

Calendar Change Threatens Sabbath

By Carlyle B. Haynes

A DETERMINED drive has been started, and is gathering force, to change the calendar. This has been tried before in recent years, and has not succeeded.

Now, however, those promoting calendar reform are putting forth renewed effort, after having quietly assembled impressive support in its behalf. Organizations that lead in nearly all fields—scientific, manufacturing, patriotic, industrial, labor, social, womens' activities, educational, and political—are sponsoring it.

The present time is considered propitious. The year 1950 has been fixed as the time for the new calendar to go into effect. Every effort and every possible agency is being marshaled to bring an end to the Gregorian Calendar with the year 1949—and with it an end also to the historic seven-day week—and bring into use a blank-day calendar with the year 1950.

Two bills have been introduced into the 80th Congress to bring this about. They are H.R. 1345 and H.R. 1242. These have both been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where they are now under consideration. If either is enacted into law, we shall be well on the way to having the Sabbath detached from its place in the week and set to wandering in bewildering shifts from one day to another.

If this change is made, the true seventh day, with the sacredness with which God clothed it, will be called Friday, during 1951; Thursday during the first six months of 1952 (a leap year); Wednesday during the latter six months of 1952; Tuesday during 1953; Monday during 1954; Sunday during 1955; and it will not be until 1956 that it will resume the name Saturday. In 1957 the same shift will begin again.

No words are needed to emphasize what hardship and distress such a development will bring to observers of the true Sabbath.

We must summon our energies to defeat this proposal. We must do our utmost to make plain to our friends, neighbors, and the general public what the real issues are in this situation. The sponsors of the calendar change are determined this time to succeed. We must be equally determined to use this effort of theirs as a God-given opportunity to enlighten the world more fully than ever about God's true Sabbath. It is not difficult to believe this is the purpose God has in mind in permitting this development to arise at this time.

H.R. 1242 was introduced into the House of Representatives on January 23 by Mr. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii. It is entitled "A Bill to Make the Calendar Fixed and Perpetual." It proposes that the "Edwards Perpetual Calendar" "shall be the official calendar of the United States of America and all the territories subject to its jurisdiction on and after January 1, 1950."

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[The Review subscribes to Religious News Service, the well-known interdenominational news gathering organization. Many of the items below are taken directly from this service.]

¶ THE board of temperance of the Methodist Church has launched a national campaign in Chicago to ban liquor advertisements from interstate commerce. Bishop W. E. Hammaker said that the liquor industry had not lived up to its promises made at the time of repeal. "They promised they would not entice us, coax us, mislead us," the bishop said, "but now they spend \$100,000,000 annually to persuade us that drunkenness is the mark of distinction."

¶ SEVEN 16-mm motion pictures will be produced by the Protestant Film Commission during 1947, it was decided at the Commission's second annual meeting in New York. The films, according to Paul Heard, executive secretary, will be distributed to churches, clubs, schools, and community groups.

¶ A PLAN to restore the historic ruins of Cana, site of the wedding feast at which Christ changed water into wine, has been initiated by the Most Rev. George Hakim, Greek Rite Bishop of Haifa, and spiritual leader of Arab Catholics throughout Palestine. Cana is now almost entirely Christian in population.

¶ THE first house of studies, or seminary, to be established in the United States by the Society of the Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be opened in Forestville, near Cincinnati, Ohio. It will be known as the Sacred Heart Seminary. Permission for the setting up of the permanent house in the Cincinnati archdiocese had been granted by Archbishop John T. McNicholas to the Society, whose motherhouse is in Verona, Italy.

¶ A DECISION to establish united Protestant missionary work on Okinawa Island was unanimously approved at a meeting of the recently formed Okinawa committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The action was described by the Rev. Rowland M. Cross, secretary of the committee, as a major step toward fulfilling the desire of many Christian leaders both in the United States and overseas to conduct Protestant foreign-mission activities on an interdenominational rather than a denominational basis.

¶ THE Gideons, national businessmen's organization, gave away their 2,500,000th Bible in Memphis, Tennessee, at the closing session of their annual midwinter cabinet meeting. At a special dedication service held in the lobby of a local hotel 625 Bibles were donated for distribution in rooms. In addition to the Bibles, the Gideons have distributed 10,500,000 copies of the New Testament.

¶ SIX million young Roman Catholics throughout the United States may soon embark on a month-long stay-away-from-the-movies campaign. The movement got its start when members of Our Lady's Sodality for southern California announced that its members will not attend any motion picture during the month of February. Plans to secure the support of all high school Sodalities throughout the country, with a total membership of 6,000,000, were made in Los Angeles. Other Catholic organizations will also be invited to pledge their aid in protesting "immoral" films at that time.

¶ A PLAN for union between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) is now complete except for one item, according to Dunbar H. Ogden, of New Orleans, chairman of the Southern union committee. The *Presbyterian Outlook* quoted Mr. Ogden as reporting that only property matters remain unsettled in the plan, and that on this issue his committee has reached a compromise agreement which will be presented to the U.S.A. group. Final details are expected to be completed at a joint meeting of the U.S.A. department and the U.S. committee in Cincinnati, March 12 and 13. After that time the plan will probably be made available for study. The completed plan will be presented to the General Assemblies of both churches in May.



1872

¶ WRITING of meetings which J. Bartlett and R. M. Kilgore are holding in the Elder Grove schoolhouse, in the southeast corner of Burt County, Nebraska, they say: "The people here are all new settlers, principally from the East. They are generally an intelligent class, hospitable and kind, and not rich in this world's goods. Many of them occupy homesteads, and are living in what they call 'dug outs,' a hole dug in a side hill and covered with sods, making it a very comfortable, cozy dwelling. Our work here can truly be styled 'pioneer,' which we enjoy. The people are ready and anxious to hear, and although it is a new country, our house, 18 x 26, is crowded to overflowing every time. Last night there were fifteen teams hitched around the schoolhouse."

1897

¶ W. W. STEWARD, reporting from Colville, Washington, writes: "I am doing much visiting, going to the homes of the people, talking and praying with them, and distributing tracts and papers. We shall organize a Sabbath school next Sabbath. I am now visiting at the home of Brother and Sister Leonard, who are old pioneers in the message. They used to share their hospitality with many of God's dear servants when the message was in its infancy, among whom were Elders Bates, White, and Waggoner."

1922

¶ FOLLOWING a short tent effort held by J. R. Campbell and J. B. Baker in Basutoland, Africa, Chief Carlyle D. Rampa called forty of his counselors and head men together and read to them a notice in which he told them that he had accepted the seventh day as the Sabbath, and that he would be glad if his followers would do likewise. Chief Rampa is a descendant of Moshoeshoe, the unifier and first chief of the Basuto nation.

EDITORIAL

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Heart-to-Heart Talks

Qualities of Christian Character

WE SHOULD earnestly seek the attainment of holy characters. We hope sometime—and that soon, by God's grace and infinite love—to associate in the earth made new, with Christ our Saviour and with all those who have been made holy by faith in His shed blood and righteous life. In view of this should we not seek to cultivate those qualities of character which will enable us to feel at home in that holy company? What are some of these qualities?

Holiness

Is this possible? The apostle exhorts the believers: "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15, 16. And this is the admonition of the apostle Paul: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

This holiness is obtained, not by any works that we may do, but by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

Purity of Heart and Life

Only the pure in heart shall see God. (Matt. 5:8.) From the heart all action springs. God counts not alone the overt act of impurity sin, but the lustful desire. "I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:28.

We live in a world of obscenity. The appeal to impurity greets our eyes in lurid pictorial representations at every turn. The sex appeal is found in many books and magazines of current fiction. It may not always be possible to avoid the former, but we may avoid the latter. It is in our power to choose our reading matter, to discriminate between the noble and uplifting and the impure and degrading.

The Spirit of Forgiveness

We may have suffered wrong from our fellow men. We may have been cheated in a business deal; we may have been unjustly criticized and blamed; we may have suffered persecution from those who sought our very extinction. Such was the experience of Christ our Saviour. At the instigation of His own chosen people He was nailed to the cross and derided in His dying agony. Yet there came from Him but one rejoinder: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. In our trial let us manifest His spirit and pray His prayer. Then with heartfelt meaning we can pray the prayer He taught His disciples, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Acquirement of Knowledge

We need to search the Word of God daily to learn the way of truth. We should become proficient as far as possible in every line of worthy endeavor. How much we might learn, how well educated we might become, even if denied the much-to-be-desired privilege of formal school training, if we faithfully im-

proved time spent in idle chitchat, in daydreaming, in listening to unprofitable radio transmissions. It is the duty of every man and woman to make the most of himself for God. And all worth-while study here will be continued throughout the endless ages of eternity.

