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## *Vesper Call*

By ESTHER BRAND

When sunset flames across the western sky  
Proclaiming the approach of time for rest  
From daily labor and from cares that best  
Are laid aside one day each week, then I  
Remember Sabbath's Lord, who came to die  
And magnify the law. Upon His breast  
I lay my head, bowed down with sin, oppressed;  
And lifting all my woes to Heaven high,  
I find a solace sweet. I thank Thee, Lord,  
For all Thy gifts to me; but most of all  
For Sabbath rest of body, soul, and mind;  
For foretaste of that future sweet accord  
When every man will on his Maker call.  
May I be there, Edenic bliss to find.

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## The Religious World



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### ► Protestant Unity Advances in New Zealand

Further steps toward union of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches of New Zealand were taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the annual conference of the Methodist Church. The Presbyterian General Assembly, meeting at New Plymouth, declared that there are "no insuperable obstacles to corporate union" between the three church bodies and affirmed its conviction that consummation of the union is "a matter of increasing urgency."

### ► Railroad to Expand Advertising Program Stressing Faith

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, announced plans to buy space in 120 newspapers and numerous magazines in 1952 for an advertising program built around the theme that the future of the country depends on faith in God, ourselves, fellow men, and freedom. W. G. Vollmer, president of the company, said the advertising theme for the coming year was decided upon following excellent public reception of a similar series of ads on a limited scale during the past year.

### ► Schweitzer Returns to Africa

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, world-famous Protestant medical missionary, philosopher, musician, and author, has returned to French Equatorial Africa after a six-month furlough in Europe. The 77-year-old Alsatian-born theologian has been a medical missionary in Africa for the past 38 years, and for 26 of them has directed a hospital and leper colony he founded at Lambarene. During his furlough Dr. Schweitzer was inducted into membership in the French Academy to which he was elected to fill the seat vacated by the death of Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain.

### ► Parochial School Construction Expected to Increase in 1953

Parochial school construction, which may set a new record of almost \$1,000,000 a day during 1952 despite government construction controls, will achieve even higher levels this year, according to a forecast by the departments of Commerce and Labor. New starts on nonpublic school construction totaled \$321,000,000 for 1952, as of December 1, the two departments said, \$4,000,000 over the same date a year ago. Church construction, on the other hand, feeling the pinch of materials controls, definitely will fall below the 1951 level in 1952, the reports indicated. Starts for the year 1952 totaled \$362,000,000, as of December 1, 1952, compared with \$420,000,000 on the same date in 1951.

### ► Charges Newspapers Ridicule Probe of Indecent Literature

A charge that newspapers are engaged in a campaign of ridicule against the work of a Congressional committee investigating pornographic literature was made in Washington, D.C., by the president of the National Council of Catholic Men. Francis I. Nally, of Toledo, Ohio, in a statement submitted to the committee headed by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.), said: "It has already become evident after the first day of these Congressional hearings that many of the newspapers of this country are adopting the policy of ridicule in reporting the work of this committee. It ill becomes the free press of this country which is presumably devoted to the public welfare to look upon one of the most serious moral evils of our times and to report it in the jeering terms of those who have lost the ideals that have made free America great."

# Faithfulness to God the Foundation of a Prosperous Business

By CLYDE HARRIS

[See the statement below that tells of the gift to the denomination of the Harris Pine Mills, and provides the setting for this article.—EDITOR.]

In 1914 when I married, I was not a Seventh-day Adventist, though my Adventist mother had done her best to live the truth before her family of boys and her unbelieving husband. I really did believe what she had taught us and expected, someday, to join the church.

My wife was a Methodist. The first Sunday after our marriage she said, "Let's go to church today, dear."

I replied, "If I ever go to church, it will not be on Sunday. I would have gone yesterday if I had been going."

Her answer to that was, "If you had told me that before we were married, I would never have married you!"

We argued the merits of Saturday and Sunday all through the morning. She was sure it would be easy to find the Sunday texts. When she was unable to locate

them, she appealed first to the Methodist and then to the Christian preacher to prove the Sunday point. She was disappointed with their inability to uphold the teaching of their faiths.

W. H. Martin opened a series of meetings in Milton, Oregon, in November of that year. I really studied, and was soon convinced that I should join the church. I went forward one Friday evening in response to a call for dedication, but my wife did not go, for she could not yet see some points. When, however, the Christian minister answered Elder Martin's sermon in what she considered an unchristian spirit, she began to lose her sympathy for the Sunday group. In time the Sabbath doctrine was plain to her. She responded to the call to go forward, and we were baptized together five months after our marriage.

There were, of course, other factors contributing to our journey to the church.

In addition to Elder Martin's meetings, W. W. Stewart's influence as a pastor, and Fred Tracy's Bible studies, I especially remember the influence exerted by a lay member with whom I had worked. His comments while we were on the job would be on this wise: "Things surely show that the Lord is coming," or, "If the Lord is coming, we'd better be getting ready, hadn't we?" These statements and suggestions made without a required answer from me and without any argument made a strong impression on my mind.

When I finally began keeping the Sabbath, one of my brothers who had not been keeping the Sabbath said, "If Clyde can earn a living and keep the Sabbath, so can I." Then I realized the tremendous power of example.

Undoubtedly there were some things we did not know or fully understand when we joined the church, but tithing was certainly not one of them. To me tithing was as basic as Sabbathkeeping. As the errors in our way of life were pointed out to us, we were honest in our efforts to correct them, and the Lord continued to lead us because of that. Then it was not long until we no longer had the desire to do the things in question. Tobacco, tea, or coffee we never used.

The little church in Milton of which we became members was made up of older people. They were delighted to have us, a young couple, join them. They did exactly the right thing. They put us to work! After a few months in the church I was asked to lead the little prayer service. Then I was given a Sabbath school class, for which I studied diligently. Though the dear older members sat in the class, it was the young teacher who was the learner.

## A Little Box Factory

In order to show how remarkably the Lord has led me in a temporal way, I must retrace my steps to the time when I first opened a little box factory with my brother in Milton. Why did I choose this place and this business? I am sure that the Lord was guiding me even before I had acknowledged Him. When I began the business in 1913, I had already had a remarkable experience in observing and working in a similar factory in another location. In this experience I saw the leading of God's hand, for I had promised myself that I would find a business in which there was no limit to its

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## A Multimillion-Dollar Gift to the Cause

[The apparent delay in securing a release for this important news item was because of a number of legal steps that had to be taken in making the gift. The last of these steps has just been taken.—EDITOR.]

The largest single gift ever to come to the General Conference was recently received from Brother and Sister Clyde Harris, who gave to the denomination their multimillion-dollar company, known as the Harris Pine Mills Incorporated. They are the sole owners of this company, which has its headquarters at Pendleton, Oregon.

Upon the request of W. H. Branson the story of this large and thriving business was related by Brother Harris to the delegates of the 1952 Autumn Council. He told of the days of small beginnings, when he and Sister Harris opened a box factory with one employee. He related step by step how God had blessed their efforts and enabled them to build up this organization, which now employs 650 persons. Sister Harris also spoke. The delegates representing the world field were deeply impressed as this gift was laid upon the altar.

For many years they had considered the question of the final disposition of their property. Always uppermost in their minds was a desire to give to the church their business, so that its net earnings could advance the cause of God and thus hasten the finishing of the work and the coming of Jesus.

They confided this desire to C. J. Nagele, who was then secretary-treasurer of the

North Pacific Union Conference. In due time C. A. Scriven, president of the union, and Elder Nagele approached the General Conference and arranged for representatives of the General, the North Pacific Union, and the Upper Columbia conferences to meet with Brother and Sister Harris to study the whole question. A number of meetings were held over a period of many months. Finally after careful and prayerful consideration Brother and Sister Harris endorsed their entire stock in the Harris Pine Mills over to the General Conference. Elder Nagele accepted the call of the General Conference to join the Harris Pine Mills as its associate manager, Brother Harris agreeing to remain on as general manager.

One of the first fruits of this gift was the presentation of a check for one hundred thousand dollars by Elder Nagele for our world work, following his interesting report to the 1952 Autumn Council on the operation of the company for the year.

Both Brother and Sister Harris spoke of their joy in contributing to the cause of God the assets of their organization, which the Lord had blessed them in acquiring during their lifetime. May God richly bestow upon these dear people the benediction of heaven.

C. L. TORREY,  
*Treasurer, General Conference.*

future. Here we were in the midst of a fruit valley, with growers needing boxes for their crops.

In 1913, when we were operating on a shoestring, a man representing a West Coast company came into the plant and asked us to buy a million feet of lumber! We were asked to pay down at the time only the \$2,500 freight charge. In the entire operation through the years that was the only time such a thing happened. A million feet of lumber to a couple of young fellows operating a small box factory! It was not only unusual, it was unbelievable! To be able to buy a carload of lumber where before we had had to buy in small quantities was an omen of success to us.

### The Lord's Protecting Hand

After operating the box factory for three years, during which time we had become Seventh-day Adventists, we added a sawmill in 1916, and in 1924 branched out further. In the thirty-nine continuous years of operation, there was only one year, 1932, when we did not show a profit. In that year how I wished I might walk out from under the burdens, free from responsibilities; but every time I came to a blank wall, the Lord opened an avenue of escape and gave me valuable experience, which has been useful since. We owe our financial success to the Lord's protecting hand in our business. When in difficult places we claimed the promise in Deuteronomy 28:13: "And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the

tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath." He has fulfilled that promise manifold.

As we added fruit farms to our holdings, the Lord rebuked the devourer for our sakes, so that we always had crops. Our gardens and orchards prospered. A different temptation presented itself in connection with the orchards. Other farmers were running pigs in their orchards, and the devil tempted me with the idea of clear profit with no overhead. For months I fought this temptation. I finally won, and was signally blessed. For ten years we had larger crops than did the other orchardists, and we did not raise hogs.

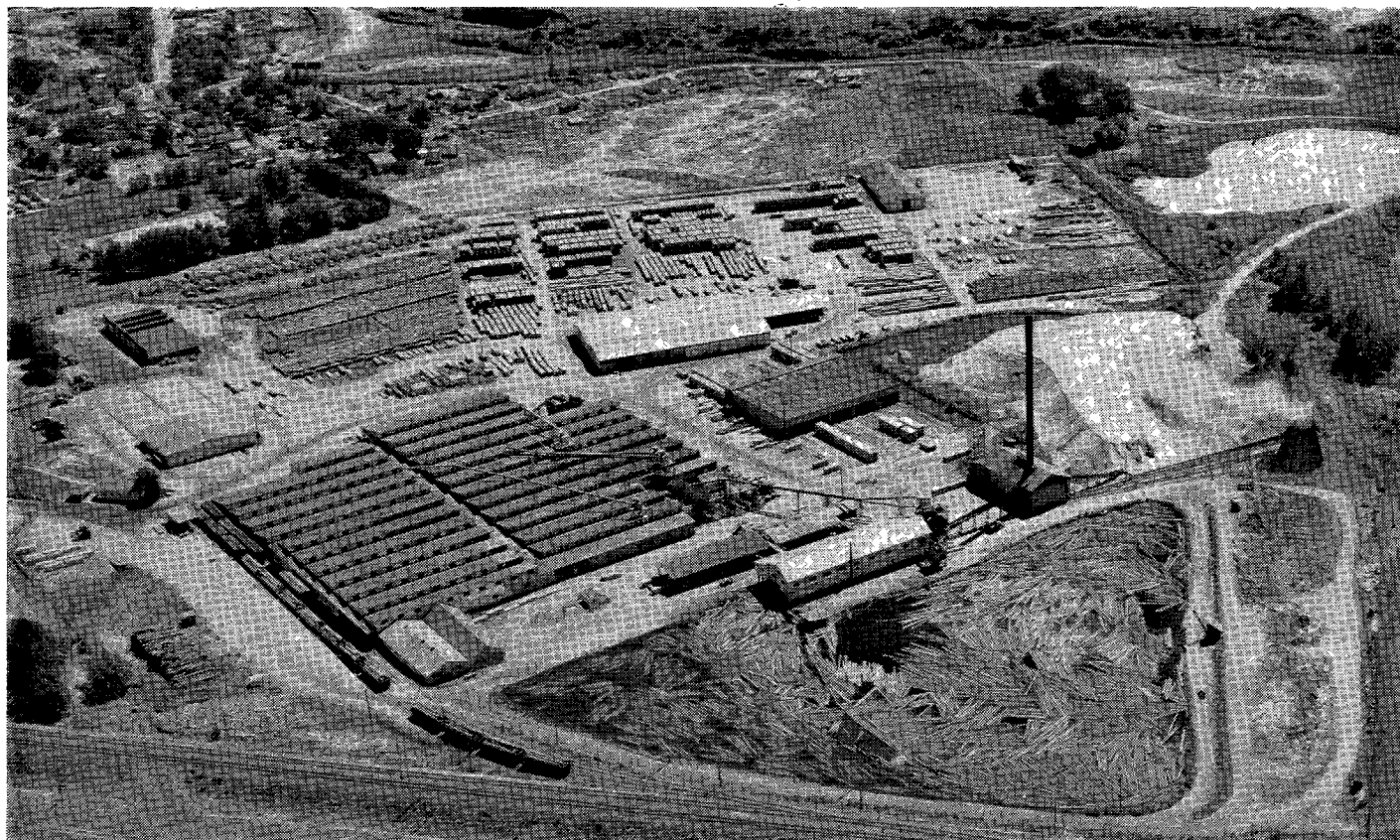
It has always been my conviction that to make money we must produce. In other words, I believe that man must not hide his talents; he must use them. From our earliest box factory, in the mill, and on to the furniture factory, which has become the largest producer of unfinished furniture in the world, I have maintained production at a high level. This year the factory has produced four million dollars' worth of goods and has shipped furniture to every State in the Union and to Hawaii and Alaska. To do this, we have needed much wisdom. I believe that the Lord will give wisdom if we ask in faith. When tools, instruments, lumber, or whatever was needed seemed unavailable, I claimed the promise, and like the oil and meal in the widow's barrel, the supply has not failed. We have been able to operate a highly competitive business,

employing 650 workers, and have never failed to pay our workers.

