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Two World Divisions Report

100,000 MEMBERS

[These two thrilling reports from two General Conference officers attending division council meetings in widely separated parts of the world highlight the rapid progress of the Advent message. Both reports arrived in the same mail.—Editors.]

By RALPH S. WATTS

By V. G. ANDERSON

WE HAVE now passed the 100,000 mark in membership in the Far Eastern Division," stated Chris P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division, at the opening meeting of the annual division council held in Bangkok, Thailand, December 2-11, 1958. Elder Sorensen further reported to the 94 delegates present that in 1938, just 20 years ago, the church membership was 31,000. At the close of 1949 there were 47,000 baptized believers, while today the membership is 100,000, having more than doubled in less than nine years. We greatly rejoice in this rapid growth in the Far Eastern Division.

Let us take a quick visit to the various countries that make up the Far Eastern Division and see how our work is progressing at the present time.

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THE Southern European Division winter council convened at the beautiful Lake Geneva Sanitarium, Switzerland, December 3-9. Great joy was felt when it was announced that at the close of the third quarter of 1958 the membership of the division stood at 100,058. The brethren have been working toward this goal for a number of years. During 1957 the total baptisms were 8,792. From incomplete reports it appeared that there would be a gain over this figure in 1958.

The council resembled a meeting of the United Nations, and truly that is what it was. This division represents 41 countries and dependencies. Eight languages were used in offering earnest prayers during the session. A total of 27 languages is used in the countries of this division.

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Representatives present at the Far Eastern Division annual council held in Bangkok, Thailand, December 2-11, 1958. Front row, left to right: J. R. Spangler, H. E. McClure, M. N. Hempel, C. L. Finney, G. A. Huse, R. S. Watts, O. A. Blake, C. P. Sorensen, H. E. Rice, W. L. Pascoe, C. D. Martin, Miss Ethel Young, Mrs. A. L. Sherman, Mrs. R. F. Waddell, Dr. R. F. Waddell.

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ON THE Religious Front

[These news items are taken from Religious News Service, Ecumenical News Service, and other sources. We do not necessarily concur in statements made in these items. We publish them simply to give our readers a picture of current religious developments.]

Jehovah's Witness Sentenced on Proselytism Charge

✓ A 56-year-old Jehovah's Witness woman was given a six-month jail term and a \$100 fine by the court of Syra, Greece, for alleged proselytism. Francesca Louvari, a housewife, was charged with visiting homes to preach the teachings of her sect. The chief vicar of the Greek Orthodox bishopric of Syra backed the charge.

Liquor Institute Reaffirms TV Ad Code

✓ The Distilled Spirits Institute has reaffirmed its voluntary ban on the use of television or radio for the advertising of hard liquor, but has set the stage for a barrage of “dignified” women selling the cocktail idea. The Puerto Rican rum industry tried to use women in rum advertising in 1957, but quickly desisted when Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) warned that the practice might “lead to the prohibition of all forms of alcoholic beverage advertising.”

Supreme Court Rejects Appeals From Ohio's Sunday Laws

✓ The United States Supreme Court rejected two constitutional appeals from business firms convicted of violating Ohio's Sunday laws. In a unanimous opinion the Court refused to review the cases “for want of a substantial Federal question.” To all the arguments presented, the Supreme Court turned a deaf ear, as it did last year to similar appeals from Sunday laws in Arkansas and New Jersey. In the opinion of Court observers, refusal of the Justices to entertain the appeals from Ohio settles, as firmly as can be settled in American law, the fact that it is constitutional for the States to enact such laws as they see fit, restricting the right of businesses to operate on Sunday—or any other day of the week.

The Christian Church in Communist China

✓ Communist China's war against the churches—Protestant as well as Roman Catholic—continues unabated, although not so much publicity is being given to it as before. China's nationally circulated newspapers carry very little nowadays about denunciations of Christian leaders. However, provincial newspapers occasionally publish lengthy reports of meetings lasting months, during which churchmen loyal to their faith are denounced as “rightists” and “reactionaries.” A copy of the Anhwei Daily News, published in Hopei, capital city of Anhwei province, reported the denunciation of seven Chinese Protestant leaders during a 70-day rally there. The paper said that by holding congregational meetings the churchmen “undermined local production efforts,” because Christians took time off from the fields to attend the gatherings.

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• EDITORIALS •

Sincerity Is Not Enough

Late last year the final chapter was written to a story that began about thirty-five years ago.

In the early 1920's forty-two women were employed at the United States Radium Corporation plant in Orange, New Jersey. Their job? Putting luminescent radium paint on watch dials. As they worked they automatically "tipped" the radium-coated brushes on their tongues to keep a fine point. Thus, unwittingly, they were committing suicide.

The first of the forty-two died in 1925 from cancer, caused by radium poisoning. One by one the others also succumbed, as the radioactive metal lodging in the bones systematically destroyed tissue and blood cells. Finally only one was left, Lucy Sullivan, 57. In September of 1958 she too died. When doctors completed her autopsy in November, they declared that she, like all the others, had been a victim of radium poisoning.

No Harm From Error?

Millions in the world today think that if they believe error ignorantly, it will not harm them. Sincerity is sufficient for salvation, they chant. But merely to think a certain doctrine harmless does not make it so. The forty-two watch-dial painters thought there was no danger in touching their brushes to their tongues as they worked, but by that very act they signed their own death warrant.

So let us not be satisfied with only a partial knowledge of truth. Let us recognize that ignorance in spiritual matters can have even more serious consequences than in scientific affairs. "Study" is the Biblical admonition. And the truth thereby discovered may be the means of blessing not only ourselves individually but multitudes who are sincerely but mistakenly following a course that leads downward, not upward.

K. H. W.

Shall We "Liberalize" Our Recreational Standards?

A few days ago the Religious News Service headlined a dispatch from St. Louis, "Missouri Synod Pastors Liberalize Stand on Dancing." According to the report, pastors in that area representing about 80 congregations belonging to the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, which heretofore has banned social dancing as immoral, have adopted a statement declaring that such dancing is now to be considered respectable for young Lutherans "if properly supervised." Reflecting their realization of the dangers involved, and possibly also a lingering uncertainty as to the wisdom of the action, these pastors spelled out the circumstances and locations where social dancing would henceforth be permitted. It would seem equally appropriate, we suggest, for a panel of Lutheran doctors to approve the use of social drinking by Lutheran youth, stipulating only certain minor restrictions as to when and where the stimulant might be used.

The time will never come when Seventh-day Adventist pastors afford Religious News Service an occasion for such a story as this one from St. Louis. Of this we are certain. At the same time, we are not unaware that some who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists are not as circumspect in honoring the standards the church has wisely erected to protect its young people from dangerous recreational pitfalls that may not always be evident to the inexperienced.

At the beginning of the new year would it not be appropriate for those responsible for planning the recreational program in our churches, our schools, and our homes, to re-examine the excellent counsels that have come to us on this important subject? The standards of recreation we as a people have cherished for so many years are based on principles that never change.

R. F. C.

The Threat of Catholic Consistency

According to a news story in *Time* the perennial problem of the rights of Protestants in Italy has come to the fore again. The Italian Constitution adopted in 1948 guarantees to "all persons" the "right freely to profess their own religious faith in any individual or collective form, to proselytize on its behalf and to perform in private and in public acts of worship." Explicit though this statement is, many local officials still seek to invoke the Fascist laws of 1929 and 1930 that kept Protestant activity under close control, requiring special licensing of ministers and special permits to maintain a place of worship.

A short time ago a Protestant minister against whom these Fascist laws were invoked appealed to Italy's highest court. The judicial decision was that the 1948 constitution is supreme. *Time* quotes a Vatican spokesman who thus defended the Catholic Church's endeavors to check Protestant activity in Italy: "The aggressiveness of some Protestant sects, largely financed by funds from the U.S., has become intolerable. The authorities of the Catholic Church feel it their right and duty to forestall the propagation of what they consider heresy."—*Time*, Dec. 8, 1958.

Forthright Statement

This Vatican statement has a most commendable aspect: it is forthright and wholly free of ambiguity. Too often Catholic pronouncements in the United States on the matter of religious liberty leave the strong impression that they are less than explicit. We also find ourselves in agreement with the last sentence of this quotation. Certainly, if the Catholic Church or any other church feels that heresy dangerous to the souls of men is being promoted, it has a "right and duty" to oppose it.

But there are different ways to oppose. The Protestant position is that opposition in matters of religious belief should be kept in the realm of moral suasion. But the Catholic Church, as is evident from its actions in

those countries where it is predominant, believes that it may rightly invoke the power of the state to give maximum force to its opposition. It is this latter position that has ever made possible the rack and the stake—if the opposition will not listen to reason or moral suasion, then have the policeman arrest him; if he will not then promise to desist, apply torture.

The Catholic spokesman seems to forget that Protestants, where they are predominant, can just as logically proceed to employ police power in exercising "their right and duty to forestall the propagation of what they consider heresy." Indeed, sometimes Protestants have done precisely this in certain lands, to the great pain and harassment of Catholics. And how have Catholics responded? They have denounced such Protestant action as persecution. And they have been right in this denunciation. But no more so than Protestants have been when they protested such action against them by the Catholic Church.

Church-State Separation

The story of persecution has been a tragic and shameful one no matter which church has invoked it. Nor can we hope for anything but added chapters to the story in those lands where church and state are united. Separation of the two is the only assurance of religious freedom. The Catholic Church may well be thankful that church and state have long been separated in the United States. This has ensured for them freedom of action in this land, which from its inception has been dominantly Protestant.

Perhaps the very fact that Catholicism has flourished in America despite a Protestant majority provides in itself a prime reason why it opposes freedom for Protestants in Italy—they might soon begin to flourish.

The inconsistency in the Catholic position, claiming freedom of action in Protestant lands while seeking to suppress Protestantism in Catholic lands, has often been the subject of discussion. Macaulay, in his essay on church and state, well observed that Catholicism argues that when it is in the minority it should not be persecuted, because it is the true church, but that when it is in the majority, it will persecute others, because they are heretics.

And why does Catholicism believe it is the true church? Because of its interpretation of the Scriptures and of the historical record of the founding of Christianity. Protestantism employs a different interpretation. Each has a right to its interpretation, but not a right to enforce the interpretation on others. This is the basis on which the doctrine of the separation of church and state rests. The basis is sound.

A Most Pertinent Question

The baldly stated opposition of Catholic officials in Italy raises a most pertinent question for those who live in the United States, the land from which the troublesome evangelists are said to have come. If Catholicism, because it has complete freedom to propagandize in the United States, should become the majority religion here, how would this affect the religious freedom of Protestants? We know, of course, that Catholic spokesmen seek to dismiss such a question as this by exclaiming, "Bigotry." But that is a poor answer—rather, it is no answer at all.

We do Catholics the honor to believe they are consistent in their logic. If it is "their right and duty" to invoke the aid of the state to "forestall the propagation of what they consider heresy" in Italy—and we might add, Spain and similar countries—why should they not take

similar steps in the United States if they become the majority religion? Why longer permit the tenet of church-state separation to stand? Whether we like it or not, this question will become more relevant as the days go by.

Let us make clear that we believe Catholics have every right to promote their religion in the United States, or anywhere else for that matter. Because we do not accept Catholicism we do not therefore have the least desire to see its freedom curtailed in any degree. This is the truly consistent position for all who subscribe to the doctrine of the separation of church and state. By the same token we believe that no religion—Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or whatever—should receive any aid or support from the state. A free field for all and favor for none, we believe, should be the attitude of the state toward the church. And, may we add, the church that confidently believes it is directed of Heaven, and is conscious of the power of the Divine Spirit, will have no desire to invoke the power of the state.

F. D. N.

Rock 'n' Roll

A well-known and respected composer of music recently took a lusty verbal swing at rock 'n' roll. Said he: "It's a plague as far-reaching as any plague we've ever had. My preoccupation with this creeping paralysis is not with the lascivious quality, the suggestive dancing that goes with it. This is bad, and it's been condemned before. My complaint is that it just isn't music. It's utter garbage. This music stupefies these kids."

