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By the Editor

SEPTEMBER has been a high month at headquarters. There was the great Bible Conference, held from the first to the thirteenth, which drew men from all corners of the earth. Then came four days of special committee meetings, when groups of brethren who had been studying different questions of importance met to finalize their thinking, preparatory to reporting to the Autumn Council. Finally came the Autumn Council, which opened Wednesday night, September 17, in the large Sligo church, situated in Maryland about a mile from the General Conference office. This most important of annual meetings of the denomination was concluded about a week later, on the twenty-fifth.

What is an Autumn Council and what does it do? It is an annual gathering of the whole General Conference Committee, the highest governing body of the church, to consider matters of major concern to the church and very particularly to vote the budget for the next year. The Advent Movement, though its funds largely come in dimes and dollars from its membership, actually deals in millions of dollars in the aggregate. And these millions must be apportioned to the different departments of the work and the different areas of the mission field. This apportionment of funds constitutes the budget.

Appropriately, then,

the first item considered on the opening night was the report of the treasurer, C. L. Torrey. He described the present uncertainty in the financial world and the grave misgivings of key financiers regarding the possibility of depression. He called upon every institution and conference to operate free from debt. An idea of the size of our financial activities today is revealed in the tithe figures he gave. In 1951 the total tithe received from our membership in the world was \$31,685,687.98. In 1941 the tithe total was only \$9,467,574.28. In 1941 mission offerings totaled \$4,191,320.25; and in 1951, \$10,556,631.18. Thus the grand total of tithes and offerings last year was \$42,242,319.16. Even in these days of high government finance this figure looks impressive. One is tempted to turn aside a moment to remark on the foolish predictions of enemies that have been made through past years, that the Advent Movement would soon fall apart and disappear. Instead, the members of the movement have joined their forces ever more effectively and raised

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Presidents of Overseas Divisions Present at the Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: R. S. Watts, Southern Africa; Glenn Calkins, Inter-America; W. E. Murray, South America; F. A. Mote, Australasia; G. J. Appel, Middle East. Front: R. H. Pierson, Southern Asia; W. R. Beach, Southern Europe; A. F. Tarr, Northern Europe; V. T. Armstrong, Far East; and Wilhelm Mueller, Germany.

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The Religious World



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► Scholars Discuss Symbols of Religion

What symbols and language should religious leaders use to communicate their values to people living in a world of rapid change and conflicting loyalties? This was one of the important questions raised at the Thirteenth Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion in Their Relation to the Democratic Way of Life, held at Columbia University in New York. The four-day meeting dealt with symbolism and its relation to the arts, science, society, morals, and religion. One hundred top scholars, scientists, business and religious leaders were present.

► Canadian Anglican Bishops Ask State Religious Services

Canada's Anglican bishops have called upon the government to hold services with a "religious note" upon great state occasions. The House of Bishops of the Church of England in Canada, meeting in London, Ontario, adopted a motion which said: "Canada has been built upon a religious foundation, inheriting strains of Christian worship, outlook and teaching from many European countries. Today, when a materialistic philosophy is seeking openly and deliberately to undermine all religious influences and teaching, the bishops feel that upon great state occasions the government of Canada ought to express our heritage and our future hope by services in which the religious note is clear, definite, and unmistakable. Such services, marked by sincerity, should be repugnant to no Christian communion, but would reflect the deepest faith and fondest aspirations of the majority of the Canadian people."

► Gutenberg Bible Insured for \$300,000 in TV Appearance

The largest insurance policy ever issued on a Bible covered a volume of the Gutenberg Bible owned by the Library of Congress when it was shown on a national television program in Washington, D.C. A one-day policy for \$300,000 was taken out by the National Broadcasting Company, which televised the famous book from its studios here. When the volume left the library it was accompanied by guards and a motorcycle escort from the United States park police. This was only the second time the Bible had been out of the library since it was acquired in 1930. The first occasion was during the war years, when, along with priceless manuscripts, it was stored in the deep vaults of Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a precaution against possible enemy bombing. Many experts value the Gutenberg Bible at more than \$500,000, but the Library of Congress lists the value at the acquisition price of \$300,000.

► Workshop Studies Film Methods for Bible Teaching

Some 300 religious educators and church leaders, attending the ninth International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education in Green Lake, Wisconsin, studied methods for using films more effectively to teach the Bible. The workshop was sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Discussions were led by a special committee of educational experts and Bible scholars which has been meeting for more than 18 months under National Council auspices. Dr. Paul H. Vieth, of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, is chairman of the committee. "The Bible holds a place of primary importance in the church and in Protestant Christian education," he said. "Hence, the picturization of the Bible; its characters and incidents is one of the big problems in applying the audio-visual method to Christian education."

The Great Challenge of a Ripening Harvest

By W. H. BRANSON

[Condensation of the sermon delivered by the president of the General Conference on the first Sabbath of the Autumn Council, September 20, in the Sligo church.—Editor.]

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Num. 13:30. These words were spoken, if you remember, at the time when the twelve spies were giving their report to God's people.

The Israelites were already high up in the desert of Arabia on their journeyings toward the Promised Land. It was only a short march from where they were to Canaan. They were encamped actually in the wilderness of Paran. The Lord had appeared to Moses and said, "Tell the children of Israel to gather out a group of twelve men, one from each tribe, and send them over across the border to spy out the land. Then let them come back and bring a report, so the children of Israel will all understand what is before them."

They now had returned from their journey, and ten of the spies had brought in a bad report. They said, "It is a wonderful country, a land of milk and honey, and what the Lord has said about the land is true, but there are giants, and walled cities to be encountered. The inhabitants looked upon us as grasshoppers, and we were as grasshoppers in our own sight. There is no way that we can find by which we can take that country."

When the people heard this report they were very much discouraged. They began to cry and wail and mourn because they thought that God had brought them out into the wilderness to slay them. They began to talk to Moses about appointing a captain to lead them back into Egypt. If Moses wouldn't appoint one, they would appoint one themselves. But our text says, "Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

There were two men out of the twelve who had this noble spirit, Caleb and Joshua, and they encouraged the people to believe that it was possible for them, in the strength of God, to go across the border and take the land.

When Caleb said, "We are well able to overcome it," that was not a presumptuous statement on his part. He was not thinking about the power of armies to conquer the multitude of people in the Promised Land. But this is what he said: "The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not."

Already the Lord had indicated His presence with them and had manifested His power in their behalf. He had opened up before them the Red Sea and had destroyed Pharaoh's armies. He had sent them manna from heaven when there was no food in the wilderness. He had sent quails when they had murmured about the manna. He had sent them water from the rock. In many ways by a mighty hand and outstretched arm He had led Israel in their journeyings and manifested His presence, and now they were without excuse because of the strongholds of the enemy they had to meet. If they had had faith in God, and had taken into account the way He had already blessed them, they would have had no cause whatever for hiding.

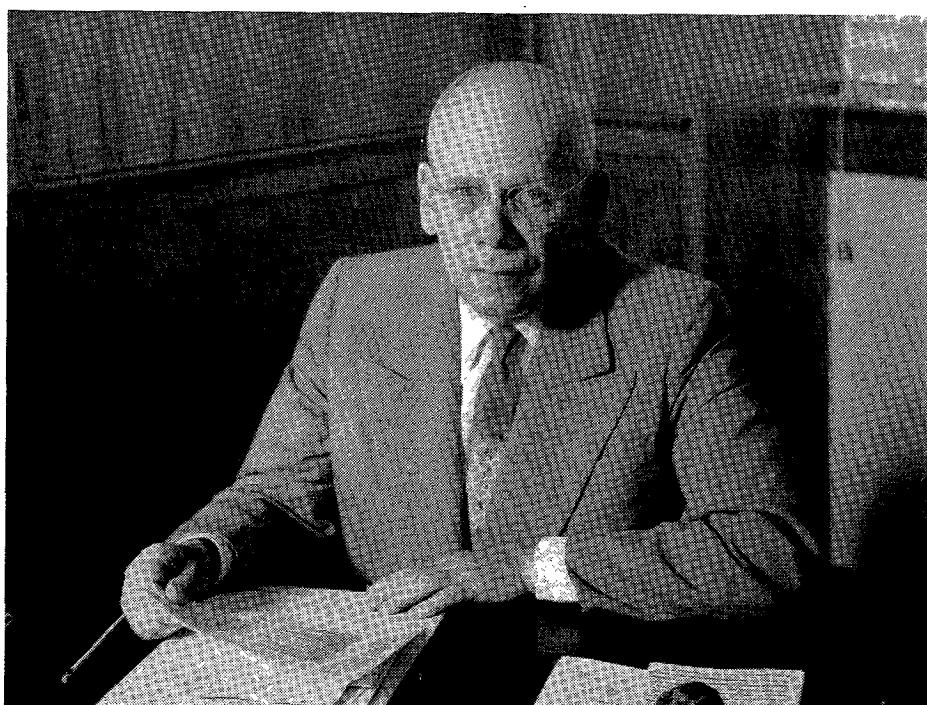
Similar Experiences Today

I believe that today we are passing through experiences similar to those that Israel passed through at this particular time. Once again the people of God are journeying toward Canaan. This time it is not a land inhabited with wicked people, but the heavenly Canaan, the new earth. It is true that at the present time the earth is inhabited by wicked people, but He has promised us, as He did them, that He will destroy them before His people, that He will blot sin and sinners out of existence, rebuild the earth and make it a fit place for His people to live throughout all eternity. We are hastening onward toward that hour.

God has commissioned us to go to the people of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people with the threefold message. But today in the church there are some who have the spirit of defeat, and question whether God is really able to lead this movement to victory. True, our work has made progress during the years. We enjoy talking about it. But compared with the progress that should have been made, it has been very slight. We were told, at least a half century ago, that if we had done all that we should have done, we could have been in the kingdom with Christ. Years have passed since then, and we are still here camping in the wilderness of Paran.

But there is a great world program that is yet to be finished. The difficulty is that many have given up hope of actually finishing the work in this generation, and are looking for some future generation, when God will raise up others to finish His work and prepare the world for the coming of Christ.

The ten spies pointed out that there were giants and great walled cities in



D. E. Rebok, Newly Elected Secretary of the General Conference

the land. Having no battering rams with which to throw down the walls, they felt that Israel could not conquer the land.

So today many are looking at the giants in the land. Yes, there are many giants. There is no reason why we should minimize the difficulties that lie before us. As the aftermath of two great world wars we are living in a topsy-turvy world. Great heathen religions, which hold men and women as if in a vise, control more than half the population of the earth. Islam with its millions seems to be almost entirely immune to the gospel. Russia has closed its doors against the gospel missionary. And now China too, with perhaps one fourth of the people living on the earth, has closed its doors against the missionaries. Modernism has left the people only the empty shell of religion. Catholicism constitutes a great giant standing in the way of the progress of this message. Then there is the giant of greed and lust on the part of the people of the world, and of lethargy on the part of the people of God. There are also mighty cities, like Sodom and Gomorrah, notorious for wickedness.

In addition to all this, it seems that another world war is imminent, an atomic war, a time when the cities of the world may very well be blasted to pieces. If we consider the situation without taking account of the power of an omnipotent God, we too would become discouraged. We hear people now and again telling about the great difficulties and questioning whether or not we are going to be able to finish the work.

Well Able to Possess the Land

I believe, brethren, that it is time for the Calebs and the Joshuas to come to the front and to make a pronouncement that if God delight in us, we are well able to go in and possess the land. This is God's work. And it is God's promise that He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. It is His promise that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

Everything in this movement depends upon God and His connection with it. If our relationship to Him is what it should be, we have nothing to fear. God has told us that the nations in His sight are like the small dust in the balance or a drop in the bucket. He can set up kings or overthrow kings. He can close or open doors. When God sees the time is ripe for the doors of the various countries of earth to be thrown open again, they will be thrown open, especially if His people are ready to enter in and follow God's leadership.

You remember that Hezekiah said to God's people at the time when Sennacherib came against them: "With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles." 2 Chron. 32:8.

In *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 290, we have a statement somewhat similar to this:

"Often the Christian life is beset by dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before, and bondage or death behind. Yet the voice of God speaks clearly, 'Go forward.' We should obey this command, even though our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness, and we feel the cold waves about our feet. The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting, doubting spirit. Those who defer obedience till every shadow of uncertainty disappears, and there remains no risk of failure or defeat, will never obey at all. Unbelief whispers, 'Let us wait till the obstructions are removed, and we can see our way clearly'; but faith courageously urges an advance, hoping all things, believing all things."

Brethren, shall we be men and women of faith or of unbelief today? As we face the task before us, unbelief whispers, "Let us wait, wait till the obstacles are removed, wait till we can see our way clearly." "But faith courageously urges an advance, hoping all things, believing all things."

In the eleventh chapter of Numbers and the twenty-third verse, when the Lord was arguing with Israel about His ability to help them, He said to Moses, "Is the Lord's hand waxed short? Thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not." Brethren, the difficulty in our work is not with God, not because He is short with power or is not able to remove obstacles. He is waiting for a manifestation of faith on the part of the people of God.

You remember the twelve spies were told to bring a sample of fruit. They brought back a branch of grapes, and other fruit, and said, "This is the fruit of the land." The fruit was wonderful, but the trouble was they were afraid to go back after more. They were afraid to go on and reap the harvest.

It is the same today. Earth's harvest is ripe. (Rev. 14:15, 18.) An angel from the

throne of God has made the declaration that we should put in the sickle, and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. Come, get you down; the vines are full, everything is ready. It is time, brethren, for the sickle to be thrust in and the grapes of earth to be garnered. The trouble is we too are hesitating in many instances. I believe it is time to lay aside our spirit of hesitancy and go forth in the strength of omnipotence to gather the overripe harvest. It can be done.

We are told in *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 333, that "all His biddings are enablings." It can be accomplished through His strength. And when He gave this people the responsibility for going into all the world with the great Advent message of Revelation 14, He provided the necessary power and strength for that to be accomplished, and in a much shorter time than we have been at it already. We are told that "as the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent." The power of omnipotence is added to our weakness and inability, and we are able to perform all that God would be able to perform, because He is the one that is working. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," He says. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

There was another crisis in the experience of Israel about forty years later. They were still camping in the wilderness. Forty long years they had spent, when in just a few hours or days they might have gone across the borders and entered into the blessings of the Promised Land, had it not been for the false report of the ten spies. Now most of those who were present at the time they made the report had died in the wilderness, their carcasses had been left behind; a younger generation were on the stage of action, with only two or three



(Left) Southern European Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: Otto Schuberth, Pierre Llanares, F. W. Brennwald. Front: J. G. Nussbaum, M. Fridlin, W. R. Beach, Robert Gerber. (Right) Attending the Autumn Council From the Central European Division Were Wilhelm Mueller, President, and Mrs. Mueller

of the elderly ones. They were camped around a mountain called Mount Seir. They had been there a long time. Finally the Lord appeared to them and spoke to Moses saying, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward."