Many times during the period when we were making fruit boxes we were under pressure to operate on the Sabbath. Each summer our customers would threaten to quit doing business with us if we did not supply boxes on Sabbath, but each time we believed in the promise, "I will make thee the head, and not the tail." I believe that promise applies to Seventh-day Adventists in their homes, in their businesses, and in all their affairs. God intended His people to occupy positions of leadership. I have accepted various civic responsibilities, believing that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

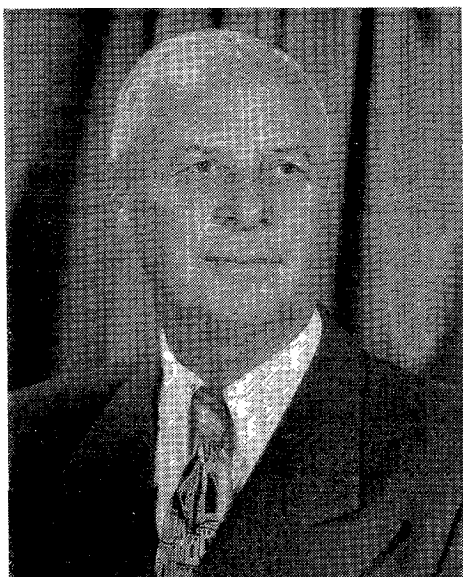
Money has power, and those of you who have not had to make decisions concerning large amounts may not recognize the temptations it brings. I am thankful that the Lord has given me sufficient wisdom to make things go but has saved me from the love of money.

As I began to approach the age which many regard as the retirement age, I pondered as to what disposition I should make of my property. I thought of the wealthy men whom I had noticed when I was young. What had they accomplished? I bore in mind that all must soon pass. Why should I wait until I was old and no longer had the zest of life before I made my decision? My wife and I considered the matter seriously. We decided we wanted the Lord to have the business. The next step was to decide how



Airplane View of Harris Pine Mills, Pendleton, Oregon





Brother and Sister Clyde Harris

and when. "Why not now?" I asked. "Why not turn it over while I am in my right mind and can help in an orderly transfer of operation? Was I afraid to take the chance? Did I fear for the operation of the business I had spent my life in building?" It was a struggle. It is easy to tell about it, but try giving away your lifework. Here was a huge fleet of trucks—ours today. We would sign a paper, and tomorrow they would no longer be ours. Here was a vast sprawling plant—ours today, tomorrow ours no longer! But we made the decision, we signed the papers, and have no regrets.

Some have asked, "Is it not hard for you to see others do differently from what you would have done?" I answer, "My term of stewardship in that capacity is ended. I have used the talents entrusted to me and have returned them with interest into God's work. Now the stewardship is in the hands of others, and an account will be due from them. May God guide in its administration."

I am yet able to be of some service in God's cause. Through the years of my church membership I have taken an active part in the work of the church and of the conference. Realizing from my own experience that young people should learn to carry responsibilities, I am endeavoring to give guidance to those who will soon take my place rather than to carry so much of the burden myself. I believe that also is God's plan.

From the time we became Seventh-day Adventists we have believed wholeheartedly in the promise in Malachi 3:10, 11: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your

ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

We have fulfilled our part of the verse, conscientiously meeting the conditions. If ever there was a question in our minds as to the exact amount of the tithe, we always added enough so that there was no question remaining. I fully believe that God requires a *faithful* tithe and *liberal* offerings. We have proved Him through the years, and He has rebuked the devourer for our sakes. He has multiplied our means a hundredfold—yes, a thousandfold and more.

### Clyde Harris Comments on Right Reading Habits

When I was a young boy I read a statement to the effect that one should never read what he did not want to remember, for in so doing he would train his mind to forget the things he might wish to know. From that time I have conscientiously avoided reading fiction or any untruth, but have read only those things that would build the mind. This does not mean that I have never been tempted. As I have passed the magazine stands stacked high with reading material, I have often been tempted, but have not yielded. I cannot emphasize too much the importance of this decision in my life. I believe that adherence to this principle has given me a clear mind to make the right decisions at the right time.

When I think of the vast import of my chance reading of the original statement to which I referred, I am impelled to write a similar statement in the hope that some other lad may read and hearken.

## World Conditions Confirm the Spirit of Prophecy

By Wesley Amundsen

The social, political, and moral picture of our decadent world is not one of beauty. We are living in an era not only of wars and rumors of wars and of fears that atomic blasts will destroy the large cities of the nation but of decaying morals all around us.

One of the evils that cause us great concern is that of men in high public office and the business world bartering away their moral principles for money. Corruption in government is not a new thing, but it has risen to such a high peak in our day that sincere, thinking people are aghast at the boldness of it all.

The moral fabric of the nation has been worn thin. It is evident that it cannot be long now until the pent-up passions of evil men will burst forth into full bloom.

God still restrains the power of the evil one, but soon that restraint will be removed, and the nations of the world will be permitted to do as they please. Evil will hold sway, and the scruples of the righteous will be brushed aside by the wicked.

### A Divine Commentary on Our Times

Turning to the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, we find a divine commentary that is worthy of our consideration.

"In this age of boasted enlightenment, the Christian church is confronted with a world lying in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. A well-nigh universal disregard of the law of Jehovah is rapidly making the world like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. As in the days before the Flood, violence is filling the land. Gambling and robbery are coming to be common evils. The use of intoxicating liquors is on the increase. Many who have followed their own unsanctified will, seek to end their unprofitable lives by suicide. Iniquity and crime of every order are found in the high places of the earth, and those who assent to these wrongs are seeking to shield the guilty ones from punishment. Not one hundredth part of the corruptions that exist is being made plain to the world. . . . The wickedness of men has almost reached its limit.

"In many ways Satan is revealing that he rules the world. He is influencing the hearts of men, and corrupting their minds. Men in high places are giving evidence that their thoughts are evil continually. Many are seeking after riches, and scruple not to add to their wealth through fraudulent transactions. The Lord is permitting these men to expose one another in their evil deeds. Some of their iniquitous practices are being laid open before the world, that thinking men who still have a desire in their hearts to be honest and just with their fellow men, may understand why God is beginning to send His judgments on the earth."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 457.

# International Congress on Prophecy

## A Report on an Important Interdenominational Meeting

By R. A. ANDERSON

A new note is being struck in Christendom, a cheering note that should make all our hearts rejoice. For a century Adventists have been somewhat alone in proclaiming that the Lord's coming is at hand. But today we see a significant change. Many others, not only among the conservatives, but even among liberal theologians, are coming to realize that the only hope for this doomed and disillusioned world lies in the soon appearing of our Saviour. This thought is found in many of the religious journals of late, and it became the keynote of the important International Congress on Bible Prophecy, which met in New York City from November 8 to 16.

The congress convened in Calvary Baptist church, opposite Carnegie Hall on Fifty-seventh street. Although eight, nine, and sometimes as many as ten sessions a day were held, yet a remarkable interest and attendance continued throughout every meeting. Thirty-one different speakers addressed the congress, and these came from many parts of the United States, Canada, and even Great Britain. One message predominated throughout—the imminent return of our Lord.

"All evidences point toward an apocalyptic crisis in the world," declared Dr. John W. Bradbury, able chairman of the congress. "Statesmen, commentators, authors and journalists all emphasize the possibility of world cataclysm," he said; the truth of his words being stressed, when the day after the close of the congress even the conservative New York *Times* of November 17 carried this statement in its editorial: "We move toward the supreme crisis of our generation, and perhaps of all the generations of men."

### Lord's Near Return Preached

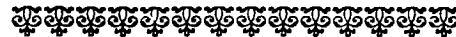
It was heartening to hear these leaders of Christian thought sounding forth the message of our Lord's near return. Except for an occasional reference, one could easily imagine himself in an Adventist meeting. And in that sense it truly was an Adventist meeting, for these men, like ourselves, were holding forth the Advent hope.

Reference was made to the great World Council of Churches Central Committee, which two years ago convened in Toronto. At that time the subject for the general assembly, to be held in 1954, was selected. The theme for study at this assembly is significantly: "Jesus Christ as Lord, the

only hope of both the church and the world." Even more impressive is the amplification of this theme by twenty-three representative theologians who met in Geneva during 1951. Here is their statement:

"It is therefore essential that we recover a sense of the great hope which is involved in the simple statement of the Apostles' Creed—He shall come again." "As the Lord of the future who will come again as judge and Saviour, He gives us the assurance that our work is not in vain, and at the same time lays upon us the necessity to work while it is day. . . . Having this hope, we are to be as men who watch for their Lord with loins girt and lamps lit, active in the Master's service and constant in prayer knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. . . . There is no hope except in the crucified, risen and coming Lord."

That such a statement brought strong



### Meet Me Over There

By ROBERT HARE

Will you meet me in the kingdom  
When the days of toil are past,  
Where the light immortal lingers  
In the Promised Land at last,  
There to join the angel chorus,  
In their holy jubilee,  
And to walk in perfect gladness  
By the crystal sea?

In that land beyond the sunset,  
Mansions rise supremely fair,  
Jewel crested in their splendor,  
All beyond the bounds of care.  
Death can never reach that homeland,  
And no heart is ever sad;  
In life's perfect joy unmeasured  
Every soul is glad.

Will you meet me in that city,  
Where the streets are paved with gold,  
Where good-bys are never spoken  
And the dwellers grow not old,  
Nevermore to weep in sorrow  
Nevermore to sigh in pain,  
But in love's eternal homeland  
Ever to remain.

There all heartaches are forgotten,  
And each opening scene is fair,  
Where the light of glory lingers  
Will you meet me over there?



reaction from certain modernist leaders is not surprising. They denounced it as a "doctrine of despair." However, even among their own ranks are many who realize that the church along with the world has run into stormy seas, and if she is to make the quiet haven of eternal peace, then the Master of wind and storm must come to our deliverance.

### Dreams of Peace Shattered

"Our dreams of bringing the world of human history under the control of the human will are ironically refuted by the fact that no group of idealists can easily move the pattern of history toward the desired goal of peace and justice," declares Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, one of the leading theologians of our day. Two world wars and the constant threat of another are proving that idealism of itself is insufficient to meet the need of humanity. Only the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour can save our civilization. This thought was central in every message given at the prophetic congress.

More than forty different aspects of prophecy were presented, and as they are listed, they look like the spiritual menu of a good Adventist camp meeting. Notice a few of them: "The Day of the Lord as the Ultimate of History," "What Is Meant by the Return of Our Lord?" "The Deity of Christ," "Man's Alliance With Satan and its Awful Consequences," "The Bodily Resurrection of the Saints," "The Battle of Armageddon; How and When Will It Be Fought?" "Vital Prophecies Concerning Israel," "The Coming Kingdom of God," et cetera. And these were presented in a masterful way by scholarly men.

The congress closed on a high note of praise and prophetic revelation when Dr. Hyman Appleman, a converted Jew and one of America's outstanding evangelists, eloquently portrayed the coming kingdom of glory.

An atmosphere of prayer and sobriety marked every meeting, and those of us who were in attendance came away from each session with a burden on our hearts that God might in some way open to these earnest men the full threefold revelation of His message.

Some presentations introduced a few features that did not harmonize exactly with our understanding of truth, but it was not the points on which we disagreed that impressed us so much, but rather the many features on which we could fully

agree. Mingling with the congregation and conversing especially with the leaders enabled us to catch a spirit of genuine Advent fellowship. Our presence was no embarrassment; on the contrary, we were welcomed. The bibliography booklet prepared especially for the congress by Dr. Wilbur Smith, one of America's foremost scholars, contained lists of books covering Christian philosophy and history, Biblical eschatology, and others on Bible prophecy in general, and gave this statement: "The most important history of the interpretation of, and the doctrine of the Second Advent has been done, strange to say, by Seventh-day Adventists. The most exhaustive work of this kind is by LeRoy Edwin Froom." He was referring to the *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, which he styled "a magnificent piece of work."

That we disagreed on some things was not strange, for even among the speakers themselves there was not complete unanimity on all prophetic details. Yet in spite of this there was a spiritual unity that was refreshing. But to hear these scholars from among the Baptist, Presbyterian, the Reformed Episcopal, Methodist, and other churches all emphasizing the importance of prophetic study, and urging that the books of Daniel and the Revelation be given their rightful place among Christians that we may be truly ready to meet our soon-coming Lord, was to us an answer to prayer.

The significance of this and similar gatherings among various Christian groups can be realized better in the light of history. We recall that when the first angel's message was being given in power, some outstanding church leaders, although not actually joining the Millerites, were nevertheless so profoundly stirred by the fulfillment of prophecy that they joined the swelling chorus of voices. Thus the importance of the message for that time was heralded in places where the Millerite preachers could not have had access. And do we not expect that something similar to this will be seen when this message swells into the loud cry? The stirrings we are now witnessing may well be the beginnings of a movement that will ultimately sweep into the ranks of God's remnant people, leaders and laymen alike whose hearts are perfect toward Him. May the Lord find us not only watching but praying for that day, when, as in the apostolic church, "the number of the disciples multiplied . . . greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7.

In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts. —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 256.

# The Christian and Religious Liberty

By D. E. Rebok

God has a plan for saving men. It is so broad and comprehensive that it reaches out to and includes every man, woman, and child in all the world, not only in this generation but in every generation. If at any time all men have not been reached and influenced by it, the fault is not with God's plan but rather with the men whom He has taken into partnership.

In God's sight the more than two and a quarter billion people in the world today are not divided geographically or economically or racially. They are falling, and will ultimately be divided, into two great classes—those who seek after and would know God (we call them the godly, the righteous, the saints), and those who do not seek to know God, but who deliberately deny Him and would forget or ignore Him entirely (they are the ungodly, the sinners).

These two classes are found on every continent, in every nation, among every people, on the same street, and frequently living under the same roof. Nevertheless, God says to those in the first group, where

ever they are found, "Go, make disciples, or, Christians of all nations" (Matt. 28: 19, margin); "Go . . . preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 15, 16).

To be more specific, God says, Go, "having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:6. The going may be far—to China, India, the heart of Africa. Or they may be going near—to the man across the street, or even your next-door neighbor, perhaps to the man whom you call husband, or to the woman you call wife.

