don't you go and tell everybody about it; everyone should know of that. Why stop just here with us. Everyone should have a chance to be saved from that death and destruction which you say is coming upon all the earth. Go and tell it to everyone."

O brethren and sisters, tonight may those words of our Saviour, "Go ye," sound in your ears, penetrate hearts, and push us out into dark Africa to tell everyone of the salvation of Christ and the destruction that is coming upon those who refuse to accept Him.

C. W. BOZARTH: We had hoped it would be possible for us to bring over some of our native pastors to this session, but with the transportation difficulties this was impossible, so we have done the next best thing. We have a recording of some of our workers and believers here and we will now play this record for you.

[The recording was here played.]

C. W. BOZARTH: We appreciate more than words can express the work that our nurses are doing in Africa. When we get all the nurses in the field that we require to staff our hospitals and dispensaries, we will have thirty-five of them scattered throughout the division. It is very hard work that we call our nurses to do, but also at the same time it brings great satisfaction. And I want you to know that we could not carry on our large medical work in Africa without them. I wish it were possible for you to step into our Lower Gwelo hospital and spend a day with Miss Furber. I am sure you would agree with me that medical missions pay. That is not possible, however, so we are going to let you listen for six or seven minutes to the Florence Nightingale of the Lower Gwelo Mission. Miss Furber.

Caring for the Sick

MISS H. FURBER: Lobengula was the great chief of the Matabele nation who signed the treaty with Cecil Rhodes that gave to the British government the territory of Rhodesia. Lobengula died about fifty years ago, but today his descendants still carry that chieftainship. During 1943, when our workers were holding the camp meeting in that area, they were impressed to pray and work for this descendant of Lobengula, that he might be able to break through all the barriers that kept him from being a Christian; and their efforts were not in vain. When the consecration call was made, Kumalo was among those who responded to the Saviour's love.

Then he came to the missionary with one of his most pressing problems. His eighteen-year-old son had been very ill for months and was unable to walk. Msilisi had attended a mission school and had become a Christian before this. When the pain got too great for him to bear, he would crawl on his hands and knees to a quiet place and pray that God would relieve the pain. One day he was too weak to get back to the hut, and he fainted by the way. When his parents found him and carried him back to their home, they brought in our native teacher and asked for special prayer. Another time they called in

one of our pastors because his condition was so bad. Msilisi's life was spared, but he was not able to walk. What would the missionary advise? They had heard about Lower Gwelo Hospital.

When he reached the hospital I was called over to see him. He was on the examining table with his knees up, his heels drawn against his hips, and he was unable to extend his legs. The joints of his arms and legs were swollen and painful, and he had scars all over his body.

Five days later as I went into the ward in the morning I found Msilisi across the room, and asked him how he got there. "I walked," he said proudly. His legs would hardly bear the weight of his body they were so frail, but he had leaned against the beds and shuffled along that way, and he was so happy to be able to use his feet again that we had a very hard time to keep him as quiet as he should have been. Nevertheless, he improved daily, and soon the swelling was gone in his legs and arms. Then the pain went away, and he eventually was able to walk and stand. When his father saw he was well and strong and was walking, he could hardly believe it was his son. When he saw him playing football with the other boys, he wept with joy. Msilisi is now in training for the Master's service, and he says he wants to be a true Christian before God.

Soon after, the chief in our area came, bringing his son for treatment. I suggested he go to the government doctor for a complete examination, for we had no doctor at the time. But his reply was, "Oh, no. Our people do not want to go to the government hospital. They want to come to the mission hospital. Oh, yes, the doctor is very clever with his instruments, but we know that the hand of God is at the mission." I cherish this statement by that heathen chief. I feel if we have been able to show the heathen as well as the Christian people the person of Jesus in our institution, we have accomplished one of our main objectives.

Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up, . . . will draw all men unto Me." Truly the medical work is the right arm of the message, not only as an entering wedge to break down prejudice, but also to establish the new converts and to strengthen the faith of the older converts in our message.

C. W. BOZARTH: Surely the hand of God is on the work at the Lower Gwelo Mission, and if you could go there and see the work Miss Furber is doing, you would say that this is true.

We are next going to have a short report of our work in the Angola Union. Peter Stevenson, superintendent of the Angola Union, will speak to us at this time.

PETER STEVENSON: The work of preaching the gospel of the kingdom in Angola was started just a little over twenty years ago by W. H. Anderson. Previous to 1924, the third angel's message had never been preached in that land. It belonged to Portugal. Since

1924, faithful Seventh-day Adventist missionaries have done their part, and today we have as a result, 2,000 baptized members, together with another 2,000 in the Bible classes. All of these are not the black people of Angola.

I want to tell you the story of a young Portuguese, Antonio Lopez. His father died some years ago, and he and his mother lived together down at the coast, on a sugar estate. Last year Mrs. Lopez became sick, and she and Antonio came to our Bongo Mission Hospital. Doctor Parsons advised the mother to go into the hospital for treatment. Antonio came in contact with our missionaries, and they spoke to him about the truth. Our nurses at Bongo lent him some of our literature. Soon they went back to the sugar estate, but an impression had been made on Antonio's mind, and he continued to study. He was convinced he had come to the truth. He approached his mother and told her he had decided that the Sabbath was God's holy day, and that he was going to keep it. When his employer refused to release him on Sabbath, he left his job, saying, "I am determined to obey God." He stepped out in faith, leaving everything behind him, knowing not what was in the future. He came back to the mission with his mother to prepare himself for baptism. Here he received work on a temporary basis. He was happy for this, and last year at the camp meeting not only Antonio but his mother was baptized. Tonight Antonio and his mother are in Portugal, where Antonio intends to enter our Bible school, and train himself to enter into the work in Angola as a regular missionary.

C. W. BOZARTH: We are glad that Miss Virginia Jean Shankel can be with us tonight here on the platform. She will now favor us with a violin solo.

[She then played, "Going Home," arranged by Kreisler.]

C. W. BOZARTH: The East African Union Mission comprises the territory of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. As you know, this territory has just

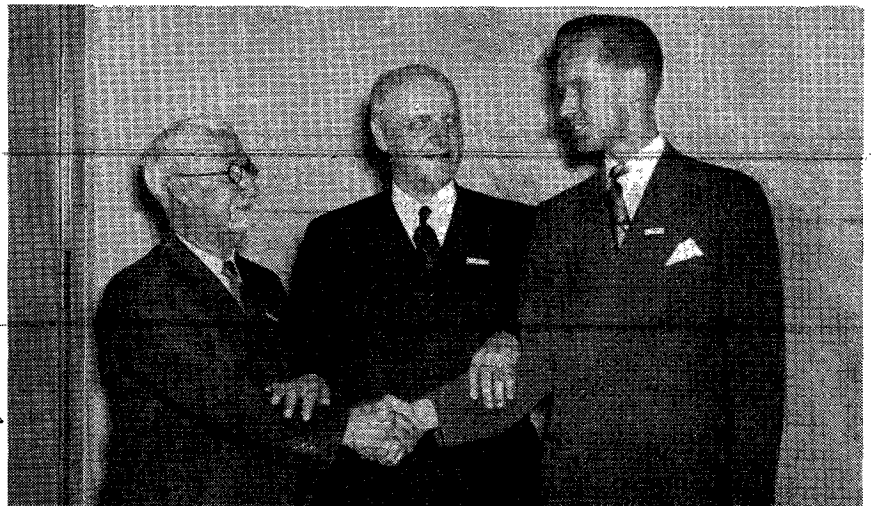
been permanently allocated to the Southern African Division. Elder Sparrow, superintendent of this union mission, will now speak to us.

H. M. SPARROW: As an example of the difficulties of presenting spiritual truths in native languages, take, for instance, that portion of Scripture which says, "If your son ask you for a piece of bread, would you, for a piece of bread, give him a stone, or if he asked you for a fish, would you, for a fish, give him a serpent?" Well, we have a tribe over there that knows nothing about fish, but they do eat snakes, and so when the missionary goes out to preach, he has to reverse that text of Scripture and, instead of saying, "If your son ask you for a fish," you must say, "If your son asks you for a serpent, will you, for a serpent, give him a fish?"

If you want to preach on the subject of the 2300 days, and turn to our Zulu Bible which is practically universal in all the southern part of Africa, and you will find there in the verse 2000 days but no 300. You have got to work without the 300 days and make it come out right.

Again, you can find many instances in the Scriptures where the language is difficult to pronounce. At the present moment we are translating the New Testament into the Kisii language. The British and Foreign Bible Society have accepted Elder Lewis' translation, and now we have printed 5,000 copies of the book of John, distributing them among the people of that tribe to find out if the translation will be acceptable. When it is acceptable and the people are happy about it, we shall then be able to send the whole manuscript to England and have the complete New Testament printed.

C. W. BOZARTH: We have in the Southern African Division nine hospitals and twenty dispensaries, and we have plans to open, in the next few months, four more hospitals and one sanitarium in South Africa, if we can get sufficient doctors and nurses. When



W. H. Anderson (left) Shakes Hands With Doctor S. A. Kotz (right), Under Appointment as a Medical Missionary to Africa. In the Center Is C. W. Bozarth, President of the Southern African Division

we have all of these institutions in operation, it will require more than nineteen doctors to look after the medical work in these many medical institutions. We have with us here at this Conference six of our mission doctors. Dr. E. L. Morel is going to bring a message to us at this time about the medical work in Africa.

Malamulo Leper Colony

E. L. MOREL: Tonight I want to tell you the story of Wadi Kuyenda. Kuyenda was a young man of South Nyasaland. I first met him in the year 1938 at old Malamulo Mission. He was about thirty years of age. He had been educated in our elementary schools and had taken a course for teacher evangelists. He had a wife and three fine children, and he was devoted to the cause of God. But he felt that he should have a little further education, so he decided to come back to our training school at Malamulo and take a normal course in English.

It was a part of my routine work to examine the students of the training school each year, and I well remember the day I first examined him. He seemed to be a very healthy, strong young man, but on the back of his shoulder I noticed two small, pale spots. I suspected leprosy, and so I questioned him carefully.

He assured me he had had those spots for many years and that he was not sick. He showed no signs of the disease, so I dismissed the matter from my mind and saw no more of him until the following year, about two months before graduation. Then Kuyenda took sick, he began to feel ill, he couldn't eat, had strange pains about his body, and was very sick. The dread disease of leprosy was ravaging his body. We gave a house to Kuyenda and his family in the Malamulo Leper Colony. A few yards from his house he built a separate house of mud and poles thatched with grass, for himself. There, for two years, he followed the treatment which we prescribed.

