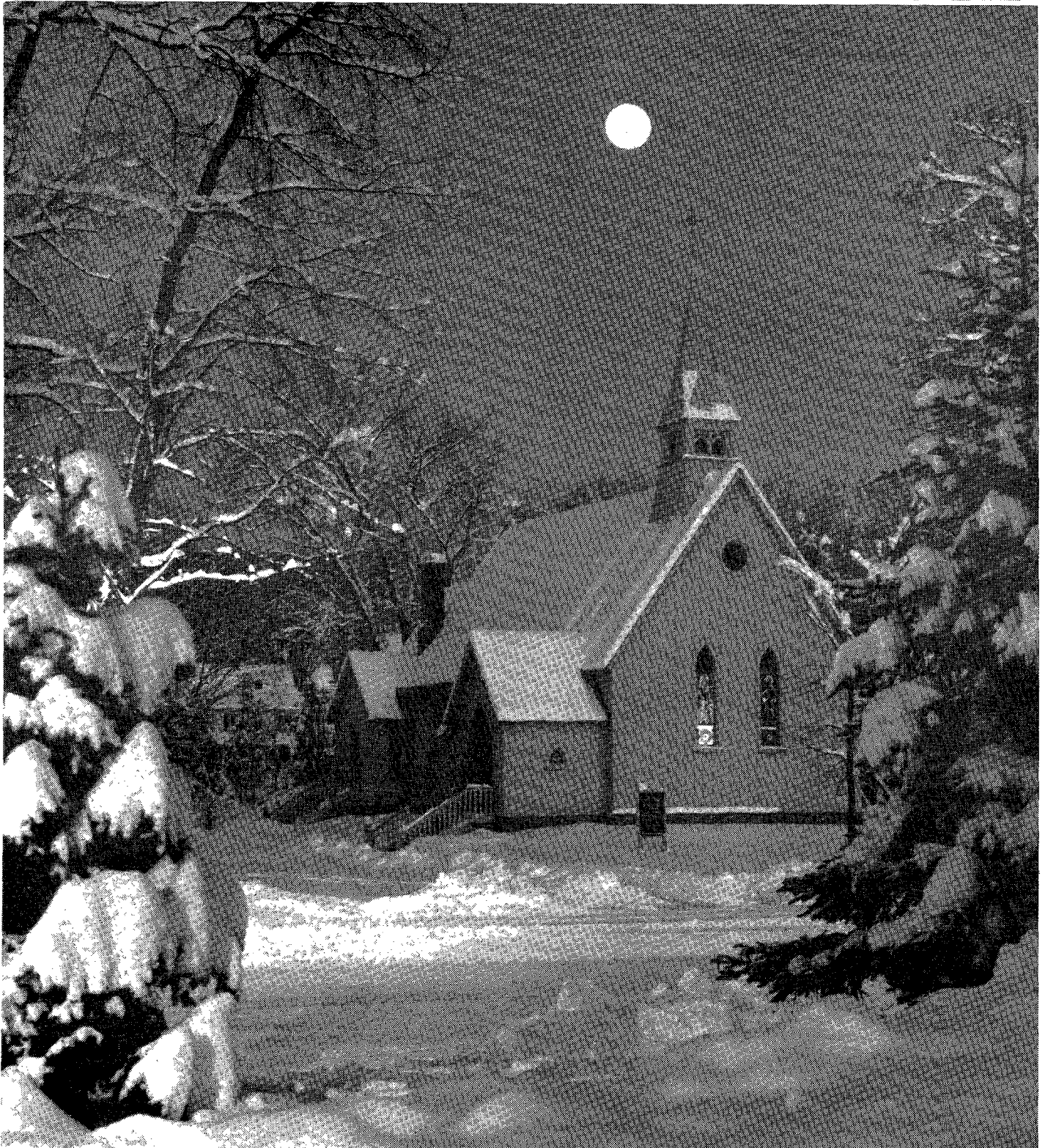


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## • A Thought • FOR THE WEEK

[Based on phrases in well-known hymns.—EDITORS.]

### “Christian, Seek Not Yet Repose”

Queen Victoria once told the inimitable Paderewski, after hearing one of his concerts, that he was a genius. Thinking of the hours and weeks and years of drudging toil that had perfected his art, he respectfully replied, “If I am a genius, your Majesty, I must not forget that I was once a drudge.” The incident is an object lesson pointing up the truth of Holland’s verse:

“Heaven is not reached at a single bound,  
But . . . we mount its summit round by round.”

Sainthood, as well as genius, has a background of drudgery, for as has been observed before in this column, there are no bargains in halos. The laurel crown placed on the brow of the victor is put there in recognition of his having excelled in the conflict, not because he became a competitive contender in the field. Signing a church covenant is only the first step toward sainthood, an acknowledgment that we are “called to be saints” (1 Cor. 1:2). After that comes the fray, with toil and self-denial and daily dedication, it may be, to menial and undistinguished tasks. Certain it is that those who sit long enough with Christ in some isolated service that drains the courage and spiritual resources of the heart, are most often they on whom eventually rests the nimbus of Heaven’s glory.

The pre-Raphaelite school of painters in the nineteenth century shocked their contemporary artists by portraying angels without wings, saints without halos, and Christ as a common Galilean laborer. It was a refreshing and stimulating innovation in sacred art, and it helped to take religion out of its aloofness from the workaday world and make it rather an expression of commonplace virtues that anyone with faith and fortitude might cultivate. For no painted halo can make a man a saint in Heaven’s sight. No eulogistic epitaph on a man’s tombstone can erase the stigma of a life that has not squared with God’s immutable laws. Before the crown must come the cross.

Those most conscious of a halo do not wear one, as far as Heaven’s approval goes. But when we labor with God and fellowship with Christ we become like Moses, who when he came down from the mount “wist not that his face shone.” H. M. TIPPETT

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT  
SPEAKS TO THE CHURCH



**I**T WAS not from the artisans of his day that Noah learned how to build the ark. God told him how to build it. The length, the width, the height, all were definitely outlined by God. The material that was to go into its construction was specified. With these explicit instructions Noah took no liberties. It seems never to have entered his mind to make any alterations or adaptations of plans or material. Although in ordinary activities and tasks there is room for ingenuity and inventiveness, there never is with God's explicit instructions. Noah carefully built according to the plan given him.

So he became an arkbuilder, something entirely new for him and for the world. That he did not have the general approval and support of his day is evident. It was entirely an undertaking of faith, something possessed by exceedingly few people of that day. They believed in the temporal, that which they could see with their eyes and handle with their hands. But with Noah the invisible was more real than the visible. It is always so with the true follower of the Lord.

Noah's activity must have attracted considerable attention. It was not possible to do the hammering and squaring and assembling of so much material without people noticing it and asking questions. The explanation was always simple and clear, but it struck the people as fantastic. The idea of a universal flood was too far-fetched to warrant a serious thought. Even the rivers never overflowed their banks, with neither rain nor snow upon the earth. But Noah kept on building. That is the remarkable thing. With "intelligent" opinion so against him, as well as science and history, not to mention the people generally, he kept right on building. It is hardly probable that he celebrated the centenary of the beginning of his task. But there was one. He reached and passed a hundred years of building, with the task unfinished. So he kept on building.

Raising funds must not have been the easiest part of his work; yet somehow he got money together. Had he gone out on a public solicitation campaign, he would

have received very little, if anything. No matter how beautiful his plans and sketches were, it is doubtful that any merchants, practical as they always are, would have donated material or given anything toward the project. The whole thing was against their thinking.

Where did Noah get his funds to complete his task? The few believers gave. They gave generously. It was necessary to sacrifice that there might be an ark. By them it was considered the safest investment on earth. All that Noah himself had, he invested in the ark. When it was finished he had nothing left. It therefore was not difficult for him to forsake the world and with his wife and children to enter the ark. Unlike Lot's wife, there were no backward glances, no regrets for home or furnishings left behind. Their fortunes were in the ark. Their lot was cast with God. In a special sense they had now become God's responsibility. He did not fail them.

The ark experience was a great triumph of faith—faith properly mixed with works. Today people still talk about the ark. Everybody knows who built it. Some have even set out in an endeavor to find it. We are told by some that probably it came to rest on the top of a certain high mountain now covered with ice. Men are willing to spend large sums to blast away ice to see if the ark is really up there. But few are willing to cast aside the frigid ice of indifference for a living, active faith such as Noah had. "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir of righteousness which comes by faith" (Heb. 11:7, R.S.V.).

*R. R. Figueira*



# Stories of Mission Growth



A recent twelve-month period saw 20,000 Africans lay aside their heathen customs and receive baptism.

THE Advent Movement came upon the scene of action as a direct response to the call of prophecy. Our conviction on this point deepens as the years go by. This concluding phase of the gospel program embraces "all nations." Indeed, a world must be warned.

Today we are in the midst of this gigantic undertaking. Since 1874, when the early Adventist leaders gathered in a farmhouse in Michigan and outlined what was to be the over-all strategy of this cause, God has led His people eastward and westward, northward and southward, and immense strides have been made toward the ultimate goal. Many of the principal areas of earth have been studded with beacons of light. Many lands have been inundated with the printed page. The air is being saturated with the spoken word, the graphic picture. The achievements of the past 84 years cheer our hearts. We are not unmindful of what remains to be done; so much is yet ahead. But a look upon the field makes it clear that we have come to earth's harvesttime.

One of the first great areas of earth to be entered with God's last message was Africa. It was in 1887 that D. A. Robinson, C. L. Boyd, and others sailed for the Dark Continent. Africa then was a primitive, uncivilized, jungle land. Soon that Africa will be no more. Beautiful dairy farms with pedigreed herds are being carved out of the forests and highlands; the jungles are being cleared to make way for mining industries; the wide-open velt is methodically being transformed into prosperous cities to provide a twentieth-century way of life for both European and African populations. In many of these areas the church of God has centers of light and salvation.

True, in the Ituri Forest of the Belgian Congo, Pygmies still live in a jungle twilight of the primitive past. In the Kalahari Desert of Bechuanaland in Southwest Africa, a few thousand Bushmen and a small remnant of Hottentots still track down wild animals for food. It is true, too,

that across Africa, and in many of the more advanced pockets of civilization also, the witch doctor still holds mysterious power and assumes a fearful prestige over numerous tribespeople.

This Africa—the Africa of the forest, the jungle, and the industrial areas—is the scene of untiring denominational activity today. Churches, schools, medical centers, and publishing houses have been organized. During a recent twelve-month period 20,000 persons were baptized into the faith. The present church membership in Africa—second only to that of North America—stands at more than 160,000, while the Sabbath school membership is fast approaching 300,000.

The great days of God's work in Africa are not in the past. Africa is changing rapidly and thoroughly, but this changing situation brings great challenge and opportunity. Unentered lands still stand with open doors; needy people still beckon not only for help for their disease-ridden bodies but for light and truth and salvation. Summing up this situation, R. S. Watts, president of the Southern African Division, writes:

"As Seventh-day Adventists we face unprecedented opportunities to advance quickly our righteous cause in Africa. The challenge is twofold: First of all, we must labor earnestly to make staunch, self-reliant, heaven-fitted Adventists of the tens of thousands who today are in preparatory baptismal classes. These thousands must be instructed and trained for service. Our ministerial and lay forces in Africa are rallying to this responsibility. Second, let us not forget the unentered areas of Africa. Vast stretches of territory, teeming with millions, are still unentered in the Belgian Congo. In all of West Congo we have only one European overseas family and one African worker. Much of Tanganyika still awaits the Adventist light bearer. We must lengthen our cords to reach the tribespeople living near the Egyptian-Sudan border in Uganda. For seven years we have

By W. R. BEACH

# Around the World

planned this, but we are still without the financial and working strength to implement our plans.

"Yes, this is our great day of opportunity in Africa. We cannot stand still; we must advance. And we will, with God's help."

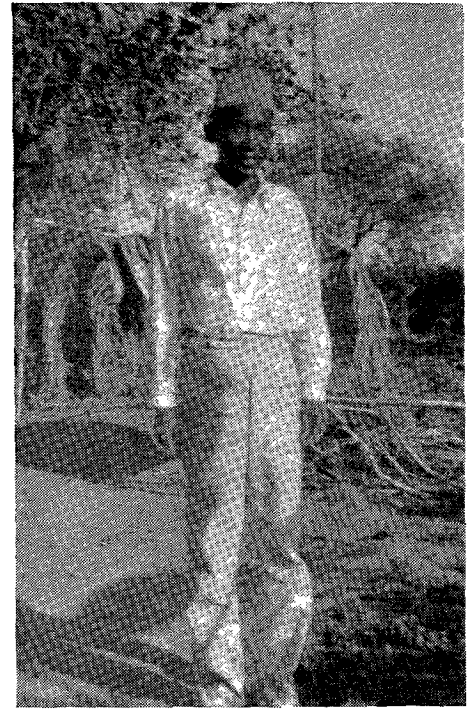
Another area to be entered early by the messengers of God is that vast expanse of water and land we call the South Pacific. Since 1884 the Advent banner has been aloft. From Pitcairn in the east to Perth in the west (some 8,000 miles), many centers of influence have been established, and an aggressive work is under way. Forty-five thousand faithful Seventh-day Adventists live there. In seven years the membership of the Australasian Division increased 44.37 per cent.

Seventh-day Adventists everywhere are well acquainted with the great work being accomplished in that field. Each week thrilling reports are brought to us by the stalwart leaders of that area. No doubt one of the most interesting fields is the one we call the Coral Sea Union. It embraces

the great island of New Guinea (the island that time forgot for so many centuries), and a host of adjacent little islands. The work started more than 40 years ago on the Papuan coast, northeast of Port Moresby. In fact, it took nearly 40 years to gather a church membership of 400. Today more than this number are added to our church membership by baptism each year, and the work has spread to inland New Guinea.

Barely more than three years ago Seventh-day Adventists had no work in the mountains of the Sepik River area. Three of our national teachers, men with the equivalent of a fourth-grade education, began simple instruction centers for this people. Today we have nearly 2,000 Sabbath school members. These people are faithful to their understanding of God's requirements. One overseas visitor reports on tithing as follows:

"We had a splendid camp meeting. Out from the village the native brethren were digging cassava and yams on Friday afternoon. I watched



Our first believer from the Garo Hills of Assam, Northeast India.

them for a time as they pulled this produce of the land out of the ground and stacked it in heaps. Then they went over the heaps and began to count. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, the Lord's. Every tenth root belonged to God. I noticed, too, that if the tenth root happened to be a small one, they threw it aside and took a larger one. It was a wonderful witness to the heathen who stood watching these men dig their yams and tithe their produce.

"While I was in that area, murder and cannibalism struck. About 38 natives were murdered and eaten in the Sepik district during one month."

In Papua one of our national workers entered a new area, and within a few months had raised up Sabbath schools totaling 900 members. In the Fly River region the work is also extending.