"There every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations will be reached, the highest ambitions realized. And still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and mind and soul.

"All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious revelations."—*Education*, p. 307.

Reverence

We serve a God of infinite love, and also a God of infinite wisdom and power. He is clothed with royal majesty and unsurpassed glory. He is the Creator of the universe, the supreme Judge of all created intelligences. We should hold Him in awesome reverence. He commands us never to take His name in vain. (Ex. 20:7.) The psalmist declares His name to be "holy and reverend." (Ps. 111:9.) Let the Lord's name never be commonplace in our thinking or speaking. In prayer we should never address Him as "You," but as "Thou." Of course we may call Him by such titles as the Bible employs.

This spirit of reverence will lead us to regard the place of worship as a sacred building, solemnly dedicated to God's worship. It is well, as we take our seats, to bow our heads for a moment of prayer. At the close of the service we should quietly depart omitting all unnecessary conversation in the building.

Christian Courtesy

Christian courtesy is enjoined upon us by the apostle: "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:8, 9. Courtesy characterized the life and teaching of the Lord Jesus.

"Jesus did not suppress one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact, and thoughtful, kind attention, in His intercourse with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He spoke the truth, but always in love. He denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity; but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 13.

Dignity

The Christian believer will be dignified in all that he says and does. There will be no cheapness in his conversation. He will not engage in "filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting." Eph. 5:4. He will possess a soberness which never descends to moroseness, and a cheerfulness never manifested in frivolity or levity. This does not say that he should never laugh; indeed, on occasion he may laugh and laugh heartily, but

this will be but an occasional outburst of merriment and not a habitual practice.

We are told of Christ that "He ever bore Himself with divine dignity."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 13. As children of the heavenly King, let us manifest kindly dignity in all life's relationships.

Generosity

We possess nothing which we have not received from God directly or from Him through the agency of our fellow men. Realizing this, no pharisaical or self-righteous spirit will actuate what we say and do. We need to give to the poor and needy our prayers, our means, our time. And this will be joyful service when we realize that in rendering help to others we are doing it unto Christ the Lord. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40.

Bravery

We live in a fear-filled world. "Men's hearts [are] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:26. If we are on God's side in the great conflict between truth and error, we may boldly say in the words of inspiration, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:6. To us who are to inherit antitypical Canaan belongs the same comforting assurance that was given Joshua as he was about to enter the typical land of promise: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

Divine Protection

Long years ago I arose one morning feeling greatly depressed. The institution with which I was connected was under severe criticism by opposing elements. The day's mail brought to me a letter from some good but unknown sister in the Middle West. She wrote that she was impressed that my courage needed bracing, and cited me to the following scripture: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord." Isa. 54:17.

This scripture was a great encouragement to me then, as it has been many times since. If you are passing through a similar experience, may the Lord bless it to your encouragement and uplifting.

May we seek to cultivate in our lives the Godlike qualities listed above and all other necessary qualities of character, whereby, through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, we may form Christian characters in this world and be fitted to enter into the life eternal when Christ comes.

F. M. W.

Keep That City in Mind

WE ARE not in this world merely to stand still and be good. We are going somewhere. This Advent Movement ends inside the gates of the city of God.

The Advent people of the remnant church are a people on the march. Forget that not for a moment.

It was the hope of actually getting to the Celestial City, and the determination to be there at all hazards, that sent Bunyan's pilgrim through the Slough of

Despond, up the Hill Difficulty, on past every peril and trial, and into the city at last.

There is a wealth of experience in the reply that Christian gave, in the allegory, when Prudence asked him whether he could remember any means by which at times discouragements and annoyances were caused to flee away.

He said, "When my thoughts wax warm about whither I am going, that will do it!"

There is nothing like it for cheering on weary feet and dispersing drooping spirits and temptations to discouragement—the thought of the glorious city and the Saviour's coming to take His children to the heavenly home.

When thoughts of that which is just before us wax warm in our hearts, how courage grows and depression flees away!

There is actual power in "the blessed hope." "And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3.

"There is a blessed hope,
More precious and more bright
Than all the joyless mockery
The world esteems delight."

The glory of the celestial city beckons us on. Not only the Spirit but the bride, the heavenly Jerusalem, says, Come! Between us and the kingdom lies only the unfinished task. The message of deliverance is to be carried to all nations—

"And then shall the end come."

W. A. S.

The Blessing of Prayer

By MRS. JOHN JASENZAK

One day my soul overflowed with joy,
For I started that day with a prayer
That God in His wisdom my footsteps would
guide

And keep from each worldly snare.
I trustingly placed my hand in His
And walked by His side all the day;
Though the road was rough where we traveled,
He patiently led all the way.
When the evening had come, and its shadows
Made the sunshine of day grow dim,
I sang, "What a glorious day this has been
Just walking along with Him."

Then one sad day I forgot Him;
I started that day all alone.
The blessing of prayer quite forgotten
Had turned my heart to stone.

O why was the road so rocky?
O why the mountain so steep?
Where was the hand of the Shepherd,
To lovingly guide His sheep?
All through that long day I stumbled,
With no one to show me the way—

At last I remembered the Shepherd,
From whom I had gone astray;
Then my heart, which was, oh, so weary,
Cried out in anguish and pain,

"Dear Lord, may I never forget Thee,
Nor stray from Thy side again.
May I, when each new day is dawning,
Bow humbly before Thee in prayer,
And seek the hand of my Saviour
To guide me through troubles and care."

We Suggest a Poll of Adventist Laymen

LAST week we observed, in closing, that the real meaning of Adventist teachings has been revealed in our church services and in the lives of our members for a century.

And what do these years reveal? Do they reveal instances of Seventh-day Adventist ministers conducting revival services in the evangelistic sense of the word, calling on men to accept Christ? Yes. In our churches and in our annual camp meetings, year after year, appeals are made directly to the hearts of men and women, young and old, to accept Jesus Christ and to accept Him as their only Saviour from sin and their only spiritual Sustainer and Source of life for the future. Strange that our critics never seem to be aware of these revival services we conduct. There is nothing secret about them. Public notices in the press invite all to come to our large camp meetings. If we conducted these revival services on a legalistic basis, if we failed to exalt Jesus Christ, is it reasonable to believe that our critics would have overlooked this contrast?

And what have Adventist pastors done through the years when visiting church members? Have they carried along a scroll of the Ten Commandments and consumed the time of the pastoral visit in asking the family whether they have kept the law, assuring them that if they will keep on trying they will probably succeed in keeping those commands, but that if they fail they will be in a very sad state? We pose this question not to provoke a smile from our Adventist readers. The matter is too serious for that.

Yes, what do Adventist pastors say or do when they visit the homes of their church members? Speaking personally, we have never taken a scroll of the law to any home. We have never pleaded with parishioners to try harder to keep it, or warned them of the terrors of ultimate hell-fire if they did not succeed. We rather took for granted that those who have accepted Christ have the law written in their hearts, which is the promise of the new covenant. Presuming this, we spent our time in talking of the promises of God, the goodness of the Lord, His forgiving grace for sins confessed, His proffered power for victory in the future. And we ended each pastoral visit with a prayer to God through Jesus Christ, laying claim to all these promises, most particularly to the promise that Christ will dwell in our hearts by faith and live out through us all the principles of heaven, including all His divine laws.

And has there been anything unusual in our pastoral visitation? No. We have done simply what every other Adventist minister does. Would our critics suggest some other course for us to follow in order to be in harmony with good Christian practices and beliefs? We think not.

Our Attack on Enslaving Habits

And what do we say to someone who comes to us for freedom from slavery to an evil habit like drink or tobacco? Do we simply urge him to try to keep the law of God, adding that we trust he will secure victory over his evil habit, but that if he fails there is only damnation ahead for him? Is it possible that we say such a thing as this? Well, our critics charge that we are legalists; hence, this is what we should be expected to say. But do we really? No! We point the poor slave of evil habits to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To whom else could we point him? And we pray for his deliverance through Christ.

Now, it is a fact that tens of thousands of those who seek admittance to the Adventist Church are troubled with some such habit as tobacco or liquor. Yet they all secure victory over these habits, for no Seventh-day Adventist smokes or drinks. Here, then, is an amazing fact. The habits of smoking and drinking have a fearful grip on most of their devotees, as many of them can testify. Yet those coming into the Adventist Church gain complete and generally rather sudden victory over these habits. Have Seventh-day Adventists found an immediate and ever-dependable source of power that other Christian people through all the years have not known?