At first there seemed to be very little if any change in his condition, but after about six months he began to feel better. The aches and pains went away; the fever disappeared. He was again able to eat; his hands were able to work again; he could begin to write; he could begin to move. He followed the treatment for about two years and improved very steadily. At the end of about two years, we were very urgently in need of someone to take full charge of our leper colony, someone to direct and teach the lepers and help them build their houses and hoe their gardens. I selected Wadi. In my twelve years in Africa, I have never found a more faithful and devoted worker than Kuyenda. He threw his whole soul into working for his people there in the leper colony. From that time on the spirit in the colony entirely changed, and not only was he faithful in his work, but he was a very strong spiritual leader. We made him elder of the church. He was indeed a true missionary for his people. It is very rare in Africa to find someone who combines the qualities of farm manager, of judge,

and teacher, and minister; but Kuyenda was just such a person.

I shall never forget the last Sabbath that I was at Malamulo. I decided that I would go down to the leper colony and worship with them that morning. I took the morning service. I told them of the soon coming of Jesus Christ, how He was coming again soon. I admonished them to be faithful. I told them that in all probability I would not see them again very soon.

As I finished that service, Wadi Kuyenda, the elder of the church about whom I have just told you, stood up and said: "Today our hearts are sad because our doctor is going away; but our hearts are filled with joy and happiness too, because we are looking forward to that day when we shall see our doctor again on the sea of glass." And then three hundred lepers, more than one hundred of them baptized Seventh-day Adventists, stood there, and as they sang that song in the beautiful Chinyanja language, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," I confess my heart was touched as it has never been touched before. Tears came into my eyes as I looked into the eyes of those people, and I realized that had it not been for the medical work at Malamulo, in which I had had a small part, those people would have had no hope either of life on this earth or of the life to come.

Some people have asked me—doctor friends and others not of our faith have said, "Why did you go to Africa? Why did you spend twelve years of your life in Africa?" Was it worth it? My friends, the memory of that last Sabbath morning and those three hundred people standing there and singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" will forever answer that question in my mind, Was it worth it to go to Africa?

C. W. BÓZARTH: The next field we will hear from is the South African Union Conference. This is the only conference in our division. It is located in the southern part of the continent. F. G. Clifford, who until this session was the president of that conference, will now speak to us. At this session he has been elected as the division secretary.

F. G. CLIFFORD: I want to bring greetings to you from our believers in the union of South Africa. We have approximately 2,500,000 white people, with a fairly high standard of living. We have between seven and eight million blacks, with a very low standard of living. We have about one million mixed, with a medium standard of living. We have about 300,000 Indians. Out of all these groups, God has called people for His name who love this truth and are devoted to the spread of the message in the union of South Africa.

Believers Who Have the Truth

The work has been going steadily forward since its beginning, until today we have 136 churches with 4,500 white or European believers, about 3,300 native believers, approximately 1,000 colored believers, and forty Indian believers, making a total of be-

tween eight and nine thousand believers in the union conference.

Our believers love this truth intensely. They are willing to sacrifice to support the message. One of our European members, a poor, elderly man, with just a little pension upon which he lived, placed each Sabbath in the Sabbath school offering the amount that was required to meet the full goal for our European members. I wondered how the brother could do it. I noticed week after week, he seemed to be thin and drawn. One day I went up to him, and said, "Brother Van Rensberg, are you well?" And he said, "Yes, Brother Clifford, Thank God, I am well." I said, "Brother Van Rensberg, aren't you feeling sick?" He said, "No, I am well." My heart was troubled because he did not look well.

After service I took him aside, and said "Brother Van Rensberg, do you have sufficient to eat?" "Brother Clifford, thank the Lord, I have bread and water, and I am content." Brethren and sisters, that touched my heart; a man who is willing to put in the full membership goal of the Sabbath school from week to week, and who is living on bread and water. He was longing for the Lord to come. He has now gone to his rest. We have many people who are longing for the Lord to come, who are sacrificing for the cause of God day by day.

Earnest Soul Winner

I think of one native brother, a poor black man working in the mines. One day because of a premature explosion, he was blinded, and he was retired from his work, with a very small pension, consisting of \$10 a month. This man went out into the country, and there found this blessed truth. Although he lost his natural eyesight, somehow his spiritual eyesight was sharpened, and he wanted to give the truth to others. He could not read and could not see. His wife read to him the Sabbath school lessons, and read the Scriptures, and he went out and held Bible studies. He went out in a place where there were no members and raised up a small church of twenty members.

One of our colored brethren in the large city of Johannesburg who was unable to read had a passion to win souls for the Lord. He is taught the Word of God by his wife in the home, and then goes out in the evenings to give Bible studies. With his Bible in his head and his heart, he meets the people in their homes. They do not know that he cannot read. He opens his Bible and gets them to open theirs.

For instance, he says to someone, "You read John 5:19." They say, "You read it." He replies, "No, I want you to read it because then it will impress itself upon your heart." The person reads the text and he comments on it. Then he says, "I want you to read Matt. 24:14," and so it continues. That man brought twenty souls to the truth during the past two and one-half years.

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A Praise Service

at the Morning Devotional Hour, Friday, June 14

Led by L. H. CHRISTIAN

HYMN: No. 261, "A Mighty Fortress."

PRAYER: David Voth.

QUARTET: "He Died of a Broken Heart," sung by Robert Eldridge, C. H. Lauda, Donald Haynes, M. E. Dawson.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: The meeting this morning has been announced as a praise service, and after brief study we will hear words of testimony and praise from quite a number of workers who are with us now on the platform.

A God-Conscious People

I am often asked how the Adventist members and ministers were forty or more years ago. Certain pessimists tell us that things in the Adventist Church were so much better years ago. To this I do not agree. I think that in many ways our ministers today are stronger preachers and our members better Christians. In other ways we who live now have much to learn from our church and its leaders some decades back. It is difficult and not always helpful to compare the present with the past. But there is one thing which I think Adventists in years past had that is lacking now. I hardly know how to express it, but I would say they were God-conscious in a sense many today are not. God was in their planning and thoughts as He sometimes is not at this time. They seemed to feel His presence near as a living reality. To please God, to seek His honor, to live as if His eye scanned all they were and did was prominent then as it is not in our day.

"There is a day just about to burst upon us, when God's mysteries will be seen, and all His ways vindicated."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 433. Said Christ; "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee." John 17:1. "Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? . . . Father, glorify Thy name." John 12:27, 28. At no time have these words of Jesus, standing as He then did just in sight of Gethsemane and Calvary, applied as they do to Adventists today. We think of the days ahead and we repeat—"What shall we say?" How near to the end are we and what is really before us? Are we ready for what is at hand, and are we doing what God wants done just now? Where will our work first be finished and where will the last bloody persecution begin? These and a hundred other questions break in and desire an answer.

This hour is the last morning devotion of this gathering. Our hearts swell with joy and praise as we meditate on all we have seen and heard this week. The present session of the General Conference marks the end of one era in the annals of Adventism and introduces the start of another.

We have had more people at former sessions but never so many delegates. We have had cheering reports before but never such records of mighty achievements—never so many martyr missionaries; never so many members in prisons and concentration camps, never so much heroism and never so much suffering, and never such thought-provoking and inspiring studies in the morning hours. The mightiest miracle of our day is the loyalty of God's people and the giant forward strides of the advent movement.

All these omens of a greater and more glorious future for the advent message are God's doing, and to Him be all the praise. The glory of God is not primarily in numbers, money, institutions, organizations, methods, or other visible results. The glory of God is in sincerity of heart, simplicity of plans, singleness of purposes, in godly homes, daily holiness, spirit-filled preachers. Family worship rather than fine furniture honors the Lord. The supreme life objective of every Adventist must always be to give glory to God. Any minister who seeks his own profit or exalts himself is a deadly peril to the church. The Lord forbids absolutely any man to preach who is not animated and fully controlled by the Holy Spirit. Living to the glory of God is never a negative life. Today Christ calls for Adventist action like a well-drilled army in heroic service. In His plan for the ages the advent church has a decisive part to act.

God's Last Marching Orders

The church militant has never had but one Commander—the Captain of the Lord's hosts and His orders for march or battle are to be diligently obeyed. There is with many the mistaken idea that the church usually fails to follow her marching orders and thus disappoints the Master. While this may be true at times, it is not the general rule. But note this with care—where the people have failed they have been led into this disobedience by their leaders. To this statement there are no exceptions. Whenever the leaders have adhered to the instruction of the Lord the church has followed. Instead of a record of failures, the history of God's people is indeed a triumphant record of marching orders obeyed. Moses commanded Israel to stay home one night, eat the same food, and be prepared in the early morning to leave on a long journey. And the people obeyed to the very letter. Later at the Red Sea when conditions seemed impossible, the order from heaven came, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." And not one hesitated to march ahead.

Joshua commanded Israel to undertake the impossible task of crossing the Jordan and to march around Jericho and conquer the city without striking a blow. The people on returning from Babylon heeded the words of Nehemiah, "Let us rise up and build." The apostolic church obeyed the great gospel commission and the words of life were carried to the ends of the earth. The marching orders of the advent movement are the threefold message, including the new emphasis of Revelation 18:1-4. The Scriptures not only state what our orders are, but they give the response of the advent church. In Revelation 7 we have the response to the last words of Revelation 6. Revelation 15 gives us in a few words at the beginning, the response of the advent people to the message of Revelation 14.

Taking Stock of What We Are and Have

1. Adventists survey the future from a viewpoint all their own. The Roman church looks forward to world dominion in matters of religion. Protestants expect peace on earth and hope for more reforms through political means. Adventists look at the road ahead through the telescope of prophecy.

2. God has prepared hearts through this great war to accept the message, and God has prepared Adventists to give the message.

We shall never know where we are unless we recognize that fact. The *Testimonies* urge us to "pray most earnestly for an understanding of the times in which we live."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 514.

At this time it gives courage to note what the Seventh-day Adventist Church really has today of spiritual wealth and advantages. Briefly stated it is: 1. A mighty spiritual Bible message. Adventists have no doctrinal or moral skeletons in the closet. We hold the same old-time faith but in a new power. 2. An ever-expanding organization adapted to a world-wide work—there is no other gospel order like it on earth. 3. Access to money in almost unlimited amounts. 4. Access to men and women as missionaries—the cleanest youth in the world. 5. A mission-minded people.