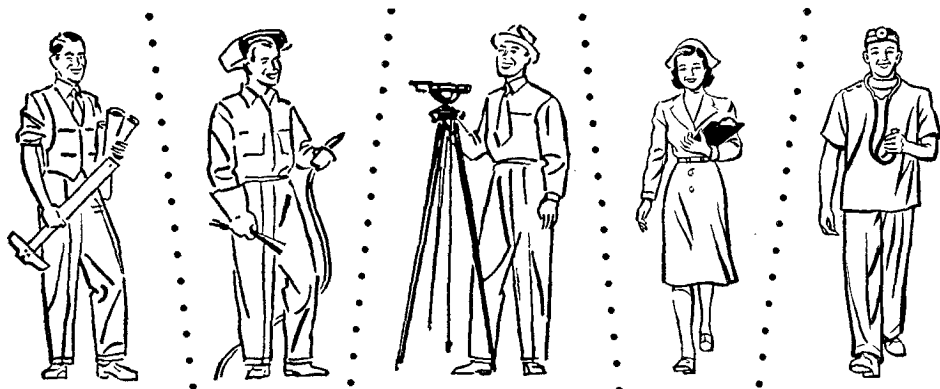
L. C. Naden, secretary of the Australasian Division, sums up the challenge thus:

"No other land in modern times has offered such a challenge to the cause of Christian missions as has the territory of Papua and New Guinea. In recent years, particularly since World War II, thrilling developments have taken place in that dinosaur-shaped island to the north of Australia. There are found the last strongholds of cannibalism. Within the mountain fastnesses, hidden from civilized eyes, dwell hundreds of thousands of 'stone-age people,' many of whom still await their first contact with the outside world and Christian

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A Nuzvid nurse from the Giffard Memorial Hospital in South India gives health instruction to a village group. This mobile hospital work is a regular part of the nursing service and training.



# The TRICK of the TRADE

By VELVA B. HOLT

IN THE years when nylon hosiery was more scarce than now, and much more expensive, I used to watch with fascination the professional hose menders behind store counters. Fingers flying, they would gaze in every direction while skillfully mending runs.

I thought it looked easy enough for a child to learn and decided to give it a try myself. As soon as I could find a mender such as I had seen used by those women, I began to try my luck. Surely if they could do it while looking all about them I should be able to do it while focusing my eyes strictly on my work.

So, laboriously and tediously I struggled with the fine nylon threads of a run in one of my nylons. After failing time after time I finally gave up, deciding there must be a trick to the trade and I would have to find someone to teach me that trick.

I laid the hose mender in a little box and put it in a dresser drawer, where I soon forgot about it.

Then one day, months later, I found the very person who seemed to know all the tricks, and was willing to teach them to me. But—I must get the right kind of mender, or so she told me.

"It's so simple anyone can do it," this woman encouraged, and gladly I paid her the \$1.50 it would cost for her sister, a professional hose mender, to get me one. Now, I felt sure, I would save myself many dollars on my own hose in the future, and per-

haps even make a little extra money mending other women's nylons.

But, it wasn't that easy. I worked at it by the hour, day after day, without getting anywhere. Anything else I had ever set about to do had eventually been conquered, but this—well, I just didn't seem to have the knack.

Finally, I laid hose mender number two alongside hose mender number one in the little box, and forgot them both.

A few years later I met a young, attractive, and enthusiastic Italian girl named Norina, who was an expert at mending hose, having done it commercially in Italy before coming to the United States a short time before I met her. And, according to Norina, I must have the kind of mender made in Italy in order to learn the art. No other kind would do.

"The ones made here no work very good," she informed me in broken English. "The ones in Italy so easy you learn how only one lesson."

Forgetting for the moment all those women I had seen doing such perfect work with menders that looked exactly like mine, I asked my Italian friend if she could get me one from Italy.

"Oh, yes!" she said, her dark eyes

shining with delight. "But it will take maybe two months—and \$3.00—to get it."

Happy at the prospect of owning a hose mender straight from Italy, as well as the promise of an expert to teach me to use it, I immediately wrote the check, and the letter was on its way to Italy.

Norina's mender was electrically operated, and I marveled at the speed and precision with which she guided the little needle along the narrow runs of sheer nylon hosiery. And to think that I would soon become as skilled as she! I could hardly wait.

In due time the phone rang and Norina announced, "Your mender has arrived!" so I hurried over to her house for my first lesson. I practiced and worked and puzzled with the mender (which, by the way, looked very little different from the one I had bought at the dime store), but each time I proceeded an inch I somehow lost the thread and—zip! the mended run unraveled, and I had it all to do over again.

Patiently I kept at it all afternoon until my eyes burned, fingers ached, and nerves felt threadbare, but I never did get beyond the first inch. It was simply fantastic the way that little instrument worked in Norina's experienced hands and how obstinate it became the moment it got into mine. It refused to behave for me with any kind of manners at all.

So "easy"! So "simple"! Was I just plain stupid?

Now, I don't give up easily, and I persisted and I persevered, but still I didn't succeed. So, I placed hose mender number three with numbers one and two, and to this day have not learned to mend my own hose—or anyone else's.

However, if I hadn't tried I wouldn't have failed—or was it really failure, after all? I did learn *something*. I learned that I was not as well adapted to some things as to others, and that there are few people who are adept at everything.

For a number of years I taught piano lessons, and I noticed that some children fairly vibrated with rhythm and harmony, while others did not have the faintest spark of music about them. It seemed virtually a waste of their parents' money to give them lessons. In other words, some were musically gifted, others were not.

Now, among my piano students was Norina, the gifted Italian hose mender, who could sing well, sew beautifully, and weave flawlessly. But she did not learn to play the piano with any ease at all. In fact, it was very difficult for her, but she tried.

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# • EDITORIALS •

## “They That Were Ready Went In . . . and the Door Was Shut”

We had been asked to speak at the forenoon camp meeting service on a certain day. It was a large camp meeting. Thousands of people were present. An attitude of seriousness prevailed on that camp ground that morning. Men and women were earnestly discussing the world events of the past few days. And well they might! All fully expected that at any hour we would get word that war had been declared, and that the world was once again in the midst of an international conflict.

Before going into the pulpit to preach that morning we telephoned to the editor of a leading newspaper for the latest information regarding the situation. The editor's response was far from hopeful as he gave us an outline of the latest developments. Not one word did he utter that revealed any hope of averting a worldwide calamity. Subsequent events proved he was right.

### What Is Your Attitude?

Dear reader, what is your attitude toward the present world situation? Are you carefully and earnestly keeping pace with unfolding world events? Do you recognize in the current happenings of the day the fulfillment of prophecies that foretell the coming of Christ? Are you looking for the soon appearing of your blessed Lord, when all that is evil and wicked will be destroyed?

Or are you interested in the things of the world, in its so-called pleasures and follies?

At the time referred to in connection with the camp meeting service the instruments of war did not include atomic or hydrogen weapons. These methods of destroying and wiping out human life were unknown. Today the world looks out on an entirely new prospect for the obliteration and destruction of human existence. The terrors and horrors of war waged with such weapons are so frightening that men everywhere cry out against their use. But despite all such arguments, nation after nation demands access to the secrets of their manufacture.

And now to add to the ambitions of national pride, nations are discussing space control and methods of carrying on space war.

### Prophecy Being Fulfilled

How can anyone fail to recognize the fulfillment of divine prophecy in the present world situation? In the current situation everything points clearly to the great and blessed fact that soon Christ will come. We have seen waves of war preparation rise to great heights in the past. We have seen tens of millions of men under arms. We have seen hundreds, yes, even thousands of them left dead and dying on the fields of battle. But all that will be as nothing compared to the devastation and loss of life when war breaks out with the use of present-day weapons. Whole cities will be blotted out, their populations destroyed. Whole countries will be consumed as fiery missiles rain down from the skies.

Why not stop just at this point and frankly raise the question of whether we are spiritually ready for such

things to come? We may be too old for being drafted into military service, or we may be exempt for other reasons. But we will not be exempt from the danger of sudden death and destruction.

Seventh-day Adventists ought to be a prepared people. Jesus Himself declared, “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44). This scripture calls for an all-out, thorough, day-by-day, and hour-by-hour preparation for all the things that are to come on the earth in connection with the return of our blessed Lord.

### The Need for Constant Preparation

A few years ago we received a letter from a man unknown to us, who asked in the letter, “Why do your ministers not preach the second coming of Christ as they used to preach it?” Our answer to that question is that, generally speaking, Seventh-day Adventist ministers at the present time preach the second coming of Christ more earnestly and fervently than in the past. They recognize that the prophetic signs all point to the second coming of Christ as an event soon to take place. They are anxious to see their members prepared and ready for His coming. They believe that these words of Jesus are applicable today: “Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping” (Mark 13:35, 36).

This is an hour when every Seventh-day Adventist minister should bend all his energies toward preparing all his members for complete preparation for the coming of our blessed Lord. Some of us are too old or too infirm for active labor among our members, but there is great blessing in store for such workers who dedicate a part of every prayer season in behalf of all our members, that God may pour out abundantly of His Holy Spirit on every believing soul.

### Our Great Need

Not only must our members be aroused to their own soul's need but we must pray that they may all be kept in a *constant state of preparation* for Jesus' coming. We must live continually in such a state of preparation that whether we are killed in the wars of destruction that are coming or live to see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven, we will be ready. Our great need today is to be a triumphant church, a church that is wholly under the control of the Holy Spirit, a church that is entirely free from sin and worldliness, a church in which the Lord Jesus Christ is daily lifted up in the lives of all its members.

Yes, dear reader, we need a church whose members are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus, and are thus made ready for His coming. Let us ever and always remember the words spoken by Jesus as He sought to teach His followers in the parable of the ten virgins: “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and *they that were ready* went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut” (Matt. 25:10). May God help each and every one to be *ready* so that we may enter in with Him.

J. L. M.



# "As Long as You Both Shall Live"

By W. A. FAGAL



A. DEVANEY

Wise counsel should be sought before people join their lives in marriage.

VERY early in the Bible's one of the most beautiful stories on marriage to be found anywhere in the sacred pages. Isaac had grown to young manhood, and it was now time for him to marry and set up a home of his own. However, he lived in the midst of a people who did not serve God. It was unthinkable to either Isaac or the members of his family that he should marry a Canaanite, so arrangements were made to obtain a wife for him from among his father's own people.

Genesis 24 records the story of devotion to God, and the prayer offered that God would select the one who would be right for Isaac, revealing His choice through a sign. Rebekah met the specifications and seemed, therefore, to be the answer to their united prayers. A trusted servant explained the matter to the girl's family, and the record says, "They called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go" (verse 58).

Although the customs followed were ancient ones that have long since passed away, the principles that guided Isaac in the selection of his wife are eternal. These principles are: (1) Marry only one who shares your religious and social outlooks. (2) Ask

God for His direction in the finding of a life companion. (3) Seek and consider the counsel and guidance of God-fearing parents and others whose experience will prove helpful in avoiding mistakes. Let us consider these three principles.

How eternally important it is that Christians do not marry non-Christians! The Bible counsels are strong on this point! "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Every man who has dedicated his life to God probably has no difficulty in believing that God is interested in guiding his life. Surely, then, God's interest and guidance would include such an important decision as that of a life companion, for the wrong choice here may seriously limit or even end a person's usefulness to Heaven.

Of Isaac the Spirit of the Lord has revealed: "The young man's affections were strong, and he was gentle and yielding in disposition. If united with one who did not fear God, he would be in danger of sacrificing principle for the sake of harmony."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 171. Marriage to one who did not know God might well have led Isaac and his children into the idolatry of the times,

and thus have thwarted God's great purpose for his life.

Every person, therefore, who contemplates marriage has not only the right but also the duty to bring this matter to God in prayer. Ask for divine guidance and reaffirm your desire to make a choice that will make it possible for both you and your wife or husband to contribute the greatest amount to the work of God.

The servant of the Lord has said: "What a contrast between the course of Isaac and that pursued by the youth of our time, even among professed Christians! Young people too often feel that the bestowal of their affections is a matter in which self alone should be consulted,—a matter that neither God nor their parents should in any wise control. Long before they have reached manhood or womanhood, they think themselves competent to make their own choice, without the aid of their parents. A few years of married life are usually sufficient to show them their error, but often too late to prevent its baleful results. For the same lack of wisdom and self-control that dictated the hasty choice is permitted to aggravate the evil, until the marriage relation becomes a galling yoke. Many have



thus wrecked their happiness in this life, and their hope of the life to come. If there is any subject which should be carefully considered and in which the counsel of older and more experienced persons should be sought, it is the subject of marriage; if ever the Bible was needed as a counselor, if ever divine guidance should be sought in prayer, it is before taking a step that binds persons together for life."—*Ibid.*, p. 175.

If marriage is entered into sensibly, and if one finds the life companion God has chosen for him, marriage is the happiest and closest relationship on earth. A recent survey asked this question of a good cross section of husbands and wives: "Which of these things, if you had to choose one, would you choose: an interesting job, an independent income of \$100 a week, or a happy family and home life?" Eighty per cent of the people questioned chose the happy family and home life. Nine per cent indicated a preference for the interesting job, 7 per cent indicated a preference for the independent income, and 4 per cent were uncertain what they would choose. Thus it becomes evident that despite the rather large number of unhappy marriages we constantly hear about, an overwhelming percentage of married couples still believe in marriage enough to desire it in its successful form more than either an interesting job or an independent income.

Another recent study further verifies this fact. Two University of Chicago professors, Burgess and Cottrell, who wrote *Predicting Success or Failure in Marriage*, made a study of 526 married couples selected at random. They asked these couples a great many questions about themselves and their lives together. One question was, "Do you consider that your marriage has been on the whole very happy or very unhappy?" Five times as many reported that their marriage had been very happy as said the opposite! Therefore, no matter what you may hear to the contrary, most of the people now married still believe in marriage and feel that it contributes greatly to the happiness of life.

All of this verifies something God said when He made man in the beginning: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). It is still true that "the family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred, of any on earth. It was designed to be a blessing to mankind. And it is a blessing wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities."—*The*

*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 356, 357.

One of the most unusual marriages of history was that of Elizabeth Barrett. When she was fifteen she injured her spine in a fall from a pony. She recovered, but the injury left its marks upon her, and for the next twenty years she was an invalid. Though her father made a profession of religion, he was subject to frequent rages of temper, which finally alienated his daughter from him. Her mother was dead. Any person seeing her life during this twenty-year period would have felt that she had very little hope for a happy future.

Then along came Robert Browning, who fell desperately in love with her and she with him. They were married when she was forty. The girl who for the greater part of her life had been an invalid went mountain climbing at the age of forty-one! When she was forty-three she was blessed with a child! The great love of Browning drew her out of herself and made her able to enjoy life and make much of it ever after. Some of the most beautiful sonnets ever written were created as the result of the love these two bore for each other.

As with the Brownings, it is an inspiring thing to see what the mutual confidence and understanding that exists between happily married people will do for each of them. As the result of being together each accomplishes much more with his life than could ever be possible alone. And in contrast with so many advantages, this experience is not limited to any class or group. It is a blessing God has given to the entire human family.

I have been delighted with a little story that came to my attention some time ago regarding King George V

of England, who in 1935 celebrated the silver jubilee of his coronation. In connection with this celebration the king and, of course, Queen Mary rode together in a coach through the streets of London. Great crowds gathered, and the queen thoroughly enjoyed riding along and waving to them in her dignified way.

But the king seemed to be averse to that sort of thing, and soon began to show unmistakable signs of boredom. Queen Mary acted just as many another wife would have acted under such circumstances. Whenever there was an outburst of cheering, she would nudge her husband in the ribs with her elbow, to remind him of his duty, and he would then respond by bowing and waving to the people. After a time the royal carriage had to stop for a moment, and a London bobby overheard the king exclaim: "Mary, if you poke me again, I'll get out and walk." Apparently there existed a bond of understanding between the king and queen of England just like that of so many couples in lowlier stations in life.