What a pity that men will be satisfied to stay down in an old dry wilderness and lose all the elderly people out of the group, when a great land of promise lay just across the border. But God appeared to them and said, "Turn northward." That was the direction toward the Promised Land. It was high time, far past time, for them to believe in God and move on into the experiences that God was keeping in store for them in Canaan.

Are we repeating this experience? Years ago, as I have already said, we were told we might have been in the kingdom. I am wondering this morning, how much longer we are going to be satisfied to encompass Mount Seir. Will it be this year, or will it be next, or will it be many years hence when the church of God will arise as one man and face northward and undertake with all seriousness the completion of our task? I believe it is time for the final march toward Canaan.

Preaching the Elijah Message

John the Baptist was told that his business was to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And we are told that our work is to be like that of John. He was a forerunner of this Advent message. That great prophecy concerning the coming of Elijah was only partially fulfilled in the case of John. We are actually the Elijah that was to come. It is the representatives of this great threefold message who carry God's last appeal to the nations, who were prophesied of in that great prophecy: "I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Mal. 4:5.

Beloved, it is God's plan that the spirit and power of Elijah should rest upon the ministry and upon the people of this great church, and that we should go forth clothed with that power of the Holy Spirit and prepare a people for the coming of Christ.

In *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 464, we have this earnest appeal, for the messenger of the Lord says:

"Before it is forever too late, I urge you to arouse. Delay no longer. The day is almost spent. The westering sun is about sinking forever from your sight. Yet while the blood of Christ is pleading, you may find pardon. Summon every energy of the soul, employ the few remaining hours in earnest labor for God and for your fellow men."

I believe that in this Autumn Council we must try our best to put first things first in all our planning. I believe that the winning of souls must be our great goal. The building up of great institutions is not our goal in the church. We need insti-

tutions, and many of them. But brethren, institutions are not our goal. Every institution that we build will be left here and destroyed in the fires of the last days. The only goal that God has set before the church is *people*. If we build institutions, it should be for one purpose only, and that ought to be for greater efficiency in getting a people ready for the coming of Christ.

We have been making a great effort since the last General Conference to try to double our membership. It will take a miracle for us to do it now before the next General Conference. Shall we doubt that God is able to perform miracles? There is nothing impossible to the church if we have faith in God and go forward in faith. I am hoping even yet, beloved, that some great division of this work somewhere in this world will come up to the General Conference and say they have doubled their membership. And I believe it can be done.

We were told yesterday in one of the reports that were given at the Autumn Council that in the Southern African Division there are over ninety thousand people who have accepted our message, turned away from heathenism, and are preparing for baptism. These are people who have heard the call from colporteurs, evangelists, teachers, and others who have given them the gospel, and they have come out and taken their stand and said, "We want to obey the living God." They have signed their names or made their mark on a little card to indicate their desire and determination not only to be Christians but to be Seventh-day Adventists. It requires one to two years, with a class once a week, to indoctrinate these people thoroughly

before they are ready for baptism. The preparation of these ninety thousand people for baptism is a tremendous task, far beyond the ability of our small force of workers in the African Division to perform. They do not have the missionary personnel or the native personnel to do this work. Thousands of these people are not even enrolled in a class.

The Southern African Division has gone beyond its means in trying to meet this challenge. They have depleted their resources. But, brethren, what would you do if you were in a field with ninety-odd thousand people knocking at the doors and saying, "We have accepted the truth, we believe in Christ, we are His followers. Now tell us what to do to be baptized." Shall we let these ninety thousand people get discouraged, turn away from the truth, and go back into heathenism because nobody paid any attention to them? If they could have twenty additional families, and two hundred additional national workers, they would get around to that ninety thousand people in one year's time, perhaps, and that one thing alone would double the membership of the Southern African Division.

This is not an impossible accomplishment, but somebody must supply more sinews of war, somebody must pay the expenses of their going and their upkeep and support. I believe that God lays on us, not only the burden to go and preach and warn the people, but the burden to prepare them, to bring them into the church, to pastor them and shepherd them and make them ready for the coming of Jesus.

Not only is this true in Africa—perhaps to a larger extent there than in other places—but it is also true in Inter-America, where thousands are coming into the truth so fast they can barely cope with the situation. In Southern Europe, too, and in many other lands the people are flocking to the church, and we are not prepared to receive them. Brethren, we must not let the harvest be lost. We must arise and meet the challenge. Not only should we pray that God will pour out His Spirit upon the ministry, but that He will pour upon our people the spirit of consecration and sacrificial giving, and a spirit of looking forward to the finishing of the task in every nation under heaven, and doing it quickly in our day. Brethren, I want to see it done while I am still living, don't you? There isn't any reason why we should all pass into the grave, no reason except our faithlessness, our indifference to the call of God in a crisis hour like this.

Oh, may the Lord stir our hearts as they have never been stirred before with the importance of the task He has given us. May He send us forth to meet this challenge with the power of omnipotence. May we see the great consummation of our hopes in this our day, is my prayer this morning.

Precious Hiding Place

By RAYMOND H. NASVALL

Do you long for peace and rest,
To be infinitely blessed?
Would you know the joy divine
That from heaven's courts will shine?
Go to Jesus, don't delay;
He awaits you there each day.
At the hiding place of prayer
He waits to bless you.

Wealth untold awaits you there
At this secret place of prayer;
Riches from His glorious throne
All for you, and you alone!
There you'll find communion sweet,
Kneeling contrite at His feet.
Hasten to this precious
Hiding place of mercy!

There His radiance from above
Fills your soul with heavenly love;
Every burden of the day
Jesus gently lifts away!
Hear His tender, loving word,
Then depart, and rest assured
He will ne'er forsake this
Hiding place of mercy!

The Autumn Council of the General Conference

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a total of funds that is rightly a source of amazement to any religious body.

But lest we rest our hope in finance, Elder Torrey concluded his report with these earnest words: "We must ever keep in mind that our dependence is upon God and not so much upon the material things of this life. It is not by financial might, but by His spirit and power, that the work will be finished."

At the conclusion of his report a bulky document was placed in the hands of all the delegates, the budget estimates from all the world divisions. This provided the basis on which the budget committee worked. Its report generally came near the close of the session.

Thursday's Proceedings

Thursday, the eighteenth, began with the devotional hour, which always marks a council session. R. R. Figuhr, one of the general vice-presidents, spoke to us on the spirit of sacrifice. Said he, "We should carry on our work ever in the spirit of sacrifice."

At the morning business meeting various resolutions were discussed. Some were voted and others were referred back for further study and clarification. Of the resolutions voted at the session a summary will be given at the close of this report.

Probably as much time is given to committee work as to general meetings at an Autumn Council. For example, there is a budget committee, a finance committee, a plans committee, a nominations committee, to name a few. The resolutions they draw up are then brought to the whole session for further discussion and vote. In this democratic fashion every question receives fair and full con-

sideration and a maximum of unity is maintained. Thursday afternoon was given over to such committee work.

Far Eastern Division Reports

Thursday night we seemed to be transported from budgets and routine business as a procession of strangely clad men and women marched onto the rostrum. It was the night for the Far Eastern Division to bring in a report. I should add right here that the Autumn Council that is held midway between two General Conference sessions provides an appropriate time to evaluate progress in all fields, and hence there is a larger representation from overseas. On the rostrum were the president, secretary, treasurer, and a number of other workers from the division.

C. P. Sorensen, the secretary, gave us these terse figures on the Far Eastern Division. Some 250,000,000 people live in that area of the world. We have about sixty thousand members, who live in eighteen different countries. Almost thirty thousand souls have been baptized since the second world war. Baptisms now are at the rate of more than six thousand a year.

V. T. Armstrong, the president, told us that in the Far East war has been going on since 1932. Said he: "Someone asked me how soon we could get started again in Korea if war ends there. Started again? We've never stopped. More people were baptized there last year than ever before. We expect the 1952 total to be even higher."

Elder Armstrong went on to tell of expansion of the work in West New Guinea, which was formerly known as Dutch New Guinea. Already four com-

panies have been raised up. Of the work in Indonesia he said, "I don't believe there is a mission field in all the world more fruitful than Indonesia."

In the Philippines a Filipino evangelist was just ready to begin a public meeting when someone hurried up to the rostrum and told him there was a man at the door with a large stone in his hand, who threatened that he was going to throw it just as soon as the evangelist began to preach. Our minister went out to the door and told the man that at that distance he could not see well to throw his stone. Why not come down and take a front seat; then if anything was said that was untrue, hurl his stone. The man came in and listened. He continued to come, and finally was baptized.

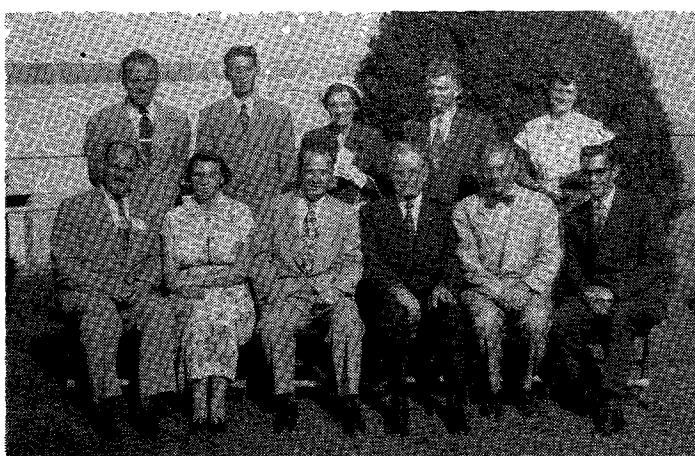
But we must not go on with this recital, for there are many other fields to report, and this story will grow too long. The columns of the REVIEW will be giving from week to week the good news of progress that is not captured in this one story.

Friday's Proceedings

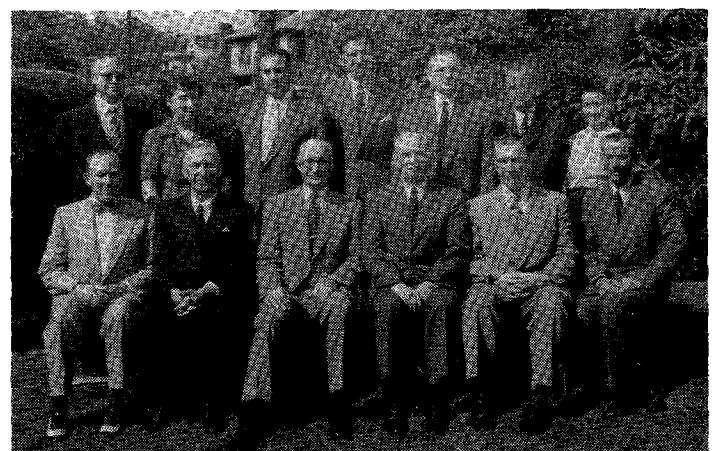
Friday morning, the nineteenth, R. H. Pierson, president of the Southern Asia Division spoke at the devotional hour on the evidences of God's power as revealed in that probably hardest of all mission areas. The major part of the division is constituted of India and Pakistan, where Hinduism and Mohammedanism are dominant. Said Elder Pierson:

"In 1951 additions to the faith in our division totaled just under fourteen hundred, a new high mark for us. In the hill country of one of our unions more than seven hundred persons in eleven different centers now call themselves Seventh-day Adventists and are asking for workers to come and teach and baptize them. For the week end of September 21 plans have been laid for the baptism of more than three hundred souls on one day in different parts of the field."

"Where doors of unentered countries remain closed, efforts are being made to squeeze the message in through the cracks



(Left) Inter-American Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: L. L. Reile, S. Bull, Mrs. Glenn Calkins, S. E. White, Mrs. S. E. White. Front: W. E. Baxter, Jr., Mrs. W. E. Baxter, A. H. Roth, Glenn Calkins, L. F. Bohner, Fernon Retzer. (Right) South American Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: S. Alberro, Mrs. S. Alberro, F. Scarella, J. Tabuena, D. Feder, L. Waldvogel, Mrs. L. Waldvogel. Front: F. L. Baer, Walter Schubert, L. H. Olson, W. E. Murray, O. A. Blake, O. Krause





(Left) Southern Asia Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: K. S. Brown, Mrs. K. S. Brown, F. R. Scott, R. H. Broderson, L. F. Hardin, Miss J. White. Front: H. H. Mattison, Mrs. H. H. Mattison, M. E. Kemmerer, R. H. Pierson, J. O. Wilson, Mrs. J. O. Wilson. (Right) Australasian Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: C. F. L. Ulrich, W. G. C. Murdoch, A. E. Cook. Front: B. H. McMahon, F. A. Mote, W. L. Pascoe, Mrs. A. E. Cook



by using the radio and Bible correspondence schools and by setting up border missions. The queen of one of these countries has written expressing her appreciation of the broadcasts and requesting copies of the printed sermons offered. The chief administrative officer of another unentered territory not only enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy but requested additional cards and literature for fellow officials. In yet another neglected state five of the leading officials, including the prime minister, have enrolled in the Bible course. The Voice of Prophecy now has 125,000 enrollees, and is growing at the rate of nearly three thousand a month. New work has recently been opened in the hitherto unentered Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal.

"Three new boarding academies are in the process of development. Several hospitals and building sites, with some funds for construction work, have been offered us in two countries. Plans have been laid to open new schools of nursing in Pakistan and Burma to meet the great need for more Christian nurses to operate our institutions in these countries.

"Our publishing program is moving forward, with a large number of papers, tracts, and books being translated into many of the vernaculars of the division. A division-wide youth congress is scheduled for the latter part of October. Evangelism in all of its varied phases is the watchword of Southern Asia."