No one would attempt to keep healthy on a diet of vegetable garbage. Likewise, it is impossible to develop a healthy appreciation for the higher forms of music while eating out of the musical garbage cans found in tin-pan alley. We believe that often rock 'n' roll actually corrupts the morals of its followers; but even if this is not always so, undeniably it spoils one's appetite and relish for the great music of the masters.

Christian parents will do everything possible to create in their children a desire for truly good music. And Christian youth will take a positive stand on the side of right. They will not pervert their tastes by listening to today's jungle rhythms that masquerade as "music." Here on earth we are preparing for heaven. And is anyone so dissolute that he thinks the strains of rock 'n' roll will be heard in the Holy City?

K. H. W.

The Dormiphone

Among the gadgets being demonstrated at the American Association for the Advancement of Science currently meeting in the nation's capital is an instrument called a Dormiphone. It consists of a tape recorder and a miniature speaker to be placed under the pillow. At predetermined intervals while one is dozing or asleep a recorded message is played, which the manufacturers claim can fix any desired information in the memory.

During the course of experiments with the device recently conducted at the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, so it is reported, a group of boys were cured of fingernail biting, accents in a foreign language were overcome, improved character traits were induced in penitentiary inmates, and the script for a television play was memorized.

Now, our inherent skepticism dismisses the glittering claims made for the Dormiphone; but, of course, we might be wrong. We are content to dismiss it from mind until such time as its supposed merits are recognized by

scientists and educators generally. But let us imagine for a moment that the device actually works as claimed. Textbooks would henceforth be printed on magnetic tape, and students across the land would be released from what is for many a laborious and painful experience—study. A panacea indeed it would be for the college student who must simultaneously support a family!

Certain Misgivings

However, we still have certain misgivings. We wonder, for instance, what opportunity there would be for the discipline of mind and character usually acquired, so far as we know, only through sustained, intelligent application. We also wonder how the mind would analyze and integrate information thus acquired—processes that generally require conscious effort. More disturbing yet, we wonder whether false ideas such as evolution and wrong conduct patterns might become so firmly fixed in the mind that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to dispel them. At any rate, the Dormiphone would become a crutch, and those accustomed to learning in this robot fashion would eventually become slaves to it and be unable to acquire information otherwise. Doubtless the manufacturer would count this a boon beyond compare.

Subtle Suggestions

We do not, however, feel any great alarm over these possible eventualities. But as we read of the miraculous gadget in the paper this morning, our thoughts turned to another device similar to the Dormiphone that is already functioning successfully. We wondered to what extent Satan operates on the same principle, by pressing subtle suggestions upon our minds while we are awake, yet hardly aware of them. What of the danger when conscience goes to sleep and patterns of thought and conduct become fixed in the mind through such channels as the radio, television, motion pictures, popular magazines and books, and countless other media? We fear that his devices are proving altogether too effective in the minds and lives of too many Seventh-day Adventists.

More than ever before in the history of the world the sincere Christian must be sober and vigilant, because of the relentless efforts of his adversary the devil to gain control of the higher powers of the mind. Let us purpose anew never to lay our conscience down on the pillow of complacency even for a moment, for a drowsy conscience is in no condition to monitor the sensory impressions that crowd into the mind and to filter out the subtle suggestions of the evil one.

R. F. C.

Man of the Year

For 31 years—ever since 1927—*Time* magazine, influential American news weekly, has annually selected a Man of the Year and has put his picture on the cover of the first issue in the new year. For this honor the editors of *Time* choose the man—or woman—who in their opinion does the most to change the news, for better or for worse, during the course of the year.

The first Man of the Year was Charles Augustus Lindbergh. The choice for 1958—France's General Charles de Gaulle. While the editors do not make their selection on the basis of reader nominations, it is interesting to note that 47.3 per cent of the 30,000 subscribers who sent in suggestions agreed that De Gaulle should be given the nod.

A year ago the Man of the Year was Nikita Krushchev, whose Sputniks startled the world. For 1956 it was a Hungarian Freedom Fighter. Who will be the dominating figure on the world scene in 1959? No one knows. Time alone will tell.

As we have pondered this Man of the Year idea we have concluded that it might profitably be used in the religious realm as well as in the secular. Surely each year has had some great personality who has shone brightly in the spiritual firmament.

No doubt Noah would have been the choice in the year of the Flood. Abraham would have qualified some centuries later. Joseph would have been the choice for the seven years of famine in Egypt.

Moses would have been God's Man of the Year when he led Israel out of Egypt. Behold him standing before the mighty Pharaoh, meekly yet firmly declaring, "Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me." Elijah would have been the unanimous choice the year when he courageously stood upon Mount Carmel and humiliated the prophets of Baal. What faith he exercised! And what leadership!

In later years King David would have been selected as Man of the Year. Also Solomon. Daniel would have headed the list for several years during his distinguished career as prophet and prime minister in Babylon.

And many others might be named. Surely John the Baptist would have been the unanimous choice for the year just before Christ began His public ministry. And the apostle Paul would have been selected on a number of occasions.

Luther, Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome, Whitefield, Spurgeon, Moody, Miller—all these would have been Man of the Year in their time. They were great men, and God used them mightily. They made the forces of evil quake. They challenged false religious concepts. They stood fearlessly for truth. They brought sinners to the foot of the cross. They considered it a privilege to be used of God. They prized nothing more than the approval of Heaven. They burned with no ambition save to advance the kingdom.

Heaven's Standard of Greatness

Do not the times demand that someone become great for God in 1959? Does not Heaven need spiritual giants in our day? Indeed! Then why should not you be one who shall reach the heights of true greatness this year? You can, for God does not measure greatness by worldly standards. One need not be well known internationally, nationally, or even denominationally to achieve greatness in the spiritual realm.

"In the estimation of Heaven, what is it that constitutes greatness? Not that which the world accounts greatness; not wealth, or rank, or noble descent, or intellectual gifts, in themselves considered. . . . It is moral worth that God values. Love and purity are the attributes He prizes most. John was great in the sight of the Lord, when, before the messengers from the Sanhedrin, before the people, and before his own disciples, he refrained from seeking honor for himself, but pointed all to Jesus as the Promised One. His unselfish joy in the ministry of Christ presents the highest type of nobility ever revealed in man."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 219. "It is loving service, true humility, which constitutes real greatness."—*Ibid.*, p. 644.

All of us can be great by these standards. But are we willing? Do we long for this kind of greatness—the kind arrived at by self-effacement? the kind that requires a complete break with sin? the kind achieved through serving others?

Most of the new year is yet ahead, so there is still opportunity for all to meet Heaven's standard. No one need be a spiritual cipher during 1959. Give your talents to God. Tell the lost about Jesus. Be a blessing to your community. Thus, though you may be overlooked by those who decide on cover material for magazines, you may be God's Man of the Year for 1959! K. H. W.

A Bible-based Message

By ROBERT H. PIERSON

SOME years ago in a country where Bible study is not encouraged, a clergyman of the established church discovered one of his parishioners reading her Bible.

"You have become a Seventh-day Adventist!" he cried accusingly.

"No," was the astonished reply. "I am only reading my Bible."

"You have become a Seventh-day Adventist!" the visitor charged again. "Only Seventh-day Adventists study their Bibles in this country!"

It is a high honor, a reputation we should zealously justify, to be labeled special students of the Word.

John Wesley once said, "I want to know one thing—the way to heaven, how to land on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book! O give me that book! At any price, give me that book of God! I have it; here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one Book."

Seventh-day Adventists also say, "We want to know one thing—the way to that better land where we may forever fellowship with our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus." As did Wesley, we believe that the way to that golden shore is revealed in only one book, the Bible. "Give us that Book! At any price, give us that Book," we cry. "Let us truly be a people of one Book."

The teachings of the remnant church are Christ centered and Bible based. We believe that Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." We believe that "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me [Jesus]" (John 14:6). It is our profound conviction that "neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). We are convinced that the place to find Christ is in Christ's book, the blessed Bible.

Substitutes for the Word will not suffice in things eternal. Jesus declared, "In vain do they worship me,

teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). Man-made philosophy may delight the ear and please the fancy, but it cannot save the soul.

The Bible is a wonderful book. It is a true book. It is a fact-filled and interest-packed book. Its variegated contents range through theology, history, science, philosophy, ethnology, ethics, romance, drama, public and personal relations, and other topics that have captured human interest and attention through the centuries.

An Inspired Book

The Bible is more than a good book, a true book, a wonderful book. Man may write a good book, a true book, even a wonderful book. But man has never produced a volume that compares with the Holy Scriptures. The Bible *lives!* Through its sacred pages the living God moves and speaks to human hearts. It is a

The Time That's Left

By MARIE C. WRIGHT

May all the time that's left, O Lord,
Be spent in service sweet,
In searching well Thy wondrous Word,
In sitting at Thy feet.

'Tis there we lay our burdens down,
'Tis there we learn to pray,
That we may wear the victor's crown,
When dawns that glorious day.

Give thoughts to us of things to do,
Of errands we may run,
Thy Spirit sweet our strength renew,
Before life's set of sun.

Restore to us those wasted years,
So full of selfishness;
Remember, Lord, the falling tears
Of deepest penitence.

In time that's left, O Lord, please take
Our thoughts, our words, our deeds.
May all be done for Jesus' sake,
And for Thy children's needs.

book of divine origin destined from the beginning to fill a unique need among the human family. No other volume has successfully challenged it.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

Evidence of the Bible's divine origin is both ample and convincing. Only God can foresee the future. Only His Book contains prophecies whose fulfillments are established as historical fact. "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done" (Isa. 46:9, 10). With God the future is present and He alone is able to declare accurately what the next day, the next year, or the next century will reveal.

Years before the events took place inspired prophets of God foretold such events as the rise and fall of Babylon, of the Medo-Persia kingdom, Greece, and Rome (Dan. 2:31-33), Artaxerxes' decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Dan. 9:25; Ezra 7:7, 8), the anointing of Christ as Messiah and His crucifixion (Dan. 9:25), the proclamation of the gospel to the Gentiles (Dan. 9:26, 27), the pagan persecution of the Christian church (Rev. 2:10), the 1260 years of papal supremacy (Dan. 7:25, etc.).

Only God could have guided the hands of the holy men who chronicled these events for our admonition and learning today. "Prophecy came not at any time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21, margin).

A Power-filled Book

The Book of God contains the power of God. The Bible is more than an accurate history, an enthralling story, a sublime philosophy; it is a living, throbbing power able to change men spiritually, physically,

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and mentally, making them new men in Christ Jesus.

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

The Word once changed a would-be assassin in South America into a submissive child of God. It changed a perverse West Indian sorcerer into a preacher of righteousness. It transformed a drunken Central American antagonist into a stalwart leader in the local Adventist church. It led a Brahman printer in Dutch Guiana to renounce heathenism even at the cost of giving up family and home. It has rescued such men as Jerry McAuley and John B. Gough—apparently hopeless alcoholics—and made them into effective temperance welfare workers.

The power of God's Word has dethroned kings, established governments, opened and closed the heavens, convicted the sinner, lifted the fallen, revived the backslidden, perfected the saint, healed the sick, cleansed the leper, delivered the oppressed, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, cheered the discouraged, united broken homes, bound up broken hearts, cooled tempers, revived hope, saved lives, and

ransomed souls. Only the living God possesses such power. Only He could author such a book.

Study of the Word Enjoined

"Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). To be people of the Book we must be students of the Book. Truth on the shelf, in the closet, or on the table will never save us. Truth to be effective, redemptive, must be in the mind, in the heart, in the life. It is well to be "in the truth"; it is even more essential to have the truth *in us*!

No occasional, superficial skimming of the Word will suffice. "The most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. . . . Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, 'here a little, and there a little.'"—*Education*, p. 123.