There have been eras in the world's history when women have not occupied a very exalted position, and there are countries in the world today where women are regarded as little more than slaves. They have no voice in the affairs of the home but are expected to yield to their husbands, giving unquestioning obedience to their slightest command. But wherever Christianity has gone and has been sincerely accepted, woman has been given her rightful place in the home. It is one of the teachings of Christianity that marriage is a partnership.

The guiding principle of all family relationships is, always has been, and always must be, love. Notice how clearly Paul expresses it: "Husbands, love your wives. . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it. . . . Let every one of you . . . so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband" (Eph. 5:25-33).

Of course, as supporter of the family, the husband must fit into the line of work to which he is best adapted. Changes will come as the wage earner of the family adjusts himself to the various programs and duties that come his way in the course of his daily work. Paul counsels the wife to cooperate in all things, and, in respect to the very nature of her husband's responsibilities, to look up to him as the head of the home. But it must be evident that when love ex-

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A. DEVANEY

It is the privilege of parents to fortify their children against the evils in the world, by inspiring them with a spirit of loyal devotion to the lofty principles of Christian living.

EVERY properly constituted civil government must have laws and standards by which to govern. Without these it could not long exist. It must have laws defining the relationship of its citizens to the government and to one another. There must be standards of weights and measures, currency standards, et cetera. All these must be enforced by the government authorities. Failure to do so would result in chaos and ultimate ruin.

The same principle holds true in the Christian church. If it is to live and prosper, it must have well-defined laws. There must be standards governing the conduct of its members. This was recognized by Christ, the founder and invisible head of the church. He gave to the church a code of laws that knows no equal. Its Author declares that it is "perfect," "spiritual," "holy, and just, and good." It is the standard of righteousness by which we are to order our lives here and by which we are to be judged hereafter.

This standard the carnal man cannot reach. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither in-

deed can be" (Rom. 8:7). The only way man can ever attain the perfection of this divine standard is through help from above.

Hence, it is evident that to be a real Christian is much more than many take it to be—it is far more than a profession. Christianity is an experience; it is a way of life. A man may become a Democrat, a Republican, a Socialist, or something else by joining the political party of his choice, but he cannot become a true Christian by simply joining a church. The only way he can become a Christian is by being "born again" (John 3:7). He must be completely transformed in heart and mind by the power of God (Rom. 12:2). In other words, he must be converted (Acts 3:19) and must be changed into a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

Having followed his Lord in baptism, this transformed newborn soul comes forth to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:14). He can no longer live as he lived before. He must forsake every practice that is contrary to the will of God as expressed in His Word. "Let him that stole steal no more" (Eph. 4:28) is the divine ad-

monition. Now that he has accepted Jesus as his Lord and Master he must, through divine grace, follow in His steps.

In the Bible and also in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, the Lord has laid down principles and set up standards that are to govern the conduct of the members of the church. These high and holy standards' found perfect expression in the life and character of Jesus. They cannot be

reached in human strength and wisdom, but thank God they can be attained through daily reliance on the mighty power of God. We have been assured that, "living the life of the Life-giver, through faith in Him, everyone can reach the standard held up in His words."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 270.

Ever since God made known His standards of righteousness to mankind they have been the objects of Satan's constant hatred and bitter attacks. In all ages he has sought to enlist men and women in his warfare against the laws and precepts of God. He has spared no effort to lead the children of men to disregard and to trample in the dust the very rules and regulations given by their Maker to govern their lives.

When Satan approaches the child of God to entice him away from the path of rectitude, he does not propose that the whole moral code be set aside. He knows that with such a method he would never succeed. Instead, he begins by proposing some slight infraction, some little detour for a moment. Then, step by step, he tries to lead him to lose his regard for

# Us Hold to the Standards

By A. V. OLSON

the sacredness of the divine precepts.

This was the way he led the children of Adam away from their inno-  
cency at the gates of Paradise until  
the thoughts of their hearts were evil  
continually. They went so far in giv-  
ing free rein to their appetites, pas-  
sions, and lusts that God had to de-  
stroy them by a flood. For the same  
reason also He had to rain fire and  
brimstone on the cities of Sodom and  
Gomorrah.

Our own generation is fast sinking  
to the same depths of corruption and  
degradation. This is exactly what Je-  
sus foretold. Speaking of the last days,  
the days in which we are living, He  
declared that as it was in the days of  
Noah and in the days of Lot, so also  
it would be in the days of the coming  
of the Son of man.

It is hard to believe that the moral  
picture could have been any darker  
in the time of the antediluvians or in  
the time of Sodom than it is today.  
Alarming, indeed, are the reports that  
come to us daily through the newspa-  
pers and over the air, telling of the  
tremendous increase in crime and  
moral pollution. Without shame or  
restraint old and young are plunging  
deeper and deeper into the miry pit  
of sin. Christian standards are being  
ignored and, with altogether too  
many, religion is becoming a mere  
formality, a profession rather than an  
experience with God.

This is a striking fulfillment of  
Paul's prediction as recorded in his  
second epistle to Timothy. He de-  
scribes the people living in the last  
perilous days of this world's tragic  
history as "having a form of god-  
liness, but denying the power thereof"  
(ch. 3:5).

In His good providence God has  
raised up the Advent Movement for  
just such a time as this. He has raised  
it up to "build the old waste places,"  
to "raise up the foundations of many  
generations," to be "the repairer of  
the breach, the restorer of paths to  
dwell in" (see Isa. 58:12). He has es-  
tablished this movement to lift up His  
downtrodden standard and to invite

men and women everywhere to rally  
around His banner. By voice and by  
pen we must lift up Christ as the  
One who can both save us from sin  
and keep us from falling. By bringing  
our own lives into harmony with the  
divine ideal, we must demonstrate  
what it means to be a Christian.

The threefold message of Revela-  
tion 14, which Seventh-day Adventists  
have been commissioned to carry to  
the world, is a message of reform. It  
is a message to turn men and women  
back to the everlasting gospel of Je-  
sus Christ. Higher criticism, modern-  
ism, and science falsely so called have  
robbed the gospel of its divine Sav-  
iour. We are to proclaim to the world  
a gospel that restores Christ to His  
rightful place as the One—the only  
One—who can and who does save ev-  
ery trusting, believing soul from sin  
and death; a gospel that leads men  
and women back into harmony with  
God and His righteous law; a gospel  
that transforms sinners into saints, the  
children of darkness and wrath into  
the children of light.

While this reformatory message is  
to be proclaimed by voice and pen, it  
must by all means be proclaimed by  
the consistent daily lives of its adhe-  
rents. We must never forget that a  
kind, courteous Christian is the most  
powerful argument in favor of Chris-  
tianity. "Let us remember," writes the  
servant of the Lord, "that a Christ-  
like life is the most powerful argu-  
ment that can be advanced in favor  
of Christianity, and that a cheap  
Christian character works more harm  
in the world than the character of a  
worldling. Not all the books written  
can serve the purpose of a holy life.  
Men will believe, not what the min-  
ister preaches, but what the church  
lives."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 21.

Seventh-day Adventists must stand  
forth as living exponents of the trans-  
forming and keeping power of the  
gospel they preach. Their lives must  
be in harmony with their profession.  
They must be honest, truthful, hum-  
ble, sincere, kind, good, crystal pure,  
and filled with love for God and man.

In addition to these milder virtues  
they must also possess the sterner  
Christian qualities of courage, energy,  
and zeal.

"The ring of true gold in character  
is wanting. Christian life is more than  
they take it to be. It does not consist  
in mere gentleness, patience, meek-  
ness, and kindliness. These graces are  
essential; but there is need of cour-  
age, force, energy, and perseverance  
also."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 404.


To be a true Christian means to be  
different in many respects from the  
world. This calls for courage and a  
sterling character. It took courage  
for Daniel to kneel down by his win-  
dow to pray when he knew that by so  
doing he would be cast into the lions'  
den. Likewise, it took courage for  
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,  
standing as they did in the presence  
of all the rulers and the wise men of  
the provinces of Babylon, to refuse to  
bow down at the command of the  
haughty king. It took courage not to  
worship the golden image when they  
knew that their refusal to do so meant  
that they would be cast alive into the  
burning, fiery furnace.

Early in their experience these four  
worthies had decided that by the  
grace of God they would be true to  
their Lord, that they would stand for  
principle, that they would conform  
their lives to the God-given standards  
of righteousness, whatever the cost.  
Of this we have a striking and glori-  
ous example in their refusal, before  
all their young student comrades, to  
eat of the forbidden foods or to drink  
of the intoxicating wines that loaded  
the king's table. As a result of their  
loyalty to the principles of right, these  
four captives exerted an influence for  
good that has been felt down through  
the centuries and that is still being  
felt today.

This is the kind of character that  
God wants every Seventh-day Advent-  
ist to develop through His help and  
grace—a character that will be true  
to principle at all times and under all  
circumstances, a character that will

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# The Light Shines Brightly



## IN THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

By M. V. CAMPBELL

WHEN the Southern European Division was organized in 1928, its name was a reasonably correct description of its territory. However, as the years passed by, one new field after another was added, so that the name now gives a very limited idea of the fields included. It is the only division with territory on three continents. It includes most of the countries of Europe, nearly half of the continent of Africa, a small foothold in Asia, and an island empire in the Indian Ocean. It contains countries dominated by the Papacy, by the Greek Catholic Church, by Judaism, by Communism, and by paganism.

In the European section of our field there are only one or two countries where our ministers have complete freedom in their work. In the remainder of the territory evangelistic liberty is either greatly circumscribed or wholly lacking. Only a few weeks ago when one of our ministers went to the home of a member to give him and a few of his friends a brief Bible study, police entered the home, and the minister, the member, and his guests were all thrown into prison.

In certain countries police attend all of our meetings. In still others, the government succeeds in compelling certain members, who are not suspected by their brethren, to bring to the authorities a full report of every meeting and activity of the church. In spite of these restrictions and handicaps, the work of God is rapidly advancing. It is an interesting fact that our membership is growing much faster in the nations where there is little or no liberty than in the few lands where full religious freedom is enjoyed.

Europe was the first mission field of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and the seed sown in those early days germinated and took firm root. As the years have passed, the membership has had a remarkable growth. Perhaps a few comparisons would be of interest. Romania is but a small country, geographically speaking, having an area only about half the size of California. But there are more Adventists per square mile in this communist country than in the Golden State! Its membership is larger than the combined totals of the Southern and Southeastern California conferences, and last year its baptisms were also more numerous than in these two great areas. There are almost as many members in the city of Lisbon, Portugal, and its suburbs, as in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The membership of Barcelona, Spain, is about the same as that of Buffalo, New York.

Yet there are other great cities of Europe where our message is almost totally unknown. In the majority of cities where we should have large congregations and representative church buildings, we have but a few struggling members meeting in some out-of-the-way, unsuitable hall. Almost all of our evangelistic campaigns must be conducted in our churches or in the halls that we rent for Sabbath services. In lands enjoying liberty this is done because of financial poverty. In other countries where evangelism is tolerated under certain restrictions, the law permits meetings to be held only in church buildings owned by the denomination or in rented halls used exclusively by our

church. No European city has ever been really stirred by a strong evangelistic campaign such as those conducted in American cities. Probably the vast majority of the people within our territory do not even know that our denomination exists!

It is remarkable, though, how hindrances thrown in the way of our work have in God's providence brought souls into the truth. About thirty years ago one of our evangelists in Italy felt that he was conducting his work under great difficulties, because at all his meetings two police officers were present to take notes and report to the authorities. However, those meetings resulted in the conversion of both policemen! Three years ago, at the first ordination service I conducted in Europe, the son of one of these policemen was consecrated to the gospel ministry.

In a country where our ministers are forbidden to hold evangelistic services, one of our laymen, a pharmacist, is very successful in winning souls. To punish him for his activity, the authorities sent him from his city to a small village twenty-five miles away. The brother went willingly, and within four years had prepared nine people for baptism. The authorities feared that if they sent him to another village he would raise up still another company, so they sent him back to his home city.

While there, a woman came to his shop and asked him if he had some medicine that would help her son, a confirmed drunkard, gain the victory over the liquor habit. The brother told her to send the young man to his shop the next day. He took the young man to his apartment and



In the Southern European Division and its mission territories, here portrayed in black, nearly 300,000,000 souls await the light of the gospel.



talked with him about Jesus, and then asked, "Do you believe that Jesus is able to rid you of your habit?"

The young man said, "Yes, I believe." They prayed together, and from that day the young man has never touched liquor again. This incident was talked about throughout that section of the city with the result that people became interested in the truth. The authorities felt that it was again time to banish our brother, so they sent him to still another town, and there he raised up a church!

The number of new converts baptized in the European section of our division is growing each year and the membership is steadily increasing. It now stands at approximately seventy-five thousand. We are looking forward to the time when Europe will be a strong home base and can share more of the burdens now being borne by our American members.

### The Asiatic Section

Our only territory in Asia is the land of Israel. It does not cover a great area and there is not a large population. But it is one of the most interesting sections in the world because of its historic association with the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament and our Lord and the apostles of New Testament days. Though the task is difficult, God has blessed in the winning of souls in Israel, and it is good to be able to report that the membership is steadily growing. A short time ago seven people were baptized in the pool of Mary Magdalene, in the old town of Magdala.

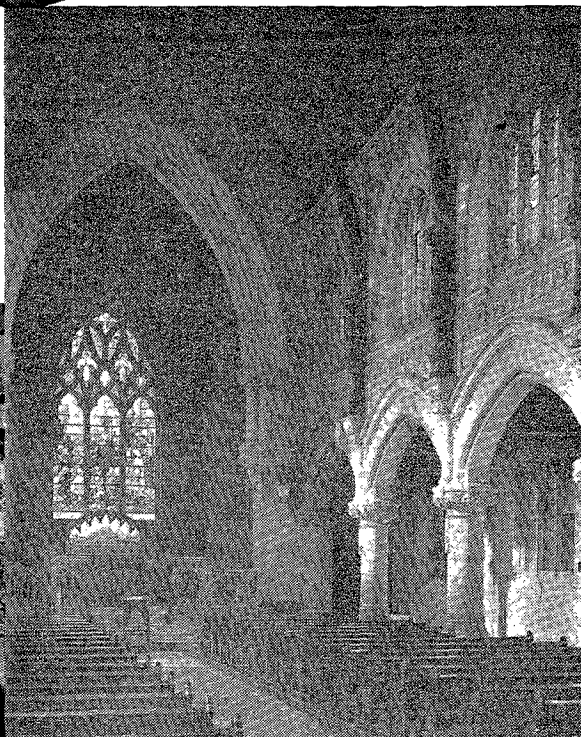
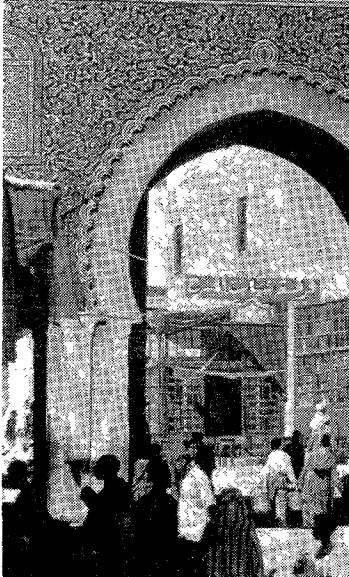
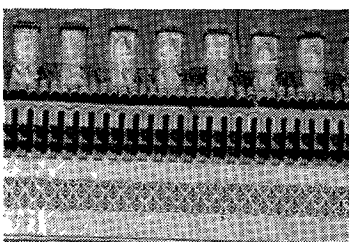
At present we have but one church organization and only one church building. This is at Jerusalem. However, during 1958 it is planned to erect a new mission building, including a suitable meeting hall, in the city of Nazareth, which is the logical center from which to evangelize Galilee. Can you imagine any place on the surface of the earth dearer to the heart of our Lord, and in which He would be more interested than Nazareth? This city where He spent His boyhood and young manhood definitely rejected Him as its Saviour. In those days He was without honor in Nazareth. Perhaps this very year we

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Ministry to lepers is an important feature of our mission program in various parts of Africa.