But why press this point further? Is it not evident that we have in this amazing phenomenon of a whole membership free from the enslaving habits of drink and tobacco, and even worse habits in far-off heathen lands, the clearest proofs that Adventists rely on the one and only Source of help, Jesus Christ our Lord?

Why Not Take a Poll?

Now we have a suggestion for our critics, a suggestion which, if followed out, could once and for all settle this question of whether Adventists are legalists or not. Here is a chance for you to put your charge to an honest test. Take a poll of a cross section of the rank and file of Seventh-day Adventist laymen. Exclude all Adventist preachers, who according to you either do not know what they preach and teach or else have a conspiracy to conceal the meaning of their teachings. Go instead to the homes of humble laymen, who must seek to make religion work in their everyday lives, and whose sincerity and loyalty to Seventh-day Adventist beliefs is evidenced by their amazing liberality, which is probably the highest in the religious world.

Go with your notebook in hand and ask those laymen: "Do you rely on the keeping of the law to save you?" "Do you turn your back on Christ as the one and only Saviour from past sins and the only Source of power for holy living?" Or ask any variation of these questions in order to make sure that you are framing to your satisfaction your charge that Adventists are legalists.

We know what the answer would be. First, there would be a look of bewilderment, then amazement, then indignation, followed probably either by a vehement denial or else a vigorous inquiry as to how you ever came to ask such a question. We know this would be the response whether the question was asked of an Adventist layman in America, in China, in Africa, or in the islands of the sea.

Of course our critics may wish to challenge our statement, but we shall not listen to them until they have produced the findings from their poll of Adventist homes. We know they will not risk such a poll.

On the other hand, we hardly think they will attempt to minimize the force of our suggestion of a poll by declaring that Adventist laymen do not really know what their denomination teaches. We think it no exaggeration to state that the average Seventh-day Adventist probably has more of his church's literature in his home than members of any other Protestant body. And if our critics doubt whether he knows what Adventists believe, it must be because they have never given him an opportunity to set forth those beliefs!

Now, here is a phenomenon, indeed. The ordinary Adventist layman who listens to his pastor week by week and who reads Adventist literature constantly, fails entirely to discover the allegedly Christ-denying character of Adventist theology. And hence prays to God through Christ daily and relies on the saving grace of his Lord for holy living and victory over temptation. Truly a phenomenon!

F. D. N.

Joy as a Health Asset

By D. H. Kress, M.D.

FEAR not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," was the message borne by the angel at the birth of our Redeemer. The gospel message is one of great joy. Referring to Himself and the purpose of the gospel, Jesus read:

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Isa. 61:1-3.

This is the spirit and objective of the gospel message. Before taking His departure from His disciples he said to them: "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:9-11.

It is no sin to smile, to be pleasant, to be courteous and cheerful. Truth should be attractive. The Master's message should be given in the Master's spirit. Jesus did not come to this world to bring condemnation; He came to bring salvation. He came, not to make men sad, but to make them glad. Flies are not especially attracted to vinegar. They are in search of sweets. Gospel food must be served on inviting dishes in order to be relished. "Mourn not, nor weep. . . . Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:9, 10), said the inspired writer to the people who felt grieved and wept after the book of the law had been read to them and they were made conscious of how far short they had come of meeting the standard placed before them.

The Joy of Salvation

Joy is an essential in the salvation of souls who are reaping the results of sin and are in search of that which such a life can never give—"great joy." A recognition of this inspired the psalmist to make the appeal, "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Ps. 51:12, 13. Here we have the secret of success in the work of rescuing men and women from a life of sin.

This joy is a fruit of the Spirit. It is found only in the heart of God's messengers, of whom it is said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth." Isa. 52:7. The admonition is, as we engage in this work, "Put on thy beautiful garments." Verse 1. This is essential as we repeat the welcome message given by the angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." "In Thy presence," said the psalmist, "is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures

for evermore." Ps. 16:11. This joy can be found nowhere else.

The joy referred to in these passages is not a make-believe. It is not something that is put on from without. This joy is shed abroad by the Holy Spirit. It is a plant of divine origin and is planted in the human heart, out of which are the issues of life. It cannot be kept concealed. It comes to the surface. Even the countenance will reveal the joy within. Circumstances and surroundings cannot destroy it or mar it. It is a joy that the world cannot give or take away.

Mental influences have much to do with the health. There is science in the statement, "As he thinketh . . . so is he." A joyous and "a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance." But it does more than this. "A merry heart maketh" a cheerful stomach, a cheerful liver, a cheerful pancreas; in fact, every organ and cell of the body receives a benediction and blessing when the mind is joyous. "It is a good thing" for the health "to give thanks unto the Lord." It pays to cultivate the spirit of good cheer. "Son, be of good cheer," needs to be spoken to many a sick man to make a recovery possible.

The Blues and Their Causes

Who has not at sometime heard the expression, "He has the blues"? Who has not at sometime in life had the blues? Few indeed can claim entire freedom from this much-to-be-dreaded malady.

Father, a good-natured man, comes to the breakfast table, and soon every member of the family observes that something is the matter with him. He is not himself. To him everything appears to be wrong. The children annoy him and he speaks harshly to them. The wife comes in for her share of abuse. "What is the matter with father this morning?" the children ask of one another. He has the blues; that is all. Of course, father thinks the trouble is in his surroundings, in the children, or in his faithful wife; but his surroundings are no different from what they were the morning before, when he came with a smile and a word of good cheer for all, and everything appeared ideal.

Perhaps mother makes her appearance, and instead of greeting the members of the family in her accustomed sweet and pleasing manner, she comes with a long, forbidding face. She thinks everything is out of joint. She scowls and scolds. The children look at each other and wonder what can be the matter with mother. Mother has the blues. The sun is shining just as brightly outside as on the day before. The trouble is, there is no sunshine within.

Children frequently come to the table with the blues. Homes are made unhappy because some one member of the family has the blues. When two or more are afflicted in like manner at the same time, there is trouble ahead. Much of the domestic unhappiness and many of the family jars which not infrequently have ended in divorce could, with a little thought, have been traced to this dreadful malady.

Why do people have the blues? The causes are many. Loss of sleep, overwork, sedentary office life,

errors in eating and drinking, may all be responsible for the blues. The use of narcotics, as alcohol and tobacco, are not infrequently responsible. Coffee and tea cause exhilaration temporarily. While one is under the immediate effect of the caffeine, the entire world seems to smile. There is always a period of depression when the drug effect has worn off, as in the early morning hours.

A life of selfishness is a frequent cause of the blues. The best medicine I know for such is taking an interest in others' needs. One of the best remedies is, if you are feeling blue, do something for someone else. By following out this simple program of living, and by bringing the life into harmony with the laws of health in other respects, there is no reason why anyone should suffer with the blues, provided he, in addition, has faith in a kind, overruling Providence and is able to recognize that God permits to come to him only that which he can convert into a blessing, and that God leads him as he would have chosen to be led could he have seen the end from the beginning.

The Calling of Church Membership

By G. D. King

MOST faithful church members are fully conscious of the fact that the ministers of the church are called of God. It is generally recognized that the ministry is a sacred and holy calling in which men are set apart for their special responsibility. It is not expected that men will lightly regard such a sacred duty; rather they will, in the true apostolic spirit, know that their call is from God and will accept their mission with true humility and reverence, seeking to discharge their duties in the fear of God. What is not so generally recognized or so clearly understood is that the true members of the church are also called of God to a special responsibility. The fact of the call of the church membership is as equally apostolic teaching as is the fact of the call of the ministry.

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, *called to be saints.*" 1 Cor. 1:1, 2.

Called to Be Saints

The high calling of the membership is to the sanctification of sainthood and to the work of witnessing. (Isa. 43:10, 12.) This has been made clear to God's people throughout the pages of Sacred Scripture and by revelation through the Spirit of prophecy.

"The glory of the church of God is in the piety of its members; for there is the hiding of Christ's power. The influence of the sincere children of God may be esteemed as of little worth, but it will be felt throughout time, and rightly revealed in the day of reward. The light of a true Christian, shining forth in steadfast piety, in unwavering faith, will prove to the world the power of a living Saviour. In His followers Christ will be revealed as a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. Although scarcely known to the world, they are acknowledged as God's peculiar people, His chosen vessels of salvation, His channels whereby light is to come to the world."—*Review and Herald*, March 24, 1891.