## A Heritage From God

The plan of God for saving men and women out of this world of sin knows, no national boundaries, spans the oceans, and reaches into every heart regardless of the color of the skin or the language in which it must be spoken. This being so, there must be religious liberty in every nation, so that God's great message of salvation may have free access to every heart and mind.

Religious freedom is a God-given right that every man should enjoy. It is an unalienable right as sacred as life and the pursuit of happiness.

The fine thing about this is that into the constitution of almost all nations around the earth the declaration of this right has been written. Religious liberty, at least on paper, is almost universal. God has seen to that.

The sad part of the story is that more and more we find a tendency on the part of some people to trample upon this God-given right of religious freedom and to place restrictions or apply coercion, to cause and force people into one group or the other. This is and always has been the basic cause for persecution and religious bigotry. This tendency to coerce and restrict is purely a human factor and cannot be connected in any way with God.

God has never laid hold upon any man to force him in his decision for or against truth. He has never by favoritism or bias or prejudice caused any people to flock into His camp. There are no mass movements in God's plan of salvation. It always has been and ever must be purely an individual matter. Therefore, the decision must be made in an atmosphere of religious liberty and freedom.

Christians everywhere should value and guard this greatest heritage of all our human rights.



## Minute Meditations

By Thomas A. Davis

### A Rule of Life Needed

Have you ever tried drawing a long, perfectly straight line without using a guide rule of some kind? Perhaps some people can do it, but if there are such, they are exceedingly rare. And a very small child cannot draw a straight line even with a rule.

On the other hand, it takes no trying to draw a crooked line. One could easily do it with his eyes closed.

In these observations we have an illustration of a law of life. A person has to put forward no effort at all to do wrong. It comes naturally. Man is born to sin, "as the sparks fly upward." But to do right requires a great deal of painstaking care and effort, and even then, without a straight and true guide we are going to find ourselves "crooked."

This needed rule we have in the perfect commandments of God, His ten words. Here is the law by which our "lines" are to be judged, as we are told by the apostle James.

But even with the rule we cannot of ourselves draw a straight line; so, just as a father guides the uncertain hand of his small child, Christ takes our unskilled hands and traces for us the line that meets the standard of the perfect rule. "Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness . . . ; make thy way straight before my face." Ps. 5:8.

# Begin Early to Train Your Children

By Martha Montgomery Odom

Eight-year-old Ruth ran into the house quite out of breath. "I'm sure somebody is moving into the house next door," she announced. "A big moving van just stopped in front of the door."

"Is that so?" The entire family was interested at once, for that attractive little cottage had stood vacant for quite a long time.

"I hope they are nice folks," commented mother.

"And I hope they like children," added Ruth. This was a quiet street in a suburb of the city, and good neighbors would mean a lot. Fifteen-year-old Glenn decided he would run over and see whether he could be of any help in the unloading. His offer was gladly accepted by the newcomers. The day was a hot one, so when his sister Elaine appeared a couple of hours later with a pitcher of ice-cold lemonade for the busy workers, she was more than welcome.

"Did you learn what the family's name is?" asked Mrs. Oak when her thirteen-year-old daughter returned.

"No, I didn't," said Elaine; "but I'm pretty sure that they are the returned missionaries who are joining our church. The woman looks so much like the one who told us the mission story last Sabbath. I hope that's who it is."

Later when the unloading was finished and Glenn returned home, he confirmed his sister's impression. "My, those are big, strong, heavy boxes that have been shipped halfway around the world. Elder Ross told me that they have been missionaries for twenty-one years," said Glenn. "He is a nice man, and appreciated my help. Said I reminded him of his own boys a lot. He invited us all over some evening after they get settled to see their curios they have brought from the mission field."

## Seeking Counsel From the Neighbor

As the weeks slipped by and the church members of Harlow became better acquainted with Elder and Mrs. Ross, they found them to be a real strength to the believers there. Mrs. Oak, mother of five living next door, often ran in to chat a moment or to ask counsel on some problem that was puzzling her. Mrs. Ross always seemed to have some choice quotation or interesting experience along the very line that helped in solving the problem. On this particular Sunday morning Edna Oak left the twins in care of the older children, and ran over to her friend's for help. She seemed especially troubled.

"I've been thinking a great deal about Elder Ross's sermon on Sabbath observance yesterday," she came to the point at once. "What can we as parents do to help our children love the Sabbath? I have not been an Adventist very many years. Were you a Sabbathkeeper when you were small? If so, did you enjoy the Sabbath?"

## Attendance at Church

"Yes," answered Mrs. Ross with a smile. "My parents and grandparents were Seventh-day Adventists. My mother took me to Sabbath school the day I was two weeks old, so I began young, you see!"

"You surely did! Why, I haven't taken the twins yet, and they are two years old already," commented Mrs. Oak. "I thought they were too small to understand anything about it, so one of the family has always stayed at home with them."

"Of course, it is true that infants do not understand any of the service, but before they are very old they can feel the solemn atmosphere and begin to develop patterns of reverence, especially if they are present at morning and evening

worship every day at home during the week. When my mother took me to Sabbath school she held me in her arms in the senior division, but nowadays most of our Sabbath schools have a cradle roll for the tiny tots. It is really surprising how soon the kiddies can get ideas from pictures. They love the songs and finger plays too."

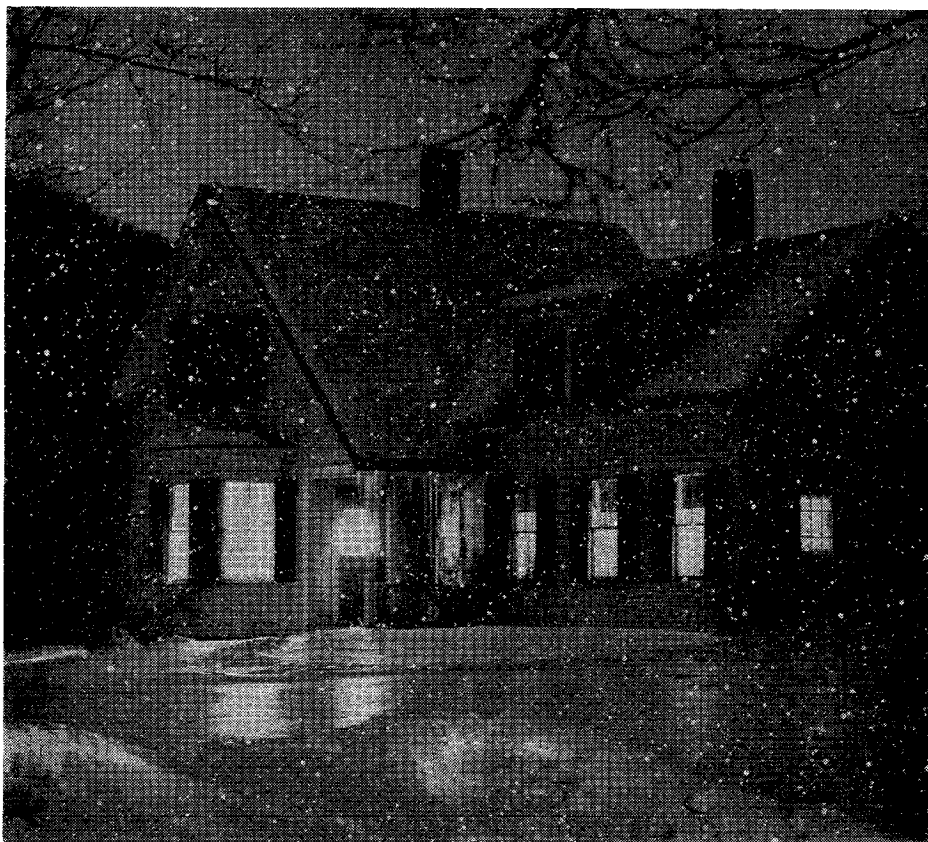
"Do you suppose that Carl and Carol would get anything out of Sabbath school if I should take them?"

## Little Children Fascinated by Songs

"They most certainly would. When I stayed with them the other day while you went to the dentist," replied Mrs. Ross, "I sang some of the children's Sabbath school songs to them, and they were fascinated. And I'm sure they understood much of the story I told them of the baby Moses too. Children understand more than they can express. Some of my earliest and dearest recollections are centered around the Sabbath in our home. My mother used to hold me in her arms in the big rocking chair and read aloud or sing hymns to me."

"My children spent quite a while yesterday afternoon looking at their funny books and reading some fairy stories, but since the sermon yesterday that hardly seems right to do on Sabbath. But they *have* to do something," concluded Mrs. Oak.

"Of course they do," agreed her neighbor. "And we should be careful not to



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Looking Out the Window We Saw the Snow Falling in Large, Beautiful Flakes



make the Sabbath a day of prohibitions. The Lord wants us to make the Sabbath a delight for our children as well as for ourselves. Certainly you are correct in deciding that funny books and fairy stories are out of place on the Sabbath; in fact, they seem to me to be out of place any time in a Christian home. But there is an abundance of good books to read and delightful things to do on Sabbath so that children can easily enjoy the Sabbath the best of all the week.

"Nature study is a splendid way to spend some of the Sabbath, and some of the observations stick in the memory a long time. I remember one Sabbath afternoon when I was only four years old, for example. Mother had been reading to me, and we were both a bit tired from sitting still. Looking out the window, we saw the snow falling in large, beautiful flakes. We stepped out onto the porch for a few breaths of the crisp, winter air, and mother caught a snowflake on the black cover of the Bible she was holding in her hand. Then she called my attention to its beauty and perfection, allowing me to look at it carefully through a magnifying glass. I have never forgotten the impression it made on my little mind.

"We didn't have many children's books when I was little, but I enjoyed the Bible stories that mother would read or tell. Then I would often retell them to my dolls in playing Sabbath school. I also enjoyed hearing her read poetry, even though it was way beyond my comprehension. But perhaps most of all I loved to listen to her read from *Early Writings* or volume 1 of the *Testimonies* some of the experiences and visions of Sister White.

"Although small, I was taught that ordinary play was not proper on the Sabbath. Even when I played with my dolls on Sabbath I imagined that we were going to church or doing something in keeping with the holy day. But once when I was seven years old I broke the Sabbath. I remember it very distinctly after all these years.

#### Lesson on Sabbath Observance

"We were visiting, and I was with a group of children. At first we were just walking around on the large, beautiful lawn. But then we came to the spring, and first one, then another, of us began to play in the water. Before very long we were making mud pies, and I had completely forgotten that it was the Sabbath—until I saw mother looking for me. When she saw what I was doing and my dirty dress, she reproached me sadly, 'How could you play such things on God's holy Sabbath?' she asked. I remember how guilty I felt and how earnestly I prayed to be forgiven for breaking the Sabbath. So I know that children can understand what it means to keep the Sabbath holy if their parents faithfully teach them how

and set a right example before them."

After a few moments of thought Mrs. Oak broke the stillness: "My, how much I have to learn! I didn't realize so much was involved in training children, or how soon one must begin."

#### A Solemn Responsibility

"Yes, it is indeed a most solemn responsibility, but also a blessed privilege that the Lord gives to parents. Listen to this from *Ministry of Healing*, page 380:

"Too much importance can not be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood, have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of after years."

"There is a God above, and the light and glory from His throne rests upon the faithful mother as she tries to educate

her children to resist the influence of evil. No other work can equal hers in importance. . . . It is hers, with the help of God, to develop in a human soul the likeness of the divine.

"The mother who appreciates this will regard her opportunities as priceless. Earnestly will she seek, in her own character and by her methods of training, to present before her children the highest ideal. Earnestly, patiently, courageously, she will endeavor to improve her own abilities, that she may use aright the highest powers of the mind in the training of her children. . . . She will keep her eyes fixed upon Christ, that her own daily experience, in the lowly round of care and duty, may be a true reflection of the one true life."—*Ibid.*, pp. 377, 378.

After a season of prayer Mrs. Oak returned to her family duties greatly strengthened and encouraged in her determination to train her children for God.



## Choosing My Lifework

By Arthur L. Bietz

I am a college student faced with the problem of choosing my lifework. I am told that I have abilities that would make it possible for me to succeed in a number of different areas. What do you consider the most important work? Some point in the direction of the ministry, others speak of medical work, and others seem to think that we need more men in business and skilled trades.

Two things are of great importance in the matter of choosing a lifework—a knowledge of oneself and a knowledge of the nature of the work to be done. Without a fair understanding of both, one is bound to experience disappointment.

One determining factor in successful living—a factor not unrelated to Christian experience—is the attitude toward the work one is doing. If a man cannot find happiness in the work he does, he will be miserable indeed. It is wise also to choose work in terms of specific needs as to certain areas of human experience. These needs differ from time to time as the years come and go.

#### Evaluation of Abilities

Careful evaluation of abilities and interests should be taken into account when a lifework is chosen. It is also wise to take a good look at the amount of preparation that is necessary in order to prepare oneself for a specific vocation. It may be that the academic preparation necessary in certain fields is beyond a person's ability. The age of the person seeking to establish himself in a field of endeavor is also of importance. Usually

it is unwise for a person to begin late in life to get ready for a calling requiring long years of preparation.

It is also wise to take stock of one's physical health when choosing a lifework. Certain types of work demand a great deal of physical stamina, whereas others may not make such a great demand. The endowment of energy is also of great importance. Some people are able to do three times as much work as others because they have great energy endowment. If people choose a lifework that demands a great deal of nervous energy, they are likely to have trouble if their own energy endowment is small. It is also wise to take a good look at social abilities. If a person lacks social gifts, he will find it difficult to succeed in certain fields of human endeavor.

#### Qualities for Public Work

Some fields take more self-confidence than others. The public evangelist, for example, usually has a great deal of ability to meet difficulties and obstructions. He may not be sensitive when it comes to overriding the opinions and ideas of other persons. Such a person delights in meeting the ordeals of life. An overly sensitive person who does not like to cross people might find it almost impossible to be a success as a public evangelist. A leader in public life must be able to take knocks and criticism if he wishes to succeed.

No one will deny that choosing a vocation is of great importance. Actually, though, too much importance may be

placed on any one kind of work. Certainly there is no higher calling than that of Christian service in its varied branches. One may be an unworthy minister or an unworthy physician or teacher.