Consider, too, what God has done for us in the world. 1. He has changed the very mentality of mankind and created a new longing for things of eternal worth. As I visited Europe last fall I found a baffling state of mind, something has broken inside. No one today can analyze human thinking; it is so different and so changing. In millions it has been ruined by Satanic agencies and demon-possessed leaders and deceptive ideologies born of pride in race or men. But through it all many hearts have a new hunger after God. 2. God has given Adventists (or better stated the advent hope) a new prestige among men. 3. God has permitted America where the advent movement began to become so prominent that where it leads the world follows. 4. Through horrors and

wickedness that cannot be told the Lord has caused all to see the human depravity of our race.

Mankind now lives in a war psychosis of shuddering dread. Adventists are to be a people of faith in a world of fear. We are to be hopeful in the midst of despair, beacons of light in the clouds of gloom, sources of courage to fearful hearts, a church of optimists in a world of pessimists. This question of morale is deciding. Three things make an army victorious—weapons, leadership, and morale. Of these the latter is the most decisive. Morale is courage. Morale is vision. Morale is willingness to sacrifice and persevere. It is an inward conviction that victory is assured. But morale is not self-complacency, a false confidence that causes people to cease fighting and to take it easy. Morale hates anything like a letting down. It shuns no hardship. It fears no foe. It is keen for action. It was the morale of David more than his sling and stones that defeated Goliath. The record is that David "hasted" and "ran" towards the Philistine.

We must radiate comfort, cheer, and challenge. Says the Spirit of prophecy: "Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraged way. . . . Talk and act as if your faith was invincible."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 147.

We have reason to talk courage. We have come into the most glorious chapter in the history of God's work on earth. Among our believers overseas we see a great return to God in true holiness with a burning zeal to save the lost. With gratitude and joy I have noticed our periodicals from other lands and in various languages. They are different and far better. Look, too, at our publications in America. The *Signs*, *Present Truth*, *Our Times*, and other journals were always good but they are stronger, clearer, and more spiritual now. The *Youth's Instructor* is our second oldest periodical; has always been inspiring and guiding, but it was never as helpful as it is now. I think that no woman among us does a larger work than the editor of the *Instructor*. Then too, there is a new spirit in our schools and more sacrificial giving with our people. Our young men in the army have helped to bring this spirit of service into both our schools and churches.

There is one statement in the Spirit of prophecy that should often be noticed. "When the third message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of earth. The people of God have accomplished their work."—*Great Controversy*, p. 613. The Spirit of prophecy never speaks of a time when the people will be more easy to reach with the message. It does speak of a time when the church will have greater power through the Holy Spirit.

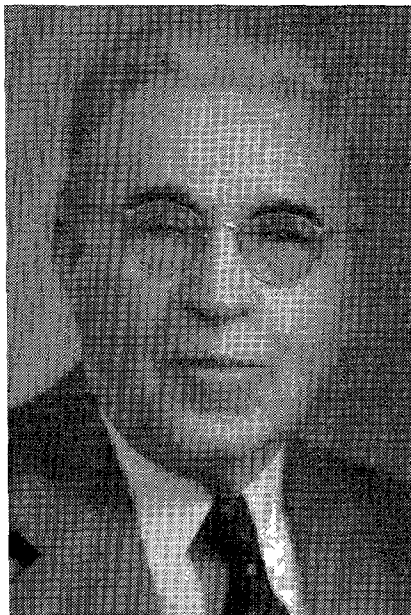
I would like to ask the brethren who are here with us on the platform to give a short testimony. So I will ask Brother Beach from Southern Europe, the president of that division, to speak.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Christian, we find it in our heart to respond to this truly challenging message this morning. I think that the people in South-

ern Europe, our churches in Southern Europe, have come out of this tempest of war and devastation a more God-conscious people than they were when the war broke upon us. I think there are two reasons for that:

In the first place, the overshadowing providence of God has carried the work through the tempest, and somehow we couldn't but believe in God and have faith in His leadings of this work, when we think in what position we find ourselves today, despite the destruction of the tempest.

And then too, this people has come



L. H. Christian

out of the war with a closer-knit confidence in the advent movement as a world movement.

I thank God for that, brethren. And today we find ourselves in step, marching toward the same heavenly gates. We are all facing Zionward. It is the advent brotherhood.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: There are very few people living who have seen Sister White in vision. We have one of these with us this morning. The next speaker is Professor M. W. Newton, from Pacific Union, one of the veteran educators in this denomination. Many have known him for years.

M. W. NEWTON: My grandfather, Artemas Newton, lived in lower Canada just north of New England. In 1833 at the time of the falling of the stars his brother, Uncle Dana, was living with him and was sent early on the morning of November 13 to go down across the line to New England to get a load of apples. Uncle Dana started about three o'clock in the morning and was some three or four miles from home when the stars started falling so hard that he turned toward home and lashed the horses so that they would return more quickly.

On moving to Illinois in 1847, my grandparents embraced the present truth under the labors of Elders Hart and Sperry. The first camp meeting ever held in the State of Illinois was held in our dooryard.

A debate with the "Age to Come"

people was held, and Sister White, who was present, had a vision in our home in 1855. During this vision she was told how the debate would come out and that one of the leaders of the opposition would come to a disastrous end. Almost before the meeting closed he eloped with another man's wife, and all were impressed with the truthfulness of Sister White's prophecy.

One morning when Elder and Mrs. White were occupying my father and mother's bedroom, I came down stairs from up stairs and passed by the door of their bedroom. Brother and Sister White were kneeling at the bedside praying as I passed the open door. I heard Sister White speak the three words, "Glory, glory, glory." I went into the kitchen, and mother immediately hushed me and said that Sister White was in vision. In this vision of 1855 Sister White was in vision for a considerable period, so long that my father's sister, who lived some little distance away, was sent for, as she doubted the visions. However, after she had come to our home and seen Sister White in vision, she was ever afterward convinced that the visions were genuine.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: The next one to give personal testimony is Dr. Andersen, who is the medical superintendent of our large sanitarium in Skodsborg.

DR. A. ANDERSEN: In the winter of October, 1943, the Skodsborg Sanitarium was commandeered by the German war forces. From that time on, our Danish prayer to God was that God would help us to stay with the institution, although we had only a little part of the sanitarium to operate. By the Lord's help we got through.

We give here a testimony to God. His promise to us was fulfilled. "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." Our faith was rewarded. We thank God today because we again have freedom and are in all our institutions again. [Voices: Amen.]

L. H. CHRISTIAN: We have with us this morning a friend from the Baltic States, from Western Russia as it is today, Elder Magi. He was for years a preacher in Estonia, a conference president, before he got away with his family over to Sweden.

E. MAGI: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

I will praise the Lord for His wonderful guidance in my life. This year it will be twenty-six years since the Lord called me to work in His cause. That was only one year after Mrs. Magi and I accepted the truth in Estonia in 1919.

During the war our cities were often bombed. Several times as we were having our night meetings the bombardments began. Quietly we closed the meeting, and all went into the cellar of the same church and asked the help of the Lord. The bombs fell around our church building, but the Lord saved us all in our cellar. The brethren in the cause, as well as a number of others, advised me to flee. They said, "You would be more useful to the

Lord in some other place, rather than staying at home and at last be sent to some place where you could do nothing for the Lord."

After many serious prayers and counsel, I left the country with part of my family, and we are now here with you in America.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

N. P. NEILSEN: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Of all the signs of His coming which the Saviour gave us, this is the most important. It is definite. It is positive. This gospel of the kingdom "shall be preached." What a stupendous task this will be. We cannot with pencil and paper sit down and figure out how it can be done. It presents a mighty challenge to the remnant church, but it "shall be preached." That is the statement made, and it will be fulfilled. Under God it will be done, but He uses human instrumentalities to accomplish His purpose. We are called upon to do the impossible. How thrilling that becomes.

With God all things are possible. He does the impossible. He wants us to be used as instruments in His hands for doing the impossible. He said to Paul, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." It is not great talents or learning alone that we need, but men great in faith and in holiness. It is not great preachers we need so much as preachers great in love and fidelity, not only preaching holy sermons in the pulpit but living holy lives out of it.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: Now we will hear from Brother Pilar of the Philippine Islands.

T. A. PILAR: I feel very happy at this time to say a few words of praise to God. I am sure that if our thousands of members in the Philippines were here today, they would stand up and praise the Lord for the wonderful deliverance of God to His people in the Philippines.

Many times during the war there were those who sought to have our church broken up. The Japanese tried to force us to join a union of churches, but we refused to do so. We were not troubled for the first year of the occupation, but as the war continued we were put under great pressure and often persecuted. We suffered much for want of food. But the Lord has been good to His people. Our people in the Philippines have learned to rely on the protection of God. We had no place to hide. We praise God for His many mercies.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: We have a representative from Finland, A. Rintala. He wishes to speak in another language. I will translate.

A. RINTALA: I wish to thank my God this morning for the many good words which I have heard at this meeting. I have received great encouragement. My purpose is to gain greater victories in my own life and see larger things in my own land.

At one time it looked as though the waves of war would spread over all my country. It seemed as if everything would be ruined. All our workers unanimously decided to stay in Finland in spite of the danger. We decided to live or even die with our dear Adventist people in our own country.

We have had great difficulties, but I can tell you that we have never before had such glorious experiences in God as we have had during the days of war, and never before seen such progress and success in the work. Let us pray to God that the spirit of revival may spread among us and among all our members.

DR. D. H. KRESS: I speak as one of the older men who for many years was connected with this movement. I can testify that it is by the guidance of the Spirit of prophecy that we as a church have been preserved, and I may say personally, by a prophet have I been preserved, for I received a great many communications from Sister White. I was closely associated with her in gospel work, in going to camp meetings. I received a great many corrections, for I needed them, and possibly that is the reason why I received more communications from Sister White than any other living man.

I believe a man who is thoroughly converted will have no inclination even

to think or talk about the faults of others. I think our hearts ought to be filled with praise to God for His goodness all the time. I believe in God's leadership. I believe in the prophet that was raised up to lead us out, and I believe in the men whom God has chosen to carry on His work to the close of time. This may be the last meeting we shall have together at this time. I pray and trust that in the hereafter we may have the great privilege of greeting each other.