And when we read we must read aright. "There is much reading of the Bible that is without profit, and in many cases a positive injury. When the Word of God is opened without reverence and without prayer; when

the thoughts and affections are not fixed upon God, or in harmony with His will, the mind is clouded with doubt; and in the very study of the Bible, skepticism is strengthened."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 110.

A time of great trial is just ahead for God's people. Only a prayerful study of the Word will prepare us to stand the test. "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594. How much we need to treasure up the precious promises of His Word to strengthen us for the days just ahead.

The Peril of Ignorance

Would Jesus speak to some of us as church members today the words He directed to the Sadducees of His day: "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures" (Matt. 22:29)? The servant of the Lord points out a truth that members of the remnant church dare not forget or ignore. "No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure."—*Ibid.*, p. 522. (Italics supplied.)

We may erect beautiful new buildings—and we should. We may reach all of our financial and other church goals—and we should. We may work diligently in many different departments of God's last-day program—and we should. But we cannot advance in holiness ("without which no man shall see the Lord," (Heb. 12:14) unless we are "earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure." We must be careful, prayerful students of God's Word.

The Secret of Power

"The study of the Bible will ennoble every thought, feeling, and aspiration as no other study can." It expands the mind, sharpens the perceptions, and ripens the judgment. "It gives stability of purpose, patience, courage, and fortitude; it refines the character, and sanctifies the soul."—*Ibid.*, p. 94.

What a matchless power the Advent church of prophecy would be in the world if every member were a giant in the Scriptures. What a tremendous stir we would create in every corner of the globe. We would be known not only for our efficient organization, our per-capita giving, and our worldwide medical-welfare program; the people would know us because of our sanctified characters, our patience, our courage, our stability of purpose, our good judgment. In short, they would know that indeed we have been with Jesus.

"O give us that Book! At any price, give us that Book of God!" Let us always be people of the one Book!

Minute Meditations

Flood and Flame

By C. G. BELLAH

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isa. 43:2).

Fire and water are two of man's best friends as long as he has them in control. They warm, cleanse, fertilize, and convey. But when they gain control of men, they become enemies. They overturn, consume, and destroy both property and life.

The saints must pass through the waters to reach heaven. Israel's home in Canaan lay beyond the Jordan. Some waters are deep and wide. We cannot see the bottom or the other side. But that is not necessary, for "I will be with thee."

Thank God, we shall not always be floundering in floods, nor fording rivers! The text says, "passest *through*," not merely *into*. We shall reach the other side. When General Booth's wife was dying, she sent out this message: "The

waters are rising, but so am I. I am not going under, but over."

Fire and flame. These are hard, hot, burning words. They mean the most severe forms of trouble. Steel is tempered in red-hot fire, then plunged into cold water to harden. But it becomes vastly more valuable as a result. So let us not complain if we experience the hot-and-cold treatment now and then.

Thank God, we shall not always remain in the burning fire and scorching flame! The text says, "walkest *through*," not merely *into*. One "like the Son of God" will be with us; and not even "the smell of fire" will be upon us.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,

And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply

The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design

Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

—George Keith

How Much Can You Stand?

By G. M. Mathews

ALL Christians are familiar with the statement found in 1 Corinthians 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." In spite of this wonderful promise and provision, we often feel that the trials and troubles that come to us are considerably more than we can stand.

The story is told of a man, the only survivor in a shipwreck, who finally reached an uninhabited island. For several days he built fires on the highest part of this island, hoping to attract some ship, spending all his time and energy upon this project. Then he built a little hut and hunted birds' eggs for food, but still spent most of each day watching for a ship. Each day he would go to the highest part of the island and watch in all directions, to see if he could spot some ship on the horizon, to which he might signal.

But more and more, as his strength waned, he found the little hut a welcome protection from the burning sun and the cold wind at night. Each day he found the trip to the top of the hill more and more taxing and the comfort and rest in the little hut more and more satisfying.

One day, as he started back to the hut from the top of the hill where he had been watching all day, he saw that the little hut was afire. Before he could reach it everything he had salvaged from the shipwreck and built during his stay on the island had gone up in flames. Heartbroken, discouraged, he felt that this was too much; it was the last straw.

As he sat disconsolate and utterly broken, he glanced out over the sea as he had been doing for many, many months and saw a little ship coming toward the island. He rallied all of his remaining strength and rushed to the top of the little hill to wave frantically. The boat turned and came to the island.

As he rushed down to greet his rescuers, he shouted, "Oh, I'm so glad you saw me waving!"

The rescuers replied, "We did not see you waving, but we did see your smoke signal of distress, and we came to investigate." His "last straw" trial had resulted in his salvation and rescue!

Often we are tempted to ask, "Why does God test so closely and so carefully?" The answer is: God must make sure; the new heavens and new earth must not contain anyone whose character has not been so thoroughly tested that there is no possibility of sin arising the second time.

Someone was watching the testing program at an Army weapons manufacturing plant. As each new part was added to the weapon on its way down the assembly line, it was retested. After being completely assembled it was again tested on the firing range in all types of circumstances. It was plunged into water; it was covered with sand; it was exposed to high temperatures, then to low ones; then it was tested again and again.

The observer asked, "Why do you test these weapons so very carefully?"

The supervisor in charge of the inspection program answered, "We must do everything we can to ensure that the weapon will not fail in battle."

God is making certain that sin will not arise the second time on this earth, so He tests, tries, and inspects, to find all the imperfections and to correct them, so we can become citizens of the perfect land He has prepared for us.

The Blacksmith's Prayer

In one of J. L. Tucker's Quiet Hour sermons he relates the following: "One day a friend who was not a Christian stopped at the little forge where a blacksmith was working, to talk with him. He was quite sympathetic with the blacksmith, for it seemed that he had many, many trials and troubles. Finally the friend said, 'It seems strange to me that so much

Praise

By LUELLA GARVEN

Let songs of praise from us arise
To Thee at early morn,
When golden beams from eastern skies
The mountain peaks adorn.

At noontime too, O loving Lord,
Thy praise shall be our theme
When floods of shining light are poured
On mountain, vale, and stream.

At evening's silent, starlit hour
Still be His praise expressed,
When countless stars of light, His power
And watchful love attest.

affliction should pass over you just at the time when you have become an earnest Christian. Of course I don't want to weaken your faith in God or anything like that, but here you are, trying to do your best, being faithful in every way that you know how, praying for God's help and guidance, and yet things seem to be getting steadily worse. I can't help wondering why it is."

"The blacksmith did not answer immediately. It was evident that he had thought of the same question before. But finally he said, 'Do you see the wrought iron I have here to make into horseshoes? Know what I do with it? I take a piece and heat it in the fire until it is red, almost white, with heat; then I hammer it unmercifully, to shape it as I know it should be shaped; then I plunge it into a pail of cold water to temper it; then I heat it again and hammer it some more. And this I do until it is finished. But sometimes I find a piece of iron that won't stand up under this treatment; the heat and the hammering and the cold water are too much for it. I don't know why it fails in the process, but I know it will never make a good horseshoe.'

"He pointed to a heap of scrap iron by the door of the shop. 'When I get a piece that cannot take the shape and temper, I throw it out on the scrap heap. It will never be good for anything.'

"He went on, 'I know that God has been holding me in the fires of affliction, and I have felt His hammer upon me; but I don't mind, if only He can bring me to what I should be. And so in all these hard things, my prayer is simply this: Try me in any way you wish, Lord, only don't throw me on the scrap heap.'

How much can you stand? You can stand whatever you have been built to stand. One day a 75-mile-an-hour hurricane hit the \$35 million Golden Gate Bridge. The city administrators watched with anguish as they saw this great suspension bridge sway twelve and one-half feet. One of them rushed to the telephone and called the man who had built the bridge, an engineer who was then living in New York City. They told him about the storm and about what was happening to the great bridge.

The engineer did not seem to be alarmed and asked the inspector, "How much sway did you say the bridge has?"

The answer came back, "Twelve and a half feet."

The engineer said, "The bridge has been built to bend 18 feet before it will break. Unless the storm drives it farther than an 18-foot bend, it will stand undamaged."

Sure enough, it did stand this terrific hurricane without the slightest damage. The big 36-inch steel suspension cables, the huge steel towers cemented in great blocks of concrete on the bedrock of the ocean floor, and every other part of the structure were all built so that the great bridge would stand through a terrific storm—one of the greatest America has ever known. I believe that the promise and provision we find in 1 Corinthians 10:13 is assurance that you and I have been built to stand with God's help through all the trials and difficulties that He will ever allow to come upon us.

All Things for Good

Note these comforting words from the pen of Ellen G. White, from *THE REVIEW AND HERALD* of April 10, 1894: "He [Satan] may cause the furnace to be heated, but Jesus and holy angels watch the precious ore; and to the trusting Christian, grace will be found sufficient, and nothing but the worthless dross will be consumed. The fire kindled by the enemy can have no power to destroy the true gold."

In Romans 8:28 we read the following: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Here is a plain declaration from Holy Writ that every detail of life's activities is ordered by One who is all-loving, all-wise, and all-powerful.

Please note the expression "all things." When Jacob's sons returned from buying food in Egypt and reported to their father the conditions upon which they might return to Egypt for further provisions, he said, "Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me" (Gen. 42:36). As Jacob found out later, he was greatly mistaken. While he was bereaved and saddened by the loss of Joseph, God was working things out so that his family would be preserved during the terrible time of famine that was to come.

Once-prosperous Job, bereaved of everything he had, including his precious children, was sitting on a pile of ashes, scraping his running boils. He could not think of any great sin he had committed, so in his mind the questions kept rolling around like a great wheel: "Why, Lord, oh, why did this happen to me?" How could the destruction of all his property, the death of his precious children, ever be used to the good of anybody?

The book of Job answers this question fully. Nevertheless, most of us have asked many times the same ques-

tion that Job asked. The great lesson that God wanted to teach the children of Israel in their journeys across the wilderness from Egypt to the Promised Land was simply to *trust God*. This is the lesson He desires to teach us today.

Although God does not give us the privilege of peering into the future, to see beforehand the experiences that are to come to us, and although we are not privileged to understand the full meaning, or at times any of the meaning, of some of the experiences through which we are called to pass, yet each of us can look back and see God's hand working in our behalf. We can see that whenever we have trusted God fully and completely we have been blessed. Then, let us learn to fully trust Him with our lives every day.

Another great lesson the heavenly Father wants us to learn from these troubles and trials is that we are happy, we are successful, we are victorious, only when we have fellowship with Christ. The history of man

seems to bear out the fact that often full fellowship is never entered into unless and until great suffering comes to us and drives us into the arms of Jesus. "God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 224, 225.

From the pen of the same writer a statement appeared in *THE REVIEW AND HERALD* of November 25, 1884: "He [God] . . . has a song to teach us, and when we have learned it amid the deep shadows of affliction, we can sing it ever afterward." Apparently the special song the saints will sing throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity is a song of their experience. We can never sing the "experience" song in heaven unless we have the experience on this earth. Then let us each determine, by the grace of God, to learn that song on this earth, so we may sing it joyfully and gladly throughout eternity.

Before Christ Returns—5

God's People at the Hour of Supreme Crisis

By Richard B. Lewis

THE time of Jacob's trouble is to be different from any other, declares Daniel 12:1. How it differs and what its causes are, deeply concern those who hope to live through it. The great tribulation of medieval times, including the Inquisition, which is estimated to have resulted in the slaughter of at least 50 million people, was featured by heroic martyrdom. The saints went to the stake singing hymns. What is often called the "little time of trouble"—in these articles styled the period of destructive judgments—takes its name from the relatively mild eruptions of the forces of nature in all sorts of calamity. The period of God's wrath following probation's close is a time of great trouble. The wicked suffer from the plagues, and the saints suffer persecution. But none of these periods match the magnitude of the time of Jacob's trouble.