A gate in the city wall of Fez, French Morocco. A Seventh-day Adventist church holds the light of truth aloft in this city.



Interior of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Neuilly, a suburb of Paris.

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## "As Long as You Both Shall Live"

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ists between the two, mutual respect and consideration for the wishes and desires of the other will characterize every relationship of life. How distressing it is to see either husband or wife act like an infallible representative of the Deity toward the other members of the family.

One of television's most popular couples recently told the story of their marriage. After four years they decided to separate and actually filed suit for divorce. Even before the divorce was finalized, both sorrowfully agreed that if they ever got married again, he would be a better husband, she a better wife. And then, after a little more time of contemplation, they hopefully decided that the fair thing to do would be to try to be better marriage partners to each other and make a success where there had been only failure. "Why should others now have the benefit of what they had learned?" they reasoned. Therefore, they stayed together and for the next five years tried, but without much success, to develop the relationship of understanding and confidence that they felt could keep them together for a lifetime.

One day they drove a considerable distance to watch two young friends of theirs get married in a civil ceremony, which lasted a little over two minutes! They felt shocked and cheated, for the whole thing had seemed almost flippant. Then for the first time they began to realize that perhaps the basic difficulty with their marriage was that they, too, had been married in the same way, leaving God out completely. This started them on

an entirely new train of thought. They decided to start all over again, and after much prayer and heart searching, they made their way to church, where they discovered that the covenant they had made long ago before men could now be made earnestly before God. So three months later they were remarried, now making of their marriage a three-way relationship—husband, wife, and God. According to their statements, as soon as they brought God into their marriage, their attitude toward each other was hallowed and softened, enriching and smoothing all their daily relationships from that time on. As the result, their marriage now seems to be permanent.

Would you like to know how to make your love for each other grow? Then nourish it in the soil of generosity and understanding. Remember that even though a husband and wife may be admirably suited for each other, it is quite impossible always to see things just the same way. They are different individuals, each with his own background, each having a different role to play. As they seek to appreciate these differences, they can make of life a harmonious adventure together. Each marriage partner can contribute character traits to the marriage that the other may not have, and as these characteristics supplement those of the other, the marriage can be welded into a solid relationship that will be a source of blessing and deep satisfaction to both.

It has sometimes been said that marriage is a relationship in which it is wise for a person to keep his eyes wide open beforehand and half shut afterward. Many people take great pride in being utterly frank, virtuously holding to the "straight from the shoulder" approach in all their dealings with others. Such a tactless

approach can be ruinous to married love and happiness. By the very nature of their relationship, husband and wife mean so much to each other that criticisms usually cut more deeply than were ever intended. Why is just praise so often left unsaid, and faultfinding and petty annoyances allowed to take over? The apostle Paul gives excellent advice that every married couple would do well to read and practice daily: "Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Solomon, in describing the ideal wife, says that "in her tongue is the law of kindness." This law of the tongue applies to both husbands and wives—in fact, it should be a law of the entire being. If in marriage each partner can seek out the best in the other, and enlarge on these good points, he or she will be amply rewarded with love and appreciation in return. Expressions of confidence and faith in any person always bring out the very best he has to offer. Love thrives on these positive virtues, so use them lavishly!

As a couple surveys their marriage it is always well for the wife to inquire of herself: "Is my husband as happy in marriage as he expected to be?" And the husband can ask of himself: "Am I giving in marriage as much happiness as it is possible for me to give?" The Bible injunction that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" certainly applies to happiness, and the person who seeks to give it will find that he also receives more of it himself as the result of his giving. This principle of giving, carried out in the marriage relationship, will be a source of unending joy, contentment, and harmony "as long as you both shall live."

The third quarter's Sabbath school report just compiled reveals the encouraging fact that we now have 20,637 Sabbath schools, with 1,403,561 members, with an average attendance of 1,095,060 around the world.

It took thirty-two years, 1852-1884, to reach the first 600 Sabbath schools. During the next forty-eight years, 1884-1932, we added 10,000 more; and in the next twenty-five years we added another 10,000, making the present total of 20,637.

It took seventy-nine years, 1852-1931, to reach 400,000 in Sabbath school membership. But in the next twenty-six years, 1931-1957, we added 1,000,000 more members to it, making the present Sabbath school membership 1,403,561.

During the third quarter 13,153 Sabbath school members were baptized. That is as many Sabbath school members as we had in all the world in 1883, nine years after J. N. Andrews went to Europe. For the four quarters since September 30, 1956, there were 54,379 Sabbath school members baptized.



This is as many Sabbath school members as we had in all the world in 1896, six years after building and launching the missionary ship *Pitcairn*.

Our total Sabbath school offerings for the third quarter amounted to \$1,651,526.28. This is more than all the Sabbath school offerings given to missions in the first twenty-eight years, 1886-1914, after Sabbath school offerings began to flow to the mission fields. It is also equal to the amount of offerings given during the whole year of 1925.

For the first three quarters of 1957 the total Sabbath school offerings have been \$4,811,201.41, and if the fourth quarter produces another 2 million dollars, it will make nearly 7 million dollars for the year!

Of the total offering for the third quarter, \$43,179.35 was Birthday-Thank Offering, bringing the total Birthday Offering since its beginning in 1919 to \$2,384,494.33.

The Investment Offering for the quarter amounted to \$86,126.17, bringing the total Investment since it began in 1925 to \$7,059,134.02.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was \$331,485.15, which is 20 per cent of the total offering. Of this offering an overflow offering of \$56,297.03 went to Southern Asia for the new hospital in Delhi and the rebuilding of our training school in East Pakistan.

The very first quarter the overflow offering idea was promoted, city work in India was to benefit. But the idea was too new, and there was no overflow—our offerings did not reach the amount that was budgeted. However, since that day India has received about fifteen overflow offerings, and this one is by far the largest to go to that field.

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# Sabbath School Lesson Help

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## The Growing Seed; The Barren Fig Tree

[This Lesson Help is a running comment on the lesson presented in the *Sabbath School Quarterly* and should be read in connection with it.]

The following passages should be read in preparation for the study of this week's lesson: (a) Mark 4:26-29, where the growth of seed is likened to the kingdom of heaven; (b) Matthew 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32, the parable of the mustard seed; (c) Luke 13:6-9, the parable of the barren fig tree; (d) Luke 13:18, 19, the mustard seed parable repeated.

In each passage, except the third, the expression "kingdom of heaven" or "kingdom of God" is used. In the parable of the mustard seed (not strictly part of our lesson) both phrases are used. The New Testament abounds in references to the kingdom of (a) Christ, (b) God, (c) heaven, (d) Satan. So much so that care is sometimes needed to catch the correct emphasis in the first three.

"The kingdom of Christ" was seen in miniature by certain disciples (Matt. 16:28), and will be witnessed in part by His murderers and in full glory by heaven and earth (see Matt. 25:31; 26:64; Rev. 11:15). It is also spiritual and not of this world (John 18:36). The redeemed will have a share in it (Luke 22:30).

"The kingdom of God" was "at hand" in Christ's day (Matt. 12:28). John used the same phrase regarding the "kingdom of heaven" in his preaching. Jesus and the disciples all preached "the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43; 9:2). It was of the spiritual kingdom of grace that Jesus spoke mostly in His parables, but there were important differences of meaning even in His use of the term "kingdom of God" or "kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 13:31, 32, compare verse 33; Mark 4:30-32, compare Luke 13:18, 19). Sometimes He spoke of the silent, unobserved growth of the kingdom, sometimes of outward, evident development.

1. *The Secret of a Growing Seed.* Mark 4:26-29.

This is the one parable peculiar to Mark, who gives few parables and no long discourses. Perhaps this was

spoken in order to dispel mistaken notions gathered from other parables, such as the sower (see *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 62). His Jewish hearers were ever prone to infer a worldly kingdom from the Lord's kingdom-of-grace teachings.

"As if a man should cast seed into the ground." The sower is the believer, and the reaper is Christ. The sowing takes place during the reign of grace among men; the reaping is at the end of the world when grace and glory stand forever together.

"Seed" is a mystery to man, and "he knoweth not how" it grows. "The seed has in itself a germinating principle, a principle that God Himself has implanted."—*Ibid.*, p. 63. That is like the mystery of Christ's gospel (John 3:12).

"The earth bringeth forth fruit of herself." Man sows the seed under right conditions and in the right place. Then for a time he can do no more, except watch and wait. Why did Mark stress this patience? Did he remember Paul's refusal to have him as a helper, and the patience of Barnabas, so amply rewarded (Acts 15:37-39)? God is more patient with souls than the sower is with seed.

"First the blade, then the ear." "There are forces of life in the soil, and . . . in co-operation with the forces of life in the seed, produce a result, and produce it quietly; and presently, . . . the full growth."—MORGAN, *Parables and Metaphors*, p. 147.

For the lessons of this parable we do not have to leave our own homes or lands, for they are universal. The sower must be willing to work, intelligently, unselfishly. "If you have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, you are to forget yourself, and try to help others. . . . Carry the burden of souls upon your heart, and by every means in your power seek to save the lost."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 67, 68.

2. *Unwearied Love and the Unresponsive Heart.* Luke 13:6-9.

The parable of the barren fig tree is one of about twenty parables pe-

culiar to Luke. The context of this parable is unusually interesting.

Excitement was in the air, probably because current talk centered in Pilate's recent massacre of Galilean pilgrims at worship. They also knew of the accidental crash of one of the towers of the Siloam pool (not recorded elsewhere), causing eighteen deaths. Probably the dead were Judean workmen if, as some authorities suggest, this was when an aqueduct to one of the pools was being constructed by Pilate, who had appropriated sacred Temple funds (the Corban) for this purpose. Or the victims might have been cleansing themselves in the pool when the tower fell.

"How is it that ye do not discern this time?" Jesus had asked why they could not discern the signs of the terrible national storm that was brewing (Luke 12:56). They were immersed in small questions implying God's judgment on a few Galileans and a few Jerusalemites involved in accidents, while a whole nation was rushing headlong and unprepared into judgment (Matt. 24:2).

"Lord, let it alone this year." Olive and fig trees were especially valuable and cared for. This one was spared and fertilized by a faithful gardener. God had nurtured the Hebrews with tender care. They were likened to a rich-soiled vineyard in Isaiah 5:1, 2, and now Jesus compares them with a fig tree planted in a rich vineyard where it should have produced fruit.

"And if it bear fruit, well." This was the Lord's appeal to Israel, and in a wider sense, "thus the door of repentance is left open to all" (Trench).

"Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Sinners were all those slain by Pilate, and those on whom the tower fell, said Jesus, but He denied that their sins were worse than those of His hearers. They also would be cut down unless they brought forth the fruits of repentance.

"Here in this parable we see the truth concerning all life, and though we may never be slain by Pilate's soldiers, or be crushed by the falling of houses in an earthquake, we may perish unless we repent."—MORGAN, *Parables and Metaphors of Our Lord*, p. 176.

This parable does not teach that God waits to swoop in judgment upon unsuspecting sinners, nor yet that earthly calamities are the result of individual sin—much as some of us seem to like that ideal! It teaches the patient, unwearied love of God, which delays judgment upon the unready, and the necessity of living repentantly and fruitfully. Both ideas are frequent in Scripture.

# NORTH AMERICAN LEADERS REPORT FOR 1957

*A Symposium of Union Conference Presidents*

## Atlantic Union

*By L. E. Lenheim*

PROGRESS was noted along all lines in the Atlantic Union Conference during the year 1957. Our greatest objective was the winning of souls, and our workers were very faithful in their endeavors to seek out the honest in heart and build up the church membership. A strong evangelistic campaign was conducted by Walter Schubert, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, in the cities of Springfield and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and also in Hartford, Connecticut. To date a large number of persons have been baptized as a result of these meetings. Elder Schubert also conducted a training school for our ministers in connection with his evangelistic work. In this he was ably assisted by Louise Kleuser.

The Northeastern Conference set a wonderful pace in evangelism during 1957. Large evangelistic efforts were conducted by T. D. Wilson in Boston, Massachusetts; E. F. Carter in Brooklyn, New York; H. R. Murphy in the Bronx, New York; C. E. Bradford in New York City; together with several others. Large baptisms were witnessed as a result of these splendid meetings. Others joining in evangelistic campaigns were E. M. Chalmers and his associates at the New York Center, and D. S. Harris at Brockton, Massachusetts.

Atlantic Union College is enjoying a very good school year, and the new dormitory for men is now under construction. We expect to complete this building some time during 1958. This new building will fill a great need at the college. A swimming pool is being installed in the basement of the new structure. Union Springs Academy is also constructing a new

boys' dormitory, and the project is now nearing completion.

Several new apartments for graduate nurses have been constructed at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital.

A large number of new church buildings were purchased or constructed during the past year. Two fine, representative church buildings have been purchased in Buffalo, New York—the Emmanuel Temple church, under the leadership of R. T. Wilson, has purchased a beautiful church edifice for their congregation; and the South Buffalo church, under the direction of V. A. Anderson, has secured an excellent church building from the Christian Science organization. Both of these buildings will greatly add to our influence in the lovely city of Buffalo.

Recently the new church building at Randolph, New York, was dedicated free of debt. The new church at Niagara Falls, New York, is nearing completion, and the congregation is now holding services in the new building.

In New York City our German Manhattan believers are enjoying their beautiful new structure on Eighty-seventh Street. We have several fine Spanish-speaking congregations in New York, and I was very happy to dedicate one of their new buildings last spring. Other church dedications were held at Falmouth, Massachusetts, and Jamaica, New York.

The work has been making progress in Bermuda. The St. George's church has been completed. Improvements have been made at Southampton, and a new room was added to the Sandringham school.

All in all, the Lord was very good to us in 1957, and we appreciate His many blessings. Our courage is good in the Atlantic Union Conference,

and we hope to make the year 1958 one of the best in our history.

## Canadian Union

*By Walter A. Nelson*

THE opening of the Branson Hospital was the outstanding accomplishment in Canada for the year 1957. For many years we had hoped for such an institution, and during the past seven years the Ontario-Quebec Conference planned, prayed, and worked for this objective. Now at last the hopes and prayers and labors of years have been brought to fruition. All through these recent years the hospital seemed unattainable except to the few who carried the burden. Again the Lord responded to the faith of His servants and enabled them to "do exploits."

The Branson Hospital was opened in July and now serves a large community in the city of Toronto. The services and facilities of the hospital are the very latest. The hospital, now fully equipped, represents an investment of \$1,041,000. It is hoped that by the time this issue of the REVIEW reaches the field no indebtedness will remain.

During the first four months after it opened, the hospital rendered the following report: 750 patients treated, 140 babies delivered, 400 surgical operations, 1,177 major X-rays, 300 chest X-rays, 510 emergencies, 500 physiotherapy treatments.

Following the Autumn Council the Canadian Union Conference committee authorized further extension of the main building and the erection of a nurses' home, and establishment at the earliest possible date of a training school for nurses.