The more mature a person becomes, the less he is concerned about selecting specific work for the sense of importance it may give him. His real concern is in the manner in which he does his work. He finds that it is possible to build a good life and feel a sense of worthiness in any type of honest vocation to which he is called. The emphasis is on the quality of the life that is to be lived rather than on the selection of a vocation of so-called importance.

Deciding on one's chosen work should never be on the basis of selecting what might appear to be most important. It should be a personal matter of judging as to where one's abilities, personality, knowledge, and interests fit and where Providence can best use him.

## "Halfway Between" Christians

By Paul K. Freiworth

Somewhere between Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, California, a giant airplane was winging its way westward above the clouds. Two of the travelers were Government employees, one of them a famous European scientist. For certain reasons the Government was anxious to conceal his identity and mission, so this gentleman had been given two names, one of which he was to use while near the Southern atom research plant, and the other at the branch in the Northwest. In the course of the flight the stewardess casually requested him, along with all the other passengers, to sign his name on a slip of paper. Very much puzzled, the scientist turned to his companion and whispered, "I know what my name out West is supposed to be, and also down South, but what is it halfway between?"

The scientist's problem may seem unbelievable and ludicrous, but it is by no means unique. Untold Christians today are caught in a similar dilemma spiritually. They want to keep up a profession of godliness when it suits circumstances, but repudiate it when such a course is more pleasant—more pleasant for them, that is, but a cause of sore perplexity for their brethren. Little wonder, therefore, that the saying got started, "If the devil ever laughs, it is because of the hypocrite."

It may be impossible to prove that Satan actually laughs about the hypocrites who work for him without getting a reward, but it is not difficult to prove that Christ, who wept over Jerusalem of old because its inhabitants had not represented Him aright before the heathen, weeps when His children today misrepresent

Him to the world in such a way as to make His service appear less happy and attractive than it really is.

There are certain unanswerable arguments with which to stop the mouths of those critics who take offense at hypocrites, but the sad part of it is, when a worldlyling sees a professed Christian doing things that are not worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called, he does not seek out a believer and earnestly

demand an explanation of the existence of counterfeit Christians. Instead, he smugly sits back and, his unenlightened mind darkened still more by the shadow of the careless believer, easily convinces himself that he has one more argument against the religion that would separate him from his darling sins.

Should we not earnestly seek the Lord for strength to live such lives that others may ever be drawn to Him.

## A Story for the Children

BY ARTHUR W. SPALDING



True-Fairy Stories—14

### Broad-faced Elves

Such a buzzing, such a buzzing in the air! All the world seemed filled with the noise, a noise like a thousand buzz saws going all at once.

Angela put a finger in each ear. Elvie followed suit.

"What's making all that noise?" asked George.

"Yes, what?"

"Let's walk down to the trees, and see if we can find the sawmill."

The three of them started down the slope; and the twins, who usually trailed, ran ahead. Before the three older children reached them, they had made a discovery, though it wasn't a sawmill.

"Oh, see my big buggie!" called Larry, picking something off the tree trunk.

Lucie picked another; and they both held up to the gaze of the older children some pale, thin, empty skins or skeletons that looked like the ghosts of insects. For, you know, insects wear their skeletons, which are really a sort of hardened skin, on the outside.

"What are they?" George knew no more than Larry; Angela and Elvie knew no more than Lucie. "Let's go ask mother."

They each picked off a skeleton from the tree. And there were plenty to choose from. They almost forgot the sawmill that was buzzing away at a great rate over their heads. And they ran in with their specimens to ask mother.

"Why, those," she said, "those are the cast-off skins of the nymphs of the cicada (si-cay-da). First, they hatched out of the eggs that their mothers laid in slits she made in twigs of the trees. Then they dropped to the ground, burrowed in, and stayed there for seventeen years, feeding on the juices of roots."

"Seventeen years!" exclaimed George. "Why, that's longer than I've lived."

"Yes, almost three times as long. Here in the North they stay in the ground for seventeen years; farther south for only thirteen years. Some kinds, in more tropical countries, stay underground for no more than four years. But it's a long time, anyway. Well, when they come out, they climb part way up a tree, and stop while their nymphal skins

split down the back, and they emerge as the harvest fly, or cicada. Many people call them locusts, but they are not locusts; and neither are they flies, harvest or any other kind. The proper name is cicada. However, in any case they make your sawmill."

"How do they make that noise?" asked the children.

"Well, the male cicada has a pair of membranes stretched over hollows in his body. They are his drums; but instead of striking them with drumsticks, he vibrates them with his powerful muscles, and it makes that buzzing sound. When he is joined by the hundreds and thousands of his kind, the noise fills the air, as you notice. It will last only about a week, though, unless some others come in late. But by late summer you'll hear very little of the cicada's song."

"Too soon is not soon enough for me," said George.

"You may well call it a sawmill," said mother. "For though it's only her song, Mother Cicada is really sawing wood. We'll examine some of the end twigs of trees by and by, and you'll see that she has made slits all along, where she has buried her eggs. That kills the twig, and later, when a heavy wind blows, many will be broken off."

Larry, still holding the nymph skin, voices their common wish. "Want to see 'im," he said.

"Want to see 'im," echoed Lucie.

"They're not very easy to see, because mostly they stay up high in the trees," said mother.

But just then what should come buzzing, stumbling along but one of those cicadas. George got in the way, and the fellow hit him, kerplunk, on the head, and dropped to the ground. George picked him up, and held him while they all studied him.

He was a big, blunt fellow, with a head as broad as the rest of his body. And he looked like a great big fly, which is why he is called harvest fly, coming as he does about harvesttime. His wings were four, gauzy but stiff.

"What a broad-faced elf," said Elvie.

"And what a noisy one," added George.

"Anyway, we know one elf song," said Angela, "and I think birdies' songs are better."

# EDITORIALS



## The New Version of the Bible—Part 1

Through the centuries various translations of the Bible have been made into English. The most notable was the version brought out in 1611, known sometimes as the Authorized Version, and sometimes as the King James Version. The beauty and dignity of its language have made it the favored version of the English-speaking world for nearly three and a half centuries.

In 1885 a large committee of scholars in England brought forth what is known as the Revised Version. The reasons they offered for so doing were that the language of the King James Version needed modernizing and that the discovery of certain ancient Bible manuscripts provided further source material from which to draw. In 1901 a group of American scholars, not wholly satisfied with the Revised Version, brought forth a slightly modified version known as the American Standard Version. Though the 1885 and 1901 versions have had a certain vogue, largely among the scholarly, the King James Version continues to be *the* Bible of the great majority of English-speaking people.

### Origin of New Version

In the 1930's agitation began for the production of a version that would have the literary beauty of the King James and the added accuracy that might come from more recent manuscripts. The International Council of Religious Education, which represented in varying degrees the educational boards of forty of the principal Protestant bodies of America, gathered together a group of scholars and set them to the task of revision. In 1946 the New Testament was brought out, and on September 30, 1952, the Old Testament. For two reasons the undertaking has received tremendous publicity: The International Council of Religious Education is today the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, which represents most of Protestant America, and the product of the revision is a new rendering of the world's best seller.

Now, Adventists are a people of the Book, and naturally we are deeply interested in anything that has to do with the Bible. When the new version came out, particularly the Old Testament part, it was evident immediately that some proof texts for certain of our primary doctrines read differently from the King James Version, and that the changed reading presents problems in the presentation of those doctrines. It is understandable, therefore, that many of our subscribers, both ministry and laity, have written to ask about the new version. Their questions may be summarized thus:

### Four Questions Raised

1. Is it true that the recent Bible Conference gave extended time to a representative of the revision committee to promote the new version before the conference?

2. Did the Bible Conference endorse the version?

3. What does the General Conference say regarding the version?

4. What do you think of it?

Here are our answers to these four questions:

1. A representative of the revision committee was invited, not to promote, but to give a brief description of, the new version to the conference delegates. He spoke about fifty minutes and then answered questions from the floor. In all, about one hour was consumed. At the time he spoke the Old Testament part of the version had not yet been published.

2. The Bible Conference did *not* endorse the new version. In fact there was no discussion of the version pro or con beyond the hour referred to.

3. The General Conference has made no statement on the new version. Through the years the denomination, so far as we can recall, has not made a formal pronouncement regarding any version. The matter of the relative worth of versions has been left to the individual judgment or preference of our church members.

### Translations in Various Languages

4. And what do we think here at the REVIEW? First, let us remark that ever since we have traveled in far lands we have been much less concerned about the question of what particular version is used to present the truth. That is not to say that there is no difference in the value of versions, or that no version in any tongue has been tainted with objectionable translation of any passage. On the contrary, we are sure there is a wide range of quality in the translations found in various languages, both from a literary standpoint and also from the standpoint of accuracy of translation.

But the fact remains that the Advent message is convicting hearts in many lands at a most encouraging rate despite the varied translations and other limitations of the versions from which the message must often be preached. Perhaps the most startling illustration of this is the preaching of the message with the aid of a pidgin English translation. If ever there was a caricature of the English language, pidgin English is it. Yet the South Pacific has been the area where some of the greatest victories for Christ and the cause have been won.

We refer to these varied translations abroad simply to suggest that the presence of a new version in English should not cause us undue concern or lead us into passing hasty judgments. We may measuredly consider the whole matter without fear that the cause is going to suffer irreparable harm. The Advent Movement has proved itself to be very durable.

### No Special Adventist Translation

We mentioned that the General Conference has never endorsed or denounced any particular version. What is even more important, the Advent Movement has been scrupulously careful never to endorse the idea of a special version for Adventists. Some religious movements have produced translations for their adherents on the implied or expressed assumption that other versions do not truly translate the Scriptures. But onlookers can only conclude that such translations have been produced simply to support the interpretations of Scripture that those religious bodies promote. We could do no greater disservice to the Advent cause than to convey the impression to the world that our teachings need a particular version to support them.

That is why we are concerned when criticisms of the Revised Standard Version are compressed into the brief indictment: We cannot teach certain of our doctrines from this version; therefore it is most evidently an evil translation. Now, the question of the truth of our doctrines is not before us for discussion. Of their truth we as Adventists are all fully persuaded.

But the concern of most of those who write to us has to do with their problem of presenting the truth to non-Adventists in view of the new version. Obviously, if we are seeking to prove our doctrines true by reference to the Bible, we cannot begin by indicting a certain version on the ground that it is patently wrong because it does not square with our doctrines! That would make us guilty of the fallacy in logic known as reasoning in a circle; that is, taking for granted the point that is to be proved. We do not have to reason in a circle to prove our teachings.

The question before us, therefore, is this: What is the proper way to proceed in our investigation of this new version? This question we shall consider next week.

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#### Cure for Worry—2

### Confession and Peace of Mind

Recently we conducted a Week of Prayer at one of our well-known colleges. In the chapel services we discussed the secret of close fellowship between God and man in living the life of victory. In an effort to discover the needs of the students we prepared a questionnaire that was distributed to all in attendance. The students were asked to take this sheet to their rooms and in the quiet of communion with God and their own hearts make a full acknowledgment of the sins that were troubling them.

On this questionnaire which had the general heading "Solving the Question of Sin in My Life," the following words appeared:

"I have my greatest struggles with:

"Pride, criticism, willfulness, worldliness, radio, TV, movies, magazines, novels, cigarettes, liquor, dope, gambling, dress, make-up, unbelief, fear, worry, impurity, dishonesty, gossip, malice, hate, indifference, indecision."

The concluding paragraph was intended to help each student make a surrender to God after checking the sins of which he was guilty:

"By God's grace I claim the promise, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,' and hereby resolve to gain the victory over sin."

Most of the students filled out the questionnaires (they were not asked to sign their names) and brought them to chapel the following morning, when they were collected and a tally made. Of the twenty-five sins listed, the seven most common were criticism, worry, gossip, pride, impurity, indecision, worldliness. Worry was the second sin on the list. Only criticism was more often indulged. This may come as a surprise to many who were under the impression that young people did not worry, but this is obviously not true. Youth as well as adults worry.

We found in private interviews that one cause for worry among the youth was the fact that many came from divided homes. Their fathers and mothers lacked a common religious faith. This made for uncertainty and insecurity, and resulted in confusion. Divided homes were the principal cause for worry among these fine young people. There were also financial factors and many personal problems and sinful indulgences to cause genuine concern.

It is clear, then, that worry is one of the noisome sins of our age, not only of the world, but of the church; not only of mature people, but of youth as well. Jesus knew that we would come to this worry age, for He anticipated in His prophecy that men's hearts would be "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." He also predicted that faith and trust in God would be rare in our time. He asked the question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

#### The Basic Cause of Worry

Sin is the basic cause of worry. Guilt and remorse for sin are worry's bedfellows. To get rid of worry, one must be aroused to the positive need of getting rid of sin. And sin we understand to be the transgression of God's law, both moral and physical.

The first step in eradicating sin is to make the frank admission before God that we are sinners and then to acknowledge and confess to God the specific sins of which we are guilty. We should never let false pride keep us from confessing our faults to one another and our sin to God.

Like David we may say, "I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Ps. 51:3. Not only did David acknowledge his sins, but he confessed them one by one to God. Those who do this have the promise: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. This cleansing received by faith brings with it the peace and rest of God.

We think of one young man at the Week of Prayer who publicly acknowledged Christ as his Saviour. In a counseling period later he spoke of the new freedom that had come to him since Jesus had come into his heart. Then he said, "The change is wonderful. Just yesterday I was walking down the street, and I saw a boy I didn't like. I picked a quarrel with him and then I struck him in the face." We asked him what he planned to do about it. He said that he was going to be man enough to acknowledge his pugnacity and make confession, first to the person he had offended, and then to God. Many such confessions were made at these services. The marking of the questionnaire was a great help in leading the students to acknowledge their sins to God.

At this point is where many people stumble. They refuse to acknowledge their faults and sins. They do not make confession. They are too proud to surrender, to yield to God, and it is right here where worry starts. If we do not forgive the wrongs that others have done to us, God will not forgive us; neither will He forgive us if we do not make obvious wrongs right.

Let those who are worrying over sin go to God and acknowledge their faults, confess their sins, and surrender their proud hearts to Jesus. These are the conditions for entering the kingdom of heaven. They are also the steps to peace. A blessing is pronounced upon those who are poor in spirit, those who are humble enough to acknowledge their faults and sins. A blessing is likewise pronounced upon those who mourn for their sins, the sweet blessing of comfort and relief from guilt. And there is a special blessing for the meek, those who are meek enough to surrender the will to Jesus.