Before the time of Jacob's trouble, when God's people come to their hour

of supreme testing, the nations of Christendom issue a decree of death for all who refuse to accept the false sabbath. The date for the execution of the decree is set, no doubt, for the convenience of the executors in locating the victims and preparing the assault. The time needed would not be great. "But in this hour of trial the saints were calm and composed, trusting in God, and leaning upon His promises that a way of escape would be made for them."—*Early Writings*, p. 283. It is clear that any anguish suffered by the saints does not come from fear of death or torture.

The saints are in no enviable position. When the decree is issued, "the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. . . . The beloved of God pass weary days, bound in chains, shut in by prison bars, sentenced to be slain, some apparently left to die of starvation in dark

and loathsome dungeons.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 626. Yet God’s people are unperturbed by these sufferings. Even the premature attempts of their enemies to destroy them fail to dismay them.

Then comes a change. “Soon I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish.”—*Early Writings*, p. 283. Some fear that God is leaving them to perish. The wicked approach and threaten them. “But the saints heeded them not. Like Jacob they were wrestling with God.”—*Ibid.* pp. 283, 284. Jacob had repented of his sin, but in the night of wrestling his concern was about his relationship to God.

So with the saints in the time of trouble. “If they could have the assurance of pardon, they would not shrink from torture or death; but should they prove unworthy, and lose their lives because of their own defects of character, then God’s holy name would be reproached. . . . They feel that had they always employed all their ability in the service of Christ, going forward from strength to strength, Satan’s forces would have less power to prevail against them.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 619.

This experience must be somewhat like that of the Saviour on Calvary, where the agony of crucifixion was as nothing to the threat of separation from the Father. “The people of God must drink of the cup, and be baptized with the baptism.”—*Early Writings*, p. 284. Apparently God withdraws His presence from the threatened saints. Alone they face the worst that Satan can present for their de-

struction and despair. “It is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their earthliness must be consumed, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 621.

“The time of trouble is the crucible that is to bring out Christ-like characters. It is designed to lead the people of God to renounce Satan and his temptations. The last conflict will reveal Satan to them in his true character, that of a cruel tyrant, and it will do for them what nothing else could do, up-root him entirely from their affections.”—Ellen G. White in *The Review and Herald*, Aug. 12, 1884.

The time of Jacob’s trouble cannot be described adequately because we have no vocabulary of experience to convey meaning to the words used. It will be a terrible experience, “such as never was since there was a nation.” But it will be short. “The end will come more quickly than men expect.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 631. Now is the time for God’s deliverance.

The Wicked Unite in a Great Religio-political Combine

The strange state of the wicked at this point is of great interest and importance to the intelligences of the universe. A great religio-political tyranny, united at last in the name of Jesus Christ—a horrible blasphemy—united by the false sabbath and the doctrine of the undying soul, Satan’s first lie, demonstrates the principles of his infernal kingdom. Once more the harlot of Babylon sits a queen; her enemies, despised and few, about to be crushed. Satan in person has appeared

as Christ. God will bring universal peace, think the wicked, as soon as the hated Sabbathkeepers can be destroyed.

It is true that some unsettling events have occurred. Darkness has settled over “the seat of the beast.” The river Euphrates has dried up, leaving great Babylon exposed to the forces of retribution. Attempts to destroy the saints have been thwarted by unseen forces. Still the wicked rage, waiting for the appointed hour when they may destroy the saints.

The universe looks on and sees the contrast between the two groups. No longer can there be any doubt as to the righteousness of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. His saints have stood loyally through persecution and have faced death fearlessly. They reflect the image of Jesus. No longer is there any question about the malice of Satan and the self-destructive nature of his kingdom. The rebels have no friends in the universe.

At midnight, just as the death decree goes into force, the voice from heaven thunders, “It is done.” The saints are glorified. Those who have died in the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath, are raised to hear proclaimed the covenant of peace and the hour of Jesus’ coming.

The wicked are in frightful turmoil. Dupes of false religion revile their teachers; they slay one another. The hail of the seventh plague lays many low. Those who are left are destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s coming. Meanwhile the resurrected saints join the living on their seven-day journey to the Paradise of God.



Are You Being Shortchanged?

Have you ever bought an article, paid the money, received the change and later discovered that you were shortchanged? It gives one a sense of frustration, doesn’t it? No one likes to be cheated out of something he should have.

I wonder, are you getting all you should from your Sabbath school, or are you being shortchanged? I notice quite a number of Sabbath schools that are short-changing their members. I am sure it is not deliberate; nevertheless, the result is the same. There are Sabbath schools that are not using the full 70 minutes allotted to them for their program. Some don’t begin on time. Others work a song service into the 70 minutes that should be for

Sabbath school proper. Others allow the missionary service to encroach a little.

None of these are flagrant violations, but they all use time—and time is precious in the Sabbath school. A week has 168 hours in it. One of those hours (plus ten minutes) is set aside for the Sabbath school. Into that time should go, from week to week, Christ-centered programs that will build and hold membership. Into that time should go work and planning to make sure that the needs of the children are met adequately. The Sabbath school must be attractive and intensely interesting to children; otherwise they lose interest, problems arise, and ultimately we lose them. If your program isn’t soul winning, you are being shortchanged.

Another place where we are too frequently shortchanged is in the lesson time. According to the present plan, 33 minutes are set aside for the lesson study. Three minutes of the 33 are to be used by the teacher in touching on the pre-

vious lesson, tying it in with the new one. That allows a full 30 minutes for the class discussion. So many times a few minutes are crowded off that time. Thus we are shortchanged.

If officers do not plan far in advance for their weekly program and find themselves frequently resorting to last-minute arrangements for the morning program, we cannot possibly have the finished, Christ-centered, worshipful program that we should be having, and we are being shortchanged. Let us as leaders resolve that we will give full and unstinted service to the task we have accepted for the year. As members, let us determine that we are going to be on time every Sabbath, and enter fully into the spirit of worship. If we are called on to participate, let us do our best, cheerfully, and not short-change our listeners by a poor presentation. Read Luke 6:38.

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Sabbath School Lesson Help

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God Vindicated in Dealing With Jew and Gentile

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

PAUL was adept at repeating his main theological themes. In chapter 9 of Romans (this week's lesson) he is back on his great contention that God was righteous in regard to His dealings with both Jew and Gentile. It is striking to note his development of this theme in both chapters 3 and 9. He is anxious to show that God's sovereignty has not been exercised by predestinating men to sin; that men have not been mechanical robots, forced by a predetermined fate into sins for which they are not responsible.

1. Paul's Anguish Over Israel

Rom. 9:1-3, R.S.V. "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart." The extent of this anguish is seen in his next phrase: "I could wish [pray] that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren." That is the language of a great leader who suffers vicariously for his people, as did Moses: "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book" (Ex. 32:32). "Accursed" (Gr. *anathema* in the OT signified something devoted to God (Lev. 27:28) or to its own destruction, like an idol in Deuteronomy 7:26 and Jericho in Joshua 6:17. Later the word came to mean "disfavor," or devotion to a bad end (Isa. 34:5; Mal. 4:6). In Galatians 1:8, 9, a preacher of a false gospel is accursed.

Rom. 9:4, 5. "Israelites." This word denotes God's people as descendants of the great prince, as distinct from Jews by race and Hebrews by language. To these favored people belonged the adoption as God's family (Ex. 4:22); the glory, wherein God's presence was evident in special tokens, such as the Shekinah; the fiery, cloudy pillar, the glory of Sinai, et cetera (Ex. 16:10; 29:43; 40:34; Heb. 9:25); the covenants, both to and after Abraham (Gen. 17:2; 21:12; cf. Eph. 2:12); the Law (Deut. 4:8); the serv-

ice of God, that is, of God's house (Heb. 9:1, 6); the promises of the Old Testament (Acts 26:6); the fathers, or illustrious ancestors (Rom. 11:28); the Christ, on His human side a Jew, on the divine, God forever.

2. God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility

Rom. 9:6-13, R.S.V. "It is not as though the word of God had failed." The promises to Israel were so unique that their desperate condition in Paul's day might be attributed to the failure of God's promises. Paul rejected this: "Not as though the word of God had failed" (R.S.V.). Then he proceeds to marshal arguments vindicating choice, not by natural descent (verse 8) but by belief in God's word.

Verse 13 ("Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"), parallel with Malachi 1:2, 3, is clarified in *The SDA Bible Commentary*, and by this comment of H. C. G. Moule: "It is plain that 'hatred' in such a connexion (and cf. Matt. vi. 24, Luke xiv. 26) need mean no more than relative repudiation. No personal animosity is in question, but a decisive rejection of a rival claim."—*The Epistle to the Romans*, p. 250. "The faith of Abraham and Isaac appeared undimmed in Jacob," "but Esau had no love for devotion, no inclination to a religious life" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 208, 178).

Rom. 9:14-18. "Is there unrighteousness with God?" Paul now proceeds in a long and not easy passage (verses 14-29) to answer the objection that God is not unrighteous.

Moses (Ex. 33:19), faced with Israel's idolatry, had asked God's mercy, whereupon the Lord enunciated the principle of divine grace as an unmerited favor: "I . . . will be gracious to whom I will be gracious," et cetera. We do not question the right of a finite human being to do as he pleases with his favors. Why should we question the right of One who is infinite, righteous, omniscient?

"It was the privilege of the Jewish nation to represent the character of God as it had been revealed to Moses. . . . [Ex. 33:18, 19, quoted]. . . . God withheld from them nothing favorable to the formation of character that would make them representatives of Himself."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 285, 288. If Israel had believed the promises, then righteousness by faith would have come to them as a personal experience and the kingdom would long since have been established.

3. God's Long-suffering and Mercy

Rom. 9:19-24. ". . . the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction . . . the vessels of mercy . . . prepared unto glory." See *The SDA Bible Commentary* on the common New Testament word for "will" (*thelēma*). God's will that men shall be saved may be resisted, "but whatever takes place God's determinate counsel, *boulēma* [the word used in verse 19 for "will"], is never prevented from fulfilment" (W. E. Vine, *Epistle to the Romans*, p. 146).

Rom. 9:25-29. "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness." The word "work" is from the Greek *logos*, usually rendered as "word." It is found hundreds of times in the New Testament with many meanings. It is the personal title of Christ in John 1:1, as the doctrinal implications of verses 1-18 show. It is used of a saying or statement by God in John 15:25; Rom. 9:9, and of the verse here considered, hence the rendering: "for the Lord will execute his sentence upon the earth with rigor and dispatch" (Rom. 9:28, R.S.V.). Moule translates thus: "for as one who completes and cuts short will the Lord do His work."

This verse is used in reference to the closing work of the Advent message, in *Early Writings*, page 75: "I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation, and needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness."

Rom. 9:30-33. "The Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, . . . which is of faith." Paul here shows that "attained" is not human effort, but the exercise of faith. The Jews worked fanatically at "the law of righteousness," and failed. God's mercy is seen in the saved remnant, otherwise Israel would have "been as Sodom." A careful scrutiny of chapters 9 to 11 of this epistle shows that the doctrine of righteousness through faith cannot be assailed from Scripture, from God's dealings in history, or from the condition of contemporary Jewry.



OUR HOMES

HOW TO KEEP THEM
HAPPY
AND HEAVENLY

CONDUCTED BY PROMISE JOY SHERMAN

Music for Children

By Paul E. Hamel

IS MY hour up yet, Mommy?"

"No, dear, stay where you are. In twenty-two minutes you may get down."

Seven-year-old Mary is perched high on a wooden bench, with her feet dangling at least six inches from the floor. Her back aches because it has had no support for thirty-eight minutes. She would like to slump just a little, but then she wouldn't be able to hold her hands at the unnatural chest-high position required of her. Neither could she keep her eyes fixed at the prescribed level, which is at least one foot above her normal line of vision. No, Mary is not being subjected to an unusual type of punishment because of something she has done. She spends sixty minutes in this position each day because her parents are convinced that this will give her an advantage that cannot be gained in any other way.