All through Canada, 1957 was another year of progress in every de-

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partment, with new churches organized in almost every conference, and new church buildings and schools dedicated.

By the close of the year we expect the total membership of the field to reach 14,000. This will again give us one thousand additional members in two years.

Canadian Union College and Oshawa Missionary College have the largest enrollment in their history. The board of Canadian Union College has definitely voted to expand the offerings of CUC so that Bachelor of Arts degrees will be given in several courses.

The leadership and workers in all the conferences are dedicated to a constant, ever-increasing program of evangelism. Our purposes are strong in the Lord, and the workers and churches of Canada go forward with faith and confidence in God to the finishing of the work in this field.

## Central Union

*By Theodore Carcich*

**T**HE year 1957 will long be remembered in the Central Union as the year when the devastating six-year drought was broken. Once again the fields of Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming were green with ripening grain. For this we thank our heavenly Father and take courage as we face the future.

The showers of rain gladdened not only the earth but also the hearts of our people. Acting in faith, the conferences of the Central Union adopted a ten-point evangelistic program, which calls for an advance in all phases of our work.

Bold plans have been formulated for an increase in our educational, publishing, medical, ministerial, and lay evangelistic work. Our people are being awakened to the privilege and responsibility of placing every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in our church schools, academies, or Union College.

Recognizing a need for deeper consecration, all of our members are being urged to crowd into the Sabbath schools, church services, and prayer meetings each week. It is imperative, they are being told, to engage in these weekly spiritual exercises if they expect to make an impact upon their friends, neighbors, and communities.

Each minister has adopted a minimum district baptismal goal which, if realized, will greatly strengthen the work in each local conference. In the realization of this baptismal goal we have the pledged support of our church officers, colporteurs, church school teachers, lay members, and physicians and other medical workers.

Union College, under its president, D. J. Bieber, is carrying on a strong program for the youth of our territory. The new girls' dormitory will be completed by August of this year. Recently the college board enthusiastically adopted a long-range building program, which in time will make Union College one of the best equipped in the denomination. Likewise, the academies throughout the union are making plans to better their facilities and equipment.

Porter Sanitarium and Hospital, under H. E. Rice, is planning to enlarge its facilities so as to serve better

the multitudes of the Denver area. The Boulder Sanitarium, under the direction of H. C. Hartman, is being completely rebuilt, and when finished will constitute another modern memorial to God's truth.

Our great need is for consecrated physicians, dentists, nurses, craftsmen, farmers, and tradesmen to settle in the vast territory of the Central Union; but most of all we need an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Pray for us.

## Columbia Union

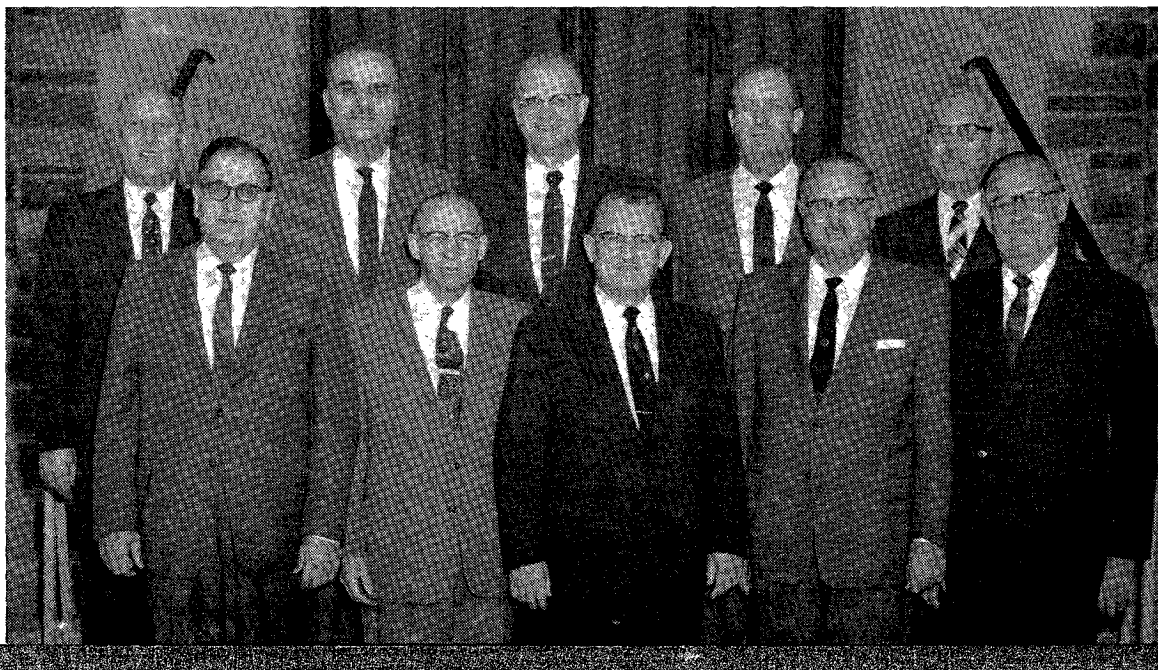
*By V. G. Anderson*

**T**HE Columbia Union has always been strong in evangelism, and the year 1957 was no exception. During the first three quarters of 1957 the workers baptized 1,768, which is 281 more than in any like period in the history of the field. Every conference is well organized and is carrying on public and lay evangelism in a strong way.

A tremendous response has been received from the television program *It Is Written*, in Washington, D.C. Thousands have asked for the leaflets *Take His Word*. Regular training classes are being held in the Takoma Park church for about a thousand persons who are now calling on those who have shown an interest in the program. This interest will be followed with a strong evangelistic program.

The Ingathering campaign for 1957 was a great success. A total of \$769,543.07 was raised. This gives us the greatest amount and the highest per capita of any union in the world.

Union conference presidents of North America. Front row, left to right: Jere D. Smith, Lake Union; C. A. Scriven, North Pacific Union; L. C. Evans, Southwestern Union; Don R. Rees, Southern Union; W. A. Nelson, Canadian Union. Back row, left to right: L. E. Lenheim, Atlantic Union; Theodore Carcich, Central Union; V. G. Anderson, Columbia Union; R. H. Nightingale, Northern Union; F. W. Schnepfer, Pacific Union.



The enrollment at Washington Missionary College is the largest in its history. Our academies and church schools are filled to capacity.

At the end of the first nine months our literature sales were nearly \$100,000 higher than in any other like period. Our literature evangelists pray in more homes of the public than any other group of workers. They are a mighty force in winning souls.

Our union was host to the Missionary Volunteers of North America at Mount Vernon, Ohio, July 12 and 13. This was the Golden Anniversary Memorial Service of our MV work.

The influence of the Washington Sanitarium is a great blessing. Far and wide we hear of the godly influence of nurses, doctors, and technicians. The Washington Sanitarium church was host to the annual meeting of the Association of Self-supporting Institutions, October 29-31. We appreciate the loyal group of self-supporting workers in the Columbia Union who are winning souls to Christ.

Recently the Columbia Union has taken over the operation of the Hadley Memorial Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Hadley are to be commended on the fine self-supporting medical missionary work they have carried on for years. God has blessed their endeavors, which have resulted in persons brought to the truth.

The future is bright. Our people are more willing than I have ever seen them at any time. We believe the year 1958 will be the most outstanding in our history. Our great need is more efficiency, greater humility, and the outpouring of God's Spirit.

## Lake Union

By Jere D. Smith

THE past year was, by all comparisons, the very best year in the long and successful history of the Lake Union Conference. The baptisms reached the two-thousand mark, with a net gain in church membership of just under one thousand. The present membership now stands at an all-time high of 35,510.

The members in this field have been most faithful in their financial responsibilities. During the past year there was a tithe increase of more than \$230,000, an increase of more than \$58,000 in mission offerings, and an increase of \$43,000 in Ingathering. We feel very thankful to our heavenly Father and most grateful to our faithful members for these wonderful financial increases.

During the past twelve-month period we have made considerable prog-

ress in building up the physical plants of our various institutions. At Emmanuel Missionary College we have added two badly needed buildings, namely, an addition to the College Wood Products, and a commodious building for the teaching of manual arts. At the present time we have under construction a college church at a cost of about \$400,000, which we hope will be finished by the opening of the school term this fall. Within the next few months we will be in the process of erecting a badly needed cafeteria building.

At the Hinsdale Sanitarium we have added several residences for our workers, and in the main building about \$65,000 worth of needed room and equipment.

Broadview Academy was sold for an adequate sum, and the entire institution is being moved to a new location, a four-hundred-acre farm about thirty miles west of Broadview, where a new plant is being built in completely rural surroundings.

The enrollment in the college and most of the academies and church schools is up considerably above what

it was a year ago. There is a gain in enrollment of 307 in the elementary schools alone.

Another item of special interest is that once again, for the first time in nearly a half century, the Battle Creek Sanitarium is in the hands of Adventists. A group of doctors from California, with financial aid from the Lake Union Conference, has taken over the institution, and the prospects look bright for the future. This is a real stimulus to the work in the union, and the Michigan Conference in particular.

The work in this field has never looked so bright, and future growth has never seemed so sure as at the present. We thank our heavenly Father for all of this, and pray for renewed strength and consecration for the great tasks that lie ahead.

## Northern Union

By R. H. Nightingale

THE reports for the Northern Union show that the baptisms for the first ten months of 1957 were more than the total for the entire year 1956. We are also pleased that the tithe for the first ten months showed a 9 per cent increase over the same period of the previous year.

In November the Rochester, Minnesota, church was dedicated, with R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference, present to preach the sermon of dedication. This is the first Seventh-day Adventist church building in this world-renowned medical center, which claims some eight or nine hundred doctors and the well-known Mayo Clinic.

One of the northernmost churches in Minnesota was dedicated at Middle River last summer, as was the beautiful Duluth church, with the editor of the REVIEW preaching the dedication sermon.

New churches are under construction in Rapid City, South Dakota, and Muscatine, Iowa.

The large camp meeting tabernacle, 80 by 160 feet, was in readiness for the camp meeting last year near Harvey, North Dakota, at Shyenenne River Academy. At Oak Park Academy, in Iowa, a youth auditorium was built, and used for the young people at camp meeting time.

We are happy to report that for at least the fourth year in succession the Northern Union leads the three unions supporting Union College in the percentage of students attending, compared to the membership.

The conferences in our union each support an academy. At Maplewood Academy a new building is nearing completion. It will house the cafe-



## Heirs of Exile

By ALTA HILLIARD CHRISTENSEN

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Now that extraordinary public interest has been aroused by the story in the current news press of the finding of remnants of the ship *Bounty* off Pitcairn Island, this book of the story of the survivors of the *Bounty* takes on new interest. Written in a delightfully conversational style, it is a fascinating account of the tragic circumstances that caused the mutiny that put Captain Bligh adrift in the South Pacific.

The early settlers of the island went about their tasks of building shelters and making a livelihood with a Robinson Crusoe kind of ingenuity and fortitude. Their social life, intermarriages, and ideas of simple justice in the setting up of a magistracy are told with considerable detail, some of which is flavored with humor, much of it tinged with aspects that stir human sympathy.

The excitement of the coming of the first ship from the outside world, the establishment of a rude system of education and religious worship, the influence of the finding of the bundle of the *Signs of the Times*, the arrival of John Tay from San Francisco, and the gradual conversion of the population to Adventism are all told with a fine sense of perspective.

The reading of this book warms the heart and satisfies the love of adventure and romance that gives zest to one's interest in human drama wherever it has room for unique development, as it had on Pitcairn.

teria on one floor and the music studios on the other. A very large project of bringing city water to the Sheyenne River Academy and camp grounds in North Dakota has been under way. This will also give added fire protection. The academies in North and South Dakota have shown a large increase in attendance this year, and a heavy expenditure at Plainview Academy has provided beds and mattresses for the dormitories.

Last year for the first time two of our conferences conducted junior camp at their own camps. The Minnesota youth camp, situated in central Minnesota near Brainerd, on beautiful Rice Lake, was also the site of a Northern Union senior youth camp. The camp in North Dakota is located on Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains near the Canadian border.

An outstanding event of 1957 was the conducting of a Northern Union evangelistic council. This was held near Minneapolis at Mission Farms on the shore of Medicine Lake. We had the help of Evangelists Fordyce Detamore and Robert Whitsett along with that of F. D. Nichol, editor of the REVIEW.

We have many things to be thankful for as we think of 1957, but under God the achievements of 1958 must far outdistance the records of the past year.

## North Pacific Union

By C. A. Scriven

THE North Pacific Union Conference covers a vast territory, spanning five time belts, from the western borders of the Dakotas on the east to within a few miles of the Siberian coast line in the far west, from the northern borders of California in the south to inside the polar regions of the north. Within this vast stretch of land dwell a little more than 5 million people.

The third angel's message has gathered out from this territory between thirty-six and thirty-seven thousand faithful church members.

We are grateful for the rich blessings of Heaven that have rested upon the work in this union as our workers, church officers, and members have united their efforts to advance the gospel.

As we review the various activities within the field we would mention that our two hospitals, Portland Sanitarium and Hospital and Walla Walla General Hospital, are both carrying on extensive building programs. Indications are that this present year will be one of the most successful in the operation of both of these fine medi-

## Repentance

By PAULINE MARSH BALDWIN

Lord, with wounded heart I come,  
Seeking Thy assurance still;  
I have sinned, Thy love denied;  
Forsaken Thee, O Crucified!

Now once more I seek relief;  
Make me upright, strong, and pure!  
Let me trust Thee, humble, true;  
Let me follow Thee anew!

cal institutions. They are manned with loyal and faithful Adventists, and have the confidence and respect of the communities in which they are situated.

The efforts in behalf of our youth, through our educational system, are continuously growing and expanding. Walla Walla College, the largest senior college in the denomination, is well filled. Our nine boarding academies are also filled to capacity with enthusiastic and consecrated youth. Our church schools are making a great contribution in holding our growing boys and girls to the church.

In the field of evangelism are three union evangelistic teams, joined by a number of local conference teams and supported by evangelistic efforts on the part of other ministers, pastors, and many lay members. This program is resulting in a good number of baptisms.

All other departments of the work show advancement.

The faithfulness of our people and their deep interest in the world work is indicated by an ever-increasing liberality in gifts to foreign missions. Our weekly Sabbath school offerings stand at an all-time high in the union and in the denomination.

For the blessing of God during 1957, and for His promised blessing in the year that lies ahead, we are grateful to our heavenly Father.

## Pacific Union

By F. W. Schnepfer

THE more than 68,000 members of the Pacific Union Conference extend greetings to our sister union conferences in the North American Division and to the readers of the REVIEW throughout the world. The Lord has graciously blessed during the past year, and we are grateful for His wonderful love and mercies.

At this writing full reports for the entire year 1957 are not available, but for the first nine months evangelistic endeavors resulted in 2,584 additions to the church. We are grateful for the increased interest of our

young people in conducting Voice of Youth efforts. Two union-wide Voice of Youth workshops were held when more than three hundred ministers and youth joined together and studied plans for evangelistic efforts. The special youth meetings by E. L. Minchin, of the General Conference, at key centers throughout the union brought a real spiritual revival and hundreds of decisions for Christ.

Our literature evangelists are placing increasing amounts of literature in the homes of the people. In 1949 the total value was \$273,000. By 1956 this had increased to more than \$1 million and 1957 will exceed this figure. Our colporteurs are constantly alert for interested persons and during the first nine months of 1957 they gave away 169,421 pieces of free literature, signed up 16,942 persons for the Voice of Prophecy, and had 102 of their customers baptized into the church.