Friday Evening Service

Friday afternoon was filled with committee meetings. But Friday night brought us to the holy Sabbath and to a large meeting in the Sligo church, for many of the local believers came in for the service. W. P. Bradley, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference, led out with a talk on the great commission to preach the gospel to all the world. He told of certain instances where there has been strikingly fulfilled for our missionaries

the divine assurance that God directs and protects those who go out to labor for Him. He was followed by R. H. Nightingale, president of the Florida Conference, who has just returned from a three-month trip to the Southern African Division. He described the great camp meetings he had visited, the largest in the history of the division. In one place, he said, 732 persons made their decision for Christ on a single Sabbath morning. He showed us a witch doctor's charm that had been made especially for a young woman to protect her against Adventist influences. But evidently it proved ineffective, for she attended our meetings and was baptized. Then she gave Elder Nightingale the charm to take back to America, one more proof that the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

Sabbath morning W. H. Branson, president of the General Conference, spoke to the council. His sermon is given on page 3 of this issue.

Sabbath Afternoon Symposium

Sabbath afternoon brought to us a symposium in which the Inter-American Division led out. Glenn Calkins, president of the division, was temporarily resting at the sanitarium under doctor's orders, and Arthur Roth, secretary of the division, spoke for him. He told us that over ten thousand persons were baptized in their field in 1951 and that they expect to baptize twelve thousand this year. Only fifty-seven years ago there were but fifty-six Adventists in that field. Now there are ninety thousand.

Elder Roth gave some graphic illustrations of the rapid expansion of the work in Mexico, which is the northernmost part of the division. A group of our missionaries were going up one of the rivers of Mexico. When the captain of the launch learned who they were he exclaimed that all along the river there were *Adventistas*. He pointed to specific settlements along small tributary rivers. Investigation proved

that there were indeed such people. They were unknown to our missionaries, for they had learned of the truth through literature.

Fernon Retzer, one of our missionaries in Colombia, told of the persecutions now being suffered by our believers in common with other non-Catholic Christians in that land. He also told of the courage of our workers. One such worker opened an evangelistic meeting in an intensely Catholic community. The bishop sent out literature warning against the Adventists. The result was that the people flocked to hear what our evangelist had to say. Despite threats to his life he stayed and completed a most successful effort.

L. L. Reile, assistant secretary of the division, told of a young man in Mexico who wished to do something for God. He took two other youth with him, and they went to a nearby town. He spoke directly to the mayor, declaring that he had a message that would help the people of his town to live better lives. The mayor gave him permission to hold a meeting that evening in the town square. To make sure that the people would all know about it, the mayor sent out his police to announce it to all the people.

L. F. Bohner, treasurer of the division, gave us an insight into the faithfulness of our believers in Inter-America in the matter of tithing. Though the average week's wage of most of the members is only two dollars, they paid in last year one million dollars in tithe.

H. H. Morse, in charge of the South China Island Union Mission, which includes such places as Hong Kong, Formosa, and Macao, presented a brief report on the problems and the successes attending the work in that most difficult area of the mission field.

The last speaker of the symposium was W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference for North America. He stressed the truth that only as the homeland takes seriously its task of world

evangelism will there be spiritual life and growth in the homeland. He also related some incidents from his recent trip to northern Europe and Germany that reveal the spirit and the fire that is in the hearts of our people in the troubled continent of Europe.

Saturday night the delegates saw a moving picture of the operations of the Harris Pine Mills, of Pendleton, Oregon. This milling and furniture-making corporation, as reported in the REVIEW some months ago, is now the property of the denomination by gift from its former owner, Clyde H. Harris, a loyal Seventh-day Adventist.

Sunday, September 21

A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, led out in the devotional hour Sunday morning with words of cheer from that great division. He brought to us the greetings and the love of our 43,957 brethren and sisters in 28 countries, including certain mission lands of West Africa and Ethiopia. Evangelism is the dominant activity in that wide-flung field, which stretches from the Arctic Circle to Equatorial Africa. Eight hundred public efforts were held in the division during the last two years.

Elder Tarr told of the great soul-winning successes in Finland. He was attending a service there where various of our ministers were offering their testimony. As one after another arose to testify, Elder Tarr's interpreter would whisper in his ear, "This is Brother —, he won sixty souls last year," or "This is Brother So-and-So, he won seventy." Finland is unique in that it includes among its evangelists several sisters, and these have had most excellent success in soul winning.

However, it is in West Africa that the largest baptisms have been held in the Northern European Division. It should be added right here that West Africa is part of the mission territory of the division. For the two years ending in mid-

1952, there have been 6,172 baptisms in West Africa.

The colporteur work is prospering in the Northern European Division. One of our Danish students, selling books in the Faeroe Islands, far north in the Atlantic, sold thirteen hundred copies of *The Great Controversy* and twelve hundred copies of *The Desire of Ages*. The islands have only thirty thousand inhabitants, and in one village with only sixty homes, he sold thirty-eight copies of *The Great Controversy*.

Said Elder Tarr: "One of the completely unentered areas of our division is Greenland, where the state church has strictly forbidden the entry of missionaries of any other church. But a letter recently received from there states that the writer of it has completed the Bible correspondence course and wants to unite with the church that keeps the true Sabbath of the Lord."

A most active medical work is being conducted in the Northern European Division. Their latest medical institution, opened only a few weeks ago, is in Tromso, in the Arctic Circle.

Elder Tarr closed his report by reading the following cable, signed by two of the leaders in the West African mission field: "God blessed us with 1,100 baptisms on September 6. Total for year 1,944. Remember us in your prayers that this will be only the beginning of a great evangelistic advance in West Africa."

Business Sessions of Sunday

The business session of the council on Sunday morning was devoted largely to a report on the progress of the Harris Pine Mills, which, as we have already stated earlier in this report, was given to the denomination not long ago by Brother and Sister C. H. Harris. Some idea of the size of this company is found in the fact that its sawmill has a capacity of forty million board feet per year. The company employs some 650 men and women. The

payroll is over two and a quarter million dollars per year. Brother and Sister Harris were present and made statements concerning the birth and growth of the company and their confidence that that growth reflected the fulfillment of God's promise in Malachi 3:10 concerning faithfulness in tithe. We cannot turn aside in this brief report of the Autumn Council to do justice to what they said. We hope ere long to publish in the REVIEW Brother Harris' own story on this matter.

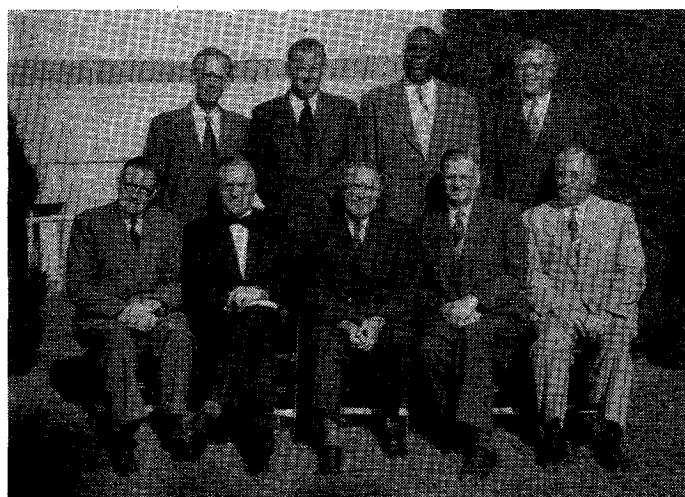
Sunday afternoon the council considered further resolutions and then divided into committees.

Australia and the South Pacific

Sunday night we seemed to be transported from Takoma Park to the South Pacific, as the leaders of the Australasian Division brought us their report. Australia is the home base for the mission activity that is carried on in the islands of the South Pacific.

Here are a few figures that W. L. Pascoe, treasurer of the division, gave to us. Australasia has 487 churches, with a membership of almost 30,000. There are 855 Sabbath schools, with a membership of almost 50,000. Pictures of our major institutions in Australia and New Zealand illustrated his talk.

F. A. Mote, president of the division, carried us, with the aid of moving pictures, from one island to another of their great oceanic mission field. He told, for example, of a new mission opened along the banks of the mighty Sepik River in New Guinea, where Robert Salau, whom many of us met on his trip to our camp meetings a few years ago, is in charge. Pastor Salau reports that he has seen a whole village give up their betel nut, pig eating, and all heathen customs, and begin to pay tithe within three days. Said Elder Mote, "Surely God is keeping His promise, for He will 'finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because a



(Left) Northern European Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: G. Berglund, Alf Lohne, G. N. Banks, Edgar Keslake. Front: W. L. Emmerson, F. J. Voorhuis, A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay, D. V. Cowin. (Right) Middle East Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: C. C. Morris, G. J. Appel, T. S. Geraty. Front: Kenneth Oster, Mrs. Kenneth Oster, Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, Elder R. H. Hartwell. (Neal C. Wilson, President of the Nile Union, Was Not Present When This Picture Was Taken)





(Left) Far Eastern Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: W. A. Martin, C. C. Cleveland, Mrs. C. C. Cleveland, Mrs. V. T. Armstrong, J. A. Anderson, A. N. Nelson, Mrs. A. N. Nelson, E. H. Wallace, A. E. Gibb. Front: Mrs. W. A. Martin, P. L. Williams, V. T. Armstrong, C. P. Sorensen, Mrs. E. H. Wallace, Mrs. A. E. Gibb. Children, Left to Right: Judy Martin, Stephen Wallace, Karen Wallace. (Right) Southern African Group at Autumn Council. Left to Right, Rear: L. D. Brown, Mrs. L. D. Brown, P. F. Lemon, Mrs. P. F. Lemon, E. L. Tarr, B. R. Bickley. Front: W. D. Eva, F. G. Clifford, R. S. Watts, M. P. Robison, Mrs. M. P. Robison, J. R. Siebenlist

short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

He told also of work that has been begun for the cannibalistic tribe in the deepest jungles of New Guinea. This tribe do not kill human beings to eat them, but they eat their dead. As a result of mission work already started, it has been possible to create a cemetery, the only cemetery in all that part of the jungle. Perhaps this is the first time that missionaries have ever had occasion to rejoice over starting a cemetery in connection with their work, but in this case the cemetery reveals a change in the habits of those who once ate their dead.

Elder Mote told of a letter recently received from Herbert White, leader of our work in the Coral Sea Union Mission, in which he stated that on an island near Rabaul an evangelistic meeting has just begun, and that on the first night one thousand persons were present.

He told us of the marvelous work that has been done on the island of Mussau, where only twenty years ago some of the most degraded of islanders lived. When they accepted Adventism they of course gave up their eating of swine's flesh, along with the abandoning of betel nut, tobacco, and the like.

A few months ago the Australian Government sent a commission to that island to investigate the health of the natives. It seems they weren't sure whether the natives could possibly maintain good health without the use of swine's flesh. But when the commission returned they made a radio news report, heard in all Australia, that the inhabitants of Mussau are among the healthiest specimens found in all the Pacific Islands. Elder Mote told us that from this island, where the people were once so degraded, has gone out a steady stream of native missionaries to other islands. To be exact, of the two thousand population, one tenth have gone as missionaries.

Said Elder Mote: "Up in the Coral Sea Union Mission territory there are thou-



sands and multiplied thousands who are begging for us to come and teach them. Into that same territory other denominations are coming. When their preachers and teachers come in, some of them with their pipes and cigarettes, the natives look at them and say, 'Are you Seven Day boys?' The missionaries, of course, have to say 'No, we are not Seven Day boys.' 'All right, you go away. We wait for Seven Day boys to come.' That is the spirit of those native people up there who are begging for us to come."

Monday, September 22

Monday morning Wilhelm Mueller, in charge of our work in the German field, brought us a report from that land so long disrupted by war, occupation, and economic chaos. In West Germany there are 26,500 Adventists. In East Germany about 18,000. During the last two years, 4,143 souls have been baptized. Elder Mueller stated that no small part of the soul-winning successes have resulted from the activities of the colporteurs. Despite government restrictions that for a time stopped all distribution of literature, even so recently as 1951, there are today 158 colporteurs selling our books in Germany. Said Elder Mueller: "We are going to try to increase the number of colporteurs until we have five hundred or six hundred again, as we had before the war."

He described the difficulties that confront those who decide to accept the Advent faith in Germany. The problem of working on the Sabbath is one of the gravest ones confronting a new believer.

From Radio Luxembourg comes into Germany the Voice of Prophecy, or, as they call it there, the Voice of Hope. One of our sisters fell ill and came to a hospital, bringing along her radio. She turned it on for the Voice of Hope message, and other patients listened. About that time a Protestant pastor came in to address the patients. Instead, he listened to the radio talk, and when it was through he stated that he did not need to preach

to them that day. He simply offered a prayer and went on his way.

Elder Mueller told us that despite the dark picture in Germany, and it is in many respects very dark, there are bright spots. He told, for example, of a baptism held in July in the city of Bremen. A man who was baptized at this service told of how some time earlier he had found himself in such a desperate state that he went to the river to commit suicide. As he walked rapidly up and down the riverbank, he looked over to a new church building, and there his eyes caught the words, "Jesus is coming." The words seemed to shine right into his heart. He came over to the church and into the meeting that was being held. He continued to come, was converted, and has been baptized.

Elder Mueller related the success they have had in Germany in rebuilding churches and meeting halls destroyed. Thanks to the rehabilitation funds, there have been 261 churches and halls rebuilt.

Business Session of Monday

At the Monday morning business session we listened to a report from our General Conference Insurance Company. This relatively new General Conference unit has grown amazingly. It received its charter in 1936 from the State of Maryland. At the end of that year its assets were only \$36,000. Today they are more than one million dollars.

W. A. Scharffenberg, under whose enthusiastic leadership the temperance work of the denomination, both in North America and in other lands, has grown so phenomenally in recent years, brought a report. He told of his recent travels to Japan, India, and other lands in behalf of temperance. He encouraged us with the news that our advocacy of total abstinence proves an opening wedge in dealing with certain peoples of the Orient and Middle East, who, because of their religion, believe in abstinence.

Elder Scharffenberg told us that it is the plan of the temperance society to put an increasing emphasis not only on abstinence from liquor but also from tobacco. He stated that in America last year 421,000,000,000 cigarettes were consumed.

Monday night the brethren of the South American Division led us through the jungles of the Amazon, over the high Andes, and across the broad plains of the Argentine. Francisco Scarella, an evangelist, told of a member of parliament in one of the South American countries who attended a series of meetings. He was so impressed with the truth that he invited Elder Scarella to his home to give Bible studies. A little later this man was on a pleasure trip with the vice-president of the country. When the vice-president offered him a drink he gave him a Bible study on temperance. When the question of eating pork came up, he gave a Bible study on that. It never fails that when a person really gets the truth in his heart he wants to give it to others. This man has now resigned his government position and is a regular Seventh-day Adventist worker.