L. H. CHRISTIAN: W. H. Anderson, pioneer missionary to Africa, will speak.

W. H. ANDERSON: I am thankful this morning for what God has done for us in Africa these last fifty years. I thank God for His deliverance on many occasions. The most lions that I ever had around my camp at once was seven, but the "angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." I thank God for His mighty power manifested in turning African natives from their witchcraft, idolatry, and heathenism to rejoice with us in the hope of seeing Christ when He comes soon in the clouds of heaven. Oh if I could only turn the clock back I would like to live another fifty years over there. Praise God's name for all His blessings. Brethren, let us get busy and finish our task.

The Return of Our Lord

Second Friday Night Sermon

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

June 14, 1946, 7:30 P.M.

AS A basis for my sermon tonight I invite your attention to the words of our Lord regarding His second coming, as they are recorded in Luke 21:25-28, from the Berkeley Version of the New Testament:

"There shall also be signs in sun and moon and stars, with distress on earth among the nations, bewildered at the roaring of sea and waves; men swooning from dread and apprehension about events that are taking place in the world; for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and glory. But when these things occur, straighten up and lift your heads because your deliverance is near."

This is counsel from the divine Head of the church. It is addressed to the servants of God in these days. It has reference to the attitude they are to take when signs heralding the Lord's return bewilder and distress those who know not God, and cause them to swoon "from dread and apprehension about" the shaking of "the powers of the heavens." Instead of the people of God "swooning from dread and apprehension" they are to "straighten up and lift your heads." To the world these conditions portend

the break-up of civilization and the possible suicide of the human race. To God's people they mean something quite different—"your deliverance is near."

As this Conference draws to a close, it is fitting that we should look at the evidences which our Lord has spread before us of the certainty of one of the great articles of our faith—the nearness of our Lord's return.

The time in which we live is no ordinary time. The destiny of mankind has come to the turning point of the centuries. Universal danger is obvious to men everywhere.

The world has been shocked out of its course and is in a state of convulsion. Great national and international changes have taken place. Others are in process. Still others are portending. Significant social, political and economic developments are altering the whole appearance of human society. There have been unprecedented tempests, floods, earthquakes, famines, wars, and violence. There is unparalleled perplexity, confusion, and commotion among the nations.

The people of God, however, face the future with confidence. These developments which disturb and distress the world have not come to them unexpectedly. They have all been foretold. And their occurrence becomes

a pronounced and comforting confirmation of their faith, and their confidence in the Word of God.

That Word explicitly foretold that the "time of the end," the period when the Saviour was to return, would be a time of abounding apostasy, skepticism, corruption, and peril. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."

The Word also declares "the last days" would be known by great revolutionary upheavals, political and economic perplexities, and vast national and international agitations and tumults.

A Day of Great Changes

That Word makes plain that the last times are to be characterized by a general shaking and crumbling of the social order. "In the last days perilous times shall come." "Dreamers" were to appear who would "despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities," and "of those things which they know not." Jude 8, 10. How true this is of our time! This is a day of great changes. Nothing must remain the same. Everything—church, religion, state, government, must be changed.

The Book of God which we have taken as our guide, instructs us that when these things begin to come to pass, and this time arrives, our Saviour and His kingdom are at hand. Will we not, therefore, be recreant to our trust, traitors to our Lord, and merit the condemnation of faithless watchmen, if we do not go to the field, our field, the whole world, and proclaim with such power, earnestness, and conviction as we never manifested before, *The end of all things is at hand?*

All Events Testify of End

All things about us today support us in such an announcement. The things our predecessors foretold on the basis of Bible prophecy, and were compelled to preach by faith, we can actually point to. The daily papers every morning spread before the world the certainties of our Lord's return. The radio broadcasts bring them to the attention of every home. Such terms as "the end of civilization," "the twilight of the world," "the break-up of human society," "the suicide of the human race," "the death of the world," are today on the lips of the world's greatest scientists, thinkers, and statesmen.

Hope Mingled With Fear

Two mighty impulses influence the minds of men around all the circle of the globe these momentous days. One is a great hope. The other is a great fear.

The hope is that of a warless world, a united world, a world of human brotherhood and peace. The fear is that of world suicide and the annihilation of mankind by atomic warfare. Men have discovered how to blow the globe to pieces at the very time when they need most to learn how to hold it together.

Both the hope and the fear are set

forth in Scripture as certain evidences of the end of human history. The Berkeley Version of the New Testament thus translates 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.

"Relative to periods and dates, brothers, you need no correspondence, for you are yourselves keenly aware how the Day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night. When they shall say, 'Peace and safety,' then destruction unforeseen is on them, like the birth-pangs of a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape."

This means that the great hope of humanity, the United Nations, is bound to fail of its great and noble objectives.

But the wisdom of the world's ablest statesmen, the combined forces of religion, and the armed might of the nations are not destined to succeed. The long-desired federation of the world and parliament of man will not bring about and maintain global peace and security. This we can say by the Word of the Lord.

Their aim is a lofty one, but it is not God's aim. The conception of One World is an exalted one and proceeds from the noblest of motives. It is not, however, in harmony with the purpose of God for this world in its fallen state.

God's Plan for the Nations

The Scriptures explain the origin of nations and make plain their destiny. They make plain that the apportioning of their territories, the hidden causes of the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires, the duration of dynasties and administrations, together with the devastation of war and the deep mystery of the morale of peoples, are all within the control and under the jurisdiction and encompassed by the omniscience of the God who created, redeemed, and providentially maintains the world and the race of men upon it. Kings and emperors, dictators and tyrants, nobles and society, races and nations, the men, women, and children of the world, are all under the supervision of God, and are spoken of in His inspired oracles.

In this time when the great appeal is that the peoples of the world should be *united*, it is well to keep in our thinking that it was God who "*separated* the children of men." A great cry is going up today for a *united* world. We should keep in mind that it was God who originated a *separated* world. It is clearly the teaching of Scripture that racial distinctions and national barriers proceed from God. It is He who divided and departmentalized and segregated the human race. He did not communize it. He did not bring it together. He drove it apart. He evidently perceived that it was for its own best interests that it remain apart while it continues in a state of sin.

Men have tried to unite the world before. And we do well to keep in mind that it was God who brought failure, confusion, and separation to the first effort of men to build a United Nations Organization and erect a structure which would bind them together.

This was at the Tower of Babel. God came down and confounded their language, and separated them into all parts of the globe. He plainly meant mankind to learn by this that it was His will for them to dwell separately while sin reigns in the earth. The idea of one community of men, one family of human beings, one world, is foreign to the Bible and contrary to the purpose of God for mankind while sin remains.

Human efforts to unite the nations of the world have been failures. They are bound always to be failures. It is not in God's purpose that another Tower of Babel should be erected, or, if erected, should succeed.

Notwithstanding this inevitable failure of men, God has a plan for a perfect and permanent kingdom of God to take in all the earth. For what man cannot do, God can and will do. His purpose is already formed. His arrangements are already perfected. The proclamation of His unchangeable purpose is being published throughout all the earth. He has His own plans. He has His own methods. He has His own time. That time is nearly here. The kingdoms of this world are soon to become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

The time is nearly here when sin is to be finally disposed of, and the world freed of its curse. The time is soon to come when God's new social order will displace the wreckage of the world. The good is about to displace the evil. The blessing is about to take the place of the curse. The second Adam is at hand. A clean, new world is in the making. Even now all heaven may well be astir with magnificent preparation.

With Christ will come the kingdom and the glory. He will bring the cure. He will knit the broken world. He will rebuke sin and sorrow. He will banish disease and death. He will rifle the grave. He will deliver creation. He will bring permanent and world-wide recovery. He will establish eternal codes of righteousness. He will provide a just and durable peace. And on His righteous, peaceful throne He will reign forever and ever.

There is no other remedy for a ruined world than this. There is no other prospect of genuine recovery. This is the sole hope of lasting peace. It is the only hope of a sorely burdened world which under His reign will at last know the blessedness of righteous rule.

As we separate from this inspiring Conference, not unaware that it may well be the last such conference this side of glory, and scatter to our posts of duty in all the world to resume our heralding of the Lord's return, let us realize that the swaying rush of human events and the rapidly fulfilling prophecies of God's Word make certain that we stand upon the verge of awful scenes. Stern, grim, terrible realities of blood await the world. The darker passions of mankind are awakened. There are dread possibilities in each new day. Men's hearts fail for fear of coming woes. The nations

shudder with deep, convulsive dread. A sea of blood is pressing against the yielding barriers which God's mercy interposes. A rushing avalanche of wrath is impending upon the world.

But while we struggle, wearied and panting, amid the perils of these latter days, let us heed the words of the Captain of our salvation, and be found watching. Earth's long week of toil is nearly ended. The burden is heavy, the toil intense, the struggle fierce, our duties exhausting—but the time is short.

Behind us all is dark. Around us all is gloomy. But before us, beyond the storms and tempests of divine indignation, there lies, in sunny peacefulness and rest, the glory that is to be revealed, the kingdom of the Most High, the joy unspeakable, the life eternal, the grace unsearchable—the rest that remains for the people of God.

Joyful Expectancy

These are the objects of our hopes, bright, glad, glowing. These are our expectations, excellent beyond any prospect earth affords. And our heart's continual longing is that the time of their coming may be hastened, and that our promised inheritance may be not only certainly and surely, but also speedily, bestowed upon us.

Like Isaiah we cry, "Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, that Thou wouldst come down." Isa. 64:1. Like Paul and his brethren, we love Christ's appearing. (2 Tim. 4:8.) Like the Thessalonians, we wait for the Son of God from heaven. (1 Thess. 1:10.) Like John on Patmos, we cry, "Come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20. And like the universal church, we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10.

Such condition of waiting, looking, watching, expecting, hoping, anticipating, desiring, and hastening to be united with the Saviour at His coming, is everywhere in Scripture declared to be a characteristic of the true people of God. Therefore, the great truth we profess and carry to men everywhere demands of us a far deeper and higher consecration and devotion than that which is displayed by the ordinary Christian profession. It is the distinguishing mark of His true people that, united with Him, eagerly awaiting His return, concerned every day to be ready to meet Him, they become no more of this world, but look out of it and away from it, and truly prepare to be conveyed into another world, even that which has been promised from the beginning, Paradise restored. Nothing then satisfies them short of becoming lamp-bearers, instantly alert for their Lord's return. The lamp they bear is the lamp of truth, the Word of God, professed with the lips, living in the heart, manifested in all the life.