It happened like this: Several months ago Mary's mother stopped at a music studio to ask if Mary was mature enough for piano lessons. The manager of the combined studio and music store hastened to tell her that Mary was already older than many other music students, and that her lessons should begin without delay. He then remarked that she might like to look at a new piano on sale at a very low price, and suggested that Mary be brought in the next day for her first piano lesson. Because a music studio needed more business, and well-meaning and anxious parents were eager to provide the best for their daughter, Mary was sentenced to one hour each day on the piano bench.

At first, Mary was not unwilling, especially since her best friend, Nancy, could al-

ready play "Jesus Loves Me." Mary and her mother had been secretly envious of Nancy's musical ability. The music lessons were fun, the piano teacher was jolly, and they played musical games with notes that had arms and legs. On each page of the music book there was a cartoon, such as a funny little man balancing a treble clef sign on his nose. One page had a boy pulling notes out of a pond of water with a fishing pole, and another page had a picture of piano keys that could talk. They spent much time discussing the pictures in the book.

Mary's parents were a little perplexed when they read on the inside of the cover of her first piano book

that it was not necessary for the student to demonstrate complete understanding of one idea before going on to the next problem. The important thing, according to the book, was a *feeling* of continual progress. However, Mary not only failed to demonstrate an understanding of what was being presented but both she and her parents realized that she was making almost no progress. Her father and mother grew concerned, and Mary became discouraged and lost interest in learning to play the piano.

Mary's parents were assured that their daughter would enjoy her music more if she had a better piano on which to practice. In desperation a new piano was purchased from the studio, but there was only a short period of renewed interest. Mother didn't know how to play the musical games the way the teacher did, and without mother's constant attention, little practicing took place. At times there was talk of discontinuing the private lessons, but might not such

action be interpreted as an acknowledgment of Mary's failure in music? Would it not be better if Mary learned that something started must be finished properly? Something must be done, but what?

The problems facing Mary and her parents are not new ones. Had Mary's lessons been deferred until she was ten or eleven years of age, her chances of success in music would have been greatly increased, and her first experience in formal music education would have been a pleasant one. Also her parents would have saved considerable money.

We have been given counsel through the Spirit of Prophecy and by leading educators regarding the proper time to start formal educational procedures with children. In spite of this, many parents attempt to initiate instrumental instruction long before their children are mentally or physically prepared for it. If it is doubtful that children of six or seven years of age are ready for the work required



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of them in school, it is even more doubtful that they are ready for instrumental music instruction at that age.

In comparing the rigors of attending school with the exacting requirements of instrumental music study, one comes to the conclusion that the study of music makes the greater demands upon the student's physical and mental capacities. In the school classroom the desks and the chairs fit the student reasonably well, enhancing good sitting posture; little children studying piano must sit on a bench built for adults, which is not only uncomfortable but contributes to poor posture.

In school, reading is done under favorable circumstances, with the book at the proper angle; in piano practice the small child has to look at a music book that is often too high to be read comfortably. First-grade reading books have large print, just a few words to a page, and only one line to be read at a time; most piano methods for children have notes about one sixteenth of an inch in diameter, and as if to tax even further the undeveloped optical power of the child, these notes are placed on five horizontal lines rather closely spaced. Besides this, there are two sets of notes to watch and to translate into the proper manipulation of the keyboard with the ten fingers.

Until a child has reached an age of approximately eight years his eyes have not fully developed. Some authorities say that eyes do not mature until the tenth year of life. It must be acknowledged that there is a considerable amount of nervous tension and eyestrain connected with piano study that tends to weaken the entire mental and nervous system. "Children should not be long confined within doors, nor should they be required to apply themselves closely to study until a good foundation has been laid for physical development."—*Education*, p. 208.

At what age is the average child ready for music lessons? In general, one should wait until about the tenth year. At this age he will learn so much more quickly that he will easily catch up with those of his own age who may

have begun music lessons earlier. Often he will surpass their achievements in a surprisingly short time. What is true of piano study is also true of other forms of instrumental music study. There is no lasting musical advantage to be gained from starting a child in formal music study when he is very young.

The first musical instruction the child receives should be concerned with singing and feeling rhythm. Singing games with body motions allow a child to respond to music in a natural

way. Provide good instruments for the home, such as a piano and a record player, with a selection of recorded music that children can understand and appreciate. Help him to recognize different instruments, to distinguish between slow and fast, loud and soft, high and low, and to become familiar with simple melodies. Properly carried out, these activities will help the child develop a love of music, which is the most important prerequisite for later successful participation in formal music activities.



Growing Up

By Arthur S. Maxwell

What wonderful bedtime stories Mary must have told Jesus before He went to sleep each night! I am sure she did her best to tell Him all she had ever heard or read about God's plan of salvation for the lost world. Beginning with the story of the Garden of Eden, and how Adam and Eve lost their lovely home because of Satan's trickery and their own sad mistake, she went on to tell how God planned to make everything right again.

"They didn't lose it forever, darling," I can hear her saying. "Oh, no. For God promised to send a little Boy some day who would grow up to be big and strong and good and take it away from Satan and give it back to those who love and obey God."

And maybe Jesus said, with a faraway look, "I'd like to be that little Boy, Mamma. I really would."

Then Mary would tell about Noah and the ark, the Flood and the rainbow—all those dear, sweet stories that mothers have told their children for thousands of years. And of course she told about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and about Joseph and his brothers.

Then, too, there were the stories about Moses and how he led Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, and to Sinai, where God gave His people the Ten Commandments; about Joshua and the conquest of Canaan; about David and Solomon; about Daniel and Nehemiah.

Eagerly Jesus drank in every word. And when Mary would stop to say, "Now it's really time you went to sleep, dear," He would say, like any other little boy of His age, "Just one more story, please, Mamma! Just one more!"

I suppose there were some stories He liked better than others, such as the one about the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace, or about Abraham offering up Isaac on Mount Moriah, and seeing a

ram caught in a thicket when he needed a sacrifice. And these extraspecial ones He would want over and over again.

Now and then that strange look would come back on His eager face as He would say, "Sometimes, Mamma, I almost think I was there. I can see it all so clearly."

Day after day Mary would read to Him from the Holy Scriptures, especially the chapters in the Old Testament where the prophets wrote about the coming of the Messiah. Jesus heard them so often that He soon knew them by heart and where to find them.

Every Friday evening the little family would kneel in prayer together to welcome the holy Sabbath. Next morning they would go to the synagogue for worship. It was a custom with them (Luke 4:16). The preacher was always sure that Joseph, Mary, and that wonderful little Boy of theirs would be in their places in the house of God.

How pleased the minister must have been to have a Boy like Jesus in front of him—so interested, so attentive, looking up with keen, wide-open eyes!

Thus it was that Jesus became "strong in spirit, filled with wisdom."

Knowledge of God's Word made Him strong and wise, and as a result "the grace of God was on Him."

He was gracious at home and at play with other children. He was kind and unselfish, always trying His best to be helpful. I am sure Mary never had to ask Him twice to wash the dishes and that there was never a word of grumbling when Joseph sent Him on an errand.

No doubt He was teased by other children because He took a stand for right and truth, but nothing they said or did could make Him say or do anything wrong. Others might cheat or lie or tell shady stories, but not Jesus. And they always knew He would never go back on His word.

Don't you wish you could have known Him then? I do. And wouldn't it be wonderful if you could be as good and kind and truthful and courteous as He was? You can be if you will. This same Jesus, now Lord of glory, will help you if you ask Him. He understands all your problems so well because, you see, once upon a time He was a boy too.

I Never See the Dawn

By INEZ BRASIER

I never see the dawn
That follows ev'ry night,
I never see the dew
That catches morning light,
But in their renewal
Is found a healing balm,
And in living silence
God speaks His holy calm.

His Mile

By Inez Brasier

HAVE you ever wondered whether Christ knew from personal experience the meaning of His words, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"? It could be, for Roman soldiers were constantly passing Nazareth, and many a strong youth as well as older person was pressed into one-mile service to carry heavy packs and other equipment.

One can picture Jesus picking up the load of some burly soldier and then at the end of the first mile cheerfully saying, "I'll go with thee another mile."

Second-mile service! Can we, if we belong to Christ, do less than this? Or in a spirit other than His? One may seriously question whether any service is acceptable to Him if not done gladly as though for Him in person. And who knows the power of it for good? For Christ's graces of sympathy, kindly interest, and heaven-inspired love make impressions that can never be effaced, and will in His own time bear fruit in changed lives.

During the years before Christ lived on earth the country of the Gauls was overrun by the fierce Alamanni peoples from the north. In distress the Gauls called the Roman forces to rescue them. They came, and proved worse than the Alamanni, for nothing could persuade them to go back to Rome. At last Vercingetorix, brave young leader, knew he must do more to gain freedom for his people. He gave himself, throwing his sword at the feet of Caesar. A short time later, and in chains, he followed the returning Romans through the streets of Rome. He knew second-mile service. To save his country, Gaul, he did more than duty required.

It was no half-and-half service Christ rendered in the days the Romans strode along the roads of Palestine. And it must be no half-and-half service with us now. There is no neutral way in following Christ. If we serve grudgingly and with churlish spirit, we are not on the side of Christ; we are working for the enemy of all good, undermining His influence on the hearts of men. We are betraying sacred trusts, therefore betraying Him whom we pretend to represent here

upon earth. We are either all-out for Him or we are the archenemy's best ally. And no matter how we try to disguise the fact, we are false second-milers undermining the morale of Christ's true followers.

For God will not accept the seeming splendid service unless the motives and the spirit back of them are Christ centered. Unreserved surrender to His plan means service He can bless. When we are truly His, even the small things done for others—things that mean self-denial, time, and effort—will be done cheerfully.

Christ did not measure His work for us. If He had, we should not know salvation. When we are one with Him in spirit, we will not stint our service; we will give it as our best—for Him.

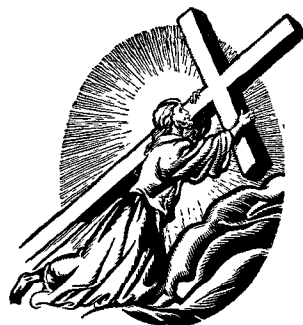
Stephen, the evangelist, knew this second-mile service in fullest measure. He gave his life to witness for Christ.

Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple in London, one day was preaching in a city park. A heckler shouted at him. "What did Christ do for Stephen when they stoned him?"

"He gave him grace to pray for those who stoned him."

His second-mile service cost his life. But could he, had he lived, have done as much to "set the world on fire" with the message of salvation through Christ as did Paul, whose first illuminating glimpse of Jesus at Stephen's death gave him no rest until he became a mighty second-miler for God? And Christ was there, for Stephen saw Him in his last hour.

Christ is with us, unseen, in our service for Him. Sensing Him so near,



we shall know a joyous rest of soul. And in us will be seen fidelity, cheerfulness, faithfulness, for these are the characteristics of the self-surrendered second-miler. They are His insignia of the royalty of heaven.

We receive only to impart. Through us, then, His love will enrich the lives of others. It will be manifest in tenderness and sympathy for those who would compel to service. We become channels of blessing, and being these, we ourselves are blessed.

Second-mile service! The joy of it here with His constant presence! The joy, too, when before His throne we can say, "I have *finished* the work which thou gavest me to do."

And the reward? The privilege of wider service in the hereafter with the Prince of second-milers—Jesus.



● Alan Long, 18, a senior at Takoma Academy, Takoma Park, Maryland, won first prize in the seventh annual temperance oratorical contest of the Columbia Union Conference, at Reading, Pennsylvania, Saturday night, December 6, 1958. The title of his oration was "Remove the Halo." Other winners in the contest were Eugene Harmon, 17, junior at Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, and Merrill J. Collett, 15, sophomore at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Virginia. Eugene's subject for his second prize was "Don't Let Alcohol Overtake You," and Merrill's third-prize oration was entitled "The Solution Is in the Heart."