Walter Schubert, who has conducted so many large and successful evangelistic endeavors throughout the division, told of various experiences in connection with these public meetings. He stressed the fact that such meetings are often of as great value to the church as to those who are outside.

Radio Work in South America

W. E. Murray, president of the division, told us something of the size of his great field. It is three times as large as the United States. Gratifying success has attended the radio work, he declared. We are now on fifty-eight stations. Between nine hundred and a thousand persons have been baptized as a result of hearing the truth through the radio. One of our youth in a secular college was confronted with a Sabbath examination. He explained to his professor that he could not take it. The professor asked him where he worked. "At the Voice of Prophecy," the young man replied. The professor responded that he himself was taking the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. The young man was allowed to take his examination on another day!

Elder Murray reported that a fleet of seven mission boats ply the Amazon and its tributaries in medical mission work as well as in evangelistic labor. "Recently we had a boatmen's convention," he told us. All the brethren who operate the boats told of their varied experiences on the rivers. A most unusual marine convention!

In South America, as in every other land, the colporteur work figures prominently. A colporteur was canvassing a man. Before he could complete his canvass the man asked him what day he

thought should be kept. Our colporteur told him, and the man said that he also was keeping that day. He insisted that our colporteur stay with him a month and talk to the people of the neighborhood. At the end of the month's meetings there were fifty-four who expressed a desire to keep God's holy Sabbath.

From the Sweet Singer Down Under

[At the beginning of his report at the Autumn Council, F. A. Mote, president of the Australasian Division, read to us a message from Robert Hare, veteran worker in that field, who is now almost ninety-three. Elder Hare is best known to REVIEW readers for his poems. He might be described affectionately as the sweet singer from down under. From his home at Wahroonga he wrote this letter, addressed to the brethren at the Autumn Council.]

Beloved Brethren,

After ninety-three years along life's journey and seventy-five years in writing and evangelistic work, my pen feels desirous of whispering a message to your great Conference.

In the world there are many isms and side shows, but in the message there is no room for these. Jehovah is leading a people through to the kingdom. And that people must carry the message of God.

In Israel, that people had to make a choice of God's service or the world. Many of them went down because of their wrong choice. The same danger lies before us today. Those who choose the right will reach the kingdom. The wrong choice will lead to delusion and death. This is God's last message. The glories of the kingdom lie before us.

Oh, yes, 'tis a fair and beautiful land,

Where every heart is true,
Where we shall forget in the
smiles of God

The griefs we have journeyed through.

May the Lord abundantly bless in all your work, put His hand over all your decisions, and make glad the hearts of all His people.

In His service,
R. Hare.

Evangelism is dominant in South America. "Formerly we could hardly get a hearing in large cities," said Elder Murray. "Now our meetings are crowded. On September 13 there were 1,367 persons baptized."

In the closing moments of the evening service L. H. Olson, secretary of the division, and O. A. Blake, treasurer, took us on a picture tour of that great mission field.

Tuesday, September 23

At the devotional hour on Tuesday morning we were transported in spirit to the Mount of Olives, to Jerusalem, to Lebanon and Syria, to the land of the Persian kings, to ancient Babylon, and to Istanbul, once known as Constantinople. The Middle East Division brethren were bringing to us their story of Advent activities in that field. They presented no report of amazing totals of new members or hosts of interested listeners at evangelistic services. No, they are laboring in lands where Moslem religion has quite effectively repelled virtually every endeavor of Christian missionaries. What a sobering proof of the blinding power of false religion.

In fact, in many of the lands of the Middle East evangelistic work is carried on under great handicaps. In some instances it is wholly forbidden. And it is because the living preacher is so often prevented from speaking the truths of heaven that the radio proves so effective. Said G. J. Appel, president of the division:

"There are many areas in the Middle East Division where the living evangelist cannot go and even the gospel colporteur finds it difficult if not impossible to sell or even distribute Christian literature. The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School lessons are now making it possible to enter these areas as well as all others. A year ago two of our workers visited an unentered field. There they were told that all the territory had been divided among other mission societies, so that unless one of those societies would be willing to divide its territory they could not enter. Consequently a copy of a telephone directory was purchased, and Bible lessons sent to many of the subscribers. Now sixteen are deeply interested in the message and are begging for a worker to be sent to lead them into a full knowledge of God's truth."

"In another field the father of a student forbade him to study the lessons. A letter was received from this student with one of the lessons written in very poor handwriting. In a footnote he wrote: 'Excuse my poor handwriting. I must wait until my father is asleep, as he has forbidden my taking the lessons, then I put my blanket over me. While holding my flashlight with one hand I write the answers with my other. I am determined to complete the course in order to receive a full knowledge of God's Word.'

"There are now three branches of Voice of Prophecy Bible schools in the division, carrying on work in five languages. From a very small beginning a little over a year ago there are now ninety thousand enrollments. As many as one thousand lessons are going out in a single day. A number have already accepted the message, and many others have written of their acceptance of the Sabbath message."

Evangelism in Cairo

Neal Wilson, president of the Nile Union Mission, told this story:

"Several months ago our young evangelist in Cairo received a visit from some earnest Coptic men. They were students of the Voice of Prophecy and inquired as to our belief and teaching in regard to the divinity of Jesus. After the study they were so profoundly impressed that they suggested he speak at one of the Coptic revival meetings being held that week in the courtyard of a large school. These men took the initiative to approach the responsible priests, and it was arranged for our evangelist to speak. This young man went with a prayer in his heart that the Holy Spirit would use his humble talents to bring enlightenment and help to those assembled, and furthermore that the Advent message might be exalted. Imagine his surprise to find a huge gathering of seventeen hundred people awaiting him. Because of the fact that he was a bit short of stature, a table was brought, and standing on this, he began with his simple but earnest and appealing message.

"As he finished speaking on the divinity of Christ and His power to help men and women live a godly life in this present world, the great assembly nodded and audibly expressed their satisfaction and agreement. The people were heard to say, 'We did not know that we had such capable young men who could explain so beautifully the truths of the Bible.' They were amazed and mightily stirred when they discovered that the one who had spoken was a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist. As a result twenty are studying the message in that section of the city and are preparing for baptism."

In the Ancient Land of Assyria

Raymond Hartwell, in charge of the East Mediterranean Union Mission, gave us this story from the land of the ancient Assyrians, whose capital was Nineveh:

"Over in Iraq, where Abraham once lived, a number of Moslems have been studying the message, and light is shining on their pathway. The membership in Iraq has doubled in the past two years. A. W. Fiedler has taken hold of the work there in real earnest. He held a large evangelistic effort in Mosul, five miles from Nineveh, with loud-speaker and visual aids. He was assisted by Behnam Arshat and Said Tooma and other teachers of our Mosul school. Among those baptized was a young businessman who, because of his new-found faith, was forced to give up his business. He is now in our college preparing to be a worker. Some daughters became alarmed when they discovered that their mother was keeping the Sabbath. They asked the Orthodox priest if it were true that the Adventists would go to hell because they kept the Sabbath. He surprised them by saying, 'To tell you the truth, the Adventists are going to heaven, and we are going to hell!'"

A fourth speaker to bring us a report of the Middle East Division was Kenneth Oster, who has been in charge of our work in Iran. He told us that in that land there are about 20,000,000 Moslems, and only about 150,000 non-Moslems. Said he:

"We realized some time ago, that since we could not have public efforts in a Moslem country, for Moslems will not come to a Christian church, and a Christian pastor cannot visit a Moslem in his own home, we must get our Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence lessons into as many homes as possible. So with an earnest desire to bring to the people of Iran the knowledge of Christ's soon coming, our workers banded together two

J. C. Thompson, associate secretary of the North American War Service Commission, presented some facts concerning the medical cadet work. As every year passes by and the dangers of war loom larger, the significance of our medical cadet work grows.

A number of resolutions were voted, the most important of which will be summarized, along with the resolutions of the other days of the council, at the close of this report.

The high point of the morning business meeting was a talk given to the council by Gen. William L. Wilson, assistant civil defense administrator. He told of his appreciation of the work that has been done through the Adventist organization in training members of our church in first-aid work. Said he: "We wish all other religious bodies were doing what you are doing. We believe that this present national emergency presents a great opportunity to all church people." In connection with General Wilson's talk, Dr. McFarland stated that about fifteen thousand of our Adventist people in North America have already been trained in first aid.

Report From Southern Africa

The afternoon was wholly devoted to the work of the various committees of the council. But when evening came we took a far journey from committee rooms, budgets, and resolutions, to travel with the Southern African Division brethren across the wide expanses of what was once known as the Dark Continent, but which is now being lightened with the bright rays of the gospel. In an endeavor to give the most pointed information in the briefest time, the report was in the form of questions and answers. We cannot do more than pick out a few of the most important sentences from the answers. In response to the question as to how the African Division has grown, R. S. Watts, president of the division, replied that in the year 1920, when W. H. Branson organized the division, there were only 2,705 members. On June 30, 1952, the membership stood at 87,439. But those figures do not tell the whole story, explained Elder Watts: "We have two and a half times as many Sabbath school members as we have church members. The actual figure is 211,441. The difference is not made up by children. Not more than 23,000 of these are children. There are 90,403 who are members in our baptismal classes. They, of course, cannot be listed as church members until after they are baptized."

When asked as to what the possibilities were for doubling the membership in the division by the end of 1954, Elder Watts replied: "This is an ambitious goal, and even with our present program it will not be easy to attain. But it would be possible if we could accelerate our soul-winning program. In scores of districts and in several of our unions we are confident

Returns From Investment in Africa

In connection with his report, R. S. Watts, division president, asked W. H. Branson, General Conference president, to come up on the rostrum. He thanked Elder Branson for the mission gifts sent to Africa, and then handed him a sheet on which were written several cables just received from leaders in the Southern African Division regarding the totals of baptisms thus far this year. Here are the figures:

Congo Union	5,564
East African Union	4,529
South African Union	1,103
Southeast African Union	1,750
Zambesi Union	2,016
Grand Total	14,962

Surely these figures reveal the heavenly returns on the mission investments made to that great mission area.

by two and went through the business district of Teheran with a goal of ten thousand new names for the correspondence lessons by the first of July. We are glad to say that there are now going out more than ten thousand lessons to new students throughout Iran. Ninety per cent of those students are Moslems."

Morning Business Session

At the morning business session the first item of business was the annual election of the board of the Religious Liberty Association. Then came a presentation of THE REVIEW AND HERALD and its unique service to the church leadership and to the church members. R. J. Christian, the circulation manager, read certain letters from subscribers which told of their appreciation of the journal. He also presented to the council a plan whereby the conferences can send to newly baptized members and to the newly married, a year's subscription at a special rate.

SUMMARY OF CERTAIN MAJOR ACTIONS TAKEN AT AUTUMN COUNCIL

In an early issue of the REVIEW we shall give the text of all those actions taken that are of general interest to our readers. We summarize here certain of the measures voted. The order in which they are here listed does not necessarily indicate the chronological order in which they were voted at the council.

1. Solicitation of funds for special projects not included in budget. An action that seeks to channel the liberality of our people into the denominational treasury, so that all mission fields shall receive a fair share of funds.

2. Graduate program in nursing education. An action that selects one college, Pacific Union College, to give such training.

3. Reclaiming former church members. An extended and detailed plan for seeking out and restoring to the fellowship those who have fallen back into the world.

4. The MV Legion of Honor. An action endorsing the plan of the Missionary Volunteer Department to organize a Legion of Honor to combat the evil forces in the world that are operating against our youth, particularly the theater, the tavern, debasing literature, and commercialized sports and amusements.

5. Laws against literature selling and solicitation activities. An action that calls attention to a growing tendency in various cities to enact ordinances that prohibit our colporteurs and Ingathering solicitors from working, and that sets forth procedures whereby we should seek to stop this tendency. Related actions were taken regarding Sunday laws and proposed laws for calendar revision.

6. Survival through faith rallies. An action encouraging our conferences and churches to pursue more fully the plan launched last year to hold special rallies in all principal cities of the United States, to which rallies all who have listened to our radio and television programs shall be especially invited.

7. Literature evangelism. An action calling on all our conferences in the North American Division to unite in a division-wide literature program, with the objective of placing a selected piece of literature in every home in as short a time as possible.

8. Work with the press. An action looking to the training of workers and laymen to provide the public press with more effective news of the Adventist church.

9. Fiftieth Ingathering anniversary

plans. An action creating a fiftieth anniversary plan for Ingathering that will seek to raise a worldwide goal of \$5,000,000.

10. Emphasis on Christian education. An action urging on our workers and people the primary significance of Christian education in the Advent Movement.

11. Church radio secretary. An action encouraging each church to "appoint a radio secretary whose responsibility shall be to foster the local promotional projects of radio and television."

12. Writing of television scripts by college students. An action to encourage our college students to prepare scripts that might be used for the Faith for Today telecasts.

13. Call to evangelism. An extended action that summons the whole church, workers and laity, to more aggressive and specific plans for evangelistic endeavor.

14. Ingathering folder for educational and medical institutions in North America. An action to provide these institutions with a special twelve-page folder for use in Ingathering work.

15. Biblical exegesis and research. An action creating a special committee to receive and to study material sent in by those who have given special study to some feature of our doctrines.

16. Bible conference for graduates of our medical school. An action calling for a three-day Bible conference for these graduates immediately before or after the postgraduate assembly next spring.

17. Establishment of small self-supporting sanitariums and treatment rooms. An action encouraging the creation of such institutions.

18. Periodical for juniors. An action to found a journal for juniors.

19. Pan-American Youth Congress. An action authorizing the holding of such a congress in the summer of 1953.

20. Appeal to Italian Government regarding religious liberty. An action that seeks through representations to government officials to secure greater freedom for our work in Italy.

21. Future of our foreign publications in America. An action to discontinue certain of these and to change the frequency of publication of others of them.

22. Debt control and liquidation. An action calling on our conferences and institutions to take certain steps regarding debt reduction, so that we may maintain the work in a sound financial condition.

that thousands of additional souls could easily be persuaded to join the baptismal classes if they could be reached. We need more men and means; then our goal could be assured."

With the Southern African Division group was W. P. Bradley, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference, who recently completed a three-month trip to our missions in Africa. In response to the question addressed to him, "What is your impression of the native believers?" he replied:

"I was deeply impressed with the warmth and the spiritual qualities shown by our African believers. They love the Lord and this message. They give of the little they have in a wonderful way to advance the cause of God. They have a feeling of oneness with the Advent people in all the world."