Years ago the messenger of God declared with keen insight:

"Many who profess to be Christ's followers have an anxious, troubled heart, *because they are afraid to trust themselves with God. They do not make a complete surrender to Him; for they shrink from the consequences that such a surrender may involve. Unless they do make this surrender, they can not find peace.*

"There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of

care because they seek to reach the world's standard. They have chosen its service, accepted its perplexities, adopted its customs. Thus their character is marred, and their life made a weariness. The continual worry is wearing out the life forces. Our Lord desires them to lay aside this yoke of bondage. He invites them to accept His yoke; He says, 'My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' Worry is blind, and can not discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. 'No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.'

"Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 480, 481. (Italics supplied.)

Yes, confession is good for the soul. It is good for the mind. It will react in blessing upon the body. Confession removes the chief cause for worry—*sin*. Then let us not refuse to make things right. If there is work to be done here, let us do it in the love and fear of God. Why carry a load of guilt when a few humble words will make everything all right? Don't worry. Confess, and go free.

D. A. D.

## The Mixed Multitude Today How Shall We Deal With Them?

The influence of the mixed multitude within the church is a problem that should not be ignored. We meet it on every hand. It brings in compromising attitudes and lowered standards. An earnest interest to live up to all the teachings that have been presented to this people is looked upon by some as fanaticism, and those who feel to cry out against liberal tendencies are considered extremists. The old paths are thought to be too worn to be traveled today. New ways more acceptable to modern times are said to be the better part of wisdom.

That these are matters that arise in our midst we cannot deny. How widespread they are we have no right to state, for only God knows.

Thank God for the influence of those who are earnestly seeking to be faithful in every respect. One honest, earnest soul living close to God can become a great influence for good in the church and be able to counteract much of the worldly influence of those who are otherwise minded.

Nevertheless, we must not ignore the fact that the influence of the mixed multitude today may have its effect upon the plans and outlook of the church, and we must guard against it.

### The Responsibility of the Church

How, then, shall we deal with this problem? Shall we initiate a great campaign that aims to remove those from the church who seem to have tendencies that are not in keeping with the spirit of the Advent Movement? If we do so, who shall be the judge as to who belongs to the mixed multitude and who does not? Does any pastor or church board have such insight as to be infallible in judgment in such a matter?

Indeed, there are some who have suggested just such a procedure and who think the church is negligent of its duties because it refuses to carry it out.

This does not mean, however, that the pastor of a church or a church board should be completely oblivious to the conduct of church members. Christ laid down definite stipulations of how to deal with flagrant abuses of Christian propriety and continuous offenses against church beliefs. This is recorded in Matthew 19:15-20.

Nevertheless, it was Christ Himself who spoke against any wholesale renovation of the church under a zeal

that is not after God's order. He told this in the parable of the tares.

When the zealous servant, after discovering the tares in the field, asked the householder, "Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?" the man replied:

"Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Matt. 13:24-30.

God will do the separating in the church. So long as the present world stands, tares will grow among the wheat.

How, then, shall the church relate itself to this question?

1. It should work to minimize the influence of the mixed multitude.

One way to do this is to make it plain through instruction and practice that the remnant people are a separate and distinctive people, that their guide to action is not the worldly-wise rules that have as their objectives the approval of men or the material prosperity of the church, but it is the principles and purposes that have led them throughout their history. The banner of truth is not to be lowered because some think it is held too high.

"Those who feel the constraining love of God do not ask how little may be given in order to obtain the heavenly reward; they ask not for the lower standard, but aim at a perfect conformity to the will of their Redeemer."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 160.

From pulpit and pen let it be known that this people intend to fulfill their God-given commission to be a shining beacon for these last days, and that no unholy compromise with worldly policy shall shroud its steady light.

### Ways to Win the Mixed Multitude

2. It should seek earnestly to win the mixed multitude completely to the truth.

The church spends much time and means to win new converts. How much time is it spending to win the mixed multitude to its holy way of life? If it would concentrate some of its interest and energies on this group in its midst, it would stop a large flow of discouraged, bewildered souls out of the church, and it would bring a greater power to the church to win new converts.

Our goal is not only to double our membership in a certain time but also to have a membership that God can baptize with His Spirit for the speedy finishing of His work in the world.

How, then, shall we win over the mixed multitude to the distinctive way of life that has been set before this people? This cannot be done by denunciation and criticism. It can only be accomplished by kindly personal counsel and patient understanding, by public instruction that makes clear what God expects of this people in life and doctrine, and by some concerted effort that draws this people closer within the fold.

One of the best ways to do this is by the Christian example of those who profess to live up to all the principles that God has given to this people. The manifestation of brotherly love and patience, devotion and self-sacrifice, consistency between profession and practice, honesty in dealing with God and man, and a sincere striving after the graces of the Spirit in the lives of those who take an active part in the work of the church may do more to bring a new experience to many among the mixed multitude than sermons.

Let us pray that the long-anticipated revival and reformation may come soon and bring a new Christian experience to all those within the ranks of the remnant people.

F. L.





# News From the World Field

## The Awakening Continent of Africa

By E. E. Cossentine

For more than a century Africa has been known as the Dark Continent, dark because the light of Christianity had not penetrated great areas that were still held in the bonds of ignorance and superstition. Today, although there are still large heathen areas where Christianity has not yet entered, there is a great awakening in all parts of Africa. The people are demanding more and better education, and something better than their heathen customs.

More and more interest in African and world affairs is being seen and felt among the people. In the last few years Africa has been improving its economy. Many of the world's most precious and scarce metals are to be found in abundance in a number of places in the country. Because of this there has been a great influx of people from other lands. Today Africa is known as a land of unexcelled opportunities. Then too, the rest of the world has suffered the devastation of war. Consequently people look to this continent as a place to start again. Thus almost overnight Africa has emerged from the bush-track age to the airplane age.

All of these things have had a remarkable impact and influence on the lives of the people, and today there is an intense interest and desire for better education and educational facilities. There is a great demand for better-trained ministers, teachers, and workers of all kinds to meet the needs of this time. Thousands of people are hearing of our message who have never heard it before. All these things are placing unprecedented opportunities before us, opportunities that will soon pass. Tomorrow will be too late. Today we must enter into these opportunities.

### Need for Many Workers

In one small area where our Rwankeri Mission is situated in the Belgian Congo, J. A. Birkenstock, leader of that mission, told me that teachers in our schools went out as evangelists during the school vacation period, and they expected to add six thousand new members to the baptismal classes in this short period of time. What a harvest of souls could be gathered in if we could have one hundred or one thousand full-time workers in this area! Our

vision is too limited to grasp the full results that would materialize, but we do know that the number of members added to the church would be numbered in the many thousands, and perhaps even in the hundreds of thousands.

Today in many parts of Africa the country is wide open to our message. Never shall I forget Chief Kalama Chiombo, a man of superior education and ability, who came more than fifty miles with his daughter and five counselors, mostly by foot, to our Lulengele Mission to attend our camp meeting. This man is chief over seven to eight thousand people. His simple yet eloquent plea was, "Send us teachers, that my people may know of this message and that our children may grow up in the knowledge of it." On Sabbath opportunity was given for those who wished to take their stand with God's people and join the baptismal class. Humbly he took his stand with the most lowly of the native people. Only the power of God's Spirit could prompt a man of his position to do this.

I tried to explain to him our lack of teachers and funds. And to test his sincerity, I suggested that he invite teachers from another church that was trying to place teachers among his people. His answer was direct: "My people want the Adventist Church to train our children. We shall wait for them if need be, but do not make us wait too long."

Yes, Africa is fast awakening in every way. In the last four years the students in our schools in the Congo Union Mission alone have increased by ten thousand. However, this is merely touching the fringe of the possibilities. If we had teachers and means, we could increase our enrollment by one hundred thousand in four years in the Southern African Division alone!

Standing on a hillside some miles from Gitwe Mission, where a local camp meet-

ing was being held, I saw the people streaming in from the surrounding hills and valleys, on foot, in long lines by the hundreds and thousands, until more than seven thousand people were present. As they came they could be heard singing the songs of Zion, songs of the hope and confidence of God's people. They came from every direction and by every trail, bringing with them their heathen friends many of whom took their stand for God and joined the baptismal class.

This is the picture of Africa today, the new Africa, a rapidly awakening Africa, the Africa that brings to us the greatest challenge and opportunity that has ever come to this church.

## Yet Another Miracle in India

By O. A. Skau

It was during the noon hour recess that I stopped outside the Buddhist primary school at Marikuppam. As I stepped into the long one-room school building I saw the headmaster deep in study by his table. He is hard of hearing, so did not hear me come. He was so deep in thought that he did not see me. As I reached his table I noticed that he was studying his Bible and the *Sabbath School Quarterly*. It was only when I touched him that he looked up. He may have thought that I was one of the schoolboys.

Mr. C. G. Keniez is the headmaster of the school. Four classes are taught in that one room. The school enrollment is two hundred. The headmaster had thirty-five students in his class. As I visited with him I asked him about his wife, who had



Chief Kalama Chiombo, of Central Africa, and His Daughter

been sick for a long time. She had been in the hospital for three months. She was sent home. Shortly after getting out of the hospital she became paralyzed. Nothing could be done for her, but the husband and wife in their great sorrow prayed to God for help and comfort. As he related all this he finally said, "We prayed and prayed, and last night (September 7) she got up from her bed and went about her work." God is good. "He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." He has asked us to call upon Him, and His promise is, "I will hear."

Mr. Keniez has completed the two Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Courses and is a faithful follower of his Master. He first came in contact with the truth through our people in Neyyur in South Travancore, India. He shifted from his native place and came to the Kolar Gold Fields. One day while in the fields he came upon a Voice of Prophecy advertisement. He answered, and enrolled as a Voice of Prophecy student. While this was going on, D. S. David, one of our Tamil workers, began a series of meetings in Robertsonpet in the gold fields. Mr. Keniez attended the meetings. He became convinced of the truth, and cast his lot with God's people.

In these experiences we are reminded of the promises: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22); and, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1). God's admonition to us is, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Verse 6.

### God Is Working in India

The spirit of God is abroad in India today. There is still plenty of fight left in the devil, but he is losing ground. We ought to recognize the day of opportunity and take advantage of the open doors in this great country. Will you make a financial investment for the Lord's work in India, while the opportunity to work in this country is ours? Money in the Lord's treasury today will mean souls in God's kingdom. Remember the promise, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13. In this connection the following is asked, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Verses 14, 15. Are you investing in souls, or are you guilty of spending "money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" Isa. 55:2.

Today is the day of salvation. Next year or tomorrow may be too late.



Graduating Class of the Australasian Missionary College, 1952

## Graduation at Avondale College

By R. R. Figuhr

The Avondale College is on a site divinely approved. The story of its choosing is well known. Ellen G. White was in Australia at the time. The search had been on for a college location, but nothing was found. She urged the searchers on, stating that a site had been shown her bounded by three streams of water, and right across it a furrow had been freshly turned. So the weary searchers continued. Finally a piece of land corresponding to the description was found. But there was little enthusiasm over the place. All the land of that district was poor, so poor that some said it could not support a rabbit. But insistent faith prevailed, and building began. Today we have there the Australasian Missionary College with its flourishing fields, fruitful orchard, and productive dairy herd.

W. H. Branson and I have just had the privilege of attending the closing exercises of this college. Fifty-nine young people graduated from the different courses that the school offers. The college is fulfilling its mission as a division training institution, for it is serving the entire Australasian field. This is shown by the fact that among the graduates were young people from Tasmania, New Zealand, Lord Howe Island, New Guinea, Fiji, in addition to a large number from Australia itself. The school is even attracting students from distant lands. There was one graduate from Scotland, one from Pakistan, and another from India.

The students of Avondale are having their eyes directed to the world field as is evident from the very inspiring words, "Consecrated Service to Finish the Task," chosen by the graduating class as its motto. What a marvelous thing it is to

have in this vast territory such a training center where young people are led to see that the highest possible calling is God's service!

Sabbath morning Elder Branson brought an inspiring and timely message in his baccalaureate sermon on Christian education and its important place in the church of God. The Friday evening preceding, E. E. White, of the division office, sounded an earnest appeal to the graduates for entire consecration, to which there was a most heartening response. The commencement exercises were held in a large tent, pitched on the beautiful campus, which accommodated some fourteen hundred people. Our Australian brethren love their college, as is shown by the large attendance at these closing exercises.

For six years W. G. Murdoch has been giving capable and much-appreciated leadership to the college. Around him have rallied a fine group of loyal and faithful teachers. The present buildings of the institution have served for many years, and now need replacing. A program of building has therefore been launched, which should in a few years give Avondale ample and excellent accommodations. The first of the new buildings, the girls' dormitory, has just been completed, and was dedicated during our visit. The foundations for a large assembly hall have already been laid, and this building too will be finished before many months.

The college is fortunate in having on its campus one of our large food factories. This furnishes employment for about one hundred of our students, a number of whom earn all their school expenses. To further strengthen the industrial feature

of the school, cloth weaving has recently been introduced, and gives promise of rapid development. This should provide additional work for a number of students.

It was a real pleasure to be with the students and teachers at Avondale. The college has its problems, as do all educational institutions. The brethren, however, are resolutely pressing forward, assured that God still guides, even as He did in pointing out through His servant more than half a century ago the spot where this school should be located.

## Religious Liberty Offering

By L. K. Dickson

Human freedom as taught by Christ must be preserved at all costs. Both religious and political elements are today, as never before, willing to sacrifice individual liberty for the benefit, as they claim, of the collective group. The great principles that are the sure foundation of this great nation are being more fiercely assailed than ever before in our history. There is unprecedented need for the arousal of men and women to the dangers now facing them. When human liberty is denied in this great land there will be no spot on earth to which men may flee from oppression.

Nothing is made clearer to God's people through His chosen messenger than that the freedoms we now enjoy will soon be removed. It is evident that such an hour hastens on apace. Both civil and religious liberty are being attacked today by forces that are gathering strength every day.