A study of the epistles reveals that Paul made it a point of greeting, when writing to the churches, to address them as "the saints." He wrote to "the saints" at Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, and Colosse. (See Rom. 1:1, 7; 1 Cor. 1:1, 2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1, 2.)

In every place during that first century of Christian

witness the saints of God were found, and from all walks of life they were called, some even being discovered in Caesar's household. (Phil. 4:22.) So today God is gathering His saints from "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," and into the high and holy ranks of sainthood every member of the remnant church is called of God. It is possible that the thought of sainthood frightens us by reason of the fact that we are suffering from a medieval presentation of it, which seems to suggest a separation from the ordinary tasks of life; whereas true sainthood means to live the life of our Lord in the midst of the daily duties and trivial tasks which fall to the lot of every child of God. This is the great implication in the prayer of our Lord as recorded in John 17:11, 15, and 18.

"I am no more in the world, *but these are in the world.*"

"I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

"As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

It was and is our Lord's plan for His people that as saints of the Most High they should work and pray for the salvation of men, emulating His own perfect life of sacrifice and service. Jesus clearly revealed that, while separated from the evil that was in the world, He was ever near to its travail and agony, and only thus can a true compassion for souls be experienced. It is for this high endeavor that every child of God is called. Thus we read, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Eph. 4:1.

It will help us if we realize that as members of God's church we are called into a vocation, and that our vocation is as clear and as definite as is that of the ministry. Indeed, it cannot be too clearly emphasized that we are called into the ministry of church membership—called to be saints.

God's Inheritance

It is in the Epistle to the Ephesians that Paul unfolds the implication, privileges, and responsibilities of Christian sainthood. Some expressions in this epistle are worthy of our notice as we contemplate this important subject. Every true saint of God must acknowledge the following: He is—

1. God's inheritance. (Eph. 1:18.)
2. God's workmanship. (Eph. 2:10.)
3. God's habitation. (Eph. 2:22.)

As God's inheritance we acknowledge that we belong to Him. We are His property! To fully appreciate this and to accept all its implications is the first step into a full realization of the blessed experience of sainthood.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . . ? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Every member, called to be a saint, should make a personal application of this great truth. We belong to God. We are His by creation and redemption, and He must own us completely and absolutely. We must not rob Him of that which is His. No part of ourselves must be held back from His ownership and control. Into His care and keeping, into His guiding and leading we deliver ourselves, that He might have His way with us. With true and consecrated surrender we say:

"Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way.
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still."

God will not neglect His property. He is intensely interested in that which rightly belongs to Him. His property becomes His workmanship, and upon every saint God is working, that His image might be re-created in them. Truly, this is one of the outstanding revelations of Scripture—that God wants us and that His great desire for us is that we shall reveal His likeness.

God's Workmanship

We may become intensely discouraged with ourselves as we sense our own unworthiness and our own short-comings, but we can take courage and hope in the fact that God is calling us to sainthood and He Himself is ready to complete His workmanship on our behalf. As with Israel of old, all too often it may have been said of us—

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Isa. 59:2.

But for our comfort, encouragement, and hope, it is also written:

"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear." Verse 1.

Today God's hand is outstretched to save His people as they yield themselves to Him that He might complete His workmanship and make them ready for His kingdom.

"If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 67.

We must not hinder His workmanship, but as thankful recipients of His everlasting love we must yield ourselves to Him that we might indeed become His habitation, that His glory might be seen in us. What an amazing purpose this is that God has for His saints! They themselves in this life are called to be His dwelling place—a holy temple unto the Lord. As they yield themselves as His property and allow Him to work out His plan and purpose for their lives, He will finish His masterpiece in them and by His Spirit will make His home in them.

How simple and yet how profound is this call that comes to the true child of God. It is that we should make room for the Master in us. Nothing must be locked or barred to Him. No room in His own house can be withheld from Him. Body, soul, and spirit must be completely surrendered, that He might inhabit and possess that which He Himself has bought and redeemed.

Have we completely yielded ourselves to Him as His inheritance, His property, and His habitation, that we might fully enjoy and fulfill the high calling of our membership in Christ and His church? "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27.

Calendar Change

(Continued from front page)

It asks that the President be "authorized and requested to urge upon the governments of the world . . . and the United Nations . . . that the Edwards Perpetual Calendar be adopted, effective January 1, 1950."

The Edwards Perpetual Calendar is a 12-month, 364-day calendar, which begins every year, every half year, every quarter, with Monday; makes each quarter year contain 78 work days, plus 13 Sundays; each month 26 work days, plus Sundays; but with a blank day at each year's end "apart from any week or

month." It is this blank-day device that breaks the sixty-century-old seven-day week.

H.R. 1345 was introduced into the House of Representatives four days later, January 27, by Mr. John Kee, of the fifth district of West Virginia. It is entitled "A Bill to Improve the Calendar by Making it Perpetual, by Equalizing the Quarters of the Year, and Fixing Holidays." It proposes that the "World Calendar" be approved by the Congress for use beginning January 1, 1950, and that the President be authorized to recommend its adoption by the United Nations, effective at that date.

The World Calendar, too, is a 12-month, 364-day, equal-quarter, equal-half-year arrangement, but begins each year, each half year, each quarter with Sundays. It too has 91-day quarters, having 78 workdays and 13 Sundays; each of the 12 months having 26 workdays, plus Sundays; and also has the blank-day feature at each year's end, and in the middle of each leap year.

Consequently, the World Calendar also breaks the historic seven-day week and detaches the Sabbath from its place and starts it wandering through the week.

These proposals are made by their sponsors with the best of motives. They have in mind only the improve-

WHY fret thee, soul,
For things beyond thy small control?
Do thy part and thou shalt see
Heaven will have charge of these and thee.
Sow thy seed and wait in peace
The Lord's increase.

—KATE OSGOOD.

ment of the reckoning and grouping of the days for the benefit of commerce, industry, and accounting. They are not concerned about the effect their proposals would have on religion.

In urging their proposals it is natural that they set forth only the advantages they attribute to their arrangements. They do not mention their disadvantages.

We do not fail to recognize the advantages, and we are for them. But we are convinced the disadvantages greatly outweigh the advantages. We are not against changing the calendar. It is a man-made arrangement and can be improved. We do not oppose such improvement. We are opposed only to a change of the calendar which disrupts and breaks the seven-day week. That is a God-made arrangement.

We favor equal quarters, equal half years, fixed holidays, fixed birthdays, and all the regularity and conveniences proposed by the calendar reformers. We oppose the blank-day device that breaks the traditional God-established week.

We are making plans to oppose the adoption of H.R. 1242 and H.R. 1345. We will endeavor to defeat them first of all in the Committee on Foreign Affairs. That committee is composed of twenty-five members, from many different States. Our Seventh-day Adventist church members living in the districts represented by the Congressmen on the Committee on Foreign Affairs will be requested to write these Congressmen, expressing, as constituents in their own Congressional districts, their opposition to this proposed legislation, and requesting their Congressmen to vote against sending it to the floor.

Further information and suggestions for procedure will appear in the union conference papers, and will be sent out from local conference offices. We urgently ask that it may be heeded, and immediately acted upon. This is a grave development and an enormous opportunity. Let us unite in meeting it in God's way and making it serve God's purpose.

Conducted by Nora Machlan Woolley

Help Your Child Make Friends—II

By Mae Carberry Bradley

BEFORE the last terrible judgment came upon the Egyptians in the death of the first-born, God commanded His people to gather their children into their own homes. The door-post of every house was marked with blood, and within the protection assured by this token all were to abide. So to-day parents who love and fear God are to keep their children under the 'bond of the covenant,'—within the protection of those sacred influences made possible through Christ's redeeming blood."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 403, 404.

We have, besides the home, our Sabbath school, church, church school, and Missionary Volunteer organizations. All these, when properly conducted, are indeed "sacred influences."

The Sabbath school affords an excellent opportunity for making the right kind of friends. Your child's Sabbath school class is an ideal group to invite to your home frequently. The children get acquainted more or less at Sabbath school, but visiting and activity are of necessity restricted. You need not be a

teacher to invite the class to take part in hikes, picnics, or social occasions. If you wish your child to form friendships within these circles, it is your privilege to make it possible for him to do so. Yes, I understand that some members of the class are not perfect. Neither are my children, nor yours, but it is our duty to help them become perfect. In spite of all imperfections our Sabbath school groups are the best company in the world. Some may be what you think of as socially inferior to your family, but the test of an individual is his love for God, not what his grandfather was.