As a climax to the evening service there was shown a beautiful moving picture of our work in the great continent of Africa.

Wednesday, September 24

The work in the Southern European Division was portrayed before us on Wednesday morning as W. R. Beach, the president of the division, told of the great things that God has done for them. In that field live 275,000,000 people speaking 21 major languages. The division has nearly 90,000 baptized members and 115,000 regular members of the Sabbath schools. Said Elder Beach:

"In the past year the Southern European Division enlarged the 'space of its tent.' The work was opened in Senegal, at Dakar. A special type of evangelism was launched among the Moslems of North Africa. Radio broadcasts were begun over stations at Dakar, Brazzaville, and Tangier. The radio and correspondence schools reported 386 baptisms out of 2,400 students who finished correspondence courses. The government postman is becoming a good Adventist evangelist. Three doctors and a score of nurses were added to our medical staffs. The clinic got under way in Bordeaux, another opened in Madrid, and Dr. F. Brennwald, of the Washington Sanitarium, will soon set out for Equatorial Africa, to begin our first hospital work there."

"In Africa a young man troubled by the thought of eternity went into the bush to seek God. He felt that he must find the true God and serve Him in some definite way. At the end of his struggle, he threw himself on the forest ground, looked up to heaven, and cried, 'O God, speak to me, tell me what you want me to do.' The Spirit of God answered his call. This youthful witness told me that in almost audible tones he heard, 'Go to the mission, keep my day, my Son is coming back to earth again.' He found his way to the Adventist mission and into service."

"In old Macedonia a faithful colporter was in search of souls. It was a cold

day. It can be cold in the hills of Macedonia. His eyes were blurred and about frozen shut. He closed them and prayed, 'Lord of the harvest, send me to a needy soul today!' Instantly he heard a voice: 'Go to the village he [heard the name] and ask for a man who has My Book.' Our colporteur went to the village, and finally found the man with the Book. This man had been instructed in a dream to ask the village priest for the Book. He got it and read it from cover to cover. Soon he found the Sabbath truth, then the instruction on clean meats and on tithing. Finally he came to the conclusion that Jesus was coming back again. He consulted the priest, and was told that all that was for the Jews. 'True,' said the priest, 'Jesus will come again.' So, when our colporteur found him, the first question was, 'Do you keep Saturday?' 'Yes,' was the reply. 'Then, you are a Jew.' 'No,' replied our colporteur, 'I am a Serb.' This man is now rejoicing in the truth. I met him not so long ago in Jugoslavia.

"Yes, the Lord leads on in Southern Europe. He is preparing for us, and for you, the day of triumph."

All of Wednesday, after the morning devotional hour, was filled with business sessions and committees, the results of whose work are revealed in the actions voted by the council.

Thursday, September 26

C. E. Moseley, Jr., newly elected associate secretary of the North American Colored Department, brought us the message at the Thursday morning devotional hour. He told of experiences he had had in connection with his recent visit to certain of our mission fields in Africa. He referred to our pioneer work in the French Ivory Coast. He described a native missionary from the Gold Coast who learned a new language while conducting his evangelistic meetings and raised up a new church in six months.

He reported on the radio work conducted by G. N. Banks in Liberia. "This," said he, "in conjunction with the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, has done much to bring our work favorably before those of influence in that country."

He commented on the relation of strong educational institutions to strong church growth in the mission fields visited. He also told of plans being laid to train native workers for leadership. Thus, in the event that the foreign missionaries are driven out, as has been the case in other parts of the world, the work of God will continue to go forward under able leaders.

Closing Business Sessions

As is always true on the closing day of an Autumn Council, business was dispatched rapidly, the chairman reminding us at frequent intervals, that the hours were passing. The major item of the day was the presentation of the proposed budget

for 1953. The budget committee had worked long and arduously in its attempts to allocate the available money in an equitable way to the four corners of the earth, for our work is literally worldwide. The grand total of the funds voted for distribution for 1953 was \$18,562,822.86. This was higher than the 1952 budget by \$1,502,172.18. These figures speak for themselves. What hath God

wrought in behalf of a little people attempting to do a great work for Him in the earth!

The final vote of the Autumn Council at 3:30 Thursday afternoon was on a resolution entitled, "Rededication to a Divine Task," the text of which is given on this page. On that solemn note of rededication the council ended and the delegates turned homeward.

COUNCIL ENDS ON NOTE OF REDEDICATION TO A DIVINE TASK

[The following resolution was the final action voted by the Autumn Council.—Editor.]

As we come to the end of this Autumn Council, which has followed the historic Bible Conference, we would tarry a moment to take solemn stock before we separate to go to the ends of the earth. The Bible Conference impressed us anew with the goodness of God, who has redeemed us through Christ and given us a saving message for the world; whereas the sessions of the council have brought vividly before us the gravity of the times that tax our wisdom, our resources, and our spiritual power.

We sense anew that we are inadequate of ourselves to meet the ever-heightening problems that confront our world work, problems that arise from the wrath of the serpent, from the feverish suspicions of warring nations, and from our very inability to make the budget keep pace with our widening work. We confess that all the resolutions we have voted are unable of themselves to solve these problems; that we need a larger measure of that which no council can vote—the resoluteness of the apostles, who hazarded their lives for the gospel. We thank God for the sacrificial liberality of our people that has made possible the millions in the budget we have voted. But looking out on a distraught world with its vast masses of unwarned souls, we realize how pitifully small is that budget and how greatly we need what no budget can provide, the faith and daring of the disciples, who won vast spiritual victories amid poverty and remained solvent.

And so in this closing hour of the council we would call on our God, Creator of heaven and earth, to create within us anew those right spirits and hearts that will be able to measure up to the great task He has assigned us. We would pray for a new spirit of sacrifice, first for our own selves and then for the Advent people at large, that we may all

bind about our wants and simplify our needs, so that the treasury of the Advent Movement may overflow. We would not risk presumption in asking Heaven to provide means while we, ministers or laity, consume on ourselves what should be dedicated to God. Nor would we ask the Omnipotent One to pour upon us apostolic power and holy audacity for the last great battle for God until we had first emptied our hearts of all that is alien to His divine, empowering Spirit.

As we leave this council we carry with us hallowed memories of mission reports that assure us that the God of heaven still lives and that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. As we leave we carry with us also the memory of great and glorious doctrines set forth anew at the Bible Conference, doctrines that glow with the light of heaven, that save our souls and illumine our path to the New Jerusalem. We think particularly of that most central truth of all our Advent teachings, the work of our Lord and Saviour, who was delivered up for our offenses and was raised again for our justification, who ministers in the sanctuary above, and who will soon return without sin unto salvation. We praise God for the righteousness of our Lord that is imputed and imparted to us by faith. We leave here resolved anew to "live by the faith of the Son of God," and to call upon our beloved flock in every clime to live thus also. We leave resolved to pray more earnestly than ever for the promised outpouring of God's holy Spirit in the latter rain. Then come what may, war, persecution, and the final judgments of God upon a rebellious world, we shall be hid from the indignation and be waiting in joy to meet our Lord.

The time is late, the hour is dark, but the uplook is bright and the day of deliverance is near at hand. We would go forth from these meetings at Takoma Park rededicated, solemnized, and sanctified by God's grace, to finish speedily His work in all the earth.



News From the World Field

Medical Work on the Amazon

By Wayne McFarland, M.D.

Associate Secretary, Medical Department
General Conference

A few short weeks ago it was my privilege to be on the medical launch *Luzeiro II* with Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell. We visited some of the homes in the villages along the Acará and Muju rivers in the great Amazon region of Brazil.

More than two million people live in the Amazon Valley, and their homes and villages are on the rivers. The great Amazon River and its tributaries form the highway in this vast area, and to reach the people you must go by boat.

At the first village where we held an evening meeting with more than two hundred people present, the mayor and his assistant begged us to come and stay longer. They promised Elder Halliwell that we could use any one of three main buildings for evangelistic services. All who were present at this meeting enjoyed the music and health motion pictures, but they especially enjoyed the story of Christ, which was illustrated with colored slides.

Although all the next morning was spent in taking care of those who had worms, dysentery, malaria, and tropical skin diseases, there were some last-minute patients to see before we left that afternoon. As we pulled away from the dock, crowded by eager faces, they waved good-bye and urged us to come again and not to stay away so long. We had made them happy by giving them copies of the Gospel of St. John and *O Atalaia* (our Portuguese Watchman magazine).

Elder Halliwell, the president of our North Brazil Union, told me how, in 1931, when the first *Luzeiro* was launched, the people along the Acará and Maju rivers would not listen to the story of Christ. "Now it is different," he said, "God has opened the hearts of these people through the use of our medical work. Now in this area the name Seventh-day Adventist is associated with kindly medical ministry and the medical launches that we have on the river."

I soon met, in the person of Victoriano, a tangible illustration of how the Lord's Spirit is moving in the jungles of the Amazon. He and his wife belonged to the Pentecostal group, which was extremely fanatical and bitter toward Adventists. Their home is on a connecting canal be-

tween two large rivers. They had allowed their large porch to be used as a meeting place for Elder Halliwell's lectures, but they were very indifferent to the religious subjects. True, they appreciated the medical care given by Pastor and Mrs. Halliwell, but that was as far as the interest went.

Finally, after four years, the *Luzeiro* stopped calling at their home, because it seemed that it was just taking up a lot of time without any results. But some seed had been sown, and it took root. Two years went by, and then this message from Victoriano reached Elder Halliwell in Belém: "We want you to stop on your next trip. We have been keeping the seventh day as the Sabbath for sixty-two Sabbaths."

The next trip up the Muju River the medical launch stopped at the home of Victoriano, and there they found thirty people ready to study the message. The second time our launch stopped at Victoriano's home after he had begun to keep the Sabbath, it was my privilege to be along. It was Friday afternoon when we arrived, and I was eager to meet this family.

The first thing we noticed when we pulled up to the dock was the size of the

house. Many of the homes are just thatch roofs pulled over some upright poles. The rooms (if there are any) are not much larger than an apartment kitchen. But Victoriano's home was a large one by standards in those parts, and an elegant one too, for it had a red tile roof, a floor made of native dark and light Brazilian hardwood, and there was a big veranda on one side.

Since it was late, we did not have a general meeting, but conducted sundown worship. Then we pulled out into the river for the night and went to sleep listening to the songs of Zion being sung in Portuguese. Sundown services had not been enough for them, so the little group kept right on praying and singing after we left.

Very early the next morning a canoe loaded with people pulled up alongside our medical launch. They all know that the *Luzeiro* is the boat that helps the sick, so they asked for medicines. Pastor Halliwell told them that a general clinic would be held on Sunday, but because today was the Sabbath, we would take care of only emergencies.

When it was time for Sabbath school, we gathered on the large veranda. I was an attentive listener and could understand the melodies even if I couldn't understand all the words. During Sabbath school we had some interesting visitors. In walked a rooster, a dog, and children in their birthday suits. Underneath the house were sheep, pigs, lizards, and dogs. In the adjoining room someone cornered the rooster, and the dog made his escape, but



Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell on Board the *Luzeiro II*. This Beautiful Spot on the Muju River Is Near the Homes of a Number of Villagers Who Have Been Baptized Recently



Our Hospital at Belém, in the North Brazil Union, Which Is to Be Opened as Soon as We Have a Doctor to Place in Charge. The Work of This Fine Institution Will Be Coordinated With the Work of Our Medical Launches. Belém Is the Capital City of the State of Pará, and Is the Headquarters of Our North Brazil Union

this did not disrupt the Sabbath school at all; everyone took it as a matter of course. I could hear the children singing (Mrs. Halliwell leading them) "This Little Light of Mine."

After the good Sabbath day services we prepared for the night meeting. Wires were run from the light plant of the *Luzeiro* to give us electricity for the meeting and for showing the motion pictures on health.

Elder Halliwell spoke on Daniel 2, illustrating his sermon with lantern slides. The whole countryside had turned out—about two hundred people. The people were deeply impressed. They told us the message made them afraid, and that they wanted to know what to do to get ready to meet Jesus.

We also learned that all the Pentecostal people had been turned out of their church—in fact, disfellowshiped—because they had attended the previous *Adventista* meeting. This meant there were forty people ripe for harvest.

In each place we visited along these two great rivers of the Amazon region the people were eager for meetings to be held in their villages. It is planned to send a boat and a worker into these openings.

We had to hasten back to Belém for the workers' meeting and the boatmen's convention. These meetings were held in the new hospital. So far the opening of this hospital has had to be postponed, because there was no doctor to take charge, but we hope arrangements can soon be made through the government and medical society to have a graduate from our College of Medical Evangelists go to Belém.

There is no question but that the work of our medical launches has opened the doors of Brazil and all of South America to our evangelistic work.

The following are excerpts taken from the address given by Dr. Lopo Alvatex de Castro, mayor of the city of Belém (capital of the state of Pará), at our Belém Hospital, when all the workers of the North Brazil Union were present:

"My visit to this convention is more like a visit as a private citizen of this

state of Pará and as an admirer of the Adventist work than the visit of the mayor of this city. Before becoming mayor of the city, I was a businessman for many years, and as such I have helped the work of the Adventists. Every time they knocked at the door of my place of business, I always helped them financially and with medicines, for I recognized the work of the Adventists as of great social benefit. I am not an Adventist, but I recognize that you people are sowing good seed, as it were, by treating the health of the people with a well-organized launch service.

"After assuming the duties of mayor, I tried to imitate in part the work of the Adventists in the interior along the rivers. An ambulance was purchased and an ambulatory medical service similar to your launch work was begun. The ambulance carries a chauffeur, a doctor, a dentist, and a nurse. It goes about the different parts of the city treating the poor.

"We are now thinking of obtaining more ambulances and possibly a medical launch to do work along the rivers in Belém, for the alleviation of the suffering among the poor people. In this way I have appreciated the work of the Adventists through the years. I am a great admirer of your faith, because I see in it an altruistic religion, which has been working and struggling, long and hard, in the back country places, enduring privations in order to bring well-being to our fellow citizens of the interior.

"As mayor of Belém, I will do everything to help you, because I see that you are on the right road, which is to love one's neighbor as one's own self."

The address given by the mayor of the city of Belém is a glowing tribute to the work of our pioneer medical launch workers, Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell. Also, it is a glowing tribute to the effectiveness of the "entering wedge"—our medical missionary work. The mayor's visit to our sanitarium and hospital was also given publicity in the press.

We can truly be thankful that the Lord is working through every agency in preparing hearts for His kingdom.