● Morris Keith Robinson, of Pine Forge Institute, won first prize in the seventh annual poster contest of the temperance department of the Columbia Union Conference. Cash awards were given in Reading, Pennsylvania, on Saturday night, December 6, 1958. Other winners were Nancy Lee Eusey, of Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pennsylvania, second place; and Helen Dudash, of Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, third place. Honorable mention awards went to Tim Stockton and Irvin Grandstaff, Greater Baltimore Academy; Stephen Odessa, Garden State Academy; Veda Lee Doyle, Shenandoah Valley Academy; Forest Walter, Takoma Academy; and Steve Stymiest, Mount Aetna Academy.

● Union College has initiated a Student Conference to aid in the field evangelism training program for ministerial students. Elected officers include Helton Fisher, president; Richard Hammond, secretary-treasurer; and five other committee members: George Sharpe, Lewis Anderson, Dick Jewett, Norman Wagness, and Gordon Kainer.

This committee assumed the organizational responsibility for the college In-gathering field day in October, 1958, and

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has since placed eight ministerial students as pastoral assistants in churches in the surrounding districts. Seventy Sabbath morning speaking appointments have also been outlined for ministerial students from December, 1958, to May, 1959. Eight two-week student efforts will be held in various parts of Nebraska following an initial series conducted by the Union College evangelism instructor, Prof. Sydney E. Allen.

- Bill Bryan has been elected president of the Takoma Academy Concert Band. Other officers include Carolyn Crandall, vice-president; Karen Schneider, secretary; Richard Hirst, treasurer; John Gibson, publicity secretary; Chris Hatt, social secretary; Sharon Dorn, librarian; and Marion Mattingly, sergeant-at-arms.

- Thirteen students attending Washington Missionary College have been named to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges." They are Phylliss Byrd, Robert Clarke, Mary Ann Goynes, Lamont Murdoch, Nelrene Shafer, Erma Jane Cook, Susie Wilson, Betty De Wind, Valmae Minchin, Bing Djang, Janice Foulke, Mario Almazan, and Elizabeth Franklin.

- At a Christmas program sponsored by the ministerial association of Rochester, New Hampshire, Wayne Wormhood was chosen to represent the Seventh-day Adventist church of that city. He read the scripture concerning the birth of Jesus.

Junior Talks

Dipped in Sunshine

By D. A. Delafield

There is a lovely little lady in Takoma Park, Maryland, who always wears a sweet smile on her face. She plays the violin beautifully. Now she is ill at the Washington Sanitarium. But when I saw her the other day she wore the same lovely smile. She was dipped in sunshine.

I like that expression "dipped in sunshine." Andrew Fearing, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference Ministerial Association, used it the other day. He was referring to the woman president of a well-known college who always was the same, whether complimenting or disciplining the students. One young woman said after leaving her office, where the president had administered a kindly discipline, "All the while she was dipped in sunshine."

Juniors should be dipped in sunshine. To be sure, if you live in a

country where there is plenty of sunlight, you can get lots of sunshine and a nice healthy tan on your skin. I lived for many years in San Diego, California—truly a land of sunshine. I spent six years in Hawaii, another lovely place where there is lots of sunshine. But perhaps I got the most sunshine when I lived in Phoenix, Arizona. There the sun shines every day; in fact, there is a restaurant in the city that will give you a free meal if the sun fails to shine that day.

But we are talking here about a different sort of sunshine—the radiance and brightness that the happy Christian exudes from his very person. There is a smile on his face. He has a warm handshake. He is not afraid to put a brotherly arm about another Christian and offer a word of cheer. And his face is wreathed in smiles!

Now, I didn't say grins and silly grimaces. It is possible to put an artificial look on your face, just as it is possible to manufacture artificial sunshine. But the artificial sunshine won't do you as much good as the sun that shines in the sky. And the artificial smile won't do as much good as the smile that begins deep down in the heart. If you are happy inside, you will show it on the outside.

The Sun of Righteousness

If we want people to dip into the sunshine of our lives, we must ourselves dip into the sunshine of God. Jesus is called the Sun of Righteousness. We must be often in His presence. Did you know that Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you"? Yes, we must get in the sunshine. We must be dipped in the sunshine of God's love and feel the warm rays of the Bible promises upon our cold hearts. Then we will warm up and become like the sunlight to other people.

When I was a boy one of our favorite songs in church was, "There is sunshine in my soul today, More glorious and bright Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light."

Boys and girls, is Jesus your light? If he is, the scowls and the frowns and the grimaces and the artificial smiles will disappear. And it will be just as natural for you to smile as it is for the sun to shine. Besides, the doctors tell us it takes less effort to smile than it does to frown.

"Dipped in sunshine." I like the expression. May it be said of all our Seventh-day Adventist juniors, when their friends and neighbors come to see them, that the moment they enter the presence of an Adventist boy or girl, they are dipped in sunshine.

"What I Like Best About My School"—12

Newbold Missionary College

By REX RICHES, Editor, *Salisbury Sentinel*, 1957-58



In *Steps to Christ*, page 10, we find that "through the things of nature, and the deepest and tenderest earthly ties . . . He [God] has sought to reveal Himself to us." As I have attended Newbold Missionary College, the senior

college for the Northern European Division, God has spoken to me through these two agencies.

Newbold, with its 84 acres of farm, gardens, and woodland, is situated in Berkshire, one of the most picturesque counties of the British Isles. Although only 30 miles from the great city of London, this school is in the midst of the beauties of God's creative handiwork. The surroundings of my school have become to me a foretaste of the glories of eternity that I shall share, I pray, with all my friends.

A friend made at Newbold, it is said,

is a friend for eternity. Having an enrollment of fewer than 150 students, Newbold is small enough to possess a family atmosphere, so it is not surprising that all students live and study together as one large, happy, Christian family, irrespective of race or color. Twenty-five different countries of the world are represented in the school. Students come from as far away as New Zealand in the south and Finland, the land of the midnight sun, in the north. Having been at Newbold for a number of years, I can, like many others, claim a true and trusted friend in almost every country of the world—friends who have drawn me closer to God and revealed His love and goodness to me through their friendship. For these I sincerely thank God.

Coming from different countries of the world, many of these friends I may never see again, once they leave the shores of England; but I long to see them all again on the sea of glass. May each one of us be faithful until that time.

DEAREST of all the precious promises of the Bible is the Saviour's statement, "I will come again." Through two millennia of trials and persecution the blessed hope has upheld the faith of Christian believers.

Now we stand on the threshold of the eternal world. Even scientists tell us that only minutes remain until midnight. The whole creation points to the fact that Jesus' coming is at hand. Why then does He delay?

As students of Bible prophecy we know that the end of all things awaits the taking of the gospel to the world, a task that has been committed to us. Someday Christ is coming. *Let's make it soon* by completing our assignment. This is the aim, the goal, the sole reason for all our soul-winning agencies.

As we survey the progress of the Faith for Today TV evangelistic endeavor during the past year, we praise God, first that He has seen fit to provide so powerful a soul-winning agency and second that He has granted so large a measure of success.

Representative of the thousands who have learned our message for the first time through the television ministry is a teacher with 50 years of experience in both day and Sunday schools. She lives far from any Adventist church, a shut-in, an invalid, unable to walk, but she is determined, nevertheless, to let her light shine. After she has thoroughly mastered each Bible correspondence lesson she carefully records it on tape and sends it to her former Sunday school, where it is welcomed each week as an additional feature to illuminate the Scriptures. How wonderful it would be if all our baptized members were as faithful in witnessing.

Increasing numbers of people of other faiths testify that their opinions of Seventh-day Adventists have been changed, thanks to regularly viewing the Faith for Today telecast. A letter from a Grand Rapids, Michigan, viewer typifies many who write. "We are not Adventists, though we have been Christians for many years. Yet we have a lot to learn and would like to study the Bible under your direction." Then came this comment: "It isn't much, but here is our offering for your cause." Such willingness to share the expense of the telecast indicates a deep interest on the part of viewers.

Noting the reaction of new viewers to the Sabbath truth is a revelation. Some have long wondered how the change from Sabbath to Sunday came about. Others learn of it for the first time through Faith for Today. But it is not always easy to accept. A viewer far from any Adventist studied her

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lesson about the Sabbath and then prayed for guidance, secretly hoping that she would discover there was some mistake in the presentation.

But of course there was no mistake. Here is her account of her experience: "Then like a flash came the answer. Jesus kept the seventh day of the law of God. The Ten Commandments say that the seventh day is holy. Not one jot or tittle shall pass from the law. That convinced me, and since then, though I am all alone here in this belief, by God's grace I have kept the seventh day."

The Sabbath came to another convert in a strange and marvelous way. One of our circulars suggesting a visit from a minister failed to reach the Bible school graduate for whom it was intended. Instead, it fell into the hands of a total stranger. She read the questionnaire and decided that she wanted to know the correct answers. Not realizing that a Bible course was involved, she wrote requesting that the minister be sent to her home. So eager was she to learn more about the true Sabbath that she gave detailed instructions about how to reach her home. When her letter came to the office we realized anew the truth of the divine statement, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit."

Still another example of the telecast's outreach is that of a new believer who traces his interest to the Faith for Today booth set up by faithful members at the Danbury, Connecticut, fair. Thousands of fine contacts each year are made from coast to coast by this means. New interests are aroused and drifting Adventists are reclaimed. This Danbury visitor to the booth thrilled the local members who were in attendance by his immediate announcement that he not only accepted every point of faith as they revealed it to him but wished also to join the church. His baptism is imminent. Meanwhile, this new

convert is busily spreading the gospel in his area.

This determination to go all the way in church fellowship is one of the most inspiring features revealed in the TV mail. One viewer wrote in, apologizing for not having been baptized sooner. "Soon I will send you my card showing I have been baptized," she wrote. "It has been difficult to be baptized because of the changing of pastors. We have only a visiting pastor who is temporary here, so this has made it hard for me to become a member. But I am sure that in two weeks I can become a regular church member. I praise God for the love and kindness and courage I have found in the Sabbathkeeping church." Thank the Lord, these new believers keep trying until they find their way into the church.

Bible course graduates, of course, gain a firm understanding of the truth. But as we plan the weekly telecasts we always pray most earnestly that just the right message will be given to impress hearts to accept. The gospel of hope and courage must be presented. But we must include warnings and reproof as well. Our laymen have been most cooperative in helping us to evaluate the programs. For years some have sent in weekly reports on reception and acceptance in widely separated areas.

A recent letter from Washington, D.C., is an example of how encouraging such reports can be. Here is part of the letter: "Pastor Fagal, if I had written and asked you to prepare two programs to fit my brother's problems they could not have been more perfect than the two he watched while visiting here. My husband and I were both astounded. We could hardly believe it could happen accidentally. To think that two successive Sundays the very subjects he needed so drastically should be given—well, they must have been planned by God just for him."

While thousands are attracted to

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By
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the truth through the telecast, it is almost always a combination of influences that draws TV viewers into full church fellowship. Pastors are the key men in the follow-up work. We are always glad when they can respond as did a minister in the West: "Mr. and Mrs. S are very eager for additional studies. I consider this family to be excellent prospects for baptism."

But sometimes ministers find a different situation. From the East came this report: "Not a good prospect." However, before his report could be mailed in he added this significant note: "There is a sequel to this visit. When I left this home I invited the mother and family to attend our church, but I had the feeling I would hear no more from them. Much to my surprise, I received a telephonic call the next day from the prospect's sister asking the address of our church and the time of the services. She and a girl friend came the next day and have been attending regularly. The mother and father of the friend are now interested also."

Still another type of experience comes to pastors who follow up TV interests. "I received the name and address of an interest far out of my district," wrote a southern minister. "I had to go over the mountains to find her, but she is keeping the Sabbath and is ready for baptism. I wish I had a hundred names of people like her."