The estimated value of home missionary activities for the first nine months was \$629,816.02. There are 257 Dorcas-Welfare groups on the alert to serve those in need. Who can estimate the full value of their work?

Our schools are crowded, with opening enrollments totaling 17,613, an increase of 421 over the previous year. Our union-wide teachers' convention brought together our 569 elementary and intermediate teachers, presenting a vivid contrast to the portrayal of the first one-teacher school in our territory.

These various and sundry activities of the church, plus branch Sabbath schools, Vacation Bible Schools, junior camps, fair booths, "Oldest Bible" contests, Pathfinder fairs, and many others resulted in a total of 98,299 column inches of publicity in newspapers within our union conference territory, showing that our church press secretaries are active and alert.

A number of new church buildings are needed and are in various stages of planning and construction. Additional schoolrooms, auditoriums, a new boarding academy, and other physical facilities will require hundreds of thousands of dollars. But around all these activities and above all, our local conferences are planning for a strong program of evangelism.

Plans call for ten evangelistic teams devoting their full time to public evangelism. Other workers will conduct special efforts of varying duration, hold Sunday night meetings, promote lay evangelism and Voice of Youth meetings, and carry forward other types of evangelistic endeavor. Under the blessing of Heaven we are praying for and expecting an abundant harvest of souls during 1958.

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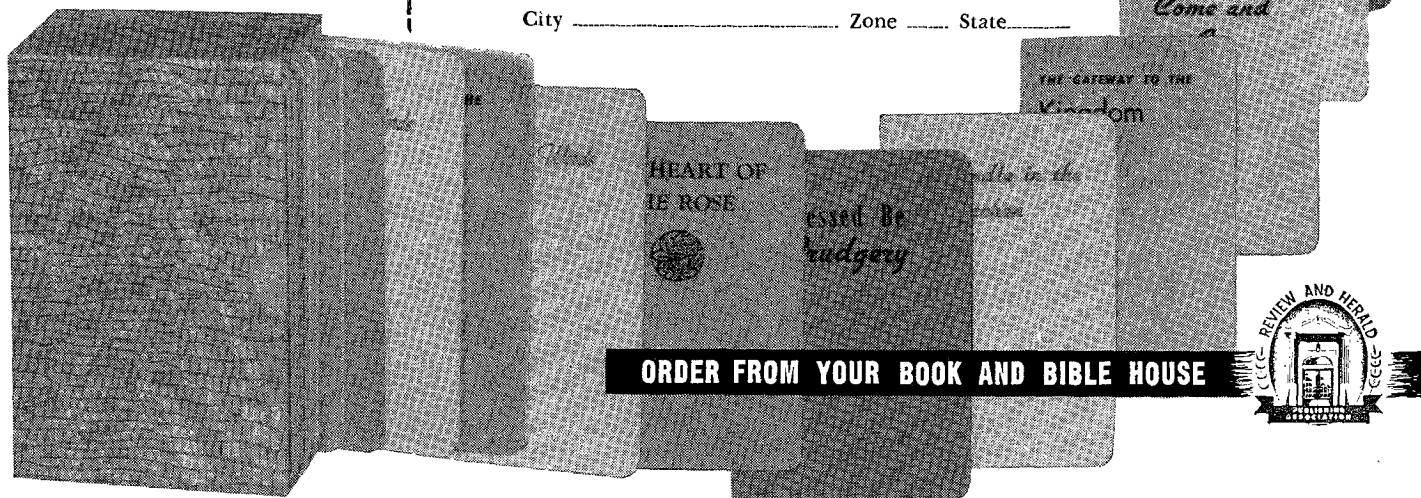
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## Southern Union

By Don R. Rees

THE year 1957 was the largest soul-winning year in the history of the Southern Union. For the first ten months of the year 2,634 were baptized into our 426 churches. At the end of the third quarter our membership stood at 38,219. By the end of 1958, at the same rate of growth, the union membership will exceed 40,000 believers.

Our three union evangelists and ten local conference evangelists are scheduled a year in advance to reap in our larger centers the harvest of the seed sowing that was done by the consecrated laymen who caught the vision of what could be done by proper preparation in those areas. The union evangelists are B. L. Hasenpflug, G. A. Coon, and E. C. Ward. We are truly thankful for what has been done, but we know larger accomplishments are just ahead.

The Southern Union Bible School, under the able direction of E. L. Cardey, has enrolled to date more than 720,000 students. In the seven years that the school has been operating, 4,739 students have been baptized and thousands of Sabbath decisions have been made. In the minds of still other thousands the truth of God has been planted. Bible school representatives, Bible instructors, laymen, and ministers are following up the interests created through the mail.

Much emphasis has been placed on Christian education. The Southern Union has three senior colleges operating in its territory—Southern Missionary College, Oakwood College, and Madison College; three schools of nursing—a collegiate school on the campuses of Southern Missionary College and the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Madison Sanitarium and Hospital, and Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina; three conference-operated academies—Forest Lake Academy in the Florida Conference, Highland Academy in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Mount Pisgah Academy in the Carolina Conference. There are 159 church schools in the seven conferences of the union, in which are enrolled 5,237 children.

The medical work is a large part of the evangelistic program in the South. We have eleven union- and conference-operated sanitariums and hospitals, thirty self-supporting units, and many consecrated doctors, from whom thousands have learned Christ's methods of kindness, sympathy, and tenderhearted Christianity.

Last year our literature evangelists

delivered more than \$1 million worth of our doctrinal literature. Hundreds of people are being brought to a decision for Christ.

Our laymen are also catching a vision of what can be done through the various avenues of the church.

The Lord is blessing our people financially. Our tithe in 1957 reached \$3,700,000. Other offerings were more than \$600,000. The Ingathering total was the largest we have ever raised. The 1957 amount was \$734,056.38.

## Southwestern Union

By L. C. Evans

THE workers and lay members of the Southwestern Union Conference were busy men and women throughout 1957. Nearly every known method of evangelism was fostered, and to some degree, at least, success accompanied each endeavor.

The literature evangelists did yeoman service as they placed more than \$600,000 worth of our truth-filled literature in the homes of non-Adventists in the Southwestern Union during the first ten months of 1957. We anticipate a gain in deliveries of \$150,000 over the year 1956. Each year astonishing gains in literature deliveries have been made. Deliveries totaling \$95,862.71 were made during the summer months by students alone.

The former Jewish synagogue purchased for a headquarters for our Southwest Region Conference is about two thirds paid for and is now housing the regional conference office, as well as providing a beautiful church home for the Dallas colored believers. We hope soon to hold a big city-wide effort for the 150,000 Negro people of Dallas.

Also the Southwest Region Conference has been going forward with a strong church-building program. New church buildings have either been completed or are in the process of being built in the following cities: Tyler and Elgin, Texas; Hammond and Lake Charles, Louisiana; and Little Rock, Arkansas. In Shreveport, Louisiana, and Roswell, New Mexico, new church schools are being completed. The regional work is rapidly becoming stabilized in the Southwest.

New churches and new schools are being erected all over the Southwest among our white conferences also. The Houston, Texas, church purchased a former private school property that has a very fine gymnasium only a few years old; there is also enough room for a church school and all the Sabbath school space they could possibly use for many years. Plans are under way for a new church building on this spacious site.

The congregation at Keene, Texas, is erecting a new \$250,000 church home seating more than fifteen hundred people. The walls and roof are now completed. At present the old church, seating around seven hundred, is filled twice on Sabbath mornings for church services at eight-fifteen and eleven o'clock.

Little Rock, Arkansas, also has a new church building combined with a two-room church school. The building has an evangelistic atmosphere and is well suited to a strong evangelistic program.

At Gentry, Arkansas, a new boys' dormitory is under way, and plans have been laid to have it available by the coming school term. A new four-room church school building has been erected in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Plans are on foot for a new conference office building for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

The Texico Conference is also under a heavy expansion program.

In the Oklahoma Conference plans are under way for the conference to rebuild and operate the Ardmore Sanitarium and Hospital. Money is now being raised for a small \$300,000 building to be erected near the present site of the old building. Money is also being raised for a new church building in Tulsa.

An extensive evangelistic program is being planned in all the conferences. We are happy to report an increase of \$162,423.32 in tithe for the first ten months of 1957.

## The Trick of the Trade

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God gave at least one gift, or talent, to each of us, and to some He gave many gifts. Every person has some talent, but every person does not have all the talents. So if you cannot learn the art of painting or sewing or mechanics as well as someone else, it may be that you have not been blessed with that talent.

It is nice to know that God does not expect us to give account of the talents He has not given us, but He does require that we develop to the best of our ability the ones we have been given. We may not know what those talents are until we have tried many different things. And we may even surprise ourselves in discovering a hidden talent.

Whatever your gifts may be, whether sculpturing, carpentry, singing, nursing, or mathematics—follow Paul's injunction to do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). If you do this, you will eventually hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

## Stories of Mission Growth Around the World

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missions. We are doing our utmost to face the challenge and meet the needs.

"New Guinea young men and women, led by a thin line of overseas workers, are pioneering with gratifying success. Eight years ago Frank Maberly and his wife were the first missionaries of any church to contact the Wabag natives. At the end of the second year approximately 400 people attended the Sabbath school regularly. Now we have 30 Sabbath schools with a regular attendance upwards of 3,000. In one year 13 new churches were erected and dedicated."

Elder Naden is right, we do face a golden opportunity in New Guinea. Scores of thousands of God's simple children are waiting to be gathered into the fold. They are actually being baptized by hundreds each quarter.

Farther to the north stretch the vast territories of the Far Eastern and Southern Asia Divisions. These subcontinents and countless islands hold a great concentration of earth's population. Some of the most brilliant victories of the Advent cause have been achieved in these areas.

Let us look at the Far Eastern Division. There we have 282 million people speaking approximately 265 different languages or dialects. The work of God has been organized in seven unions and two detached missions. Thirty training schools and colleges, six publishing houses, nine clinics, and 15 sanitariums and hospitals, many of them quite large, are operating successfully with the support of more than 90,000 baptized members and 1,229 Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Evangelism is the keynote in the Far Eastern Division—evangelism in all of its different forms and in every line of activity. In one year 80 God-fearing men were ordained to the gospel ministry.

It would take a book to recount half the story of progress and achievement in the Far East. Let us take, then, a short look at one field—Korea, where the work of God has advanced miraculously under the fiery hand of war.

A little lad secured 2,600 enrollments to the Voice of Prophecy lessons in the Korean language. He had these lessons sent to him, then he distributed them to the students in the school where he attends. He collects these lessons and mails them to the Voice of Prophecy office. They are corrected and passed back to him and he distributes them again. Of those who have been studying with this lad,

eight have been baptized and many others are keeping God's commandments.

In Pusan, on the southern tip of Korea, I met with the brethren in the beautiful new central church. We now have nine churches in that city; before the war we had none.

This is typical of our response to the challenge of the Far East. "Our chief concern today," writes F. A. Mote, president of the division, "is how we shall be able to reach the unwarned millions of these lands. Time is running out; soon Jesus will come. We have made plans to press into unentered territories. We are hastening to proclaim the message to the tribespeople who live in the large mountain areas of various unions. We are endeavoring also to reach the masses of Moslems who live within our territory. We must perfect better methods, manifest greater love and courage. We are happy that in one field—Java—65 Moslems entered the church through baptism in one year. We are just touching with our fingers this great challenge. We are presenting the message through radio and television in many languages. We are strengthening our stakes and lengthening our cords. Much has

been done, more is being done, but the challenge remains. May God love and help us as we meet it."

Then let us consider Southern Asia's challenge to God's remnant church. In Pakistan, India, Burma, and Ceylon, the challenge is mighty. There live 485 million Hindus, Buddhists, Mohammedans, and smaller groups. Says O. O. Mattison, president of the division:

"We feel like young Davids facing a mighty Goliath. But with faith and confidence our believers and workers are accepting this challenge."

Christianity through the centuries has had a foothold in India. The apostle Thomas went there as the first missionary. Joseph Wolff traveled from Kabul through Peshawar and down to Cape Comorin preaching the return of our Lord about the time that William Miller was preaching the same truth in America. Yet Christianity remains unknown to countless millions.

As a matter of fact, the messengers of Christ face a great awakening of religious fervor among the non-Christian religions of Southern Asia. This resurgence is indicative of the fact that the Hindu and the Buddhist in particular, are reaching out for some-

## Parents' Fellowship of Prayer

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### "My Burden Is Heavy"

Some of the letters addressed to the Parents' Fellowship of Prayer describe problems and conditions that can hardly be imagined by many of our "Review" readers. If space permitted us to publish even a small part of these letters, we feel sure that a new earnestness would grip our Fellowship members as they bow before God's throne on Friday nights at sunset.

One dear mother writes to let us know of the efforts she is putting forth to save her children. She says: "I am very much concerned about my children. The girl is 15, the boy 13. Both are now attending public school. I didn't want this to happen. They attended church school up to last year. . . . I try as best I can to make a living doing practical nursing, but I have had no training, so can't make very much. My husband is not a Christian and does not provide for the family like he should. He is not the least bit interested in the education of the children, and will not pay anything on their tuition. . . .

"Now they both seem to be losing interest in church and Sabbath school. What am I going to do? I have tried my best to raise them right, but I realize now that what they needed most was a Christian father.

"I am not very strong and have to work away from home to try to make ends meet.

I know I should be home with my children, but what am I to do? I can't find work close by. My husband pays no rent and only buys part of the groceries. He gives the children very little money for school supplies and other things they need; practically nothing for clothes.

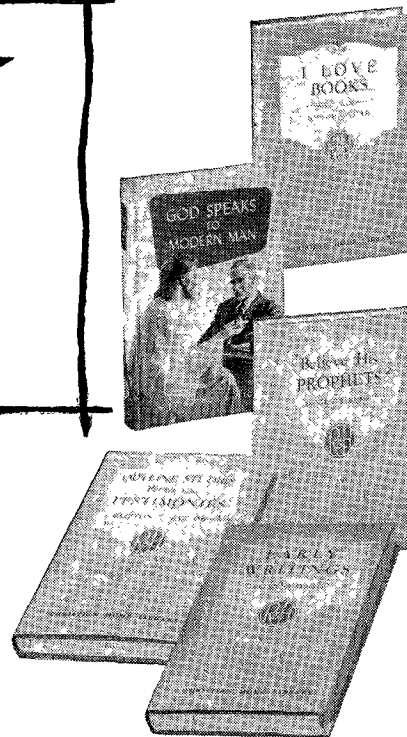
"I am so tired sometimes when I come in from work that I just fall into bed. It seems that my home and family have fallen apart at the seams. . . . Pray for me and my family. Pray for my children that they may choose what is right, and for my husband that God may reach his heart. My burden is heavy and my body is weak, but pray that my faith will be strong and that God will in some way solve these problems for me."

As we read the letters that come in from day to day, we are made aware of the fact that throughout our churches there are members whose hearts are heavy. Life is a desperate struggle for them. Without the sustaining grace of God, they would give up. You can help them by your prayers. So do not let the sunset hour on Friday evenings pass by without stopping to pray for these mothers and fathers who need courage and strength to press on. Though you may not know their names, God does. And He knows all the problems in each life. How wonderful it is to have a loving heavenly Father!