The London Evangelistic Campaign

By W. W. Armstrong
President, British Union Conference

As I write it is two weeks till the opening night of the big campaign in London to be conducted by George E. Vandeman, of the General Conference, and his associates. It is to be a central campaign, and will be held in the well-known London Coliseum, near Trafalgar Square, which seats approximately 2,500. Already the large billboards are advertising the two sessions (4:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.) on Sunday, September 21. Also the subways will be displaying the smaller posters this week onward, and by an efficiently organized plan, our faithful members will be delivering 150,000 handbills in selected areas.

About 15,000 names have come in, and these, and many more, will receive a personal invitation by mail. The newspapers will soon be heralding the great opening meeting, and all is set for a successful beginning.

The interest in this great venture for the Lord is seen throughout the whole of our union. In every church Sabbath by Sabbath special prayers are being offered for the success of this our great evangelistic attempt in Great Britain. Many years ago the messenger of the Lord stated that something great should be done to warn and win the millions of London.

"There is a great work to be done in England. . . . London has been scarcely touched. My heart is deeply moved as the situation in that great city is presented before me. . . . In the city of London alone no fewer than one hundred men should be engaged."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, pp. 25, 26.



Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell, Our Pioneer Medical Launch Workers on the Amazon, Standing Under the Flags of the *Luzeiro II* and *Luminar*. On Each Life Preserver Are the Portuguese Words, "Jesus Saves."

Recently I have received letters from many parts of the world giving assurance of prayers on behalf of this work in London just now. We deeply appreciate these sincere expressions of practical interest. The attempt is so great and challenging that we feel constrained to ask our members in every part of the world to pray for us, that Pentecostal blessing will attend our labors for Him. Let our prayers be regular and persistent for many months to come. We expect great things from God, believing the hour for the claiming of His special promises for the last days has struck.

National Medical Cadet Camp

By Carlyle B. Haynes

They came from thirty-three of the American States, the trainees for the National Medical Cadet Training Camp for 1952. One hundred and thirty in number, they assembled for an intensive course of drills, formations, first-aid instruction, military courtesies, character guidance, and denominational principles of non-combatancy and governmental relationships.

They gathered at Grand Ledge, Michigan, on the admirably equipped camp-ground of the Michigan Conference, which was placed at our disposal for this purpose.

Awakened by a bugle call each morning at 5:45, they went through hard army training each day until taps at 10:00 P.M. Under the skilled and efficient administration of Cadet Col. Everett N. Dick and his staff of able cadet officers they were trained in every activity to which they are likely to be assigned when drafted for military service.

Between forty and fifty of the men attending were facing almost immediate induction. Consequently, a spirit of deep earnestness was manifest from the beginning. They really packed a lot of instruction and training into those strenuous days.

For the second year in succession the camp was named Camp Desmond T. Doss, after our Congressional Medal of Honor hero of Okinawa fame. We had the pleasure of having Desmond Doss with us, together with Mrs. Doss, during the closing days of the camp.

Newspaper Publicity

In the Chicago *Tribune*, on its front page, as well as in Detroit, Battle Creek, Lansing, and many other papers, and in Associated Press dispatches to its clientele of papers, much favorable publicity was given the camp and the cooperative and patriotic principles of Seventh-day Adventists.

Near the close of the camp regular Army officials from Washington and Chicago

came to Grand Ledge to inspect and review the cadets and the camp. Chief among these was Col. Floyd Werge-land, chief of the Education and Training Division of the Surgeon General's Department of the Army. From Chicago came Col. J. B. Coates, Deputy Surgeon of the Fifth Army. They not only entered upon a thorough review of the training and work done but were deeply and favorably impressed with the whole program being carried on by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

These national training camps are now annual affairs in our work in the United States. Draft-age men have found them of great value. Every draft-age man, as well as those sixteen and seventeen years of age, will find it profitable to be present for training at the next one to be held, the first weeks of July, 1953, also at Grand Ledge.

Northeast New Guinea Camp Meeting

By Louis T. Greive

The annual camp meeting of the Northeast New Guinea Mission was convened from July 21 to 26 on the grounds of the New Guinea Highlands Missionary School, at Kabiufa, near Garoka. The mission workers and laymen lent willing hands to assist the busy camp superintendent with the final details of preparation.

From midday Sunday a human tide of national workers, students, and lay members swept in from Omaura, Kainantu, Bena Bena, and the Chimbu missions of Kumul, Yani, and Moruma. (We greatly regretted the unavoidable absence of representatives from Hagen and Wabag.)

A week previously advance parties from all districts had arrived to build the grass huts for the accommodation of those expected to attend. On arrival the national

workers took charge of their respective parties, and all were soon housed by districts in the sixty-six huts on the eastern and southern sides of the ground, in an orderly and efficient manner. The European staff were housed in eight neat and comfortable huts on the western side, with the large meetinghouse in the center.

Australasian Inter-Union Conference delegates, A. W. Peterson, Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary, and Dr. C. W. Harrison, of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, arrived in the company of the Coral Sea Union representatives: Herbert White, president; R. A. McFarlane, Sabbath school and publishing department secretary; and R. M. Ellison, Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary. Despite an engine fault in their plane, they arrived in time for the opening.

In his opening address to a congregation of fifteen hundred, through five interpreters, Pastor White reminded his hearers that the prophetic signs of the second coming of Christ are almost all fulfilled, and urged his hearers to prepare for that event. It was a sobering challenge.

High lights of the meeting were the enthusiastic singing under the capable leadership of J. W. French and C. R. Stafford; inspiring vocal harmony of the different national groups in rendering their worship of praise; the description of their tour of Australia and New Zealand by E. A. Boehm and Masive, the first New Guinea highlander to visit Australia; Pastor White's impressive film of our mission work in the Solomon Islands, Papua, and New Guinea; a film showing of a *Faith for Today* telecast; L. I. Howell's repertoire of beautiful recorded music; a missionary symposium of national evangelists from all districts represented at the gathering; and a symposium of European mission directors, who produced thrilling stories and trophies won from heathenism; a JMV investiture and a baptism.

In introducing Masive's talk on his



Missionary E. A. Boehm and Native Dancer, of Inland New Guinea, With Tribespeople in the Background

tour of Australasia, Pastor Boehm reminded us that a few years ago Masive was not only the first but the only national baptized in the highlands. He then called for those baptized to stand up according to the year in which they were baptized and to remain standing. As those baptized in 1952 were asked to rise, a large proportion of the congregation were on their feet, and no more inspiring sight was to be seen during the camp. The more than two thousand assembled on the grounds were held spellbound by Masive's eloquence and enthusiasm.

One of our mission directors brought his trophy to the camp meeting, in the form of To (pronounced Tor), previously a notoriously wicked man known far and wide. The gray-headed convert walked easily up onto the dais and stood by the missionary. His lifetime of wickedness had left its mark on his body, and until recently he had been able to walk only with slow, painful steps with the aid of two sticks, his body bent low. This day, having given up the chewing of betel nut, tobacco smoking, and the use of pork as food, he stood upright before the congregation, with renewed strength and shining face, a living demonstration of the power of the whole gospel to renew both body and soul, for he had walked a hundred miles to camp meeting in the company of youth.

Thirty Europeans attended the 1952 camp meeting, thirty-two nationals were baptized on Sabbath afternoon, and eighteen JMV's were invested with the order of Friend. All returned to their homes, distant and near, spiritually uplifted and with renewed determination to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes.

Preaching Crusade in São Paulo, Brazil

By Waldemar R. Silva

On the thirteenth of April, the long-awaited efforts by Walter Schubert began in the city of São Paulo, one in the center of the city and the other in the suburb of São Caetano do Sul.

The effort in the heart of the city was held in the comfortable hall of the Conservatory of Dramatics and Music, which has a seating capacity of six hundred. From the beginning the hall was filled to capacity night after night, with a distinguished audience consisting of doctors, lawyers, and people of all classes. Even the corridors were filled with one hundred, two hundred, and three hundred people, who, not finding a place to sit, willingly stood up during the two hours of the meeting. On several occasions there were such large crowds that they filled the stairway, and many returned to their homes, not finding standing room.

We have had many wonderful experiences. Among the interested ones there is a fine Catholic family quite devoted to the virgin Mary. The first study held in



Evangelistic Worker Group Who Assisted Walter Schubert During Public Campaign in São Paulo, Brazil

their home lasted three hours. The husband related that upon returning from mass on a certain Sunday, as he entered the door of his house he noticed on the floor a piece of paper on which was the title "The Compass That Our Disoriented Age Needs," and beside the title was a sketch of a compass. A strange power compelled him to bend down and pick up the paper and read carefully what was written. After reading it he said to his wife, "We must attend this meeting tonight."

"Osmund, you promised me that we would be going to the cinema tonight to see that beautiful film, and now you are going to change your mind? You can't do that. We are going to the cinema," said his wife.

"But, Carmen, we can go to the cinema any night, and this meeting is only tonight," said the husband in a troubled tone.

After having been married for fifteen years and always having gone out together, they were about to separate now, each one going to a different place, for Mr. Osmund firmly stood his ground. After a great deal of discussion the Holy Spirit won the victory, and his wife and fourteen-year-old son decided to go to the meeting instead of to the cinema. Since that night they have missed only one meeting, and they asked us to repeat this meeting in their own home. They had never read the Bible, because they had been forbidden to read it. Still half fearful, they had bought a Bible, and wanting to certify whether "Pastor Schubert's Bible" was the same as the Catholic Bible, they also acquired a Catholic edition. The priest who sold it to them told them, "This is the truth. Read it fervently." This contributed a great deal toward their reading of the Sacred Book.

"They are exactly alike," they said with unconcealed joy stamped upon their faces. This family now is greatly interested in the truth.

Among the interested ones are several

Adventists who have been out of the church for more than twenty years. One of these is a former minister who used to be a great help to the pioneer Adventists. Another is a young woman who for many years had been a student at our Adventist college in Santo Amaro. While there she had become acquainted with all our Adventist doctrines, but after she married she turned to the Catholic ceremonies. Her mother, who is an Adventist, entreated and prayed with her, but all apparently had been in vain. After much insistence the husband attended one of the meetings, which happened to be on the judgment. She later said that her heart rejoiced when she heard that Jesus, the Creator of the universe, loved poor lost humanity so much that He died for them and now intercedes in heaven for repentant sinners, saying, "My blood, my blood."

That night the Spirit of the Lord broke her hard heart, and another new member was added to the church of God. Two days later we went to her father's home to give him a Bible study for he is also interested. We were met by the mother with a letter in her hand and her eyes full of tears. "Mother," she had written in the letter, "your prayers and your entreaties during all these years have now been crowned with victory, for I now rejoice in the blessed Advent hope. I have found my Saviour." Right then and there we presented that letter before the Lord, thanking Him for having gathered into the fold another straying sheep.

On the eighth of June, 412 persons signed the pledge to keep the Sabbath. From this number we hope to reach the goal we had set for the two efforts—two hundred souls saved in the kingdom of God. The evangelistic group consisted of eleven evangelists and six Bible instructors, who gave their loyal support to Elder Schubert. On the other hand, this group of workers gained greatly from this experience through the enthusiasm and consecration of Brother Schubert.

The Missouri Camp Meeting

By T. L. Oswald

The Missouri camp meeting was held on the grounds of the Sunnydale Academy, about four or five miles out of Centralia, Missouri. Most of the people who lived on the grounds were in the two dormitories of the academy. There were about thirty or forty family tents pitched. W. A. Desain, the president of the conference, who came to Missouri from Iowa a few months ago, had everything well organized. The campers attended almost every meeting from morning till night. The evening meetings were evangelistic. Over the week ends the crowd was very large.

This year the constituency meeting was held, at which time the officers, departmental secretaries, the conference committee, and the academy board were elected. M. V. Campbell, president of the Central Union, led out in the election of officers and departmental secretaries. The incumbent officers and departmental secretaries were re-elected.

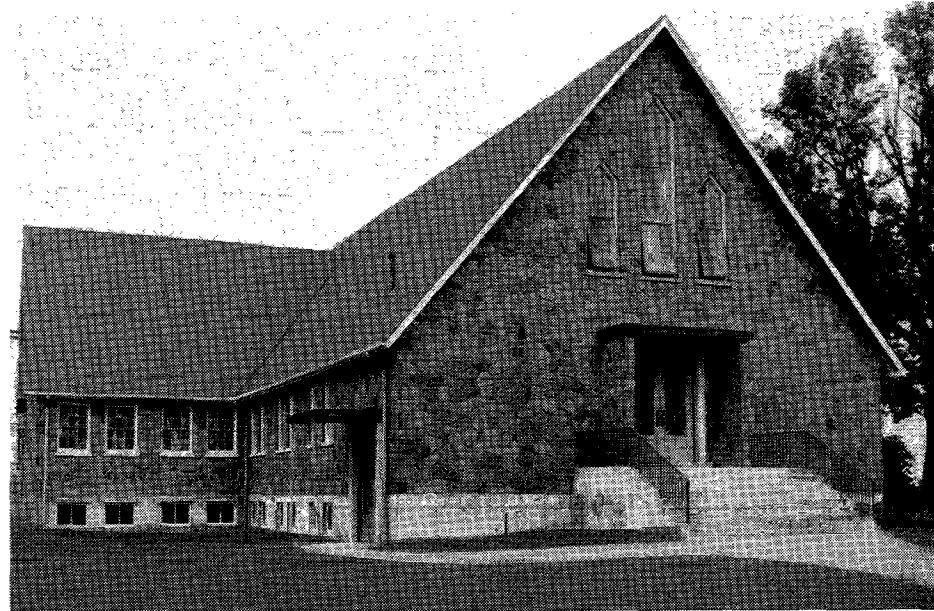
Visiting Speakers

Practically the entire Central Union staff was present. These brethren faithfully did their part to make the meetings a success. I. J. Woodman was there from the Pacific Press, and R. J. Christian from the Review and Herald. Miss Louise C. Kleuser, N. F. Brewer, and the writer represented the General Conference. We also had with us on the campground W. A. Martin, of Bangkok, Thailand. His stories on mission life were much appreciated by our people.

The cash and pledges received for different offerings were as follows: Sabbath school, \$1,260.26; evangelism, \$950.46; Sunnydale auditorium, \$8,422.00; camp meeting expense, \$742.85. The Book and Bible House sales amounted to \$6,285.40. Total offerings, pledges, and sales at camp meeting amounted to \$17,660.97.