It should not be necessary to go into detail here concerning the importance of having our children in church school. I hope many have reminded you of that responsibility. There they associate with a select group under Christian discipline and influence. The Holy Spirit has an opportunity to work on their young minds, and they begin to be fitted to be the associates of heavenly beings. This cannot be done in a day. "Sanctification is the work of a lifetime."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 65.

The public school does well its appointed task of preparing citizens for this earth, but it is not equipped to prepare citizens for the kingdom of heaven. If there is an unfortunate condition in some church school, you may be sure it is multiplied many times in the public school. Your child's best friends are likely to be chosen among his school associates, and you can see to it that he is in the school where he can have the best for his companions. The perfect school is in heaven, and we have not yet been promoted to that; therefore we must choose the best to be found on this earth. If you do not have a church school, make one.

Activities of Missionary Volunteers

Our Missionary Volunteer Society provides an abundance of activity by which the hearts of your children can be bound to the hearts of others taking part in the same activity, and they are uplifting, soul-saving activities.



A Friendly Little Girl

H. A. ROBERTS

Our Junior camps provide wonderful opportunities of broadening the friendship circle. There our children meet the youth from all over the conference, and spend a short period of from ten days to two weeks doing and enjoying together many worth-while things—nature study, crafts, storytelling, and many more. The activities vary in different camps, and from year to year. If you are an isolated family these contacts will be invaluable to your Junior. If you are not, he still receives inspiration that helps fit him for service to God and man.

Both the church and the Missionary Volunteer Society foster progressive work, but much more than is being done could be done if parents would take hold. While many a church school teacher wonders how to conduct a class for Sunbeams, Builders, Friends, Companions, Comrades, and possibly Master Comrades, many parents are wondering how to win the hearts and confidence of their children. We hope your child is in one of these classes striving to meet the requirements and to live up to his pledge and law. If you would invite his special class to your home an evening each week, to spend half an hour playing games, you would be repaid a hundredfold. Your own child would admire you greatly, and so would his friends. At the same time those children would be bound together in love and companionship while you are helping to direct their ideals. You may be sure the teacher will co-operate fully. Do not disappoint her by beginning and then stopping before you accomplish the task of helping them through the progressive step they have undertaken.

It is really worth while to take this work right along with your children, or, better still, keep one or two steps ahead of them. Every parent should be the best possible leader of youth, and every leader should be a Master Comrade. If you have not begun, and the children are ahead of you, they will enjoy watching you catch up. As adults you need not begin as Friends, unless you prefer, but may cover the total requirements for Master Comrades. Whatever you do, do something. Secure a *Junior Handbook* and at least keep up with your Juniors. It will take time and effort just as any worth-while enterprise does, but you will have no cause for regrets. I am sure you are not busier than two doctors I know who find time to take groups of Juniors on various hikes and nature study excursions.

Vocational Honors

Vocational Honors are interesting, too, and groups of children thoroughly enjoy working them out when they have suitable leadership. There is something you know a great deal about that will interest the children and yet be listed with Vocational Honors. These honors are so planned as to cover a wide field of interests and to teach the most practical things of life—sewing, woodworking, carpentry, music, drawing, bookkeeping, gardening, beekeeping, star study, flower study, tree study, and so on. There are more than one hundred of them, and like all phases of our work, the number keeps growing. Any one of these subjects will require work and study, possibly weeks or months of it, so it affords you a wonderful opportunity to keep a group of your child's friends working with you long enough for them to become lifelong friends of your child and you. They will not stop with one honor if you are still interested.

I am sure someone is asking, "What is Progressive Classwork?" or, "What are Vocational Honors?" Some parents really do not know. Your Missionary Volunteer secretary will be glad to explain them to you more fully. We have strong leaders who put forth much effort to provide for the needs of the youth,

and they desire and need your hearty co-operation.

Camp meeting is as good a place for your child to form new and lasting friendships as it is for you, too. There every activity we have mentioned is well represented, and there will be some boys and girls there worth knowing.

Above all, help your child to know well the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24. "Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 97. When the children are happy they may learn to tell Jesus about it. When they are in trouble they can tell Him about that. There is nothing they cannot talk over with Him, but there really are things they need to learn not to talk about to their playmates. If you speak of and to this Friend often enough in their presence, they will soon know and love Him too. "The little children may be Christians, having an experience in accordance with their years."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 142.

The mother of a dear little seven-year-old came to me one time and said, "Maybe you don't think it is possible, but I really believe Tommie is converted." Then she told of a beautiful earnestness in the life of her little one. It is possible, and you can help make it true in the lives of your children, both by precept and example.

By proving yourself a true friend to your child you will be able to enter into his friendships with him. You can reach down to his interests even though he cannot as yet reach up to yours. Sometimes his may be superior to those of many adults, and we may need to reach up to his interests.

"The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is a foretaste of the joys of heaven."

Did You Turn the Key?

By EDNA MATTAUSCH

MR. SANDUSKY was already late for work. He was having trouble with his car. Repeatedly he stepped on the starter, but it was of no avail. What could the matter be anyway? Surely the gas tank couldn't be empty already? He had just filled it the day before. "I guess I'll give up and walk," he muttered to himself.

Walking back to the cozy kitchen, he informed his wife of his plight. Being in a jovial mood, she asked him, "Did you turn the key?"

With a puzzled countenance Mr. Sandusky ran to the garage, turned the key, tried the starter, and off the motor started, purring like a kitten. In his great hurry he had neglected to turn on the ignition.

How many times have we failed to overcome the many temptations which befall us? How often do we fail to progress in our spiritual lives? These failures can be attributed to the failure of connecting ourselves with the Source of all power.

In the hurried tread of this life, it is so easy to forget to take the necessary time for communion with God and the searching of His Word. If we would but take time for these important duties, our lives would be filled with power from above, so that we will not be overcome by the temptations and trials that continually surround us as a cloud. The power of Christ must work in our hearts and lives before we can be changed.

"Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?"—*Steps to Christ*, p. 99.

Let us take time to turn the key, so that we may be connected with the power of heaven.

Malamulo Training School Graduation

By Mrs. Gladys Ansley

IT HAS been our privilege to see many graduations at Malamulo Mission, but this one, year of 1946, will remain in our memories as one of the most notable. To us, the graduation of the maternity assistants was the most interesting feature of the evening. Here were five women who had spent eighteen months learning to be midwives. It is the first time such a course has been given at this hospital.

Tribal custom here forbids an unmarried native woman attending childbirth. So the five graduates were all married women. They all had homes and children to be cared for. The oldest, Emma Chona, has ten children. One of her sons was in the vernacular graduating class. Her husband, Che Moffat Chona, is one of our leading teachers who translated for the evening exercises where translation was needed. You can imagine that he felt rewarded for the nights he had been left with the smaller children while his wife helped some patient at the hospital and learned more about her profession.

Another midwife was on the platform with her husband, who was graduating from the vernacular course. As they are from north Nyasaland, Macknett Shonga and his wife, Vickness, will return to that field. There she will doubtless be the only trained midwife in a large area. What a responsibility will be hers!

Training Leaders for the Work

That African women have progressed to the place where they can take this course and appreciate the responsibilities that will rest upon them, is a long step forward. When they have passed their government examinations they will be qualified to attend normal childbirths, calling on a physician in complicated cases. The need for such trained women is tremendous. We might also add that the need for European nurses qualified to train them is equally great. We need nurses who will dedicate their lives to such unselfish labor to help the native people reach out and give the professional service, the lack of which costs so many African mothers and babies their lives.

Of the graduating classes, the twenty-two vernacular course students comprised the largest group. Three of these were young women. Among the young men were those who had come down from north Nyasaland. All of these will go back to strengthen the work in that needy field. These vernacular course graduates have finished standard four (equivalent to the sixth grade in America) and have had two years of training in methods of teaching. They are the ones who will go out to teach in the villages, where young Africa learns the rudiments of the three R's in its own language. Upon these teachers will be the responsibility of leading out spiritually in the villages. In America they would be the equivalent of our country-school teachers, with the added responsibility of helping with pastoral duties.

There were only two teachers graduating from the English course this year. How they are needed! They teach standards one to four in the central schools located throughout the field. They themselves have finished standard six or its equivalent and have taken a further two years in the English course. They are



Miss Lydie Delbove, Graduate Nurse From Gland Sanitarium and Her First Class of Midwives to Graduate From Malamulo Missions Hospital, Nyasaland

qualified to teach English in the schools. Vernacular graduates are not. At present the graduate from the English course holds the highest teaching certificate granted by the Nyasaland government.