God has called us to meet these issues as they arise, not merely to protect our own rights, but to seek to enlighten all men regarding the precious principles of human liberty that are involved and to take advantage of every situation where men's freedom is jeopardized to make God's truth clear to the people. In order to do this a constant program of education is necessary along many lines, and continual vigilance must be maintained by our Religious Liberty Department.

On Sabbath, January 24, our people will have another opportunity to contribute to a special offering to be received in all our churches. We trust that on the part of our entire membership individual plans will be laid to have a large part in this offering. Let us all show upon this occasion how much we cherish the great principles of religious liberty for which the church stands.

We know not how soon the forces of darkness will be able to prevail in robbing men of their inalienable rights and liberty. Just now is our best opportunity to sustain the program of religious liberty by the church and to fulfill, under God, the objectives that He has marked out for us. Let us remember the Religious Liberty Offering on Sabbath, January 24.

# Laymen's Labors Since the Laymen's Congress

By T. L. Oswald, Secretary

Home Missionary Department, General Conference

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith. . . . Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 14.

How cheering it is to get reports from every division in the world field of what our laymen are doing. Our laymen are on the march for Christ. They are becoming acquainted with the people of their neighborhood and are studying with those that are searching for truth.

From every union in North America we receive most encouraging reports of the way our lay members are out in search for souls. From Omaha, Nebraska, comes this word: Since the Laymen's Congress that was held in Grand Ledge, Michigan, one sister has brought into the message five persons who are already baptized and a number of others who are keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism.

A doctor from another State went back from the Grand Ledge meeting determined that he would attain greater things for Christ. At the time of his camp meet-

ing, which was held in August, he had a woman with her two daughters and a young man attending camp meeting who had been brought into this message and had been baptized as a result of his labors.

Just the other day while in Hutchinson, Minnesota, I talked to one of our lay members who was a delegate to the Laymen's Congress. Within nine months after the congress he had prepared seven persons for baptism. These he found by giving out literature to his neighbors and then studying the message with them. These are just a few of the many experiences that have come to us.

In another one of our cities in North America, when the Sabbath came around for field adventuring, a large number of the church took part. A goodly number of people were enrolled in the Bible course. A few weeks after these members had their Field Adventuring Day I was in that church. That Sabbath there were eight persons present who had been called on by our people a few weeks before in their house-to-house visitation. Six of these joined the baptismal class that Sabbath day. All eight went forward to give their hearts to God. Since then these eight souls have been baptized.

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## Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters

By Rogelio Campillo

About sixteen years ago I went from Havana, the capital of Cuba, to the province of Camagüey. While there I took advantage of the opportunity to hold two or three meetings in the home of a neighbor named Eloy. On my return to the capital I sent a Bible to Juana, his wife.

The years passed, and a colporteur who worked in my district visited the family. He showed them a small pamphlet I had written, entitled "Guide to Bible Study," and when the woman saw my photograph she exclaimed, "I know this man; yes, it is he. He gave me this Bible," and showed the old Bible to the colporteur.

Today Mrs. Juana Eloy, two sons, and one aunt are preparing for baptism. The old Bible is also guiding the husband and two more children, who will not delay their decision.

In a village in the western part of the island an unbeliever wrote in one of the local papers that the Bible was "the most immoral book in the world." I thought it would be disloyal silently to accept this declaration. I replied in the same paper, "The famous Book of books, by you so

ironically classified, is neither absurd, fabled, nor legendary, but it is indeed the greatest spiritual antiseptic against all pagan corruption. Where it has been rejected we have seen only barbarism, hundreds of innocent victims sacrificed to the pagan gods."

A tract with a few words from the Bible regarding the Sabbath was kept for twenty years at the bottom of a trunk. At the end of that time a man took the tract, read it, and for some years now has been, and still is, a faithful member of one of our churches in Havana. Is not the Word of God a marvelous power? If we cast our bread upon the waters, it will someday return. Let us continue to circulate the Bible and our literature. There is no better way to win souls for Christ.

And while you are winning souls, follow a methodic and conscientious plan for the study of the Scriptures, if you want to prevail against the miracle workers and false teachers who are today multiplying themselves in their art of perfect sophism, and twisting the plain and simple truths so that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

At the close of the first nine months after the Laymen's Congress held in Grand Ledge, the delegates reported more than 145,000 Bible readings, cottage meetings, and efforts conducted. As a result of these studies 880 persons have been baptized and 30 new companies have been organized.

A report just came in from the Philippine Islands stating that in the North and South Philippine unions we have more than eight hundred lay preachers. These laymen do their work during the day to make a living and hold cottage meetings and efforts at night. In 1951, 80 per cent of those baptized on the island were won to this message by our laymen. P. R. Diaz, the home missionary secretary of the South Philippine Union, writes, "During the second quarter of 1952 our lay evangelists have won and prepared four hundred persons for baptism in the four missions of the South Philippine Union." We thank God for these new converts. He continues, "One of our lay preachers, Brother Sing Son, in the East Visayan Mission, has won thirty-five souls to the message during the first six months of 1952."

#### Responses From All Divisions

In the Southern Asia Division our laymen are falling in line. They are on the march for Christ. W. L. Barclay, the home missionary secretary of that division, says that in the institutes that have been held for our laymen in that field, definite goals for souls have been set. A number of laymen have brought in several souls already. They are very enthusiastic in carrying forward the work of the Lord Jesus and in bringing a knowledge of this truth to their neighbors and friends.

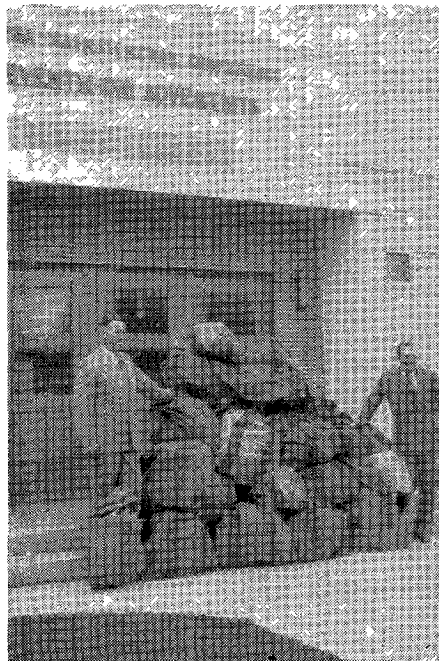
In the South American Division we have 1,394 lay preachers, according to a letter received from Santiago Schmidt. Some of our lay members in that large field have been very successful. From one of the mission fields in that division the president writes that through the efforts of our lay workers more than 150 souls have been prepared for baptism thus far this year.

In the division nearest to the homeland, the Inter-American Division, our lay members are very active in soul winning. They go out from night to night—yes, even in the early hours of the morning—studying with people who have become interested in the message and preparing them for baptism. What is true in these divisions that we have mentioned by name is also true in Africa.

In the Southern European and Northern European divisions our lay members are actively engaged in soul-winning work. We are reminded of the statement given by the messenger of the Lord: "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genu-

ine conversion was manifest."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 126.

The hour is late. Before this, the work of God should have been finished. May we appeal to every member of the church to take an active part in soul winning. The Saviour said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." That time is not far in the future. May we as individual church members feel our personal responsibility and join these thousands that are already out actively engaged in soul winning.



#### Our Manitoba-Saskatchewan Colporteurs

Colporteurs in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference have been enjoying a busy year. Twenty-six students joined the regular colporteur staff during the past summer. Orders received during the first ten months of 1952 totaled \$124,349.05.

Many of the books are being delivered by the postal C.O.D. plan. The photograph above shows one day's mail ready for the post office. There were 393 parcels in this shipment weighing 1,500 pounds and valued at \$5,224. The postage on this shipment totaled \$181.66.

Carl Klam, the Book and Bible House assistant manager, has been happy to put in long hours to keep the books going out on time as a stream of light to a world in darkness. Walter Bergey, publishing department secretary, has given outstanding leadership in training and leading his staff of colporteurs.

The influence of the colporteurs on the homes they visit is indicated by the following paragraph from a letter sent in by one of our customers: "Miss \_\_\_\_\_ must have taken a lot of orders. She is such a fine Christian girl. Anyone would be happy to have her call on them."

B. H. STICKLE.

## The Oklahoma Conference

By N. W. Dunn

It has been a delightful privilege to spend the month of November, 1952, visiting among the churches in the Oklahoma Conference. To one whose personal contact with the home base has been somewhat limited for many years, because of assigned responsibilities in the work overseas, it is reassuring to associate with conference leaders, district pastors, and church officers, and observe at close range their unflagging interest in the foreign mission program.

My first meeting was in Oklahoma City, where W. A. Howe, I. V. Stonebrook, Lorena Wilcox, and W. L. Schoepflin conducted an inter-conference teachers' convention. The educational leaders of the Southwestern Union are carrying on an aggressive program for the continuous improvement of the schools both as to equipment and in-service training of teachers.

#### Workers' Meeting Held

The teachers' convention was followed by a one-day workers' meeting, which was called by the president, H. C. Klement, for the purpose of lining up the forces of the conference for the 1953 Ingathering effort. All the pastors and district leaders were present, and pledged their hearty support to the plan that Oklahoma become a Minute Man conference in 1953. The Minute Man idea for the entire conference and for every church in every district was suggested by L. C. Evans, the union president, who was present at this meeting.

Elder Klement is now in his fifth year as president of the Oklahoma Conference. He is giving energetic, efficient, consecrated leadership to the field, and keeps in close personal contact with his men. Morale is high, and the cooperation that is apparent between president and district pastor is most gratifying.

#### Plans to Extend Message

The growth in membership of the church in the Oklahoma Conference has not been so great as in some fields, because of a rather high annual loss through transfer of members to conferences toward the north and west. Nevertheless, the workers are of good courage. Even in the outlying districts plans are on foot to enter the many large and uncultivated portions of the field.

The active interest in foreign missions on the part of the churches in Oklahoma and of our conferences assures the continued support of God's work in all lands through the liberal gifts of both men and means. The reflex influence of such a program on the home churches is highly beneficial, as our conference leaders everywhere can testify.

## Voice of Prophecy Interests in East Pennsylvania

By L. E. Rafferty

For a number of years it has been the writer's privilege to follow up Voice of Prophecy interests. The past year has seen the most productive and the most pleasant experiences of all.

About a year ago I received notice of a girl taking the junior course. Upon investigation I found two sisters and their two daughters taking that course. When weather permitted I began studies in one of the homes. As a result of this work five have been baptized, one more is ready, and studies with relatives are progressing so that at least two more will soon be ready.

Another woman took the Faith Course and was convinced of the Sabbath when I called upon her. She, her daughter, and possibly a son will soon be ready to join God's remnant people.

One experience has given the greatest thrill to one of our churches here. When I called upon this family I found that both the husband and wife were taking the Faith Course. They did not always see eye to eye on the answers, so they both filled out their own papers. After a Bible study with them they expressed their determination to keep the true Sabbath.

These people could not come to church because the husband had been laid up with a fractured limb for twenty months, so we opened a branch Sabbath school in their home. This is fostered by the local church elder and others of the church. I also study with them on Sunday nights. The man, who has been married twice, has a large family, four sons being married. One evening all were present but one son. At the close of the study on the change of the Sabbath, I enrolled all the members of the different homes in a Bible course.

At my last study a married son and daughter with their families were present. After a study on the seal of God I asked

for decisions as to who were determined to have an eternal home with the Lord, and would make a covenant with God to keep His true Sabbath. They all signified their determination to keep the Sabbath, and plan on being at the branch Sabbath school from now on. The Lord is greatly blessing the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

## An Inspiring Workers' Meeting

By W. E. Read

An inspiring and profitable workers' meeting was held in the Illinois Conference during the month of November. J. L. McConaughy had prepared a comprehensive and practical agenda covering many phases of evangelistic and pastoral endeavor. Workers from all parts of the conference, including the academy, were present.

Beside the conference officers, M. L. Rice, the union president; H. J. Capman, president of the Wisconsin Conference; and the writer, from the General Conference, were in attendance.

The four days spent together will long be remembered as a time of real refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It was a time of sharing in methods of service and also of deeper study of the Word of God. The exchange of ideas will mean much to the future of the work, and especially to the younger workers in that conference.

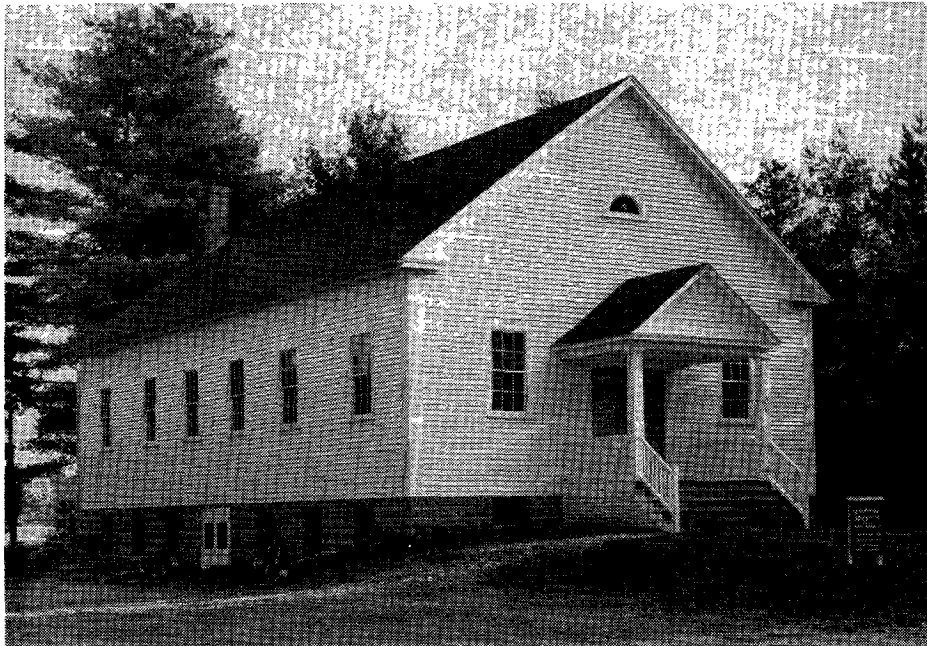
## Adventist's Bible Collection Publicized

By J. R. Ferren

A private collection of one hundred rare Bibles and Bible portions caught the eye of the press in New Jersey recently. George B. Suhrie, of Hawthorne, who lists in his collection the oldest Bible in Passaic County, besides many valuable Scripture fragments, has placed his unusual library on exhibit. A newspaper announcement of the first exhibit at the Paterson Adventist church invited the attention of the public.