On Wednesday night, while we were in the midst of the evening meeting, a severe thunderstorm came up. A strong wind blew, and the large tent went down and was almost destroyed. This large tent had been rented from a tent company for use during the camp meeting. About one third of the small tents went down. The rain and storm did considerable damage. For the last few days of the camp meeting we had to hold our meetings in the school chapel and library.

The Lord came very near at the Sabbath morning meeting. The response was excellent. A number of young people, as well as older ones, took their stand for the truth. The whole congregation rededicated their lives to God. We believe that our people went home with courage in their hearts and a determination to do more for the advancement of God's cause.



Dedication of the New England Sanitarium Church

August 2 was a high day for the New England Sanitarium church. This was the day that their new building, recently completed, was dedicated to the Lord.

J. M. Clemons, the pastor of the church, who led out in the building program, was in charge of the service. L. E. Lenheim preached the dedicatory sermon, at which time he made it clear to the congregation that they must dedicate their hearts to the Lord just as they were dedicating their building, if their religion was to be worthwhile. Merle L. Mills gave the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. Carl Anderson sang "Open the Gates of the Temple." The history of the Sanitarium church was presented by Dr. C. A. Haysmer.

The church was filled to capacity. Friends from far and near were present to help celebrate this occasion. We were privileged to

have with us an unusually large number of alumni nurses, who had returned for the week end to participate in the graduation exercises and in the founders' day program of the sanitarium, of which the dedication of the church was a part.

The cost of the building was approximately \$110,000. The officers and congregation are to be commended for the vision, courage, and sacrifice they have displayed in the erection of this beautiful edifice. This building stands as a monument to the three angels' messages. It is believed that the brightest days of the sanitarium church are yet ahead. We congratulate the church for this progressive move and wish for its members every blessing and continued success in their church program.

MERLE L. MILLS, President,
Southern New England Conference.

Lake Union Educational Workshop

By Keld J. Reynolds

Under the direction of W. A. Nelson, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, the principals, directors of food services, and school home deans from the six secondary schools in the union met for a workshop at Emmanuel Missionary College, August 19-24.

Since this type of meeting was something of an innovation as far as directors of food services are concerned, schools in other unions were also represented. Assisting in the workshop were H. S. Hanson, educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference; H. K. Halladay, home missionary secretary of the Lake Union Conference; R. W. Spalding, M.D., medical secretary for the Michigan Conference; E. L. Knecht, chef, Emmanuel Missionary College; Mrs. Clara Marsh, ma-

tron, Emmanuel Missionary College; and the writer.

The business sessions were concerned with the improvement of administration, organization, personnel relations, constructive Christian discipline, and an enriched and strengthened spiritual program. The work of the food director came in for major attention, such subjects being discussed as "Helping Students to Choose Well-balanced Meals in the Cafeteria," "Managing the Dining Room," "Preparing Food Combinations," "Cafeteria Purchasing and Finances," and "Organizing the Students' Help for Efficient Work," besides such other down-to-earth subjects as baking, cooking, and salad preparation.

This workshop was characterized by Christian and professional fellowship of a high order, and it was the consensus of those who attended that it was profitable from the opening greeting to the closing prayer of the last service.

The Gospel in Yosemite

By Robert E. Edwards

In the shadow of the sentinel-like rock of giant El Capitan in Yosemite National Park is a little amphitheater. The trees form the walls, the blue sky the roof, where a small group of Seventh-day Adventists meet each week for Sabbath school and church.

Elder and Mrs. F. H. Conway, former missionaries, live in a tent in one of Yosemite's camps. Every day they meet scores of tourists who pass through. Hundreds of pieces of our literature are given out.

Every evening during the vacation season there is a big campfire and program for the tourists at nearby Camp Curry. The camp officials very willingly give a half hour or more of the campfire time to Brother and Sister Conway whenever they desire it.

The Voice of Prophecy was invited to be present at the August 16 meetings, Sabbath morning and Saturday night.

Sabbath morning, as we walked from our tent to the church bowl, we could but be awed by the silent majesty and grandeur of this beautiful valley. On all sides are towering cliffs and peaks. There is something about these mighty rocks that reminds one of God's strength—something about their majesty and their immovable ness.

As Sabbath school began, the sounds of civilization were far away. Our songs were accompanied by chattering blue jays that hopped from rock to rock. Deer grazed unmolested in the meadows a few yards away. This is perhaps just a foretaste of what it will be like to spend our Sabbaths in heaven.



The Newly Erected Auditorium on the Saskatoon Campgrounds, Saskatchewan, Canada

But that is not why we were there. All during the meetings tourists wandered up to our little outdoor sanctuary, some out of curiosity, some perhaps attracted by the notes of a familiar but long-forgotten hymn. I am sure all of us offered a silent prayer that some seed might be planted and take root in these hearts that would someday bear precious fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Camp Meeting

By E. J. Lorntz

The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference session and camp meeting convened July 10-19 at the beautiful new auditorium in Saskatoon. The first day was dedicated to the election of officers and reports of the various departments and activities of the conference.

No change was made in the leadership

of the conference. H. D. Henriksen and his staff of loyal workers continue to lead in a strong way the more than two thousand members of the conference in a well-organized effort to give the Advent message. Representatives of the General Conference and the Canadian Union, as well as H. M. S. Richards with the King's Heralds, added greatly with their messages to the uplift of the meetings.

The past year showed an increase of twenty-five per cent in baptisms. During a recent ministerial and lay workers' institute a goal was set to win four hundred new members in 1952. A conference evangelistic team is being organized for an intensive soul-winning campaign in the larger cities of their far-flung field.

In 1951 their colporteurs delivered \$99,545.54 worth of literature, thus gaining the distinction of leading the Canadian Union in book sales. The Lord has also richly blessed in a substantial increase in tithe and offerings. During the past two years \$361,909.26 in tithe and offerings was given by the faithful constituency.

Meetings were also conducted for the Russian-Ukrainian and German believers. There is a strong work conducted among these foreign-language groups, and the response of these people who have come to our shores to find the Advent message is very gratifying. From their ranks, it is interesting to note, a number of missionaries have gone out to the worldwide field.



Large Crowd in Attendance at Sabbath Services Held in Yosemite National Park, California

A flood of light is shining from the word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected opportunities. When all are faithful in giving back to God His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message for this time. If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions.—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, pp. 449, 450.

Greater New York Camp Meeting

By Howard B. Weeks

The first full-fledged camp meeting in the history of the Greater New York Conference was held at Eagle Lake Park, near Sloatsburg, New York, August 22-30.

Eagle Lake Park is the recently purchased permanent campground for the conference. Last fall about 360 acres surrounding a picturesque lake in scenic Rockland County were obtained by the conference committee. During subsequent months vast improvements have been made, including enlarging of the lake and the erection of a number of permanent buildings.

The quiet, rustic atmosphere of the grounds and the surrounding area, rich in historical background, contributed immensely to the inspiration of camp meeting time.

The camp meeting programs, directed by E. L. Branson, conference president, were attended by some two thousand members and visitors on the week ends.

General Conference representatives at the early part of the camp meeting included W. H. Branson, J. E. Edwards, R. Allan Anderson, Eric B. Hare, and Howard B. Weeks. Elder Hare and Miss Louise Meyer conducted a child-guidance institute through the camp meeting period for the benefit of parents attending. Other training programs were held for home missionary workers, colporteurs, and conference workers, as well as for children and young people of all ages.

Visiting from overseas fields were N. C. Wilson, president of the Nile Union Mission, and A. N. Nelson, president of Philippine Union College.

Speakers for the latter part of the camp meeting included H. M. S. Richards and W. A. Fagal. J. D. Snider, of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, was present through the nine-day period.

Colorado Camp Meeting

By J. R. Ferren

Colorado's camp meeting convened at Champion Academy, near Loveland, this year under highly favorable conditions. The academy's large new auditorium was entirely finished, seated, and decorated for the occasion. Sixty family tents helped accommodate the crowds, which overflowed into the school dormitories and hotels, motels, and rooms nearby.

At the biennial conference session called the first evening, August 21, organization for election of officers and other conference business was arranged. N. C. Petersen, conference president, gave a report of the progress of the work during the two-year period, in which membership of the 64 churches was shown to be 5,503 at the close of 1951, as compared with 5,120

two years before. There were 631 members received into churches by baptism and profession of faith. Increase in tithes reached \$145,703 during the biennium. Tithes and mission offerings together totaled \$1,190,702. Of this amount \$903,942 was tithe.

Elder Petersen, with a six-year record of successful service as president, was unanimously re-elected for another term. H. A. Young, who had been chosen to fill a vacancy during the biennial period, was elected secretary-treasurer and also director of press relations. B. J. Liebelt was chosen to head the home missionary, Sabbath school, temperance, and radio departments, succeeding L. J. Leiske, who had been called as president to the Wyoming Conference. Ellsworth Reile was asked to lead out in lay evangelism; J. B. Bogle, to head the publishing department, with Kenneth Wenberg assisting; and R. W. Dunn was chosen as manager of the Colorado Book and Bible house.

Re-elected were Lee Carter, secretary of educational, Missionary Volunteer, and war service; Dr. A. L. Moon, medical sec-

retary; and N. C. Petersen, religious liberty secretary.

Spiritual features of the camp meeting program dealt with varied subjects of vital interest. M. V. Campbell, Central Union Conference president, gave the sermon at the 11 A.M. hour on the first Sabbath. Members of his staff carried a strong program throughout the conference session and camp meeting.

The Faith for Today television group, W. A. Fagal and the quartet, were present, as well as H. M. S. Richards, of the Voice of Prophecy. Dr. J. Nussbaum, of Paris, France, director of the International Religious Liberty Association, was guest speaker at two different hours. R. M. Whitsett, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, conducted three of the evening services. Miss Louise Kleuser, also of the General Conference Ministerial Association, conducted a series of lessons on personal work and Bible instruction. Other speakers from the General Conference included E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Rulkoetter, E. W. Dunbar, T. L. Oswald, and J. R. Ferren.

Brief Current News

OVERSEAS

South America

At the end of 1951 the South American Division was fifth among the division fields in membership, with 60,207 members. On June 30, 1952, the South American Division had 61,289 baptized members, an increase of more than 1,000.

In the city of La Plata, Argentina, Juan Fabuena opened a series of public meetings on June 29. On August 31 he reported that 105 persons had signed the covenant to keep God's holy Sabbath day. Seventy-five persons are already attending Sabbath services.

In the capital of the state of Espírito Santo, Brazil, Vitoria, João Carvalho is conducting two series of meetings. He preaches four nights a week in one suburb and three or four times in the center of the city. About 500 persons are attending in each place.

NORTH AMERICA

Atlantic Union

Six persons were recently baptized in Smithfield, Maine, by J. W. Wood, and joined the Norridgewock and Benton churches. One of the candidates was a 92-year-old man who first learned of the soon coming of Jesus 40 years ago when a colporteur sold him *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*.

The first service in the beautiful church at Framingham Centre, Massachusetts, recently acquired by the Natick congregation, of which William E. Carpenter is pastor, was held on October 4, with Merle Mills giving the consecration address. A series of public meetings is now being held each Sunday evening in this church.

Fifteen men in the Concord, Massachusetts, reformatory are attending Bible studies each Sabbath afternoon given by William Menshausen, assistant pastor of the South Lancaster church. A deep interest is being shown in the studies. James Miller, local elder of the Hudson church, is assisting in this work.

A recent baptism brought to seven the number added to the church thus far as a result of evangelistic meetings held during the winter and spring months in New Bedford by A. R. Friedrich, pastor of the Portuguese district.

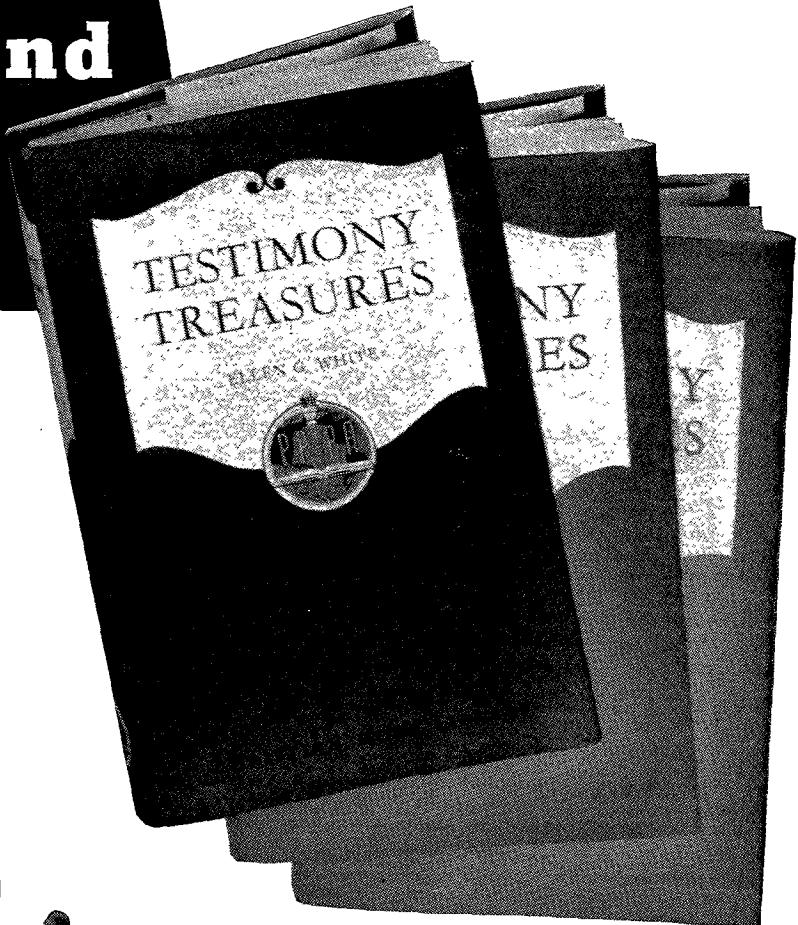
Central Union

On August 2, three ministers held baptismal services in Nebraska. A. R. Lickey baptized eight believers in Gothenburg; R. R. Johnson, three in Chadron; and L. O. Barnes, two in Trenton.

Newcomers to the Colorado Conference are Elder and Mrs. Alexander Snyman, from the Washington Conference, and Elder and Mrs. L. J. Ehrhardt and family, from the Kansas Conference.

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● Harold Hampton, a worker in Colorado for eight years, has accepted an invitation to connect with the Kansas Conference.