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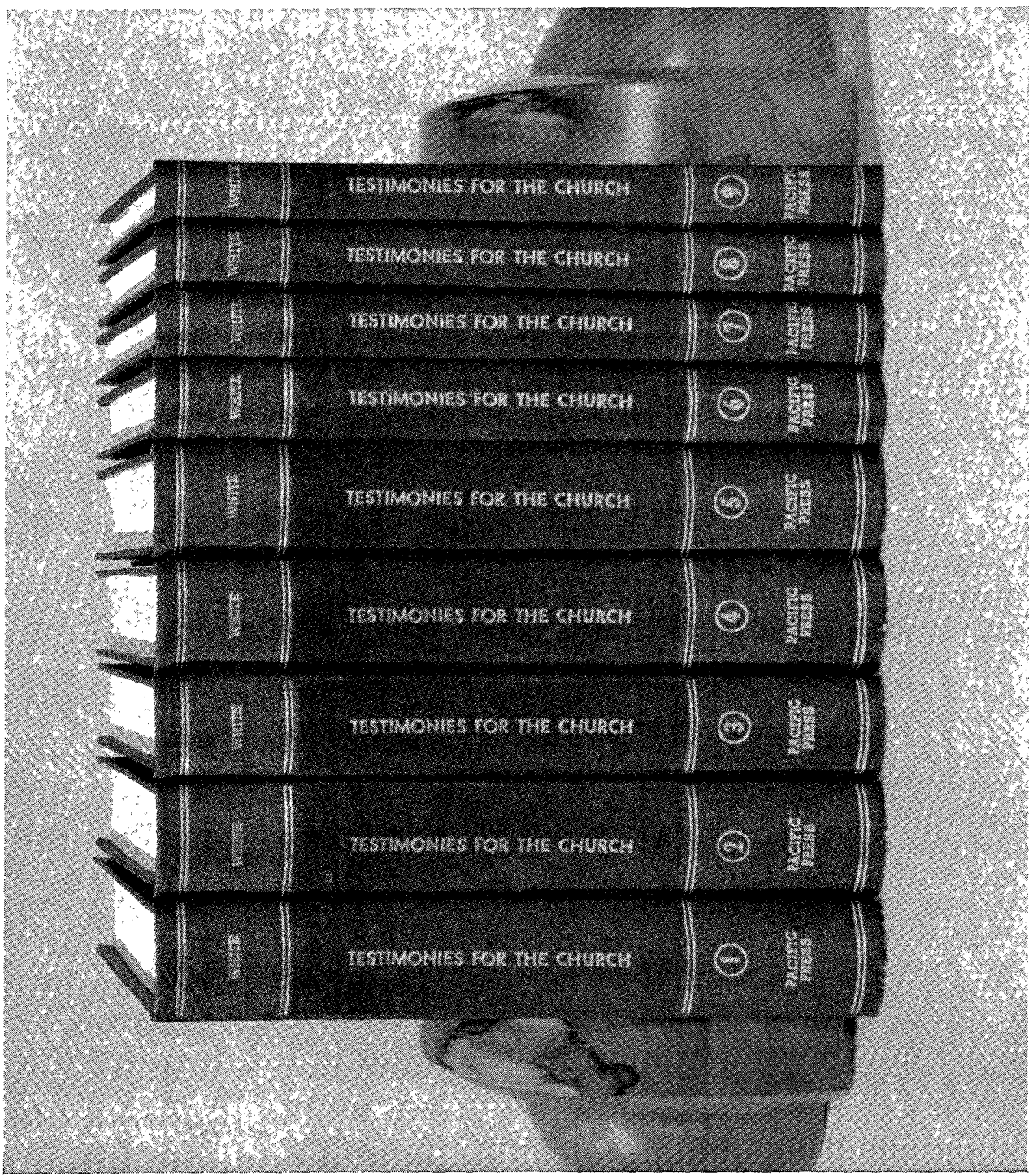
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thing that will satisfy their hearts. A great wave of evangelism is also sweeping through the Moslem peoples. Truly, the people of Southern Asia are stirred, not only politically, but religiously. What a challenge this presents to us to use every means within our power to lift up Christ in His beauty and glory. His soon coming is a response to Southern Asia's need.

Through the years a magnificent work has been built up in Southern Asia. We now have more than 17,000 believers and many more thousands of adherents in these lands. It took 30 years to baptize the first 2,000 members in India, but in one recent year we baptized more than that number.

The medical and educational institutions, with the Voice of Prophecy, are doing a marvelous work today. Several hundred thousand people have been put in contact with our church through the Voice of Prophecy. Several thousand Voice of Prophecy students are now rejoicing in full membership. Many other thousands have accepted the blessed hope and no doubt one day will declare themselves for the remnant church.

In a recent report from Poona there is special emphasis on the outreach of our medical work. The Karachi Sanitarium and Hospital is exerting a decisive influence in Pakistan. Actually, thousands of good contacts have been made and many have led to the healing of the soul and mind as well as of the body. The same can be said of our institutions at Nuzvid and Rangoon. In every area our medical work is opening doors through which we must enter. Plans are being made to take advantage of an opening in Nepal. A wonderful challenge comes to us from Afghanistan, where a doctor and his family are requested.

There are openings on every hand in Southern Asia. Never have there been so many calls for workers to step into places where interests have been created through radio broadcasts and the Voice of Prophecy lessons, or where the printed page has gone before.

Writes Elder Mattison: "Workers' is the cry on every hand. Up in the Himalaya Mountains, over among the Garo people, in East Pakistan, among the Naga tribesmen of Assam, in the Lushai Hills, as well as across the great plains of India, the cry is to send them workers. Through every means at our disposal, including the public preaching of the Word, we must finish the work of God in Southern Asia."

Now let us take a look at the great division we call Inter-America. Truly we have witnessed God's wonderful workings in that area. Summing up



### Former Spiritualist Becomes Literature Evangelist

Custodio Andrade of Brazil was a spiritualist for 20 years. It is said he could put a curse on people and could cure the sick. Four years ago he became a Seventh-day Adventist, and also a literature evangelist. During 1956 he reported 230 people interested in the message through his labors. His conference president thought he was overly enthusiastic and sent a minister to investigate the interest.

When the minister returned he indicated that the interest was even greater than the literature evangelist had suggested. Six of the 230 have already been baptized, and 47 more are in the baptismal class. Among these are a physician, an army lieutenant, and a teacher. When Brother Andrade entered the literature work he was attending a small church of 40 members. Now there are 130 people attending the church, many of them as a result of his labors.

Our literature evangelists in Brazil are doing an outstanding work in this large country, where nearly 60 million people need the Advent message. **W. A. HIGGINS**

for the division, Arthur H. Roth, the president, writes:

"When this division was organized in 1922, there were 8,146 Seventh-day Adventists in all of Inter-America, which stretches from the borders of Southern California to the jungles of Brazil. Thirty-six years later, as we begin the year 1958, there are more than 115,000 members of the church in Inter-America. Another 40,000 call themselves Adventists, but these must yet be prepared for full church membership. Our goal is to win 15,000 souls this year.

"We believe that for the Inter-American Division no activity is more important than winning men and women for the kingdom of God and keeping them in readiness for the

coming Master. We keep our eyes fixed on the 75 million people in this division who must hear the message of God. These millions speak three major languages. Spanish is the mother tongue of 67 million, among whom we have approximately 50,000 Seventh-day Adventists. French is spoken by 4,500,000 people, among whom there are 16,000 Seventh-day Adventists. English is spoken by 3,500,000, among whom there are about 49,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Of every nine persons in the Inter-American Division, eight speak the Spanish language. This large Spanish population is the great challenge facing Seventh-day Adventists in Inter-America.

"In our division there are 625 principal cities and towns ranging from 5,000 to 4 million inhabitants. The fourth largest city in the Western Hemisphere, Mexico City, is one of them. The evangelization of these great concentrations of people is a mighty challenge to Inter-America's members and workers. Our predecessors in the faith had the vision and the conviction that the work would be finished. Today we believe that through us God is finishing His work. This fills our hearts with courage and confidence."

Certainly the accomplishments of Inter-America hearten the world church greatly. The growth of Adventism in such areas as Jamaica, Trinidad, and Barbados has become legendary. Jamaica has 25,000 Seventh-day Adventists, or six Adventists for every square mile, and one Adventist for every 54 persons. Trinidad has 8,150 Seventh-day Adventists, or four Adventists for every square mile, one Adventist for every 80 persons. Barbados has 2,600 Seventh-day Adventists, or 14 Adventists for every square mile, one for every 83 persons. In Haiti annual baptisms have stood approximately at the one thousand mark for several years, so that now this republic, though suffering from strain and distress, has more than 13,000 Seventh-day Adventists, with 19,000 Sabbath school members. In comparison with the church population of these islands, let us remember that in the United States of America we have one Seventh-day Adventist for each 485 inhabitants.

Certainly the messengers of the cross are following the trails of the Conquistadores across Inter-America and into South America. From the Amazon to Puntas Arenas, on the southern tip of South America, the Advent Movement is progressing encouragingly. The baptized membership of the South American Division now stands at 86,832. In a recent report W. E. Murray, president of the

division, sets forth the following facts:

"The South Brazil Union baptized more than 2,500 in 1956, which was a record year. They held more than 30 public evangelistic campaigns in 1957. Eighteen of these campaigns were in places where we had Seventh-day Adventists but where no public crusade had ever before been organized. Eleven of the campaigns were held in completely new territory. The goal in South Brazil was to baptize 3,300 in 1957, and we believe that we have reached this goal. In one field of South Brazil, the Goyaz Mission, the goal for baptisms in 1956 was 140; 220 were baptized, and 400 were left in the baptismal classes at the beginning of 1957.

"The Austral Union is laying large plans for soul winning. One of their larger evangelistic crusades was held in the Sugar Bowl of Argentina, the city of Tucumán. In a few months 105 were baptized. Then in Bolivia in the Inca Union, 1,137 were baptized in one day."

Elder Murray suggests that he could go on and on with the story. I am sure he could, and it would be a story of increasing success. Out of these activities have come many impressive stories of what God is doing for people who are struggling for victory over sin.

One of these is reported from South America. A young man in one of our evangelistic teams was distributing handbills in a certain city. He knocked at the door of a house. There was no response. He knocked again. Still nobody came. The third time he knocked a woman came to the door. She accepted the handbill and attended the meetings. In due time she was baptized. Then she told this story.

When the first knock came on her door, she had a cup in her hand with poison in it and was about to lift the cup to her lips. She paused undecided. Finally she set the cup down to think as the second knock came. When the third knock sounded, she went to the door. When she had read the handbill she decided to delay the suicide long enough to attend one meeting. "Maybe I can hear something at the lecture that will help me," she thought. "If I am not helped in this meeting, I will finish my life." She was helped. God's Spirit led her to conversion, and today she is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South America, longing with thousands of others for the great day of Jesus' coming.

And so the work is moving forward. In Africa, in Europe, in Asia, and across the Americas, as well as on the islands of the sea and in all of the dark corners of earth, God is preparing chosen ones who are working

and longing and living for the coming of Jesus. The messenger of the Lord calls these people a "firmament." Today this "firmament" shines brightly in the gloom of world's end. Thousands from "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" are marching into the saving light of the Advent message. The "gleams of the golden morning" fall gloriously upon this assembled throng.

This is the time of earth's harvest. Much has been done. Much remains to be done. Great areas of earth at home and overseas are still draped in perdition's night. But this is the day of challenge and response. This is the time of the Advent triumph. Let us at home and overseas join in one great crusade for victory. Then the millions of earth will be warned and Jesus will come.

## Let Us Hold to the Standards

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shine forth in the little things as well as in the great. A man possessing such a character will manifest it in his eating; in his drinking, and in whatsoever he does. He will be true to the injunction: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10: 31).

Many professed Christians seem to believe that the way they eat and drink is of no concern to God. They indulge their perverted appetites, seemingly oblivious of the fact that there is a day coming soon when they shall have to give an account to God for their actions. In His Word the

Lord has made it plain that if we harm or destroy our bodies, He will destroy us. Through Moses He made it known that certain foods are unclean and should not be used for human consumption. Strong drink, which destroys body, mind, and soul, is prohibited in the Bible. Drunkards, we are told, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

There are many other articles which, though not specifically mentioned in the Bible, are today known to be very injurious to the human system and therefore cannot be used without sinning against God. Tobacco is killing thousands. The incidence of cancer, for instance, reliable statistics reveal, is ten times greater among cigarette smokers than among non-smokers. Tea and coffee contain poisons that are especially damaging to the heart and the nervous system. Because of their injurious effects upon the human body, the Lord has warned us not to use these beverages. In language that cannot be misunderstood He has told us through His inspired servant that "tea and coffee drinking is a sin."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 425.

In the writings of the Spirit of prophecy the Lord has given Seventh-day Adventists much valuable instruction on the subject of diet and foods. It is our duty to study this and put it into practice. We must, with the help and guidance of God, reach the standard He has set for us. There is need of reform in this matter if we are to occupy the place God has marked out for us in His program.

Dress is another important item in the Christian experience. It can wield a tremendous influence for weal or

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## Golden Anniversary of Texico Church

The Hagerman, New Mexico, church celebrated its golden anniversary on November 9, 1957. It is the oldest church in the Texico Conference. The history of the church, read by one of the charter members, contained a most interesting list of workers who had

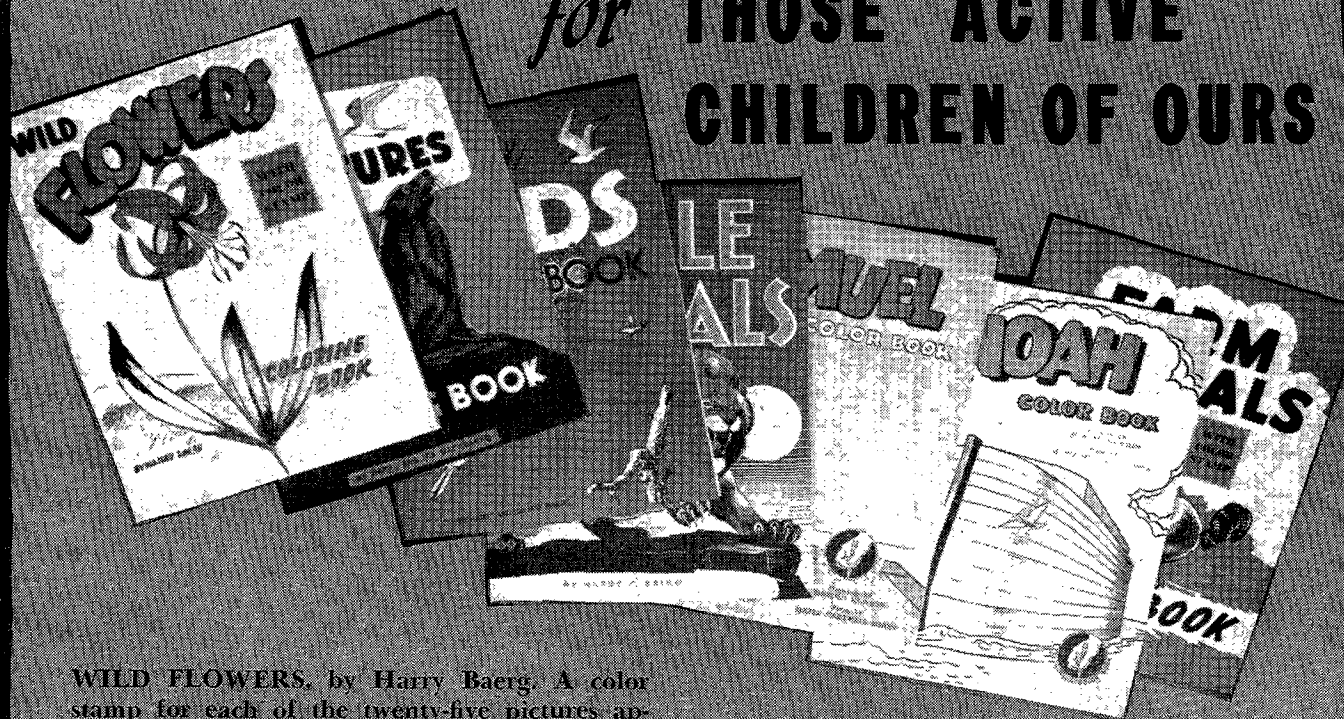
been members of the church at one time or another during its 50-year life. About 50 of its former members are now serving humanity in medical or other lines as well as in the organized work.