The hospital assistant's course, started eleven years ago, was represented by one graduate. This young man will be a member of an alumni that now numbers fourteen. He has also finished standard six and has taken the three-year course at the Malamulo Mission Hospital. As hospital assistant he has learned the usual nursing procedures taught in hospitals the world over. He has learned also to give intravenous injections, as well as other kinds, and to scrub and assist at operations. He can use the microscope in diagnosing many of the tropical diseases. His appreciation of the spiritual needs of the patients coming to him has been greatly broadened. With a trained eye he sees much more than just a sick body. One has only to visit the daily clinic and see the steady stream of sick and suffering to realize how many more of these followers of the Great Physician are needed.

Panama Conference Session

By T. J. Michael

THE biennial session of the Panama Conference was held at Colon, January 9 to 15, 1947. A new hall has been rented, and it provided excellent accommodation for the meetings of the session. However, for nightly preaching services and the Sabbath meetings the hall was inadequate to provide for the many hundreds who wished to be present. It is estimated that there were present on the Sabbath about eight hundred, including the children, who were accommodated in one of the churches in Colon.

W. E. Baxter retired from his strenuous responsibilities as president of the conference, and L. D. Minner, who very recently began to serve as the director of the Costa Rica Mission, was elected in Brother Baxter's place. A good spirit prevailed in the work of the committees and in all the conference sessions, and it was apparent that God was present and working with His people.

The baptisms for 1946 in Panama were approximately three hundred, and the goal for 1947 has been set at an even higher figure. About five sixths of the population of Panama are Spanish speaking, but hitherto the results obtained among them are only a little more than half the results obtained among the much smaller English-speaking population. However, it is planned that much more emphasis shall be placed upon the Spanish work henceforth, and undoubtedly we can look for a strong constituency to be built up that will be more representative proportionately of the population than is now the case.

A new training school is being developed in Panama. It is at present in the rather painful growing stage. Much building work remains to be done, but leaders and constituency, including the young people, are extremely interested and enthusiastic, and so without a doubt this new institution will ere long be the strong, well-equipped school which Panama needs.

Evangelism is receiving due emphasis, and it is hoped that during 1947 soul winning will reach the highest mark in Panama's history. Elder Delafield was to begin an evangelistic effort in a large tent, excellently located, within a few days after the close of the session. The brethren are confident that this effort will produce a large fruitage.

Providentially the authorities have given us a choice piece of land as a site for a church building in the city. It would be difficult to find a spot more prominently and ideally located. The authorities insist that a well-built, good-looking structure be erected. With the help provided by the Church Extension Fund, the Panama Conference constituency will still have a heavy load to carry financially in the building of this desperately needed church building. They are going forward in faith, believing that God will enable them to provide adequately for their needs. The leaders, workers, and believers in Panama solicit the interest and prayers of the readers of the REVIEW as they press on with their task of finishing God's work in their territory.

Evangelism in Chicago

By S. M. McCormick

THE stranger within our gates" presents to the Adventist Church a real challenge. In every large city there are many people of foreign extraction, who present a special problem in evangelism. The Illinois Conference has a tremendous responsibility, because a very large percentage of the population of the city of Chicago is of foreign extraction.

The problem can be visualized when one realizes that there are almost as many Polish-speaking people in Chicago as there are in the city of Warsaw. There are over 200,000 Swedish people, more than 200,000

Italian people, and almost 175,000 Czechoslovakian people in the city. There are almost as many Jewish people in Chicago as there are today in the country of Palestine. There are thousands of representatives from the Rumanian, Hungarian, Russian, Danish, Norwegian, Spanish, Chinese, and other miscellaneous language groups. It is estimated that the foreign white population of Chicago totals more than 2,700,000.

The Lord has blessed the years of labor among these language groups in the city of Chicago with eight Seventh-day Adventist churches. There is a total of 588 members in these eight churches. Each language group has a resident pastor to guide in the church evangelistic program. The members of these language churches have a special responsibility. Every Adventist believer has before him the obligation of missionary service, but this is true in a special sense of the members in the language churches. They have the message, and the ability to speak the language as well.

Planning for Extended Work

A special regional meeting of all pastors and members of the language churches was held recently in Chicago. This regional meeting was preceded earlier by a special language workers' meeting. Theodore Carcich, president of the Illinois Conference, placed before the language churches the responsibilities and challenge of a new surge of foreign lay evangelism. These churches have responded to this appeal with the determination that Chicago will set the pace in foreign-language evangelism in 1947.

Only one close to the problem of evangelizing these language groups can realize its magnitude. This is especially true since the war. With the rise of a strong nationalistic feeling thousands of people are reluctant to admit any foreign background. An inability to speak and understand the English language very well, coupled with a reluctance to admit a knowledge of a foreign language, causes thousands to manifest a disinterested attitude toward religion aside from the one which predominates in their home country.

Plans are being completed to build an army of one hundred lay workers in these language churches, who will search out these hard-to-reach individuals. It is planned that this language regional meeting will become an annual affair, and it is anticipated that next year there will be in these churches a hundred new believers whose original contact with this message may be traced to the personal evangelism done by the lay evangelistic workers in the language churches.



Workers Attending Regional Meeting of Pastors and Members of Foreign-Language Churches in Chicago

First Row, Left to Right: D. Corniola, E. H. Moldrik, A. Catalano, J. A. Dominski, A. O. Lund, B. L. Grundset, and José Rivera

Second Row, Left to Right: A. D. Nagy, S. M. McCormick, E. L. Green, Theo. Carcich, Dr. Theo. De Luca, and William Schaeffer

An M.V. Soul Winner

By Robert H. Pierson

ABOUT sixteen years ago, on one of the Bahamas out islands, a little boy was born into a staunch Catholic home. Little Arnold was carefully reared in the faith of his parents, and when at the early age of fourteen he came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists, and decided to keep the Sabbath, his mother was greatly dismayed. Floggings and earnest admonitions were administered. Switch in hand, his mother escorted Arnold to the parish priest for confession. Alone with the priest inside the confessional, the youth, instead of confessing his sins, questioned the authority of the cleric to hear confessions. He reminded the astonished "Father" that God's Word teaches that Christ, the Redeemer, is the only one capable of forgiving sins. Dismissing the lad in anger, the priest reported Arnold's misconduct to his mother. More severe punishment followed.

Through it all, however, young Arnold refused to give up his new-found faith, and soon he was baptized and became a member of one of our Bahamas out island churches. Nor is that all the story.

As a true Missionary Volunteer, Arnold is constrained by the love of Christ to do his part in taking the Advent message to others. He commenced giving Bible studies and holding cottage meetings, and before long six persons were baptized as a result of his work. Now Arnold has a Sabbath school of twenty-six members in his own home, and two of his most enthusiastic members are his mother and his older brother, who persecuted him so bitterly when first he became interested in the truth.

Arnold's spirit of devotion and service is the spirit of the 4,252 Missionary Volunteers in the 183 M.V. Societies in the British West Indies Union. During the first six months of the present year, these young crusaders for God, by giving Bible studies and through lay preaching and other soul-winning agencies, helped prepare 238 persons for baptism in our field.

"Come Ye . . . Apart"

By Daniel Walther

THE accent in our Theological Seminary is on fervent spiritual life. Our ministers in the midst of intensive study may lose sight of the essentials in religion and neglect the fundamentals of Christian living. So busy are they sometimes with material and professional duties that they have hardly time to read the Scriptures, to meditate, and to pray.

In order to satisfy that longing in our hearts, a whole day, Thursday, January 30, was set aside for special communion with God. The entire Seminary family, staff and students, drove five miles to the beautiful Hyattsville church, where the day was spent in spiritual affairs of an eminently practical nature.

The morning study was held by W. A. Spicer. In his affable, kind, and self-effacing way, which has endeared him to the Advent people all over the world, Elder Spicer warned us not to become professionals in religion, but to seek Jesus in simplicity and quietness, not to place too much faith in ready-made formulas as a panacea to any problem which teacher or minister might encounter. Long will we remember the practical counsel which stressed again the over-all important need of personal contact with the source of divine wisdom and love. We listened eagerly as Elder Spicer told us again of how, thirty years ago, at a camp meeting in Friedensau, Germany, he hunted for a text

to introduce his sermon on a Sabbath morning. During the Sabbath school he walked around the beautiful grounds of our college in Germany. The hum of thousands of Advent believers studying the Sabbath school lesson in twenty-one languages suggested to him the idea of fresh, living waters: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." John 7:37.