● LeRoy J. Leiske, of the Wyoming Conference, baptized two brethren for William Iverson, pastor of the Rawlins district.

● The Wyoming Conference is engaged in an active campaign to erect signs announcing the location of the Seventh-day Adventist church on each of the major highways entering the city where the church is located.

Columbia Union

● The Youngstown, Ohio, effort conducted by E. F. Koch, Columbia Union Conference evangelist, closed August 4. About 50 persons have been baptized thus far as a result of the effort, and another 20 are planning baptism in the near future.

● On August 16, J. L. Hamrick, Jr., baptized four persons as a result of his summer tent effort conducted in Tazewell, Virginia. This was the first baptism in connection with the effort.

● L. F. Myers reports six men and women won to Christ this year in the Sayre-Canton-Roaring Branch district of the East Pennsylvania Conference as a result of the faithful work of laymen.

● J. G. Mitchell, pastor at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, baptized 11 people on August 23. Six of these were the result of meetings conducted by C. A. Dornburg, of Gettysburg.

● The Allegheny Conference is supporting the following evangelistic campaigns this year: Chester, Pennsylvania, Charles Brooks; Youngstown, Ohio, W. R. Robinson; Coatesville, Pennsylvania, A. N. Brogden; Norfolk, Virginia, M. A. Burgess; Richmond, Virginia, C. B. Tivy; Springfield, Ohio, Leon Cox.

● Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, opened this year with the largest enrollment of its history—253. Three new faculty members have been added: Herbert Roth, Patrick Hicks, and Frank Wessley.

Lake Union

● D. B. Simons, home missionary secretary of the Lake Region Conference, reports that a successful Vacation Bible School was conducted in Detroit this summer, with 115 children in attendance. Church groups assisted with the project, and the children took a keen interest in the school. It is proving to be an effective method of evangelism for the children.

● The Ferndale, Michigan, church, under the leadership of Elton Ashton, planted an acre of tomatoes for their Investment this year. Thirty-five Sabbath school members donated their time and labor in planting and caring for these tomatoes. To date they have earned a net of \$904.40 toward their Investment goal, and expect to reach at least \$1,000.

● Arthur Harms has recently accepted the invitation of the Wisconsin Conference to join the staff at Wisconsin Academy as accountant. Brother Harms was formerly connected with the Adelphian Academy mill, at Holly, Michigan.

● Mr. and Mrs. William Farver are new staff members at Cedar Lake Academy. Mr. Farver is to teach mathematics and chemistry, and Mrs. Farver is the school nurse.

Northern Union

● R. E. Cash, who has been laboring in the northwest district in Minnesota, has been called to Bismarck, North Dakota.

● O. M. Fillman, the district leader, reports the baptism of four persons at Bemidji as a result of the evangelistic series held there.

● A tri-State Senior camp was recently held at Lake Metigoshe State Park in North Dakota. Young people from Minnesota and North and South Dakota attended this pioneer Senior camp in the Northern Union.

● The Spillman-Lyman evangelistic effort at Hurley, South Dakota, came to a close on August 29, at the end of the tenth week. The district pastor, Adam Rudy, will continue the meetings in the Legion Hall. Thus far a number of persons have been baptized and M. C. Horn, of Sioux Falls, and Elder Rudy are studying with many more.

North Pacific Union

● C. L. Vories, assisted by Brother and Sister M. A. Dopp and Miss Vivian Cook, began an evangelistic series the evening of July 13 in our church in Cle Elum, Washington. Although the attendance was never large, after six weeks of preaching and personal work, six persons were baptized and one was received into the church on profession of faith.

● Five members were added to the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, church by baptism and two on profession of faith on August 30.

● Two nutrition instructors' courses were held in the Upper Columbia Conference. The first class met in the conference office at Spokane from September 21 to 25; the second class was held at the Health and Welfare Center in Walla Walla, September 28 to October 2. Mrs. H. W. Vollmer, of the Pacific Union Conference, was the guest instructor.

● Members of the Pendleton, Oregon, church participated for the first time in a booth erected at the Umatilla County Fair held at Hermiston, Oregon, on August 21 to 24. J. G. Gjording and his wife entered into the project wholeheartedly.

Pacific Union

● The August deliveries of the porteurs of the Southern California Conference were the largest ever recorded in one month in that conference—\$17,200. Deliveries for the first eight months of 1952 totaled \$75,000. Best of all, 19 have been baptized this year as the result of colporteur contacts.

● Walter Itagaki has been asked to become associate pastor of the Los Angeles Japanese church.

● One of the candidates recently baptized in Honolulu had long searched for truth; he had successively been a member of six different denominations. He says of his newfound faith, "When I attended the seventh church I also found the seventh-day Sabbath and the truth. I know that God led me to it, and I am grateful."

Southern Union

● J. R. Spangler, with a splendid corps of workers, has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the city of Meridian, Mississippi. Although the series is by no means completed, the first baptism, held Sunday night, September 7, yielded 24 converts who were added to the church.

● R. R. Osborne has just completed a successful revival in London, Kentucky, reports the pastor, K. M. Mathews. On August 30 three were baptized.

● J. N. Morgan and his assistants, R. H. Woolsey and Mrs. Marye Burdick, have just completed a successful effort in the city of Dothan, Alabama. Twenty-two have already been baptized, with many others studying and attending the church services.

Southwestern Union

● The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference welfare centers are reporting progress. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the work has grown to the extent that larger quarters may be necessitated. The Texarkana, Arkansas, society is moving to the upstairs of the new church school building; Little Rock, Arkansas, and Alexandria, Louisiana, have sent large shipments of clothing to Korea recently.

● A number of Oklahoma Conference workers are conducting evangelistic meetings as follows: L. E. Rogers and John McIntosh, a tabernacle effort in Claremore; A. G. Streifling and Don Aalborg in Woodward; L. C. Caviness and Earl McGill in Pauls Valley; D. C. Aalborg in Vici; H. J. Harris in the Hooker district; Harold Flory in the Lawton district; and A. W. Wennerberg is conducting a number of cottage meetings in the Wilburton area.

● The Texas Conference has 21 church schools in which there are 39 regular, full-time teachers.

● In the Texico Conference there are 9 church schools and 15 teachers.

Church Calendar for 1952

Oct. 11	Voice of Prophecy Offering
Oct. 11-18	Message Magazine Campaign
Oct. 25	Temperance Offering
Nov. 1-22	Review and Herald Campaign
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 29-Dec. 6	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
Dec. 6	Week of Sacrifice Offering
Dec. 27	13th Sabbath Offering (Southern Asia)

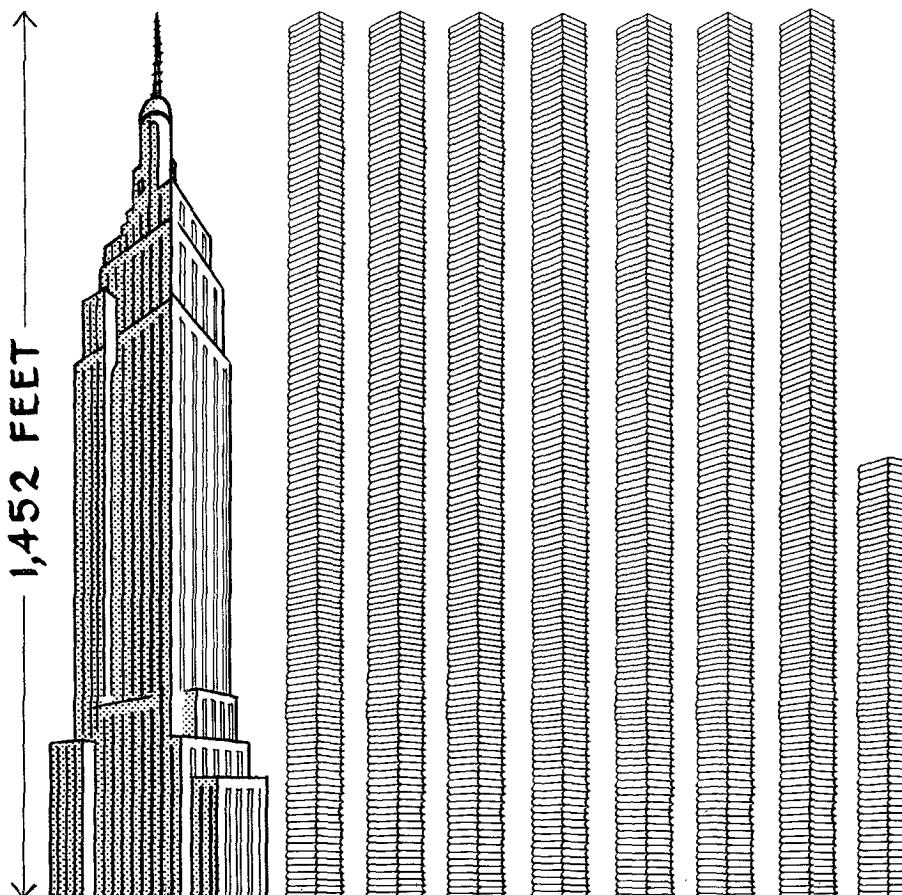
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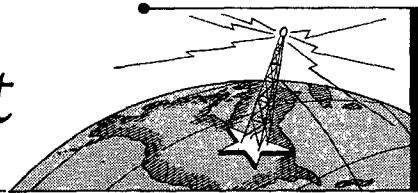
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Items of Special Interest



Autumn Council Closes

As this issue goes to press the Autumn Council, held in Takoma Park from September 17 to 25, has just closed. On pages 1 to 13 will be found an illustrated story of the high points of that council. We are pleased to present as quickly as possible to all our subscribers this report on the largest and most important of annual councils thus far held. The mission stories woven into this report will warm the heart of every loyal Adventist. The council voted the largest annual budget in the history of the denomination, \$18,562,822.86. Most of the money goes overseas. This 1953 budget is larger than the 1952 one by \$1,502,172.18.

On page 12 is found a summary of certain of the major actions taken at the council. The full text of the actions that will be of general interest to our readers will be published in an early issue.

London Effort Begins With Overflow Crowds

For many years the British Union Conference, and more recently the Northern European Division, have been burdened to see the Advent message proclaimed in a larger way in the city of London. About a year ago this growing desire could be restrained no longer, and two urgent requests were presented to the General Conference. One was for funds to aid in this campaign. The second was for Elder G. E. Vandeman to be the one to conduct it. This second request was finally approved early this year. So eager were all the brethren in the British Union to ensure the success of the venture, that union institutions and the Northern European Division, and even North England (South England's sister conference) gave generously from their slender resources to augment the funds. The British Voice of Prophecy prepared and launched a special course as a precampaign endeavor. Five hundred thousand invitations to join this course were distributed by members of nearby churches. Three thousand responses were received, and the lessons proceeded.

In early August Elder and Sister Vandeman and family arrived in England, and before the end of the month they were joined by Elder and Sister Ben Glanzer. Planning proceeded intensively, accompanied by the prayers of thousands of believers.

The Fall Council was in session in

Washington when the opening meeting was due, and at several gatherings during the day the blessing of God was sought on the meeting about to be held in London. Especially was it prayed that in a city where the response has, in days gone by, been so small, a great congregation might now be assembling.

These prayers and the earnest, diligent planning of the brethren in Britain have been abundantly rewarded. From W. W. Armstrong, president of the British Union, there came the following cable, dispatched apparently while Elder Vandeman's second congregation was waiting:

"FIRST SESSION OVER. THOUSANDS UNABLE TO ENTER. HOUSE NOW FULL SECOND TIME. THOUSANDS STILL QUEING. A TRULY REMARKABLE BREAKTHROUGH. SERVICE SMOOTH AND POWERFUL. PRESS ANXIOUS TO REPORT."

Seventh-day Adventists all over the world will rejoice at this glad news, and will, we are sure, pray very fervently that God's abundant blessing will continue to attend the great campaign that has now been launched in London.

A. F. TARR,
President, Northern European Division.

Health Education in Eritrea

A letter from Eritrea emphasizes anew the importance of our health education work. The permission to hold an evangelistic effort in this country carries a proviso that a home-nursing course be conducted in connection with the effort. H. E. Davis writes under date of August 28 as follows:

"We would like to have a home-nursing textbook by air mail, if at all possible. I want to begin my effort here soon, and my wife wants to begin classes in home-nursing for the womenfolk. In fact, the permission received today from the British administration to open my evangelistic effort reads:

"There is no objection on the part of this Administration to your mission conducting an evangelistic-uplift campaign on the understanding that home-nursing and hygiene instruction is given to the Eritrean population."

Needless to say, the materials are on their way to Eritrea by air mail. So we see again how the health work aids the program of evangelism.

T. R. FLAIZ, M.D.

Clothing for Korea

Word has just reached us that 51,000 pounds of warm winter clothing has been shipped to Korea. This will arrive before winter afflicts that unhappy country. Dr. George H. Rue, in charge of our sanitarium in Seoul, Korea, writes:

"Many things have come to us from the Dorcas Societies. We are thankful for all these clothes and supplies. We are glad for the letters we have received from many Dorcas leaders expressing their interest in Korea. I wish to express our appreciation to all who have contributed."

Dr. Rue asks for still more clothing to be sent. His address is: Dr. George H. Rue, P.O. Box 67, Pusan, Korea.

If the post office requires an alternate address on packages, use the following: Miss Irene Robson, P.O. Box 43, Seoul, Korea.

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Memorial Service for Our Boys in Korea

During the Autumn Council a brief memorial service was held in behalf of our soldier boys who have been killed or who are missing in action. Those killed in action are: Ervin Gebhardt, of Seattle, Washington, was killed in Korea while on his knees attending a wounded man on April 26, 1951. Arthur Kaldahl, of Minnesota, was killed, April 18, while preparing for a mission in North Korea. These two young men were faithful members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those missing in action are: David Schreffer, who is a member of the Northumberland, Pennsylvania, church. He has been reported "missing in action" since February 12, 1951. Lowell E. Snapp is from Merrill, Oregon, and has been reported "missing in action" as of June 14, 1952. Included also in the memorial service was the name of Jack Donald Noble, of Glendale, California, who was captured by the Communists, and is a prisoner in Camp No. 3, North Korea.

W. H. Bergherm, in charge of the International Medical Cadet Service, made a few appropriate remarks, calling on the council to join with him in silent prayer. This was followed by audible prayer by A. V. Olson, who besought God's watch-care over the prisoner of war and the missing boys, and the consolation of Heaven upon the families of the boys slain in battle. We are sure that all our readers join in this prayer.