The Book we love and believe tells us that Jesus will come suddenly and unexpectedly. "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. When the wicked world is dreaming of pleasure; when the people are all unready; when the false cry of "Peace and safety" is sounding

over the earth, He will come. As the blinding glare of lightning suddenly stabs across the heavens, so Jesus will come. Matt. 24:27.

"Behold," said our Lord, "I come quickly." Christ is not only coming *sometime*. That is true, but that is not all the truth. He is coming *soon*. He is coming *quickly*. He is at *the door*. His feet are on the threshold. His hand is on the latch. Decades will not pass into centuries, and centuries run on into millenniums, before we witness the solemn scenes of the end.

A day will come—and soon—when the skies will disclose their glorious Maker. A day will come—and soon—when we who often watch the sky will see a cloud such as we have never seen before, a cloud made brilliantly glorious by the blazing splendor of the Son of God.

What a sight it will be! How it will thrill and enrapture the faithful ones who "love His appearing." Of a sudden the somber darkness of midnight will take on the blazing light of day, and this in turn will gather new brightness, above all the glory of the sun, and grow still more light, more bright, and more dazzling until there is revealed to us the advancing glory of the King of kings, the thrilling pageantry of the Desire of All Nations. And on a glory cloud of myriads of angels the all-conquering Christ will come again to earth.

And so we look forward to that morn of morns when once again the Lord Jesus will visit this earth. We

strain to catch the first sound of His voice, that voice which will reverberate from hillside and mountaintop, echo through the silent valley, sweep across the wide and treeless plains, and pierce even to the remotest caves of old ocean. We wait to witness the effect of that voice, as it rolls through the earth, striking the shackles from grim death, breaking open the tombs of the saints, and piercing even to their dead ears. We yearn to behold the sleeping ones, awakened by that commanding voice, feeling the thrill of life once more, raise their heads from their moldy pillows, toss aside the coverlid of dust, and spring joyfully into glorious life again.

What a vast congregation they will make as they gather to greet their Redeemer, coming from east and west, north and south, from height and depth, from land and sea, from torrid and frigid zones, to answer the call of their Master. They will come in tremendous troops, guided by angels, and sweeping upward together will take their stand on the glorious sea of glass before the throne of God.

Then after a time, they come back to this earth made new and clean and sweet. And on this regenerated earth, with the curse removed, and under these new heavens, clear and bright, all the righteous, with Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of man, their blessed King and Redeemer, they shall hold such a General Conference session as has not entered into the thinking of men. And here on this earth we will make our eternal home.

The Second Sabbath Morning Sermon

By ELDER J. L. McELHANY

June 15, 1946, 11:30 A.M.

AS A PART of our worship this morning we have requested the choir to sing a special number, not just as another song, but as a part of that desire for a reconsecration that I am sure every heart here this morning longs for and will respond to. The choir will sing with this thought in mind.

[The choir sang, "Is Your All on the Altar of Sacrifice Laid," by Elisha H. Hoffman.]

The words of Jesus as recorded in the 24th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, the 14th verse, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

I rather suppose that you would expect me to choose a text of this nature, for it so thoroughly represents the objectives of this movement. It is a message of compelling interest to every believer. Perhaps it would not be out of place to spend a moment or two in outlining the basic setting of this text. It is a part of that great prophecy given by the Lord Jesus just before His ascension, given in answer to a question propounded to Him by His disciples. They had come to Him upon a very momentous occasion, to inquire regarding the meaning of some things He had said to

them. These men had taken Him about the temple in Jerusalem. He called their attention to it, and then declared that the time would come when there should not be left one stone upon another.

This evidently aroused in the disciples a great interest to know the meaning of what Jesus had declared, and they came to Him later privately, inquiring, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

Jesus immediately proceeded to answer that question, and that answer embraced the whole stream of time, from the moment those words were uttered down to the very close of time. As He came down in the chronological sequence of His answer, He declared, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world."

This is one of the special prophetic texts that applies to this, our own time, and to our work, for here we are living down almost two thousand years since those words were spoken.

From the time the Master made that declaration we have seen the unfolding of God's great plan of salvation through the gospel, whereby men and women were to be saved from sin. They were to be saved from their lost and undone

condition, and prepared for a part and a place in the kingdom of God. We have seen the struggle of the early church as they went forth in a spirit of sacrifice to proclaim the gospel in all the world in that day. Thank God for the record that has been left to us of their achievements.

I stood, one day, in the old Colosseum in Rome. I saw the place where the lions had been kept, and where they were loosed into the arena to prey upon the Christians that were thrown to them. I saw some of the evidences of what it had cost the early church to carry on the work of the Lord Jesus in all the world.

Our heritage today has been a costly one. We are the inheritors of the spirit of those believers of old. They were willing to give their lives and all they had for the extension of the gospel into all the world. I think the price is no less today than of old. Would to God that every one of us might be filled with that spirit of sacrifice. Yes, that upon the altar of God all that we have and are might be laid in the spirit of sacrifice. From the very moment that it was decreed in the counsels of eternity that God would give His only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of the world, the whole plan has been worked out in the spirit of sacrifice. I thank the Lord that "God so loved the world, that He gave."

The Greatest Sign of Advent

The greatest of all signs of the nearness of His coming was that a great movement would sweep the earth, having for its special objective the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, and He declared that when that had been done, the end would come.

When those words were spoken by the Lord Jesus, it was fixed in the purposes of God that a movement should arise to do this work, that a people would be raised up to preach the glad news of the soon coming of Jesus and the setting up of the kingdom.

A little over a century ago a small band of pioneer workers and believers set out by faith to do the very work called for in this prophecy. Their faith was great, but their capital consisted only of the spirit of sacrifice—they were willing to give themselves, to sacrifice every worldly ambition. They were men who could make their contribution to the world's work. They were capable of making a name for themselves in the affairs of men. But they sacrificed all and turned their backs on the world. Yes, the pioneers of this movement were rich in the spirit of sacrifice.

We today are the inheritors of that company, that small band of pioneers. I pray God that we may not come short of our forefathers in those great qualities that are so needful today. That ought to be the call of this hour.

God blessed that spirit in the pioneers. He blessed the seed they sowed, and it has been watered. And with what results? We see today evidences that the pioneers never saw, that they would have been glad to see. They would have praised God with hearts filled full to overflowing if they could

have beheld what we see. And what is it?

I want these men here on this front row to arise. [The group stood.] Here is a representative of China, with her teeming millions, and the Netherlands East Indies, representing millions more. And Southern Africa and West Africa and India, with her vast populations, and Korea and the Philippine Islands; and here is Europe, both Northern and Southern Europe; yes, Greece also is represented. Then that great multitude of people that live in the Middle East, with those vast Mohammedan populations. There would have been others here if they could have been located this morning, representing Central America and South America and Australasia.

What Our Eyes See Today

You are now looking at what the pioneers never saw, but what they would have thanked God to see. What you see this morning are the evidences of the fulfillment of the words of the Lord Jesus. Nothing that I could say would be more eloquent or expressive or impressive than what you today are privileged to look upon. And, to these delegates here who have come in from various parts of the world field, may I bid you, Go back to the members you represent and to the workers in your fields, and impress upon their hearts the fact that we see here this morning a fulfillment of the words of the Lord Jesus.

These men before you represent the nations of the earth. And what are these people? We know *who* they are. But I say, *What* are they? These men are the dividends from the investment in souls. Please remember that.

Sometimes I meet people who ask me whether I think missions pay. What do you think? Look at these men this morning, and think of the many others who might be here. Do you think, my friends, that it pays to make an investment in sacrifice? What do you think? Yes, an investment in souls for the kingdom of God pays the best dividends that can come from any investment that we might make—our lives, our consecration, our means, whatever it might be.

Have we reached the final climax in our endeavors? Shall we be satisfied with past achievements? Shall we relax our efforts, and say, "It is enough; we will do no more"? Let the answer to these questions be, "No, ten thousand times no." Do you agree to that answer? I believe you do. I believe this people today will arise and in the strength of God say, "We will not relax. We will not rest satisfied in our past achievements. We will press on to new victories, to new accomplishments." Do you agree?

May God fill our hearts with a deep resolution to do that very thing. The time is here when the church must arouse and rise and clothe herself with divine power. Through the messenger of the Lord these words have been addressed to the church. May I impress upon everyone the need of noting these words carefully:

"The church of Christ is God's agency for the proclamation of truth; she is empowered by Him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to God, obedient to His commandments, there will dwell within her the excellence of divine power."

Please make a difference, if you will, between what I say and what I read to you from the messenger of the Lord. If the church will do the things here called for, there shall dwell within her the excellence of divine power. Oh, my fellow workers, my dear fellow believers, are you dissatisfied with the accomplishments of the past? Then meditate upon these words, the promise that there shall dwell within the church the excellence of divine power—power for overcoming the world, power for personal victory in the life over sin, power to put out of our lives all those things that stand between us and a fullness of divine experience. Yes, more than that, an excellence of divine power for accomplishing the work of God in these closing hours of time. I read on:

"If she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. If she will be true to her allegiance, the forces of the enemy will be no more able to overpower her than is the chaff to resist the whirlwind."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 11.

Thank God for that. There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness and withdraw from all allegiance to the world. Thank God for these possibilities. I am glad for them. I feel a deep longing today to see these solemn words fully realized in the experience of the church and in our personal lives as well.

Renewal of Interest in Missions

The hour is here when we should face the reality of God's call to us. There must be a great renewal of our interest in our divinely appointed task of preaching the gospel of the kingdom to all the nations of earth. Many times during this conference I have wished that all our members everywhere might have seen, that they might have heard, what we have seen and heard; that they might be impressed as I have been impressed with the meaning of these things and of the significance of what is taking place.

I expected that as we came up to the time of this General Conference session, the first following the close of the great conflagration that has swept the earth, there would be many expressions of difficulties and of trials and of deep persecutions. But I have heard no notes of discouragement, no indications of any desire on the part of any to retreat and fall back and lower our banner, and to say the difficulties are too great. No, none of that. There is, I have noted, a determination to press forward. If it were to have been put in words, perhaps it could have been expressed like this:

"Come what may, be the trials and difficulties ever so great, in the strength of our great Commander we will move steadily forward. We will go on to the

final hour of victory and triumph, and by the grace of God we will lead into the kingdom men and women, trophies of divine grace, there ever to enjoy all the blessings of the kingdom of God with us."