Mr. Suhrie's 1522 copy of the Bible printed in Latin took first prize in Paterson's old Bible contest during the Cavalcade of Faith. A still more ancient item in his collection is a cuneiform tablet dating back to the year 2,000 B.C.

Interviewed by Marguerite V. Wolff, religious editor of the Paterson *Evening News*, Mr. Suhrie told how he had begun his rather unique hobby, and added, "To me the Bible is more than just a book. It is the Book, the revelation of God and His will for man." The resulting three-column feature, disclosing the collector's Adventist affiliation, stretched over thirty column inches.



## Rochester, New Hampshire, Church Dedication

October 25 was a high day in the experience of our members in Rochester, New Hampshire. For many years they had waited for this special service—the dedication of their church to the cause of God. It was a beautiful autumn day in New England, and the church was filled to overflowing. Many former members, neighbors, and friends joined in the religious activities of the day.

The musical selections were furnished by Mrs. Dorothy Crennan, Mrs. Greta MacNamee, and Miss Jane Drinkwater. His Honor Mayor Wesley Lyons, of Rochester, was introduced to the audience by A. W. Perrine, pastor of the church. Mayor Lyons brought to those present appropriate words of appreciation. An original poem entitled "Dedication" was read by Mrs. Allie Horne. Herman Fowle, who is one of the present elders of

the church, and who for many years has been a faithful member, gave the history of the church.

L. E. Lenheim, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon. A. W. Perrine led out in the act of dedication, and Roscoe W. Moore offered the dedicatory prayer. Others taking part in the service were L. E. Aldrich, secretary-treasurer of the Southern New England Conference; and his son, Cpl. Robert Aldrich, who recently returned to the States from Army service in Korea.

As this new memorial to the cause of truth is erected in Rochester, our earnest prayer is that it may ever fulfill its divine purpose as a light in this dark world.

ROSCOE W. MOORE, *President,*  
*Northern New England Conference.*



# One of God's Thousand Ways

By Raymond H. Hartwell

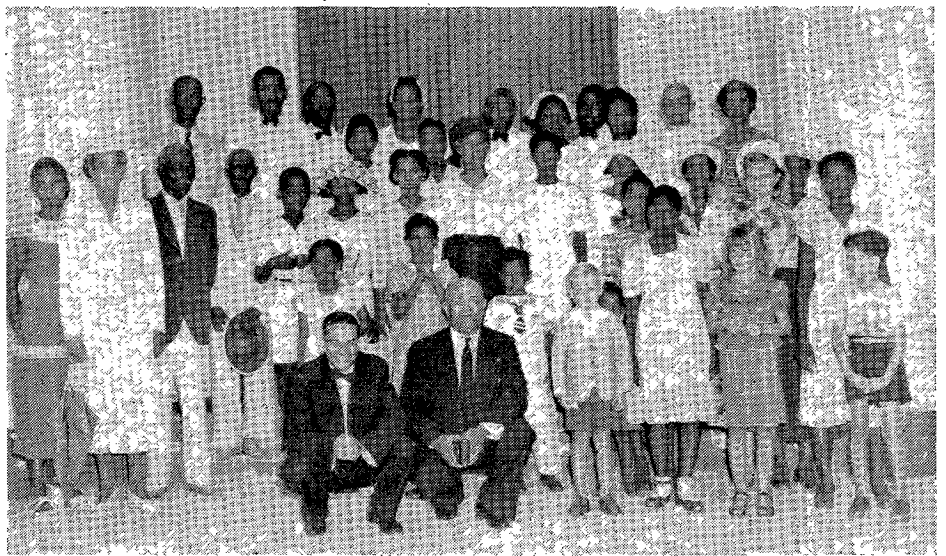
A few months ago a very promising young minister and his new wife, both former students of Middle East College, moved to south Lebanon to open up new work in the villages there. About seventeen villages in that area had been waiting for the message. Though entrance had been prepared by the Bible correspondence courses, the Lord has blessed this young couple very much, and when I visited them recently they had sixty boys and girls attending their new Sabbath school. Twenty young people attended a Sunday school they conducted. And Sunday night fifty interested attendants crowded into their home.

This is only a part of the results of their work. As we went with them from home to home we found many who welcomed us and the message we had to bring. One young man who is a school-teacher and had studied in a Catholic school is showing a very great interest. We took a Bible correspondence school diploma to one young woman who had finished the course. When we reached her home we found two other diplomas hanging on the wall all framed, which had been granted to other members of her family who had completed the Bible course before. Her father is the postmaster in their village, and he expressed a sincere conviction that what his children had learned in these Bible courses was surely true. It is a Catholic family, but one member, a small boy, twelve years old, visited his friends and neighbors and secured about one hundred enrollees for the Bible course.

Surely God has a thousand ways that we know nothing about. There is much that we can do to help in spreading this glorious message of Jesus' coming. The example of this Catholic youth should stir us to greater activity.



Twelve-year-old Boy Who Secured One Hundred Enrollees for the Bible Course



Some of the Candidates Who Were Baptized on November 16, 1952, in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana

## Evangelism in Dutch Guiana

By O. P. Reid

On August 17 a series of meetings was begun in the new church in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana. These were carried on for a period of thirteen weeks. The attendance, though not so great, was very good, and many who attended at the beginning continued to the end.

It was not an easy task, for every word

had to be relayed by an interpreter. The power of God was manifested in many ways. A young woman who was devil possessed has been healed through prayer and is now rejoicing in the truth.

One of the converts is an accomplished musician. She was sent from Dutch Guiana to Europe to be trained as a nun, but after her training she did not like the confinement. She preferred her music career, which has been bringing her an income ever since. Most of the time she has been the organist for the meetings. Now she is a baptized Seventh-day Adventist and the organist of the local church.

Among those baptized is a teacher who told me that he was never satisfied until he attended the series of meetings.

### The Baptismal Service

Sunday night, the sixteenth of November, will long be remembered, when this church, which seats five hundred was filled to capacity with many prominent people of the town. The sermon was preached, and then twenty-two were baptized. While standing in the pool I appealed to those who desired to be in the next baptism, and twenty-four stood signifying their intention to do so.

Among those who stood up were two doctors (husband and wife), a prominent druggist, the harbor master's wife, and many others. This message was brought to these two doctors through the Voice of Prophecy in Europe.

The town of Paramaribo, though strongly Catholic, has been stirred by the Advent message. The many Bible studies given by my wife and me have been a real source of blessing to the people.

I must express my very grateful appreciation to George Watson, who was my interpreter; Alfred Boyce, the song leader; Mrs. O. P. Reid, the Bible instructor; the choir; the male quartet; and all the members of the church who helped to make the effort a real, spiritual blessing.

## Preschool Training at Collegedale

By Roland Parker

The idea of keeping Jesus Christ before the children as an all-wise Creator and loving Saviour is stressed in the preschool established at Collegedale, Tennessee, under the able direction of Elder and Mrs. A. W. Spalding. The school is designed to care for the needs of children from three years of age until they enter the grade school, and at the same time is a training school for mothers.

One of the dwellings on the school property has been renovated and redecored along lines of interest to the children.

Daily morning worship and nature walks and outdoor play help to create a proper attitude toward things eternal. Nature is the great lesson book from which the teachers gather their lessons. A pony, two white ducks, and some chickens help teach kindness to animals and furnish object lessons for their instruction. The children are taught Christian helpfulness and courtesy, as well as respect for their elders.

The preschool has the service of a registered nurse. Each child is checked for sore throat and temperature daily. Monthly charts are kept on weight and height.

Elder and Mrs. Spalding are aided in their work by three teachers, a house mother, and a nurse.

## Sabbath Schools in the News

By M. Carol Hetzell

News of the Sabbath school centennial celebration in our Adventist churches boomed across North America and around the world this fall as long-time members braved the flash of press cameras and proved the joys of sixty, seventy, eighty, and even ninety and more years of fellowship in studying the blessed Book.

A record membership of ninety-three years held by Mrs. Silvia Jewett, ninety-eight, of Bay City, Michigan, drew the attention of newspapers throughout the State. Charles F. Wilcox, one hundred, of Takoma Park, Maryland, ran Mrs. Jewett a close second, with ninety-two years of continuous Sabbath school membership. Four others made news with ninety years of membership: F. F. Byington, of Newberg, Oregon; Leon Smith, of Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Nora Boyer, of Bridgeton, New Jersey; and Charles M. French, of San Jose, California.

Not by any means overlooked were sixteen persons in the eighty-year bracket, and still more in the sixth and seventh decades of Sabbath school attendance. All these faithful Seventh-day Adventists spelled good publicity for their church, many with full-length feature articles, including the story of early Sabbath school days.

In Cape Town, South Africa, Sabbath school members enacted a colorful tableau of the early Sabbath school days, and the community read the story as it



Tulsa, Oklahoma, "Tribune"

Mrs. Mary Teeters, Seventy-six Years a Sabbath School Student

appeared in the *Cape Times* with a four-column picture. Seven papers printed Sabbath school history in the West African Union Mission, and the Netherlands West Indies read about the centennial in the Dutch newspaper *Arubaansche Courant*.

The greater portion of the more than 3,200 column inches thus far reported is due to the persevering efforts of the faithful press secretary in each local church. Without the work of these minutemen many might never learn of God's church in the earth and the near approach of the coming King of kings.

Bible Forum in the Winnipeg English church under the direction of G. S. Remick. There was a full attendance to hear the subject "Will the Old Book Stand?" Good help is being given in these meetings by the lay members of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friesen are leading out in the music for the forum, with Miss Georgia Neithercut and Mrs. John Taylor at the piano and organ.

● Residents surrounding the Regina (Manitoba) Adventist church were given a very pleasant surprise last Halloween night. A knock on the door and a cheery "We have a treat for you" from the enthusiastic Missionary Volunteer youth brought a very pleasing and surprised smile from all. The treat was the beautiful little tract *Survival Through Faith*. Many appreciated this tract and insisted on treating the young people.

● R. A. Rentfro, of the Southeastern California Conference, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Vancouver church, in British Columbia, and has already entered upon his new duties.

● The Okanagan Valley Dorcas Federation held a successful rally on November 9 at the Rutland church, British Columbia. A fine program was presented, and reports showed that altogether 480 persons, including a number of displaced families, had been helped. Eight persons had become interested in the truths of the Bible, and one had been baptized.

● On November 23 the Western Dorcas Welfare Federation met at Chatham, Ontario. Special attention was given to the reports from the various societies, which were highlighted by the relating of numerous incidents of help given to families whose homes had been burned or who had otherwise suffered misfortune.

### Central Union

● Recent worker changes within the Central Union include the following: E. E. Shafer, to Hemingford, Nebraska; J. E. Frick, to Longmont, Colorado; M. E. Payne, to Coffeyville, Kansas; E. H. Meyers, to Kansas City, Kansas; L. J. Ehrhardt, to Greeley, Colorado; and A. M. Yeaton, to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

● The workers of the Nebraska Conference enjoyed an inspiring workers' meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska, November 24 to 27. R. Allan Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association, was the principal speaker. W. J. Harris, of the Sabbath School Department, F. D. Nichol, editor of the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, and Carl Sundin, of the Medical Extension Department, were other General Conference speakers. A high light of the session was the reporting by the workers present of 236 baptisms during the first 11 months of 1952 and bright prospects for passing the previous high record of baptisms made during 1951.

● An emergency relief depot was opened in Pueblo, Colorado, on Thursday, November 13, by the Dorcas Societies of Southern Colorado. H. A. Young, secretary-treasurer of the Colorado Conference, handed the scissors to W. T. Loman, Pueblo's city manager, who cut the ribbon and thus formally opened the welfare

## Brief Current News



### Atlantic Union

● F. R. Aldridge, secretary-treasurer of the New York Conference for the past five years, has been chosen to serve as auditor of the Atlantic Union Conference.

● Fred Minner has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Conference, where he has been serving as assistant secretary-treasurer.

● R. M. Ruf has transferred from Babylon, New York, to Tennessee.

● A. J. Hirsch, from Georgia, has transferred to Babylon, New York.

● The Attleboro, Massachusetts, church, of which C. M. Pike is pastor, dedicated its new building recently. In 1936 A. W. Ortner (later joined by Herbert Thurber) held meetings, which resulted in the organization of this church. M. G. Johnson was pastor when the building was begun.

● The annual Hour of Charm was given by the girls' club of Atlantic Union College on December 6. This year's presentation, entitled "Let All My Life Be Music," featured a 65-voice all-girl chorus under the direction of Miss Donna Rae Bidwell, the college orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, soloists Misses Cecil Jenkins and Melissa Ney, and script writer and narrator, Miss Jeanne Neilsen.

### Canadian Union

● Gilbert Andersen; Michael Misik, the church school teacher; and other faithful members of the Haileybury church in Ontario have, in approximately three weeks, built a church school sufficient for the carrying on of classes. There is an enrollment of ten, and prospects are good for a healthy growth.

● Sunday evening, October 5, was the opening date of the Twentieth Century



# The BIBLE The SPIRIT of PROPHECY and The CHURCH

By W. E. READ

The theme of the interesting Sabbath school lessons for the first quarter of 1953 will be the relation of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy to the remnant church. God's divine revelation recorded by the prophets and apostles in ancient time has been magnified by His special messages to His church in these latter days. These revelations in written form are intended by God to be supplemented and demonstrated by the lives of converted men and women, in order to present a threefold witness of God's grace in the saving of lost humanity.