And we did drink from the source of living waters that day. An earnest season of prayer followed Elder Spicer's message. Later, Seminary students from various parts of the world told of marvelous experiences in which the divine hand intervened. We were also made acquainted with the wonderful story of how some of them heard for the first time the Advent message. In the afternoon a number of students discussed our greatest and most urgent need. While every speaker stressed a different angle, all felt that our greatest need as a denomination is a deep, personal spiritual experience, and suggested that we cease talking so much about prayer, and simply pray.

A simple and impressive communion service ended the day, which we felt had been spent at the feet of our Lord, who told His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." The Seminary family will long remember this day.

Conference Sessions of Northern and Central Unions

By N. C. Wilson

THE Northern Union Conference session convened in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 2 and 3, and was followed by a five-day ministerial institute. J. D. Smith was re-elected president and A. R. Smouse, secretary-treasurer. No changes were made in departmental leadership.

Recent years in the Northern Union have been good ones in soul winning and in all church activities. The brethren reported that since the last union session slightly more than three thousand persons had joined the church. Mission offerings amounted to nearly a quarter of a million dollars annually.

There were many interesting and encouraging features in connection with the Northern Union session, but one of the most encouraging was the ordination of W. M. Buckman, J. F. Knipschild, and R. O. Stone on Sabbath afternoon, January 4.

The Central Union session and ministerial institute were held in St. Louis, Missouri, January 5 to 11. M. V. Campbell and W. B. Mohr were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively. The departmental secretaries remain the same. The brethren brought encouraging reports to the session, all of which revealed steady growth.

Baptisms reported were nearly one thousand annually, and mission offerings amounted to more than \$300,000 for each year since the last session.

On Sabbath afternoon, January 11, an ordination service took place in the St. Louis church, at which time nine young men were set apart for the work of the ministry. The brethren ordained were A. S. Zytoske, C. I. Keymer, C. L. Wilber, Milton Prout, W. O. Lenz, W. S. Jesske, E. M. Cleek, R. L. Woodfork, and H. I. James.

The brethren of the Northern and Central unions face their large task with strong and courageous hearts and with the full and blessed assurance of God's continued blessing and help.

NORTH AMERICAN SPOT NEWS

From Our Special Correspondents

Atlantic Union

¶ A NUMBER of evangelistic efforts were launched in the Northern New England Conference during the month of January. Edmund M. Peterson began a series of meetings at Woodsville, New Hampshire; Wayne Massengill started an effort in West Lebanon, New Hampshire; and V. A. Anderson opened evangelistic services in the American Legion Hall in Westbrook, Maine.

¶ ONE of the oldest churches in the denomination is located at Bordoville, Vermont. There are at present only 23 members in this church, but they have a very active missionary spirit. The Dorcas Society during the past year prepared a box containing 1,010 articles of new and used clothing and bedding for European relief. The society is contributing \$100 toward re-roofing the church building at Bordoville.

¶ THE New England Sanitarium and Hospital welcomed 21 freshman student nurses at a capping exercise on January 16.

Canadian

¶ THE Canadian Union College at Lacombe, Alberta, is now giving senior college work, and expects to graduate its first senior college class in June, 1947. The new girls' dormitory now being erected will house 160 students. As soon as the severe winter weather stops, building work will be resumed, so that the new dormitory can be ready for use when school opens in the fall of 1947. The present enrollment of the college is 333.

¶ MISS RUTH STICKLE, who has served as nurses' supervisor at the Rest Haven Sanitarium, is now under appointment for mission work in Africa. Miss Lola Schwartz is serving as nurses' supervisor.

¶ THE Canadian Watchman Press is now publishing each month a French missionary paper *La Messenger*, which has been made available for missionary work among French-speaking people everywhere. The book *Mark Kennedy's Victory* has also been made available to French-speaking areas.

¶ NEARLY \$300,000 worth of message-filled literature was delivered in Canada in 1946—more than \$50,000 above the previous year. Seventy-two per cent of it consisted of religious books and magazines. Students and young people are credited with nearly one half of this total.

¶ OUR small but busy Newfoundland Mission delivered more than \$20,000 worth of books and magazines last year.

Central Union

¶ AN all-day youth's meeting was held at Hemingford, Nebraska, on Sabbath, February 15. G. R. Fattic, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, was the principal speaker for the occasion. In the evening an entertaining social hour was enjoyed.

¶ SOME weeks ago the M.V. Crusaders of Denver, Colorado, began holding Sunday night meetings at the Speer Sanitarium, of that city. Sometimes as many as 100 patients and workers have attended. The Central Church junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, has been furnishing music for the meetings. Literature is being placed in the hands of interested ones, and a number have enrolled in the Bible correspondence school. On a recent Sabbath the first convert of this effort was introduced to the M.V. Society.

Columbia Union

¶ THE Toledo colored church has 25 more believers than it had at the beginning of 1946. This increase is attributed mainly to the Sunday night meetings conducted by C. T. Richards. A new church building is now needed, and definite plans are being made for its erection.

¶ ON January 11, 9 persons were baptized in the Mount Olivet Church by W. A. Thompson, pastor of the Camden, New Jersey, district of churches of the Allegheny Conference.

¶ A UNION M.V. council convened in Washington, D.C., recently. The theme of the meeting was "Evangelism for Our Youth and by Our Youth."

¶ RECENTLY 4 persons were baptized by E. E. Carmen, and united with the North Side Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

¶ DORCAS FEDERATION meetings are being held throughout the various conferences of the union. Stronger plans for this important work have been laid.

¶ ON Sabbath, February 1, S. K. Lehnhoff baptized 8 more candidates, making a total of 27 that have been added to the Mansfield, Ohio, church during the last two months as a result of the evangelistic effort being conducted there under his direction.

Lake Union

¶ IT was the privilege of the Green Bay, Wisconsin, church, on February 1, to enjoy the visit of two missionary families. I. V. Stonebrook, who has just returned on furlough from China, showed pictures of China as it is today and what is confronting our people in that field. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Conner, of Saginaw, Michigan. They are missionary appointees to the Inca-Union in South America, scheduled to fly from Miami to Lima, Peru, on February 27. Both families were visiting relatives in the vicinity.

¶ ANOTHER successful clothing drive for foreign relief has just been completed by the Emmanuel Missionary College church, under the leadership of their Home Missionary secretary, F. F. Swearingen. Twelve barrels of shoes and hundreds of coats and suits were collected. All these garments were of exceptionally fine quality.

¶ BECAUSE of crowded conditions in the Indiana Academy, at Cicero, an addition to the girls' dormitory is being built. This work is progressing rapidly and the inside is being finished. It will not be long until the girls will be able to enjoy these new rooming facilities.

¶ Two more baptisms are reported in the Michigan Conference. Obed Klein baptized 12 at Pontiac, and on Sabbath, January 18 Hugh Williams baptized 17 at Kalamazoo. Eleven of this last number were Juniors from the class that Edwin Buck has been conducting at Gobles. In a few more months they expect to have another class ready for baptism.

Northern Union

¶ FOUR men in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison have recently completed the Bible Correspondence Course, and two of them desire to be baptized. Meetings conducted there on Sabbath afternoons have been well attended.

¶ FROM the South Dakota Conference comes the report that so far this year 40,000 families have been reached with message-filled literature, and the conference has only well begun its 1947 literature campaign.

¶ A BAPTISMAL service was conducted at Sheyenne River Academy, Harvey, North Dakota, on Sabbath, January 18, at which time seven of the students participated in this rite and became members of the church. R. O. Stone, principal of the academy, officiated.

¶ THE 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course is being used in various parts of the field to develop an interest in the Advent message. In the Davenport, Iowa, district there have been received into church fellowship within the last six months eight new members whose interest was developed in this way. Four of these were admitted to membership on Sabbath, January 25.

North Pacific Union

¶ DURING the recent union conference session, G. W. Chambers, M.V. secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference, was invited to head the union M.V. department, filling the vacancy left when the former secretary, L. A. Skinner, accepted a call to the General Conference M.V. Department.

¶ A. J. REISIG, Oregon Conference M.V. secretary, reports the organization of the Conference M.V. Fellowship Society for the benefit of the isolated youth in the conference who might desire to unite with other young people in an organized program of working for others.