Shall that be our purpose, brethren? I believe it shall be. There must be no retreat. We must summon all our resources, human and divine. We must throw everything we have and everything we possess into the great work of accomplishing God's call. And then, we must pray for those divine resources that we need so much. As you leave this place, it should be burned deeply into your hearts that we must pray for rain in the time of the latter rain. We cannot accomplish our purpose, our task, merely with the resources of human achievement.

We must have that which God can bestow upon us in order to do the work for this time. May I have the solemn assurance today on the part of every one of you that as you return to your places of labor you will cultivate and encourage and inspire a spirit of prayer for this great and most needed of all gifts, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. [Voices: Amen.]

We have a thousand and one interests. Many of these ought to be laid aside, for after all they make no direct contribution to the thing that is most important. We ought to be much in prayer that God will visit us in these days with a large measure of His Spirit, that we may have copious showers of the Holy Spirit. Let us be done with our interest in all the petty things of the world that count for so little. And in all our churches, in our prayer meetings, everywhere, all the time, let us pray for a great visitation of God's Holy Spirit upon this work in all the world. [Voices: Amen.]

I want you to think, this morning, of the missionaries out in all the earth. Think of fellow believers who are not privileged to be here. They need to share with us in this great outpouring. If these could speak, they would express that desire. As you return to your fields you will face many problems. The same old vexations and trials and temptations will still be there when you return. You need added power.

Sustain Workers Sent Abroad

During this session we have named a number of men and women to go into the various parts of the world. And they are going to find great problems and difficulties. It needs no statement on my part to assure you that that will be so. But how are they going to meet the needs and keep pace with the demands upon them? These men and women we have placed under appointment are going out as the representatives of the church. Let the church pray for them and sustain them and hold the ropes as they go forth to do the things that God calls for at this time.

In Jesus' name today I appeal to you. For the sake of One who loved us and gave Himself for us, I appeal to you. For the sake of the unsaved in all parts of the world, I appeal to you. For the

sake of those who will go forth from this meeting to represent the church in different parts of the world—yes, for their sakes, I appeal to you. Pray for them. Sustain them and support them.

Your response to such an appeal means more than merely to arise as a token of reconsecration. That is not enough. It calls upon every one of us to live a godly and holy life. It means that we must break every tie that binds our hearts and affections to the world. It means a generous sharing, in a spirit of sacrifice, of our means to support the cause of God in all the world. It means the very spirit that was manifested in the hearts of the pioneers, when out of the abundance of their sacrifice they gave all they had. I have

CONFERENCE AND INSTITUTIONAL GIFTS TO MISSIONS

In connection with the call for missions gifts at the close of the last Sabbath morning service, conferences and institutions made the following gifts:

Atlantic Union Conference	\$ 8,000
Canadian Union Conference	4,000
Central Union Conference	8,000
Columbia Union Conference	20,000
Lake Union Conference	8,000
Northern Union Conference	2,000
North Pacific Union Conference	50,000
Pacific Union Conference	25,000
California Conference	20,000
Northern California Conference	25,000
Southeastern California Conference	20,000
Southern California Conference	80,000
Southern Union Conference	10,000
Southwestern Union Conference	5,000
Christian Record	2,000
Washington Sanitarium	10,000
Total	\$297,000

been deeply impressed many times, as I have read these words from the messenger of the Lord:

"The light of the gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness, and encourages liberality and benevolence. It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 254.

Sometimes we may grow weary. We may think there are too many calls. I remember one very expressive illustration that was used after the close of World War I, when all through the length and breadth of the land there was a great movement on to collect funds for the starving people of Europe. I was passing along the street of one of our cities during that time and there I saw a large poster. It was the picture of a mother dressed in rags and tatters, and clinging to her skirt were her children looking up appealingly into her face, and below was this: "Are you tired of giving? You do not know what it means to be tired." If an appeal like that could be made upon

the benevolence of the world, how much more upon the hearts of the people of God!

My friends, look at these men before you on the rostrum. Are you tired of giving? I say, you do not know what it means to be tired. It is only what you give, it is only what you turn into souls for the kingdom of God, that you will have hereafter to enjoy. All the rest will be destroyed in the final visitation that destroys this world.

But listen to the following very impressive words:

"God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action."

Please understand the significance of that statement. It is in the providence of God that these calls come to us, that these appeals should be sounded, that these urges should be pressed upon our hearts.

"God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprise. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means."—*Ibid.*, pp. 254, 255.

Did you ever stop to think of it in that light—that God is merciful to us in pressing upon our hearts greater and greater demands for our means. We talk about the mercies of God. We talk about the blessings we enjoy from His hands. What are these mercies? Sometimes we think only of those things that concern our own comfort and well-being, but here the messenger of the Lord puts it in these graphic words that help us to understand that God is multiplying His mercies to us when He lays greater and greater demands upon our means. That is just what the cause of God needs today. And God is merciful to us in that He gives us opportunity after opportunity to remember His work in all the world.

I am glad, this morning, that the Lord inclines the hearts of His people to do what they can. What I say this morning is in no way intended to convey the idea that our people do not have the spirit of liberality. No, I am thankful that the spirit of the advent message is a spirit of liberality, a spirit of sacrifice. I know many people who, instead of buying themselves an overcoat, or a suit of clothes, or something else that they possibly very much need for their own comfort, are willing to give the money instead, in order that men and women everywhere may be clothed with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus.

I believe that we ought to bring this spirit of sacrifice into our daily living, and be really a people conscious of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus, and who are willing to put all upon the altar of sacrifice.

A Prayer of Dedication

[Praying] Our heavenly Father, we bring this great company of men and women before Thee this morning to

pray that Thou wilt multiply Thy blessings of mercy upon us. O Lord, here we are before Thee this morning in this last Sabbath morning preaching service. We have come with all our needs. We pray that Thou wilt answer them. We pray, O Lord, that Thou wilt pour out upon us Thy Spirit. O may we all enjoy abundant showers of the latter rain. Heavenly Father, come just now and bless us with a great portion of Thy Spirit, we pray. Bless every member of this congregation. Impart to all of us, O Lord, that spirit of sacrifice that will lead us to place all we have and are upon the altar.

Bless these brethren who have come in from the ends of the earth. Bless the fields that are represented here upon this platform and in this congregation. O Lord, send these representatives of the fields back to their places from whence they came to be living, burning evangels in spreading this blessed truth. Greatly qualify them, we pray, dear Lord.

And now, tarry with us and make the remainder of this service a blessing to Thy cause in all the world. Lord, draw near to us and help us this Sabbath day to measure our consecration and our spirit of sacrifice with the great needs of the world field. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offering for Missions

Now we are going to do what we have always done at the time of the General Conference sessions; we are going to receive this morning an offering for our foreign mission work. We have these offerings very often, but I am sure you would all be disappointed if this occasion closed without a special opportunity for doing something extraordinary in behalf of the cause of God.

We have here upon the platform our North American leaders. These men are deeply interested in our work in all the world. They have demonstrated that over and over again. And before we receive the offering of the congregation this morning, we are going to hear from these men. They have something they want to say to us, not in a personal way, but as representatives of the fields in North America, the unions, perhaps some of the institutions.

Elder Rice of the Atlantic Union.

M. L. RICE: The conferences and institutions of the Atlantic Union will give \$8,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Turner from the Southwestern Union.

J. W. TURNER: The conferences in the Southwestern Union will give \$5,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Campbell, just chosen during this session as the president of the Central Union Conference.

M. V. CAMPBELL: The conferences and institutions of the Central Union are giving \$8,000; and we have in our territory an institution owned by the General Conference, the Christian Record. It adds \$2,000, making \$10,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Hackman of the Southern Union Conference.

E. F. HACKMAN: The conferences and the union of the great Southern field will give \$10,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Rudy of the Canadian Union.

H. L. RUDY: The conferences and the Canadian Union are giving \$4,000 today.

J. L. McELHANY: And that is a generous gift, brethren, because they have great needs there, as indeed do these other fields. Elder Anderson of the North Pacific Union.

V. G. ANDERSON: The conferences and the North Pacific Union give \$50,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Robbins of the Columbia Union.

F. H. ROBBINS: The conferences in the Columbia Union will give \$20,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Lenheim, just elected president during the session, of the Lake Union Conference.

L. E. LENHEIM: We have not been able to contact all the organizations within our union, but at this time we will give \$8,000.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Nelson will speak for the Northern Union.

W. E. NELSON: The president and the secretary of the Northern Union are unable to be here this morning and have authorized me to bring to you the pledge of \$2,000 for the union and the conferences and institutions of the Northern Union Conference.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Bauer, the newly elected president of the Pacific Union Conference.

C. L. BAUER: We are thankful to the Lord for His blessing that makes it possible for us to give an offering this morning. The Southern California Conference wishes to give \$80,000; the Northern California Conference, \$25,000; the Central California Conference, \$20,000; the Southeastern California Conference, \$20,000; the Pacific Union Conference, \$25,000, making a total of \$170,000. I am sorry, brethren, that we have not been able to get in touch with some of the institutions. They may add to this amount.

J. L. McELHANY: Elder Nelson again, this time speaking for the Washington

Sanitarium. Brother Nelson is the chairman of that board.

W. E. NELSON: The Washington Sanitarium presents an offering of \$10,000 for our world mission program.

J. L. McELHANY: We are thankful for these institutions and organizations. This represents what these fields are in the habit of doing. I thank God this morning for the spirit of liberality that exists not only in individual hearts but among our conference organizations and institutions.

It is not my purpose to spend more time this morning talking to you about this. I believe that the Spirit of God will impress every soul here as to what he should do without my suggesting or attempting even to suggest what he ought to do. So please make out your envelopes and put in your offering.

Brother McConaughey, president of the Oklahoma Conference, states that yesterday he received a check from one of the brethren in his field of \$2,500 as a contribution toward this offering today. Really, brethren, this is just an illustration of what is taking place everywhere. Now will you please bow your heads for a moment while I call on Elder Olson to offer a word of prayer?

[Here the prayer was offered.]