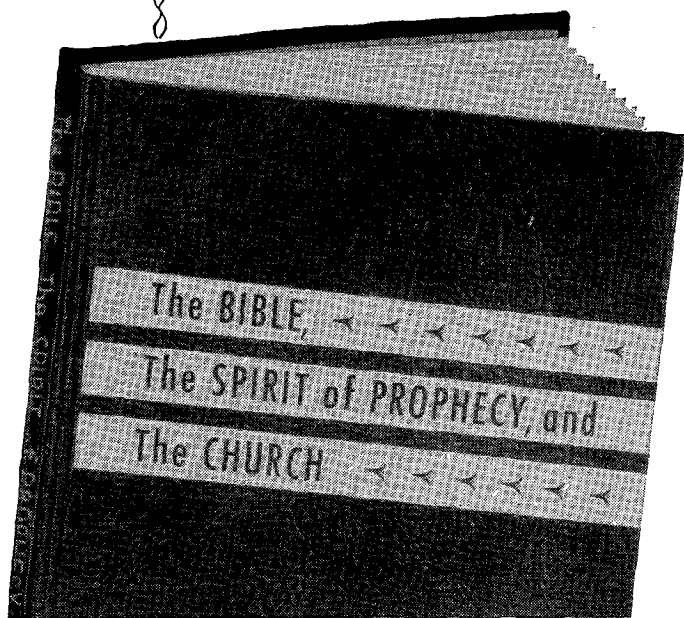
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depot. Mr. Loman later made a speech of appreciation for the work of Seventh-day Adventists.

### Columbia Union

- M. A. Burgess, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been invited to join the departmental staff of the Allegheny Conference as associate director of the Twentieth Century Bible School and also to serve as evangelist in the conference.

- A report from the New Jersey Conference states that work on the new conference camp center is progressing. Both conference workers and lay members have given much labor to this project. The campsite was originally a farm. The total expenditure thus far, aside from the original investment and large equipment, is approximately \$40,000, about \$20,000 of which has been paid by church members this year.

- A youth outing for young people of the West Pennsylvania Conference was held at Cook Forest, November 23. Nearly 150 youth attended.

- A youth rally was held in Apollo, Pennsylvania, November 22. Young people from Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Junior Academy participated in the afternoon service.

- The ministerial seminar of Philadelphia Academy, under the leadership of George Akers, principal, and the teachers of the academy, is planning programs to be presented to churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference. The purpose of the programs is to acquaint the church members with the value of Christian education and to demonstrate the leadership potentialities of properly trained young people.

### Northern Union

- C. E. Guenther, home missionary secretary of the Northern Union Conference, has accepted an invitation of the General Conference to fill the post vacated by Henry F. Brown transferring to the General Conference Temperance Department. Elder Guenther took over his new duties January 1.

- The Iowa Conference held a workers' meeting at Des Moines on November 19 and 20, and a State-wide church officers' convention was held there on the twenty-first and twenty-second. J. L. Thompson, T. L. Oswald, Carl Sundin, and H. K. Christman, as well as representatives from the Northern Union Conference, attended these meetings.

- A group of students from Plainview Academy, Redfield, South Dakota, are sharing their faith on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday nights when they drive 35 miles to hold evangelistic meetings in the Holden Township Hall. The sermons are given by V. K. Burgeson, Bible instructor, and P. M. DeBooy, Missionary Volunteer secretary of South Dakota. The students lead the music, provide special music, and welcome each visitor. A real interest is manifest, and the students say, "It's wonderful."

- R. R. Widmer, the pastor of the Iron Range district in Minnesota, reports that

25 new members have been added in this district by baptism or profession of faith this year. In spite of the long steel strike that closed every iron mine, the tithe report this year shows a better than 50 per cent gain over the same period last year.

### North Pacific Union

- The dedicatory service for the new Boise church edifice was held November 22. The work began in Boise about 1885, and up to the present time this is their fourth church building, each of the others being outgrown. The new building is built of mediterranean block and has a seating capacity of 550. The value of the building is estimated at \$75,000, a substantial part of which was donated labor.

- E. L. Broder, former pastor of the Juneau, Alaska, Seventh-day Adventist church, is now working in Ketchikan, which has the largest membership of any of the Alaska Mission churches.

- Report from the evangelistic effort in Clarkston, Washington, indicates that 11 adults have been baptized, and another baptismal service is anticipated in the near future by C. L. Vories, evangelist.

- Edwin G. Brown, superintendent of the Pasco district of the Upper Columbia Conference, reports a first baptism of four and one received on profession of faith from the Richland, Washington, meetings, with another six or seven ready for baptism. Bible studies are being given to 26 interested families, and there are about 20 non-Adventist adults every Sabbath attending Sabbath school and church.

### Pacific Union

- Miss Helen Elizabeth Lanham has connected with the Northern California Conference as Bible instructor, locating in Oakland to work with the Grand Avenue church.

- R. C. Baker, president of the Central California Conference, was the speaker at the dedication of the new church in Lindsay, which is in an excellent section of the town and has a seating capacity of 250.

- A Pacific Union College Students' Association survey of the community of Angwin revealed several families and individuals who would be cheered by Thanksgiving remembrance. With the experienced help of the Dorcas members, boxes were packed and distributed. Special treats were included in the boxes going to families with small children.

- A drive-in effort conducted by the pastor of the Las Vegas, Nevada, church, Darrell Kenney and the church school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neufeld, has resulted so far in the baptism of seven. Four others will soon be baptized, and others are continuing to study.

- The Pacific Union Conference-owned Loma Linda Food Company pays one cent for each label from its products that is turned in for Sabbath School Investment. In the ten years since its beginning, this plan has netted more than \$50,000 for the Investment Fund.

### Southern Union

- W. T. Rea, pastor of the Winter Park church in the Florida Conference, conducted a very successful Week of Prayer at Forest Lake Academy. A spirit of earnestness pervades the student body as a result of this season of devotion.

- The members of the Pleasant Gap church, in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, have just completed a beautiful church school building and held their official opening on November 23, with G. R. Nash, president of the conference, as guest speaker.

- The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference reports 37 baptized during the month of November. Seventeen of these were baptized in Louisville, with seven each in Jackson and Loyall.

- G. H. Rainey and his co-workers conducted a successful effort in the delta area at Leland, Mississippi. As a result 67 persons have been added to this church in the South Central Conference.

### Southwestern Union

- C. J. Ashlock and his family left Fort Worth recently for the Florida Conference after six years of service in the Texas Conference.

- Coming to Texas from the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, J. R. Spangler and family are locating in Fort Worth for leadership of the Fort Worth church and district.

- W. S. Hancock has been released by the Texas Book and Bible House to enter upon full-time ministerial duties in the conference. For a time he will be assisting with the work in Fort Worth.

- L. F. Webb has been chosen to be the assistant manager of the Texas Book and Bible House.

- In a second baptism at Tucumcari, in the Texico Conference, in recent weeks, J. W. Burgess baptized five who are uniting with God's remnant church.

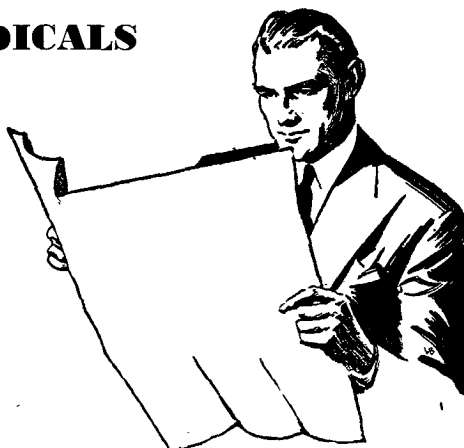
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Jan. 3-24	Religious Liberty Campaign
Jan. 24	Religious Liberty Offering
Feb. 7	Christian Home Day (Family Altar Day)
Feb. 14-21	Signs of the Times Campaign
Feb. 28	Television Offering
Mar. 7	Dorcas Welfare and Visitation Evangelism
Mar. 14-21	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
Mar. 28	13th Sabbath Offering (Far East)
Apr. 4	Ingathering Day
Apr. 4-May 16	Ingathering Campaign
May 2	Medical Missionary Day
May 23	College of Medical Evangelists Offering
June 6	Literature Evangelism
June 20	Literature for Service Men Offering
June 27	13th Sabbath Offering (Southern Europe)
July 4	Bible Correspondence School
July 11	Midsummer Offering
July 25	Educational Day and Elem. School Offering
Aug. 1	Enlightening Dark Counties
Aug. 29	Riverside San. Offering (colored churches)
Sept. 5	Neighborhood Evangelism
Sept. 12	Missions Extension Offering
Sept. 26	Sabbath School Rally Day
Sept. 26	13th Sabbath Offering (Southern Africa)
Oct. 3	Colporteur Rally
Oct. 10	Voice of Prophecy Offering
Oct. 17-24	These Times Campaign
Oct. 17-24	Message Campaign
Oct. 31	Temperance Offering
Nov. 7	Witnessing Laymen and Home Visitation Day
Nov. 7-28	Review and Herald Campaign
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28-Dec. 5	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
Dec. 5	Week of Sacrifice Offering
Dec. 26	13th Sab. Off. (Australasian Inter-Union)

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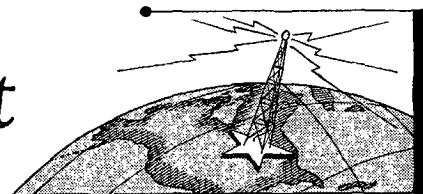
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# Items of Special Interest



## The Revised Standard Version

Seventh-day Adventists follow with great interest everything that has to do with the Bible. Many have read or heard about the Revised Standard Version, which went on sale September 30, 1952, and are concerned about the wording of certain texts upon which some of our distinctive teachings rest.

The editor of the REVIEW has written two editorials on the subject, the first of which appears on page 11 of this issue. We call the attention of our people to these, for they answer the questions that have come to us.

The General Conference has taken no action regarding this or any other version or translation of the Scriptures in any language. Most of our people in English-speaking countries still prefer to use the King James Version. This is done by their own personal choice and not by any official action or direction by the church.

D. E. REBOK, *Secretary*  
*General Conference.*

## Recent Missionary Departures

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden L. Aaby and their two children, Anthony and Johnette, of Los Angeles, California, sailed from San Francisco November 30 on the S.S. *American Transport* for Japan, where Brother Aaby is to act as manager of the Tokyo Sanitarium.

Dr. and Mrs. Sherman A. Nagel, Jr., and their three children, Lewis, Charles, and Stanley, left New York December 5 on the S.S. *Sansu*, returning from a second furlough to the Ile-Ife Mission Hospital in West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. McCulloch and two children, Susan Kay and Michael, sailed December 10 from New York on the S.S. *Emma Bakke* en route to Beirut, Lebanon. Brother McCulloch, formerly superintendent of the printing department of the Voice of Prophecy office, is to serve as manager of the Middle East Press.

Two nurses, Miss Edith L. Gillham, of the Walla Walla General Hospital, and Miss Thelma Irvin, of Spencer, Tennessee, sailed from New York December 17 on the S.S. *Queen Elizabeth*. They will spend some time in study in Brussels, Belgium, before going on to the Belgian Congo for medical work.

Mrs. Harold E. Kurtz and two children, James and Joanne, sailed from New York December 17 on the S.S. *Queen Elizabeth*.

They go to Germany to join Elder Kurtz in his work on behalf of Seventh-day Adventist servicemen stationed there.

Elder and Mrs. Edgar Keslake and two children, Victor and Phyllis, returning from furlough to Sierra Leone, West Africa, sailed from New York December 18 on the S.S. *United States*.

## Evangelism in the Far Eastern Division

Evangelistic meetings are being conducted in many parts of the Far Eastern Division. L. R. Van Dolson is in the midst of a series in the Amanuma church in Tokyo, Japan. Many have already decided to keep the Sabbath and a number have asked for baptism. We have a very large interest in our Bible classes.

F. W. Detamore and Raymond Turner are in the midst of their last meeting in Indonesia. They report overflow crowds in the 23 cities where spearhead meetings were conducted. Thus far 678 have indicated their desire to join the church. Offerings have been good. More than 10,000 Bible correspondence school enrollments have been received. As a result of these meetings all the workers in the Indonesia Union have had the opportunity to attend one of these efforts and also the workers' institute classes held each morning. These classes have been most practical, for they have had theory and practice both. Perhaps nothing in the history of our work in Indonesia has so mightily stirred the field.

V. T. ARMSTRONG.

## Educational Work in the South Seas

Word has just been received from A. W. Peterson, educational secretary of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, of the graduation services at our Kambubu mission school in the Coral Sea Union. This school is to provide workers for this great island field. The school was completely destroyed during the war, and has had to be rebuilt. The graduating class this year numbered seven. Just as fast as possible the school will be built up to 500 or 600 students. Eighty-six Missionary Volunteers were invested.

In our Bautama school, in New Guinea, a class of seven was also graduated. Both of these schools have a very high rating with the government as well as good relations with their respective government officials.

E. E. COSSENTINE.

## Publicity in New Zealand Helps Ingathering Work

Press work helped the South New Zealand Conference achieve a record victory in Ingathering this year.

Less than three weeks after the opening of the appeal for missions the conference was able to report an all-time high in contributions. W. A. Townend, press relations and home missionary secretary for the conference, states that this "never could have been achieved without the influence of our press work."

On the eve of the opening of the appeal, he explains, C. E. Mitchell, missionary to Papua, toured New Zealand, speaking at the various churches. Interviews arranged for him with newspaper editors all along the route resulted in the story of Seventh-day Adventist mission work going to the readers of at least nine different papers. "Pastor Mitchell came here expressly for the purpose of publicizing our mission work right at the beginning of the campaign," Pastor Townend relates, "and the background that his visit was able to give mightily strengthened the campaign."

## Changes in Southern African Leadership

Now that the annual meeting of the Southern African Division Committee has completed its work, word has come of several changes in the leadership within that division. S. S. Hiten, who has been the Sabbath school secretary of the division, will become head of the department of theology of Helderberg College; W. R. Vail, formerly president of the Zambesi Union, will be the division Sabbath school department secretary. To fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of P. M. Lewis, the committee has appointed Frank A. Unger to serve as publishing department secretary of the division. S. G. Maxwell, veteran missionary in the Southern African field, who has been the president of the Southeast African Union, has been appointed president of the Zambesi Union. A. W. Austen, the former educational department secretary of the Zambesi Union, has been appointed president of the Southeast African Union. E. W. Pedersen, president of the Kenya Mission Field, has been called to serve as departmental secretary of the Southeast African Union, and W. C. S. Raitt, of the same mission, is the new publishing department secretary of the Zambesi Union Mission.

W. P. BRADLEY.