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woe. It can encourage meekness, modesty, simplicity, cleanliness, neatness, purity, and other traits that make up the Christian character. On the other hand, it can lead to pride, haughtiness, worldliness, sensuality, and crime. Yes, dress can turn souls toward heaven or toward hell. How essential, therefore, that Seventh-day Adventists exercise great care in the way they dress.

Every true, sincere Seventh-day Adventist who loves his Lord will want to measure up to the divine standard in dress. He will refuse to wear anything that will displease his Lord or that will turn a soul into the downward way.

Another thing of vital importance in the development of a Christian character is the matter of personal thought control. God declares, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, it is so. It is an eternal, unchangeable fact that a man's thinking molds his character and shapes his life. If he harbors thoughts about things that are sordid, immoral, and debasing, his life will in time be corrupted. On the contrary, if his mind dwells on things that are pure, noble, and true, he will develop a noble and lovable character.

In his letter to the Philippians the apostle Paul has given us an excellent and helpful thought pattern. He says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Many today seem greatly surprised over the stupendous increase in juvenile delinquency and crime of all kinds. There is really nothing surprising about it. What we see is simply the natural outworking of the law of cause and effect. As long as the press, the radio, the television, the theater, and other places of amusement continue to feed the young people and adults on a mental diet that corrupts the morals and incites to every sin in the catalog of evil, we can expect nothing else.

"Many of the popular publications of the day are filled with sensational stories that are educating the youth in wickedness and leading them in the path of perdition. Mere children in years are old in a knowledge of crime. They are incited to evil by the tales they read. . . . Through such influences as these, society is becoming demoralized. The seeds of lawlessness are sown broadcast. None need mar-

vel that a harvest of crime is the result."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 444, 445.

To old and young the Lord says: "Suffer not yourselves to open the lids of a book that is questionable. . . . In reading them [infidel books], you are inhaling the miasmas of hell. They will be to your soul like a corrupt stream of water, defiling the mind, keeping it in the mazes of skepticism, and making it earthly and sensual."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 93.

What is true of the evil influence of the wrong kind of reading matter is also true of the demoralizing influence of the theater. "Among the most dangerous resorts for pleasure is the theater. . . . There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life than theatrical amusements. . . . The only safe course is to shun the theater, the circus, and every other questionable place of amuse-

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Love is a precious gift, which we receive from Jesus. Pure and holy affection is not a feeling, but a principle. Those who are actuated by true love are neither unreasonable nor blind. Taught by the Holy Spirit, they love God supremely, and their neighbor as themselves.—*Messages to Young People*, p. 435.

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ment."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, pp. 652, 653.

Now that the influence of the theater is being projected into the home by means of radio and television, the danger is multiplied manifold. It behooves parents, church officers and, in fact, every member to be on guard against all these evils.

Limitation of space prevents reference to proper Sabbath observance, social functions, and other divine standards that must be recognized by every true Christian.

As already mentioned in this article the church, the same as the civil government, must have rules and regulations for the transactions of its duties, and laws and standards to regulate the conduct of its members. "The God of heaven is a God of order, and He requires all His followers to have rules and regulations, and to preserve order."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 274.

"If there were no church discipline and government, the church would go to fragments; it could not hold together as a body."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 428.

It becomes the duty of the church to faithfully uphold the divine standard. From the pen of inspiration we read: "God holds His people, as a

body, responsible for the sins existing in individuals among them. If the leaders of the church neglect to diligently search out the sins which bring the displeasure of God upon the body, they become responsible for these sins."—*Ibid.*, p. 269.

In closing let me repeat: Christianity is more than a profession. It is an experience. It is a life lived through the transforming and vitalizing power of God in harmony with the divine standard of righteousness.

## The Light Shines Brightly

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can bring honor to Jesus in His home city!

Our work in Africa is being conducted among Christians, Mohammedans, and pagans. In North Africa for many years attention was almost exclusively devoted to the large French population. Recently, however, work was started for the Moslems through the means of clinics and schools. At the present time, because of the warfare between the North African Arabs and France, this work is being conducted amid dangers and under severe handicaps. Evangelistic work for the European population has also become very difficult because of this strife. The majority of the Arabs are not basically unfriendly, but the *fellagha* intimidate them and threaten them with death if they do not kill Europeans even without provocation. Europeans are being murdered not only in isolated parts of the country but even on the streets of large cities. This has resulted in widespread fear, and people leave their homes as rarely as possible. This has made it very difficult for our evangelists to secure audiences at their public meetings.

In spite of these drawbacks, 108 people were baptized in North Africa last year; and in the city of Bône, Algeria, where perhaps the danger is greatest, we have had the largest number of baptisms. Thus far no Adventist has lost his life in this troublous part of the world, but relatives of members who themselves were not Adventists have been slain. Two of our sisters have lost their husbands; another, a nephew; and during the recent massacre at Meknès, Morocco, a brother lost his wife and his daughter. They were thrown into a burning haystack. It has often seemed miraculous the way the lives of members have been saved while people about them perished.

The one field in our territory where Moslems are being won to the gospel is Senegal, West Africa. Only five

years ago this was an unentered country. R. Erdmann and his family courageously opened up the work, and for a time were the only Seventh-day Adventists in that vast country. But a year ago, when I visited Senegal, I found a good congregation of believers, several of whom had been won from Mohammedanism. This new mission gives great promise for the future, and it is planned this year to add a second missionary family and to open a school in the capital city of Dakar.

Two countries of Africa that heretofore have never heard the third angel's message will be entered this year. One is French Guinea, which adjoins the territory of our new mission in Senegal; the other is in Central Africa, the country of Ubangi-Shari. In both of these lands the majority of the inhabitants are pagan animists and fetish worshipers, similar to the inhabitants of French Equatorial Africa, where our missionaries have been laboring for many years with considerable success. It is important, however, that we immediately open work in these two countries, for Mohammedanism is rapidly penetrating the territory. When that religion becomes dominant in any field, it is with extreme difficulty that people are won to the gospel.

Though I have never personally visited either of these two new countries, I have been on the borders of both. A year ago I was in the territory adjoining French Guinea, and three years ago I visited a cannibal tribe in the French Cameroun, on the border of Ubangi-Shari. The people of this tribe, in spite of their savagery, have shown themselves accessible to the gospel. In both of these unentered countries we expect this year to erect mission stations containing homes for the missionaries and also schools and small dispensaries. Each new station will require two missionary families.

In the French Cameroun there has been for quite a few years a training school to prepare young men for outstation teaching and gospel work. It was not, however, until two years ago that a girls' dormitory was erected and arrangements made for young women also to receive this training. This dormitory is now too small and must be enlarged to almost double the present capacity.

In Angola our work is well established, with strong mission stations. This land lying on the west coast of Southern Africa contains modern cities having every convenience known to civilization. In four of these cities we have European churches. However, except for these few places, civilization has had little effect upon the large African population, which

is still heathen. It is to these unfortunate people that our missionaries are giving their major attention. The work is prospering, and the baptisms in Angola number about fifteen hundred per year.

Probably the best-known missionary in the whole country of Angola is Dr. R. B. Parsons, who has been laboring at Bongo for nearly thirty years. When he first went there, Bongo was out in the bush, far from civilization. He started medical work for the African population, but soon the white people—government officials and the leading men of the country—began journeying to that bush station for medical care. During these years great modern hospitals have been built in the cities of Angola, but the leading citizens still come to Bongo in such large numbers that some enterprising businessmen have erected hotels just outside the mission property to care for the people coming to the hospital!

#### Advances in Mozambique

Mozambique, on the east coast of Southern Africa, was entered by our missionaries many years ago. However, it has but one strong mission station, at Munguluni. Work has been started in other areas, and we hope that it will develop in the remainder of the country soon. All Protestant missionary societies find their work greatly curtailed in this land.

Our native converts in Mozambique are active in advancing the message. One young man by the name of Sardinha accepted the truth at our Munguluni Mission. Having heard that an interest had developed at a place about one hundred miles distant and that no worker was available to care for it, he himself left his village and settled there. Since he was a carpenter, he worked at his trade in his new home. From the beginning he did lay evangelistic work among the people.

When A. C. Lopes, the mission station director, with M. Fridlin and J. J. Aitken, from the division, visited this village a few months ago, they were amazed to find that a fine outstation, including a chapel seating three hundred people, had been erected. There were hundreds of interested people, and the chapel could no longer hold the multitude who desired to learn of Jesus and salvation. A large number of these people have now been baptized, and hundreds more are preparing for baptism. Brother Sardinha is the happiest man in that part of the world.

Perhaps one of the most interesting sections of the whole division is the great Indian Ocean island field, including the huge island of Mada-

gascar, also Réunion, Mauritius, and the Seychelles. The work is developing rapidly in this field. In Madagascar the Voice of Hope radio program in both the French and Malagasy languages penetrates every part of the island. It is accompanied by a Bible correspondence course that has proved to be very successful in winning souls. There is also a strong educational work in this field. On the island of Mauritius we have a secondary school with an enrollment of nearly three hundred, and in Madagascar, at Tananarive, the capital city, we have two schools with more than twelve hundred students.

Visiting the various parts of this vast division, one is at the same time filled with great joy over the progress already attained and overwhelmed by a realization of the immensity of the work still to be done. There are yet unentered countries, and there are great fields where we have barely begun to make an impression. The Southern European Division territory has a population of almost 300 million. These are souls for whom Christ died. Yet how few believe in Him and are prepared for His coming! The task ahead of us is enormous. It presents a challenge not only to every member in our territory but also to Adventists throughout the world.

## Church Calendar FOR 1958

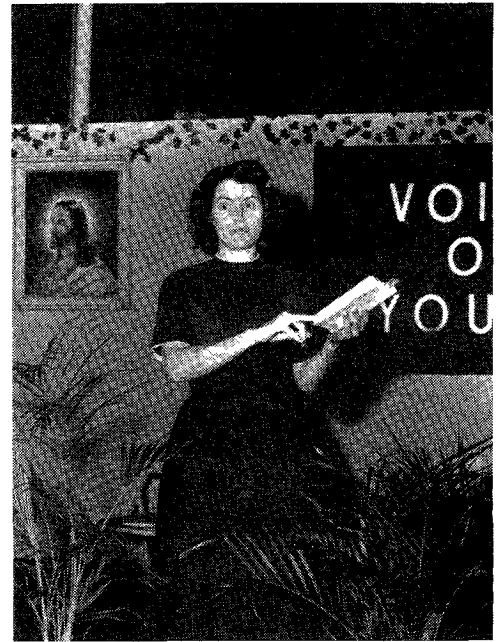
<i>Signs of the Times</i> Campaign	Feb. & March
Home Visitation	March 1
Home Missionary Offering	March 1
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 15
Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	March 15-22
Temperance Commitment Day	March 22
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Southern European Division)	March 29
Ingathering Rally Day	April 5
Home Missionary Offering	April 5
Ingathering Campaign	April 5-May 17
Spirit of Prophecy Day	April 12
Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism	May 3
Home Missionary Offering	May 3
Servicemen's Literature Offering	May 10
Literature Evangelism	June 7
Home Missionary Offering	June 7
College of Medical Evangelists Offering	June 14
General Conference Special Missions Offering	June 21
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Australasia)	June 28
Medical Missionary Day and Offering	July 5
Enlightening Dark Counties	August 2
Home Missionary Offering	August 2
Educational Day and Elementary School Offering	August 16
Oakwood College Offering	August 30
Literature Evangelist Rally Day	September 6
Home Missionary Offering	September 6
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 13
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 20
Sabbath School Rally Day and 13th Sabbath Offering (Inter-America)	September 27
Neighborhood Evangelism (Bible school enrollment)	October 4
Home Missionary Offering	October 4
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 11
Temperance Day and Offering	October 25
Missionary Periodicals Campaign ( <i>These Times</i> , <i>Signs of the Times</i> , and <i>Message</i> )	October
Witnessing Laymen	November 1
Home Missionary Offering	November 1
<i>Review and Herald</i> Campaign	November 1-22
Week of Prayer and Sacrifice	November 15-22
Week of Sacrifice Offering	November 22
Home Missionary Day and Offering	December 6
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (South America)	December 27

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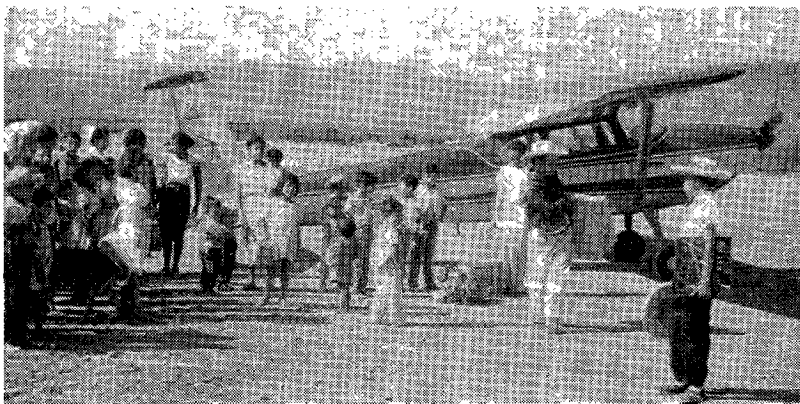
## AT HOME AND ABROAD



Laymen act an important role in the progress of the message in Inter-America. This group of lay workers prepared a large number of candidates for a recent baptism in Venezuela.



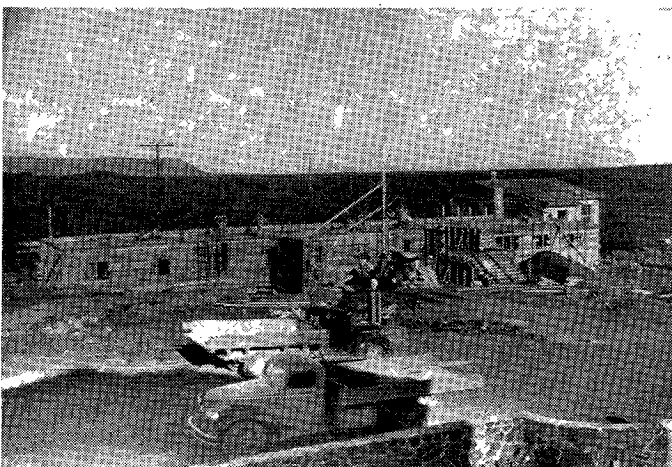
Mrs. Valda Murphy speaking at a Voice of Youth effort in the Florida Conference.



The mission plane arrives at an outpost in Mexico, bringing medical and evangelistic workers to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the district.



A new convert won by lay effort baptized in Assam, veteran missionary N. O. Dahlsten officiating.



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