J. L. McELHANY: Now the ushers will collect the envelopes. We may put in cash or checks, or mark the envelopes and use them as a pledge, to be paid through your church by December 31, this year.

[Here the offering was taken.]

J. L. McELHANY: In behalf of our fields throughout the world, of our missionaries, of the representatives of the whole world field and of the General Conference, I want to thank you all very heartily for the part you have taken and will take in the future, in helping to maintain the cause of God in all the world. We thank you all.

C. L. BAUER: To end this beautiful service we will use No. 448, "Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming."

Benediction by F. H. Robbins.

Second Sabbath Afternoon Mission Symposium

June 15, 1946, 3:30 P.M.

HYMN: No. 539, "In the Glad Time of the Harvest."

PRAYER: A. W. Cormack.

After the prayer, Mrs. O. E. Thompson sang, accompanying herself on the harp.

E. D. DICK: During the business session we have been grouped by division delegations. I have wondered therefore, if we really appreciated how many countries we have represented in this session. I want to bring to you this afternoon as the next feature a roll call, shall I say, of the United Nations. I want you to see just what political divisions of the earth are represented in this session.

[Roll call followed.]

This is a total of more than ninety of the large geographical areas of the

earth represented here today. This, it seems to me, is a wonderful representation. Surely it is a fulfillment of the message which Elder McElhany brought to us today. We are certainly glad to have all these representatives from these many countries with us.

It may be noted that on the platform, along with the speakers who have been arranged for this afternoon, are the Secretaries of the General Conference. Each of these will introduce a speaker. Brother Bradley is first on the program to introduce.

W. P. BRADLEY: I wish to introduce M. C. Warren of China. He has spent thirty-three years laboring in that field as leader of our forces in Central China, in West China, and, more recently, in Northwest China. He comes to us to bring a wonderful story of our

work from China, and especially from that section where he has labored, from the city of Lanchow and the great Northwestern Union.

M. C. WARREN: I shall not, this afternoon, tell you of meeting bandits. I do not enjoy particularly that experience, though it is often repeated. There is more joy and pleasure in meeting with men who are holding up the light of the third angel's message. We do not know where they are all located. God only knows their number and their location. Sometimes we meet them almost as unexpectedly as we meet the bandits.

One morning as I passed out of the compound gate in a Chinese city, I noticed a carpenter standing in a door just across the street. I walked in and after learning the name of the carpenter, I asked if he was a Christian. He assured me that he was. Then, I said, "Being a Christian, I am sure your carpenter shop would naturally be closed on Sunday." "No," he said. He told me that his shop was closed on Saturday, the seventh day of the week. I feigned surprise that a Christian could be found that would not honor Sunday, the day on which the Lord was resurrected. That was his opportunity. His face lighted up, and he began to tell me that a real Christian would observe the Sabbath that the Lord Jesus Himself observed, and leaving me alone there he hurried into a back room and returned with a Bible, to give his reasons for his faith with Scripture. I could not keep silent any longer. I had to reach out my hand and welcome a brother.

At a place called Kanchow, Pastor Chen Wen Hsio, director of our Kanching Mission in the Northwest Union was Ingathering in that city last winter. He approached the mayor, who quickly attempted to show the pastor his knowledge of our organization. He said, "I know about your church and your work. You have three churches here." And he named the streets where those churches were located. Our statistics showed there are three believers there, families who are in business, and on every Sabbath in front of each shop you will find a sign announcing, "Today is the Sabbath."

Well, the mayor knew there was only one church in the world that keeps the Sabbath, and when he saw the Sabbath sign hanging he knew that it stood for Seventh-day Adventist.

J. I. ROBISON: The next speaker is the housekeeper of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie. She has filled this position since Haile Selassie's return to Ethiopia following his exile during the Italian occupation. I am glad to introduce Mrs. Herbert Hanson, who has spent twelve years in Ethiopia.

MRS. HERBERT HANSON: If Elder Dick had asked what I would rather do, prepare a banquet for you or give a talk, I think I would have chosen the banquet.

One of the first things that I noticed when I took up my work in the palace was the interest that Their Majesties took in healthful living. One day His

Majesty said to me, "I have a very good health magazine that I would like to show you." It proved to be *Life and Health* that His Majesty had.

I could tell from our conversations from time to time that he had read very extensively, because he was always asking me questions about vitamins and different things that pertain to health. The Ethiopians—the majority of them—are Coptic. The Copts have certain fast days, and on these fast days they abstain from all animal products, like milk, eggs, butter, and meat. I noticed that their diet was lacking in protein on these days, so I at once got to work and made some gluten for them.

His Majesty likes to talk about the Bible. Their Majesties are Copts and Copts are Christians. He made this statement to me one day: "I am so thankful that my father required me to read the Bible as a boy. It has been my comfort and my stay all through the years. I do not understand how anyone can get along without it." His Majesty has read quite a number of our books. *Steps to Christ* is one. That is translated into the Amharic language. He expressed his great appreciation of that book, and asked me if we did not have other books that had been translated into the Amharic language.

Many times we conversed about world events. When the use of the atomic bomb became known in the palace, there was great excitement. I met His Majesty in the hall, and he began at once to talk about it. He talked about its terribleness, and how man could invent such a terrible thing. Then I mentioned the statement in Daniel that "in the time of the end . . . knowledge shall be increased." His face became sober. He looked at me and, friends, he gave me an answer that I want to leave with you today. That is my message, and here it is, "Who knows but that it is the end."

T. J. MICHAEL: The next speaker has served for a number of years in India as a departmental secretary. He and his wife were on their way home from India to the United States during the war. As they approached the southern part of Africa, a cable message was sent to the office of the Southern African Division, advising that these missionaries from India be taken off the steamer because of the dangers of travel across the Atlantic during the war. So they were taken off and made prisoner by the Southern African Division during the remainder of the war, but so pleased were they with their new field they have been re-elected to return to Africa. Brother Hnatyshyn is now the home missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Southern African Division. He is our next speaker.

J. M. HNATYSHYN: Africa is growing, Africa is awakening. Dark Africa has been receiving the light. It is no more the Dark Continent that some of us picture it to be. Dark Africa is in a new day. It was my privilege last year to be at some of the large camp meetings which are held in Africa. At least 20,000 people were in attendance at one of the meetings.

I was very much impressed with Pastor Jack. Just before I left Africa I talked with old Pastor Jack, who was a little boy when Elder Anderson first pioneered the country. He told me that he led the oxen for Elder Anderson in those early days when they had to travel night and day. There was danger of lions, and they had to hold up lanterns to frighten the lions. He said, "I held the lamp high."

Now there are others holding the lamps of truth high to drive away that old enemy, the devil, from the cities and villages of Africa. Yes, today Africa is seeing the light.

Missionary Volunteers, willing lay members, are doing their part.

At one of the camp meetings at Utimbara, Tanganyika, I noticed one young man always sitting with a little group of people like an old mother hen with her chickens. He was always busy. He was always looking after them. I said to a brother, "Is he a teacher? is he a deacon? is he an elder?" "No," they said, "he is only a layman, a young member. He volunteered two years ago to fill a place in one of the heathen villages where there was no missionary family. A call was made for someone to go there, and he volunteered. He made the sacrifice. He left his gardens, he left his home and his family, and went to that village. In two years he has won forty-nine souls for Christ.

Friends, that is the spirit of the African. When he receives the light in simple faith, friends, he goes and works to give the light to others.

Our group had decided to hold a little missionary effort in a small village during the school vacation. The chief of the village was old and ill and ready to die. At first our group was hesitant to go to this little village. They thought it was just a little village. One evening they went to see the old chief. The chief's son said the missionary had come. He said "What?" The son repeated. "The missionaries have come." "No! Surely not." Finally he came out and said, "Are you missionaries?" "Yes," we replied, "we have come." "Yes," we replied, "we have come to tell you the gospel story." The chief replied: "We are now only 180 souls left. I am ready to go. You have come too late." Our teacher was very much upset that he had neglected his duty. The students were very much upset. They said they would hold a meeting, but the chief said, "You may try, but you have been a long time coming, and I fear it is too late."

At the close of that effort 115 souls were received into the baptismal class, and friends, we were happy that the old chief accepted the truth.

E. D. DICK: Our next speaker is Pastor G. D. King, president of the South England Conference, London, England.

G. D. KING: In bringing you this word from old England, I begin by giving you a text, one that is well known to you, from 2 Timothy 2:19. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure."

I am very glad this afternoon to be

able to tell you that the faith of the membership in Britain, and the courage of our workers in old England, is strong—stronger, I think today, for having come through the terrible experience of the war, stronger than at the beginning.

In the early days of the war, during the first blitz on London, I stood in the shattered home of one of the oldest members in London. I did not know how to comfort him. But he took my hand and as he looked he said, "I am looking for the city that hath foundations, Brother King. There'll be no bombs there."

It was such a faith as this that enabled a little conference in South England to contribute and increase in tithes and offerings year by year. I am glad to tell you that our little South England Conference, blitzed and burned during those days of war, was able to make a contribution to General Conference mission funds of something over six hundred thousand dollars; and that, brethren and sisters, is from the membership of about three thousand members.

Evangelism has never been easy in Britain. It wasn't easy during the days of war when there was a pitch-black blackout, when the bombs were falling. Some of our men had the experience of having their great halls bombed right from under them in the midst of their campaigns. But they carried on in difficulty and danger, and I am glad that God gave them fruitage. Over a thousand believers were baptized during those dark years in little South England.

One day I was called to visit the town of Folkstone—just on the tip of England, where I could look across the English Channel to enemy-occupied territory. During the Sabbath day on which we held a baptism, the bombing never let up.

As we go back to England, there is no despondency in our hearts. We go back to a people who, I know, are full of courage and confidence in the advent message. We have a loyal band of workers in Britain, and I want to pay tribute to them before this great congregation this afternoon.

One old lady of eighty-three wrote during the bombing, "We have in our own house many windows broken and other things damaged by blasts. We do not know how much longer these things will go on. It is very terrifying to many, especially to those who have felt it very near, but it is comforting to know that the eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Several friends in the country are urging me to visit them, but I do not care to leave London just at present; it looks like running away from the enemy, and I am not fearful. If it is God's will that I go this way, then I must submit, but I don't think it is. There I will trust that He may keep me in perfect peace."