¶ AT a recent meeting of the Idaho Conference committee, R. E. Adams was invited to head the home missionary and Sabbath school departments in the conference. Elder Adams has been pastor of the Payette district in Idaho but now takes the place of Ward Scriven, who transferred to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference a few months ago.

Pacific Union

¶ THE young people of the Glendale, California, area have organized for an evangelistic campaign for other youth. Richard Barron, a young minister, will be in general charge. Arrangements have been made for a radio broadcast every Sunday for a number of weeks, beginning February 16.

¶ MR. AND MRS. ALVA R. APPEL and their small son sailed from San Francisco, February 4, en route to work in East China. Both are children of missionaries, and have spent much of their lives in mission lands.

¶ CECIL L. WOODS, of Emmanuel Missionary College, has been appointed dean of Pacific Union College, to take up his position at the close of the current school year. He succeeds C. E. Weniger, who goes to the Theological Seminary.

¶ SABBATH, February 1, an ordination service was the feature of the afternoon at the Pacific Union Conference ministerial institute. Percy W. Christian, president of Pacific Union College; Godfrey T. Anderson, president of La Sierra College; and Herbert Greer were ordained. Brother Greer has been working in the Northern California Conference but is now under appointment to mission service in South America.

Southern Union

¶ THE Twentieth Century Bible School, of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, reports seven baptized during January.

¶ ON Sunday night, February 2, a truly thrilling musical program was presented in the Atlanta colored church at the time of the dedication of their Hammond electric organ.

¶ IN the South Atlantic Conference, 37 have thus far been baptized as a result of E. C. Ward's effort in the Wilson, North Carolina, church. In this same conference Franklin Hill, a ministerial intern, is conducting a revival in the Gainesville, Florida, church. Also, the Columbus, Georgia, church is working hard toward a new church building in a more desirable location.

¶ ABOUT one hundred persons are now attending the meetings being conducted by lay preachers from Madison College, Tennessee. One has a company of 25 interested people attending regularly. A baptism is planned in the near future.

Notices

Lake Union Conference Session

THE seventh quadrennial session, covering a five-year period of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 19 to 25, 1947.

Officers for the coming term will be elected. Reports will be rendered by the officers and secretaries and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The first meeting will be called March 19 at 8 P.M. It is requested that all delegates be present for the entire session.

L. E. LENHEIM, *President*.
R. M. HARRISON, *Secretary*.

Lake Union Conference Association

A MEETING of the Lake Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in connection with the Lake Union Conference session, March 19 to 25, 1947.

The first meeting will be called March 21 at 10 A.M. Trustees for the coming term will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates to the Union Conference session are delegates to the Association meeting.

L. E. LENHEIM, *President*.
R. M. HARRISON, *Secretary*.

Michigan Sanitarium, Inc.

A MEETING of the Michigan Sanitarium, Inc., will be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in connection with the Lake Union Conference session, March 19 to 25, 1947.

The first meeting will be called March 21 at 10:30 A.M. Trustees for the coming term will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates to the Union Conference session are delegates to the Michigan Sanitarium meeting.

L. E. LENHEIM, *President*.
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Mar. 8	Missionary Volunteer Day	Sept. 6-13	Missions Extension Offering
Mar. 8	Riverside Sanitarium Offering (Colored Churches)	Sept. 20	Temperance Day
Mar. 8-15	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	Sept. 27	13th Sab.
Mar. 29	13th Sab. (South American Div.)	Oct. 4	Colporteur Rally Day
April 5-May 17	Ingathering Campaign	Oct. 11	Voice of Prophecy Offering
May 3	Medical Missionary Day	Oct. 18-25	Our Times and Message Magazines Campaign
June 21	Sabbath School Rally Day	Nov. 1-30	Review and Herald Campaign
June 28	13th Sab. (Inter-American Div.)	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
July 12	Mid-summer Offering	Nov. 29-Dec. 6	Week of Prayer
July 26	Educational Day	Dec. 6	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering
July 26	Elementary Schools Offering	Dec. 27	13th Sab. (Southern Asia Div.)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated the first Sabbath of each month is Home Missionary Day, and on the second Sabbath a missions offering is scheduled.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Montemorelos Hospital, Mexico SUNDAY, January 26, 1947, was a memorable day in the history of our medical work in Mexico. On that day our new hospital and sanitarium was dedicated and opened to the public. In attendance were the governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, several congressmen from Mexico City, and representatives from the University of Monterrey, several national organizations, the press, as well as representatives from the city of Montemorelos, where the hospital is located. There was seen a most friendly spirit of co-operation on the part of officials.

Only the central section of the building is completed. Equipment has been almost unobtainable, but our doors have been opened to the public. Since no previous medical work has been done by us in this region, the filling of the hospital will be a slow process at first. However, we know that we will be kept busy. The difficulties still are many, but our courage is good. We look forward to the time when this institution will be accomplishing that which the Master desires us to do in these important times.

HERSEL E. BUTKA, M.D.

Membership in North America ON December 31, 1946, there were in the United States and Canada 2,740 Seventh-day Adventist churches, with a membership of 220,127. The membership recorded an increase of 7,613 during 1946. Following is a notation of the number of churches and the church membership in each of the union conferences in North America at the close of 1946:

	Number of Churches	Church Membership
Atlantic	209	16,051
Canadian	142	10,144
Central	264	16,496
Columbia	359	27,123
Lake	390	27,493
Northern	237	12,394
North Pacific	288	28,294
Pacific	320	43,914
Southern	323	23,934
Southwestern	208	14,284

Totals 2,740 220,127

CLAUDE CONARD.

New Day of Advance for India J. A. STEVENS, secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, writes the following from India:

The task of evangelizing 400,000,000 people involves great and difficult problems. Two hundred and twenty-five languages and more than 1,700 castes raise barriers difficult to scale in the onward march of the gospel. A spirit of nationalism is revolutionizing long-established government. But notwithstanding all hindrances, the work of God advances with increasing success. More than 5,000 are enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School in Ceylon. One humble colporteur in South India has sold 300 copies of the book *Toward A Better Day*, to Brahmins and other high-caste men. In a Burn evangelistic meeting, 200 people, including Buddhist priests, stood in acceptance of an invitation to study Christianity.

Many Hindus are asking for Bibles, and in Kashmir, princes have requested establishment of our medical work, as have princes in the Shan States.

The year 1946 broke all past records of baptisms, with a total of 935. Of this goodly harvest 172 baptisms were in war-devastated Burma. Shortage of paper greatly constricts the publishing work, and colporteurs sell books faster than they can be provided. Spicer Missionary College, India's training school for nationals, has 130 enrolled, 68 being in the college department.

The workers of India, veterans and all, declare that a new day has dawned in India. Eight hundred people attend meetings in one of the finest halls in Bombay. Seven hundred attend vernacular meetings in Lahore. Tabernacles seating 200 or more in village localities have been filled to overflowing. The pioneers laid a solid foundation on which is being built a successful soul-winning work. But the task is a vast one. Evangelists, doctors, nurses, teachers, workers of all kinds are needed to reap the harvest. To provide them will require heavy appropriations, but God is raising up men and women of talent and means in India, and we may be sure the work will be gloriously finished in Southern Asia when it is finished in all the world.

French West Indian Mission

It has been the happy privilege of the workers of this mission to baptize 216 converts during 1946. Previously the best year in the history of the work here was 1945, with 98 members added by baptism. This mission is on fire with a zeal for missionary work that one seldom finds.

In consultation with the lay missionary workers of the mission, the ministers in charge of the churches have laid plans and set goals for souls for 1947 that is far in advance of anything yet accomplished. The membership of this mission now is about 900, but our needs are great. Except for a small chapel given us by a member some years ago, we do not have a church school or a church building of our own. During the war the mission was cut off from all outside contacts and help, but we have a loyal membership. Besides supporting itself financially by its tithe through the years and sending on its quota of tithe to the union and division, this mission has sent out thousands of dollars in mission offerings to help support other missions. The membership is 100 per cent in tithe paying.

RALPH COMBES.

Adventist Helps With New Bible

A TRANSLATION of the Bible into the Luo language has just been completed by a group of East African missionaries, among whom is one of our missionaries, Miss Grace Clarke, of Watford, England. The late Archdeacon Owen, of the Church Missionary Society, took the leading part, and the African Inland Mission also collaborated. It is expected that the translation will be published in the near future by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The whole Bible will thus be made available to 600,000 Luo-speaking people who live around the northeast shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, in East Africa. Miss Clarke has labored in East Africa for the past twenty-six years.

A. WARREN.