Youth who rebel against religion and school or parental discipline cause grave concern to authorities these days. Some have found in the Faith for Today telecast a way to help solve thorny problems. One young juvenile delinquent was so unruly that his mother petitioned the court to assume jurisdiction over him. Somehow, as he was passed from one agency to another, he found the Faith for Today telecast. Its message touched his heart, bringing true repentance and a changed life. He found a part-time job to help his mother with expenses. But first of all he sent a few dollars to the telecast as a thank offering for his conversion.

One young drug addict found freedom after years of struggle. His whole life has been transformed, and he is a living witness to the power of Christ.

A young girl came under evil influences and drove her mother almost to despair. Realizing that she had completely lost control of her daughter, the mother asked the court to place the girl in a home. The first we heard of the case was a plaintive letter from the girl. Faced with her mother's decision, she begged and pleaded to be allowed to remain at home. When her mother refused, she turned to the friendly Adventists whom she had seen from week to week on her TV screen. Realizing that she had brought all this trouble upon herself, she asked only for prayer. But her prayer request was very specific: "Please pray that I will be placed in a Christian home," she asked. "I want to learn to be the kind of Christian I see on your program."

About a year ago a young man enrolled in the TV Bible course. He was determined to make something of his life, especially after his baptism last May. So he attended summer school at one of our colleges. This winter he is teaching church school. In his latest letter he says he plans to go back to college to prepare for further service.

This urge to spread the gospel is one of the finest characteristics of those who find the truth. A viewer in the Washington, D.C., area was told of the It Is Written meetings to be held by George Vandeman. She actively promoted them, enlisted her husband's interest, and both were baptized at the close. "I feel you should know that the Faith for Today telecast gets results," she wrote when reporting their baptism.

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Mr. and Mrs. William E. Schlunt and sons. During Mr. Schlunt's senior year in high school his whole family accepted the truth through the Faith for Today telecast. He then canvassed and attended college. Last year, after graduation from the Seminary, he was invited to take up work as a ministerial intern in the New York Conference.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeden and family watched the Faith for Today telecast with continued interest. After their house burned down they recalled the story of how TV letters were preserved when fire destroyed the Fagal home. They enrolled in the Bible course, and eventually were baptized with six of their eight children.

Health and Retirement

By T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

A PROSPEROUS wheat farmer of eastern Washington in his early sixties had made more money than he could reasonably expect to spend in his normal lifetime. So he decided to retire and enjoy his well-earned leisure. In the city of Spokane he built a \$100,000 home and turned his back on the plowing, the dusty harrowing, the seeding, and the spectacular 36-horse-drawn harvester. No more 16- to 18-hour days for him; only leisure in the beautiful new home.

A year later the big house was empty. The once-active farmer had died less than a year after beginning his life of inactivity and soft living.

Was this early death the inevitable result of retirement? Was this man ill-advised in withdrawing from the drudgery of his dusty wheat fields? Does the coming of retirement inevitably imply important changes that may have a bearing on our health?

There are varying attitudes toward the matter of retirement. Some people have never learned how to apply themselves to any interest other than their full-time job. Even when away from their work they are thinking about their job and planning concerning it. They never learn how to bring into their lives other normal and legitimate interests that would give greater rewards to living, and perhaps make the life of the family more normal and wholesome. The husband becomes so absorbed in his profession, his occupation, that wife and children scarcely have a basis for acquaintance. Nor does this successful man have a working companionship with the family.

The best-adjusted, and we might say the happiest, families are those that have learned to share one another's interests, tastes, and inclinations. The well-adjusted family is one in which the father finds time to share the interests of the children and most certainly of the wife. The boys should find their most enthusiastic partner and pal in an understanding father who finds time to work, play, and do interesting things with them.

The things the children want the father to do with them may seem a

sheer waste of time. There are more important things to be done than chasing through the woods, searching out birds and small animal life, building a rattletrap cart in the basement workshop, or repairing an old bicycle, motor, or kite. Or are there? Learning how to operate a camera or a radio with the boys or listening to the trivial social problems of the daughter are not sufficiently important to claim the time of the busy father.

Or are they? No father has ever had demands upon his time more important than those justly claimed by his children, who rightly look to him to introduce them to the interesting activities, recreations, and possibilities before them.

Apart from the sacred privilege of every father to spend recreational and avocational time with his children, every person—man or woman, married or single—owes it to his own development of personality to find interests other than those immediately related to his profession or job.

Women may find profitable and pleasant diversion in sewing, collecting various items, photography, flower culture, gardening, bird observation, and nature study. When the responsibility of companionship with the children unavoidably falls to the mother, there are many projects and interests in which she and the children, both boys and girls, may find a common area of activity.

All of us have known men who were so completely absorbed in their work that their families, particularly the children, had little more than a formal speaking acquaintance with them. If this description applies to you, why not set out right now to learn how to live? Your son or daughter has interests he or she would like to talk over with you. Perhaps more particularly your boy wishes his father were like Jim's father, who takes him to the Air Force exhibit, to the museum, to the aquarium, and to the zoo. Wherever you may be, there are birds, small animals, fish, insects, and a world of interesting life that can be explored.

Perhaps the boy wants to go camp-

ing in the mountains under seemingly impossible conditions. It's too cold; it's too wet; or perhaps it's just not a time you can get away easily. Think it over well before you say No to a boy who really wants you for a pal.

This is only half the story. While you are hoping that you are bringing a guiding influence to bear upon the boy's life, don't forget he is opening up to you vistas of expression denied to the man who has no son or daughter. The interest you share with your children in nature, or your skill with photography, your understanding of gardening and rose culture, your interest in rocks, in amateur physics and chemistry, your acquaintance with astronomy, music, literature, current history, your participation in recreation, hiking, boating, golf—these interests are of importance to you personally.

Every person who has found healthful diversion from a strenuous work program in any of these recreational pursuits looks forward legitimately to that time when he will be permitted more opportunity to pursue the hobby, the recreation, or other profitable avocation apart from the pressures of a heavy work program. Shifting gears from a heavy-pressure occupational or professional life to enforced idleness of retirement may result in disappointment or tragedy. Shifting gears from full employment to the enjoyment of the favorite diversion, avocation, and recreation may become one of life's most rewarding experiences.

Beyond the hobbies and avocations to which you give attention, serious thought should be given to the mental attitudes with which you enter the senior years of life. Determine that you will not permit thoughts of frustration or resentment to trouble you, no matter what the circumstances.

Remember also that in your retired years, as at other times, there is no greater pleasure than that of bringing cheer to others. We can do this only as we are careful not to feel sorry for ourselves. There are no rewards in self pity. Maintain an alert mind for current world affairs; read widely.

While keeping mentally active, don't forget that physical activity is also important. Walking is perhaps the best single form of physical activity.

As retirement takes you out of your former professional responsibilities, step into the most rewarding of all activities—that of making your time, ability, talents, and hospitality available to those less favored. With these activities of your choice to occupy your time, attention, and loyalties, your retirement may truly be the golden years of your life.

News From Home and Abroad

A Message From Southern Asia

By F. A. Mote

[Now visiting the Southern Asia Division for the General Conference, Elder Mote sends the following air-mail report to readers of the Review.—EDITORS.]

FOR several weeks it has been my privilege to attend meetings and visit our churches, workers, believers, and institutions in the Middle East and Southern Asia divisions. What a joy it is to meet God's faithful children in these countries where the people are numbered by the hundreds of millions. What a challenge comes to the leaders of God's people who labor to give the message in these lands of strange and interesting customs and religions.

N. W. Dunn and I are now attending the annual committee of the Southern Asia Division, which is being held at the division headquarters in Poona, India. The first meeting was held this morning (December 14) in the church near the division office, where the brethren and sisters of the

division office staff and the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, and the community, met for the devotional meeting.

Following the devotional service, O. O. Mattison, the division president, opened the work of the division committee by reading Phillips' translation of Ephesians 4:11-13: "His 'gifts unto men' were varied. Some He made Special Messengers, some prophets, some preachers of the Gospel; to some He gave the power to guide and teach His people. His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole Body might be built up until the time comes when, in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity—that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ.'"—PHILLIPS, *Letters to Young Churches*, p. 128.

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The motto for this division meeting is "A Mature Church Dedicated to Evangelism." The committee began its work in a way that indicates they are determined to find the solution to the problem of how to strengthen our churches spiritually, financially, numerically, and in every other way harmonious with God's plans for His church around the world.

The spirit here is very good and further reports will give more details as our meetings continue.

[This additional report from F. A. Mote has just been received.—EDITORS.]

It was 8:45 A.M., Sunday, December 14, that a large number of loyal Seventh-day Adventists of the Southern Asia Division met in the church across the compound from the division office in Poona, India. We had gathered for the devotional service that marked the opening of the annual meeting of the division committee. Elders O. O. Mattison, D. S. Johnson, and M. E. Kemmerer—the division officers—together with N. W. Dunn and I were seated on the ros-



Evangelism in Kansas City, Missouri

Evangelistic meetings began in the Kansas City Central church on Sunday night, October 12, and continued for three weeks with a good attendance. Up to the end of November, three baptismal services had been held in which 23 united with the church. This brought total baptisms for the year to 42. Pictured above are some of those baptized. It is expected that others will be baptized later.

R. E. BREWER and E. D. CLARK



Largest Baptism, Edmonton, Alberta

In this picture are shown the first group of people to be baptized in the new church building in Edmonton, the capital of Alberta. Daniel Skoretz (seated, right) believes that this is the largest number ever baptized in one baptism in the history of the Edmonton church. The new church building has helped fire the members with a greater zeal for evangelism. Practically all of those pictured above were brought into the message through the efforts of laymen.

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trum ready to begin the first service.

All at once five lovely little Indian girls came onto the rostrum and placed beautiful garlands of flowers on each of us. Next, N. G. Mookerjee, Voice of Prophecy field secretary, speaking for our brethren and sisters throughout Southern Asia, welcomed the General Conference representatives. The thoughts and information presented in this gracious welcome were so well put that you who are readers of the REVIEW should share with us the joys and warm Christian fellowship we felt. The message of Elder Mookerjee, in part, was as follows:

Message From Elder Mookerjee

"It is indeed a wonderful privilege for me, an Indian, to welcome you, Elder Dunn, and you, Elder Mote, to India on behalf of the division, the residents of Salisbury Park, and 20,000 Adventists in the Southern Asia Division. . . .

"I was quite young when W. A. Spicer came to India in 1904. He taught me in the Sabbath school class. I remember Georgia Burrows, in 1905, later Mrs. Burgess. She was a courageous single woman who came to India to work among the zenanas, or purdah women. In 1906 Anna Knight, a colored Mississippi girl, arrived in our land. She sang the Negro spirituals in the correct way, then would explain to us their background. We learned to love her. There were Drs. R. S. and Olive Ingersoll and Dr. O. G. Place, who helped my father's family take their stand. I also knew some, who, like dear Brother J. C. Little, laid down their lives for us.

"When you return to your homeland, please tell the dear folks there that we in Southern Asia appreciate the sacrifices they have made, and are making, in our behalf by contributing their means and their sons and daughters.

"It has taken us about 70 years to reach the 20,000 mark in membership. Today we find that the going is more rapid. Perhaps we did not exert ourselves enough while the going was smoother. Times are more difficult now, and obstacles have been multiplied, but the Lord is by our side. . . .

"Once again I thank you for coming to our division, and I welcome you with all my heart. I thank you and those who have gone before for bringing to us this wonderful Advent message. My brethren and sisters and I want to assure you that we shall spare no pains to introduce Jesus to India's millions. The line shall not break where Southern Asia's sons and daughters stand. So help us God!"



Dietitians and guest speakers who attended the SDA Dietetic Association meeting at Takoma Park, October 17-19, 1958.