You know, brethren and sisters, it is a faith like this that brings victory. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Brethren, the great stream for missions will continue to come out of Eng-

land. We go back there encouraged by this Conference. But that stream will be widened as we invest more men and means in England for the finishing of the work of God in the coming days.

H. T. ELLIOTT: The next speaker is J. C. Culpepper, who has been elected at this Conference to carry the Publishing Department for the Inter-American Division.

Continent of Opportunity

J. C. CULPEPPER: South America continues to be the continent of opportunity. It was my privilege only recently to spend eight days on the mission launch with Missionary Halliwell and his wife. We had gone from day to day, treating the many, many who came with the burning malaria. The Sabbath was drawing near. We wanted to ease into a little town on the banks of the great Amazon River and spend the Sabbath with a handful of the Adventist believers. While we were in Sabbath school the mayor of the city called us out and said, "I learned you had slipped in last evening. We want you to have meetings tonight. I am going to get the biggest theater in the town, and I will announce the meeting for 7:30. Will you have the meeting?" "Surely," Missionary Halliwell agreed. At 7:30 there were more than 600 people in this theater.

Our 300 colporteurs and 400 student colporteurs who earn scholarships, are working diligently with the evangelists, with the teachers, with the doctors and nurses to carry the work forward in the Continent of Opportunity.

E. E. ROENFELT: The next speaker is R. E. Hare. In his capacity as the vice-president of the Australian Union Conference, Elder Hare carries the special responsibility of administering our mission work in the islands of the South Sea. During the last few months Brother Hare has spent a good deal of time in these mission fields, and he is able to bring to us some first-hand information concerning the work in that very interesting mission territory.

[Elder Hare is preparing a series for the REVIEW on the experiences of our native believers in the South Seas. In the interests of brevity we are therefore not quoting from him here.]

E. D. DICK: As a result of the morning service, two of our brethren from South America have asked for time to say just a few words, and we would not deny them that privilege.

G. G. RITTER: I am here with a happy heart for the privilege of attending this great gathering. This morning my heart was thrilled and touched as I listened to the sermon by Elder McElhany. And the São Paulo Conference in Brazil, of which I am president, is following with great interest the advancement of the mission work in all the world. For the first time in the history of missions, in a great congress like this, the São Paulo Conference of Brazil is able to give a contribution of \$1,000 for missions. This is a small contribution, but it comes from the depths of our heart. May the Lord enlarge this offering to the glory of His name.

J. R. PASSOS: For my part also I am greatly thrilled and happy to attend this gathering. I represent the Parana-Santo-Catarina Mission of South Brazil. Our field also wants to co-operate in a tangible way in giving something to finish the work in the world field. We also want to give a small contribution. Our conference will give \$500 for this special mission offering today. [Voices: Amen.]

E. D. DICK: We are happy to find this wonderful response coming from our brethren in the faraway South American Division. We have now come to the close of our symposium. We will enter at once upon the closing service of this Conference.

Closing Exercises

HYMN: 182, "It Must Be the Breaking of the Day." Announced by W. H. Branson.

J. L. McELHANY: What a picture! What a sight! From the palace of an emperor to the savage jungles of cannibalism! Piece it all together, and see what we behold. All around the world, in all the continents of earth, the islands of the sea, everywhere men listening to the witness of the coming of the Lord Jesus. What a sight! What a scene! Thank God for it today. [Voices: Amen.]

How our hearts ought to respond in grateful praise to our blessed Lord and Redeemer. And as we close I want to leave with you these beautiful words by the servant of the Lord:

"We are still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities. Let us consider most earnestly the blessed hereafter. Let our faith burst through every cloud of darkness, and behold Him who died for the sins of the world. He has opened the gates of Paradise to all who will receive and believe on Him."

And oh, how comforting that is today, isn't it? The hearts of the mightiest, the noblest of earth, all down the scale of humanity to the lowest, the most depraved, the most illiterate—He is speaking to the hearts of men and saving them from their sins and preparing them for a place in His eternal kingdom.

"He has opened the gates of Paradise to all who will receive and believe on Him. To them He gives power to become the sons and daughters of God. Let the afflictions which pain us so grievously become instructive lessons, teaching us to press forward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ. Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. Let this hope gladden our hearts. 'Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.' Blessed are those servants who, when their Lord comes, shall be found watching. We are homeward bound."

I love that expression. I wish it might ring this evening in all our hearts. And as we depart from this place would that not be a good motto for us to carry with us?—"We are homeward bound."

"He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a city. The-

New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections, will evermore be heard. Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

"It will not be long until we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. 'Cast not away therefore your confidence,

which hath greater recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.' Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed."

Thank God. [Voices: Amen.] Thank God for that blessed hope! [Voices: Amen.]

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An Evening With the Southern African Division

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South Africa suffers from growing pains. Thank God it is not dying groans. We need to grow and expand. We need a sanitarium. We need some academies. We need to increase and enlarge our two training schools. The medicine for growing pains is men and means and prayer and the Spirit of God. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, in the Union of South Africa.

[Elder and Mrs. G. E. Shankel and their daughter, former missionaries to South Africa, sang two songs composed and sung by our African people, and written out in music and words by Miss Shankel.]

C. W. BOZARTH: Miss Foote, who has spent a number of years with the Malamulo Mission in the training of our African young girls, will tell us about her work.

DONA FOOTE: I come to represent to you the need of the women and girls of Africa. We are providing education both for the young girls and for the married women who live around our mission. Up in Nyasaland where I have been working we have only a small response. There are far fewer girls in school than there are boys, but of these few we are gleaning some souls for the Master, and they are learning to be true and faithful, and are becoming Christian wives and mothers.

I think of one woman. She is at the present time our native preceptress. She was trained in the early days of Malamulo, and I have here just a portion of a letter that she sent to me that I translated to read to you.

"I know that even though you have gone for your furlough, yet in your prayers you do not forget us in Africa. I also will not forget you in prayer. If you do not return to Africa, my hope is this, that it may be possible for us to see each other when Jesus comes. I pray as did David, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit!'"

Almost any Friday afternoon at Malamulo Mission you will see a group of girls running up and down carrying a load of bricks on their heads. What are they doing? They are earning some money so they will have an offering to put in the next day at Sabbath school. We need your prayers, and we hope many more women will come out to Africa with a burden to help the native women there.

C. W. BOZARTH: You have already heard of the Voice of Prophecy work that is being done out in the Southern African Division. We are glad that the director of the Voice of Prophecy is with us tonight. He is going to tell us what he is doing in this work.

Bible Correspondence Work

E. L. CARDEY: We are celebrating this year, this month, the third birthday of the Voice of Prophecy. This work has been built largely through newspapers and magazines. Our radio

work is only about a year old, and we have been operating over only one station from Mozambique, the Lorenzo Marques station. We have thousands and thousands of students. We are well known throughout the continent of Africa.

I was impressed with this the other day, just before I left my office. A native boy wrote in and said, "I have long wanted to know about God. My parents are dead, but I had a wonderful dream last night. In that dream a person said to me, 'The Voice of Prophecy will tell you about God.'" He wrote a letter in English and simply wrote on the outside of it,

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE

Australia, New Zealand, China, Celebes, Netherlands East Indies, French Indo-China, Japan, Korea, Malaya, the Philippines, Sarawak, Borneo, Siam, the Bahamas, British Honduras, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Santo Domingo, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Venezuela, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, Holland, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Arabia, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gold Coast, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Nigeria, North Cameroons, Palestine, Transjordan, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Syria, Turkey, Angola, Barotseland, Bechuanaland, Congo, Kenya Colony, Mozambique, Nyasaland, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Uganda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Equador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Assam, Burma, Ceylon, India, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Italy, Madagascar, Portugal, North Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Bermuda, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and the United States.

"The Voice of Prophecy," and dropped it in the post. When it came, it had no stamps on it. I had to put the stamps on. It came from Rhodesia, two thousand miles or more away, but it came directly to Cape Town with only the words "The Voice of Prophecy."

We have done our advertising largely for the European people in the English and Afrikaans languages. We have made no effort to reach the great masses of the black people; and yet, in spite of that, making no effort for them, about eight thousand of them have written in for our lessons.

At the present time we have an enrollment of over eighty thousand, and they were coming in at the rate of about a thousand a week when I left the office about a month ago. Of this eighty thousand, approximately thirty thousand have finished their courses, and out of this number we sent out with the last few lessons, not a questionnaire, but a card for signing, to those who desire to keep the Sabbath

and be baptized. Out of this number, when I left the office, 21,000 had signed a covenant to keep the Sabbath. Many of these had been baptized already, and as rapidly as the workers can reach them, they are being prepared for the final step of baptism. We believe that a very large number of this group will finally come into the church. We maintain a prayer circle at our office. I think this prayer circle has done more to win the people of all classes to the Voice of Prophecy than any one thing we can do. Approximately one thousand people have testified to answered prayer.

We rejoice in two Jewish young men who have taken their stand. One of them is now studying in Helderberg College. The other young boy, who had never read any Christian literature until he got hold of the lessons away up in the northern part of Rhodesia, wrote in just before I left. It was a wonderful letter, telling how he had taken his stand for Christ, how his parents had come to see him, how he was being persecuted, and how they had even threatened to take his life. But that boy said, "I will stay true to God, whom I have learned to love." We hope to see him in Helderberg College, studying to be a minister. We thank God for these Jewish young men.

Just before I left the office a wonderful letter came to us. It was on the letterhead of the managing editor of the *Islamic World*. This Mohammedan said, "I listened to your Voice of Prophecy broadcast, and now I want the lessons. I believe you have the truth."

About six months or a year ago, a boy wrote in for the Voice of Prophecy lessons. In January of this year he was coming from school on his bicycle, when he was suddenly killed by a motor car. The teacher ran to get the mother and bring her down to the scene. When she came she was so frightened and terrified she could not weep. She saw her boy lying there. And a voice said, "Look over in the grass and see that Bible." In relating the experience she said: "The Bible was opened to the fourth chapter of Second Timothy where the boy had underlined these words, 'I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.'" "Oh," she said, "it was like a voice coming from the other side of the grave."

In the Bible she found the Voice of Prophecy lesson he had finished that day. She wrote in and said, "I am taking my stand for the Sabbath truth this very week." Her sister and her husband join her in this. "We are going to see our boy in heaven," she said. They are soon to be baptized into the message.

[The closing number was a selection by a double male quartet composed of workers from Africa. They sang one of the national songs of the Bantu people.]