SDA Dietitians Convene

By Joyce W. Hopp, M.P.H.
General Conference Medical Department

The Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association met for three days, October 17-19, 1958, in Washington, D.C., just before the annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association, held the following week in Philadelphia. Twenty-five members were in attendance—the largest group to meet thus far. This large group was a far cry from the situation 25 years ago, when there was only one Adventist member of the American Dietetic Association. Standards for membership in this association have been high, and it is with pleasure that we report the growing number of Seventh-day Adventist dietitians eligible under these standards.

Guest speakers featured at the Washington meeting included Dr. T. R. Flaiz, Carl Sundin, D. Lois Burnett, H. E. Rice, and the writer, all from the General Conference Medical Department. E. E. Cossentine took the occasion to point out the urgent needs in our educational institutions for those professionally qualified in the field of nutrition.

Reports of progress over the past year showed: (1) three food service directors' workshops held, directed by Clinton A. Wall, member of the SDADA (reported in the October 2, 1958, issue of THE REVIEW AND HERALD); (2) production of the first two of a proposed series of pamphlets on

nutritional features for our medical institutions and nutrition education programs—*Why No Meat?* and *What Shall We Drink?* These attractive two-color pamphlets contain well-written scientific information; (3) an active career recruitment program being conducted in academies and colleges; and (4) work entering the final stages on preparation of a diet manual for medical use.

We sincerely appreciate the work of the Seventh-day Adventist dietitians through their very active association. Readers of THE REVIEW AND HERALD benefit in many ways from the untiring efforts of this small group of professional workers in the field of nutrition. Regular columns appearing in the "To Your Health" section of this paper are frequently written by dietitians. We are thankful indeed for their willingness to share their knowledge with those who need to know how to live and eat healthfully.

Tidings From South Brazil

By H. L. Rudy

[H. L. Rudy, a vice-president of the General Conference, sends this air-mail report from Brazil, where he has been attending the winter council of the South Brazil Union.—Editors.]

It is Friday, December 12, 1958. The South Brazil Union Conference committee is in session. We are seated in semicircles in the college music hall. The day is typical of South Brazil in summer—cloudy, humid, occasional burning sunshine, with an average

temperature that is considered hot. Every little breath of fresh air is like a smile from the Creator.

At this particular moment the responsible leaders are discussing salary rates. Shall we increase them? How much of an increase can we afford? Are all the workers worthy of an increase? The laborer is worthy of his hire, so as good stewards we decide to do what is right and fair. We all agree that Seventh-day Adventist workers are treated wonderfully well compared with many who are employed outside of the church and its institutions.

This is just an ordinary day of committee work, but as I review the notes I have taken so far today, they read almost like the Acts of the Apostles. I will summarize them to give you a sample of the many good things that happen in the work of God.

Geraldo Marski, president of the Mato Grosso Mission, stated that it was generally agreed that his was the most difficult field in the union. There are only three ordained ministers in the mission, yet they have already baptized 126 people this year and have several baptisms yet to carry out before the 12-month period is over. There are practically no railways and very few traversable roads in the field. The only way most of the interior areas can be reached is by small, one-engine airplanes or afoot.

In one place, 70 miles from the nearest town, a faithful layman began preaching the Advent message under a large mango tree. As many as 200 people came to hear him. Now, more than 60 people have been baptized and organized into a group. With some help from the mission a modest house of worship has been built. Still without a pastor, the company meets regularly from week to week and actively continues to teach the truth to their neighbors.

Siegfried Hoffmann, president of the Santa Catarina Mission, spoke of three churches in his field that had been waiting a year to receive help in erecting houses of worship. They finally decided that they had waited long enough for others to come to their aid. Uniting their energies and resources, they proceeded to help themselves. Now each church has a suitable dwelling in which to worship. What is more important, the members of these churches have become very active in missionary work, and take pride in having such a real part in building up the work of God.

Four of the sixteen faithful colporteurs in this field are doing outstanding work in cottage meetings. Those attending these meetings belong to the better educated classes—professional and business people who are looking

for God's way out of the confusion of our time.

One colporteur presented his books in a home where he was told: "We are not interested in your books. We bought books from a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur several years ago. Now we keep the Sabbath." Pointing to a small chapel in the yard, the man of the house said, "We meet there every Sabbath, and we are waiting to see if there are other Sabbathkeepers in the country." How happy they were to discover that this colporteur was a Seventh-day Adventist. Today the group is rejoicing in the blessed Advent hope together with God's people.

P. S. Seidl, president of the Goiano-Mineira Mission, pointed up the strong soul-winning work being done by the colporteurs in his field. One of them found a man who had fallen into the clutches of spiritism. When the colporteur discovered this man,



Sod Turned for New Conference Office in New Jersey

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held recently in Trenton, New Jersey, for a new conference headquarters building. The modern two-story structure will be on Brunswick Avenue in Trenton, busy U.S. Highway 1 on the northern outskirts of the capital city of the State.

Wielding shovels for the initial construction program are (left to right): Samuel Mountford, architect; W. M. Nosworthy, secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey Conference; M. K. Eckenroth, president; and Albert Rees, conference attorney.

The entire staff of the conference witnessed the ceremonies, which were held in connection with a workers' meeting. Construction is expected to take about a year.

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he was digging his own grave. The medium had ordered him to do so. He was to die in a few days, according to the medium. Now the man has been freed from this evil power and is preparing for membership in the church. The colporteurs of this field have sought out 240 people in 1958. Many are already baptized, and all are preparing to unite with the Adventist people.

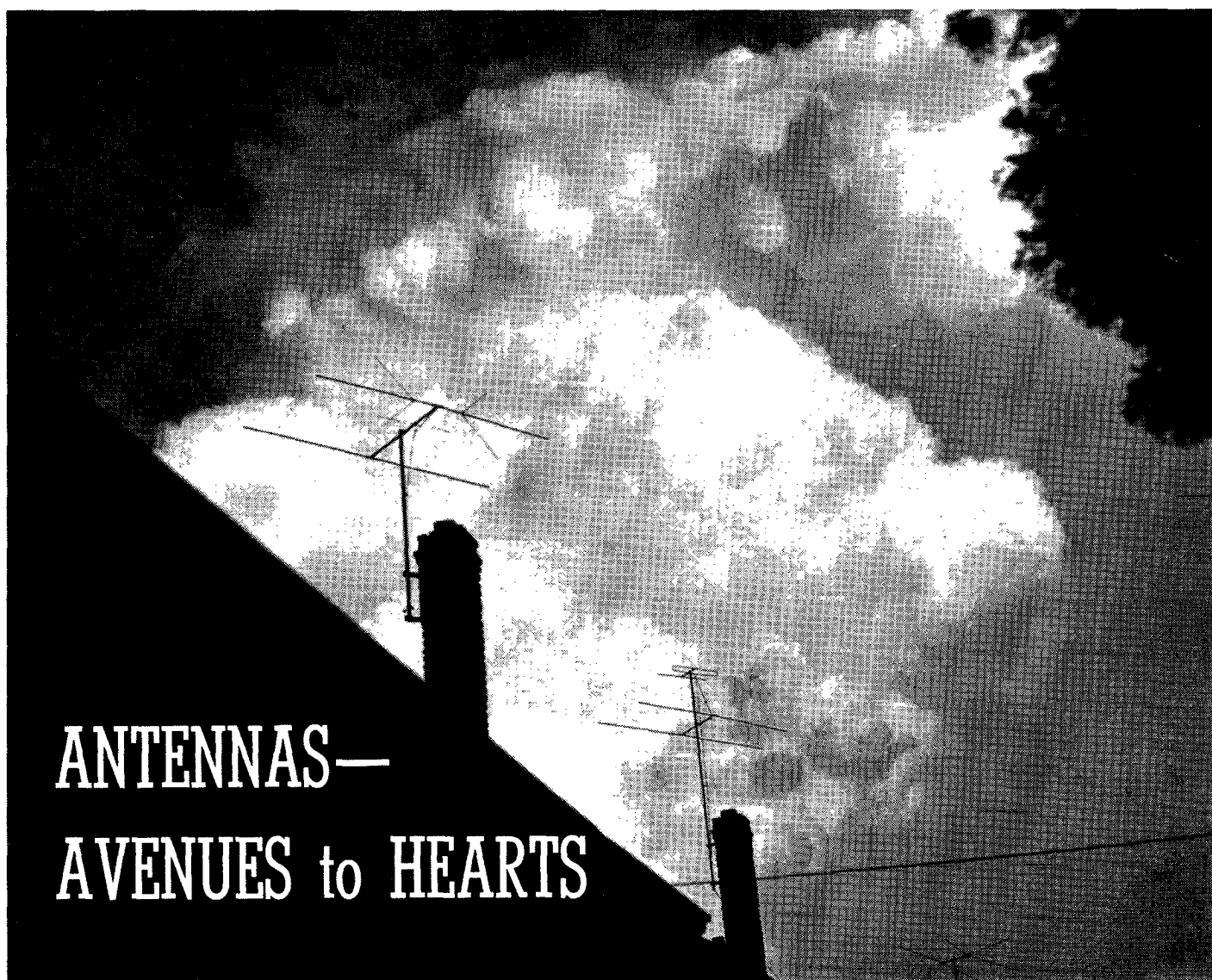
Dr. E. B. Rodrigues, from the Penfigo Adventist Hospital at Campo Grande, gave a most cheering account of the work being done at this modest little institution to bring relief and healing to the unfortunate victims of pemphigus, or "savage fire." In the three years of the hospital's existence 430 cases have been treated, with 40 per cent of the patients being cured. Of the 70 patients who have received treatment so far in 1958, only 17 have had to return for further treatment. Six people who have been cured are preparing for baptism, among them the wife of a well-to-do farmer. She was in an almost hopeless condition upon her arrival at Penfigo. Now she is cured and desires baptism.

Church membership in South Brazil is expected to reach the 30,000 mark by the end of 1958. Aside from the strong program of public evangelism, the Advent message is being broadcast over 65 radio stations within the union. More than 40,000 children and young people attend our schools in South Brazil. There is a constant battle on the part of our churches for sufficient housing facilities to accommodate the rapidly increasing membership.

Let's Make It Soon

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Of special interest among those who are active in soul winning is a new convert on active duty in the United States Navy, stationed in England. He and his wife have finished several Bible courses and have accepted the truth wholeheartedly. In one letter the husband stated, "My wife is interested in learning how to prepare no-meat Adventist dinners. We feel that in our two years here and our four years in one of your colleges when we get home, we will learn to be real vegetarians." A little later he wrote, "Our baptism was postponed, but we have just learned from the pastor that he has found a baptistry that we can use. We have really gone overboard for the truth. After studying the doctrines diligently, we have come to our own conclusions that this is right. Everything about Faith for Today has led us to this conclusion."



EWING GALLOWAY

ANTENNAS— AVENUES to HEARTS

Millions of antennas—reaching out for **the big story—**

The story of God's love.

How long they must wait depends to a great extent on how much we give for

Faith for Today Evangelism

SABBATH, FEBRUARY 14

You've been so right—

In keeping Faith for Today on the air for the past nine years! Every year has seen an **increase in baptisms**. For your past and continued cooperation in the work of television evangelism, Faith for Today says **Thank you.**

Throughout the year there will appear on this page the announcements of the special Sabbath programs, campaigns, and offerings that have been voted by the General Conference.

(The telecast is seen at the New Gallery Centre in London.)

Progress in the Christian life of this young Navy couple meant giving a clear witness to others. Soon a group of youth were assembling for study and activities that included handicrafts. Needless to say, the Bible course played a large part in these meetings, and before long older people began to attend. The young couple were drafted for Missionary Volunteer work, and not long ago a letter came telling of the young man's first sermon.

"Well, I've had my first sermon. The pastor and elder here are really letting me take hold in the church. They say the sermon went over pretty well. At least they said they enjoyed it. Now for the big news. The pastor has to be away for two weeks, attending a union meeting, and he has given me complete charge while he is away. My wife and I can see through these responsibilities that God is giving us experience in handling church affairs. We have received the college bulletin and are looking forward to getting a training to help finish the work."

Again we say, Thank God for these new TV recruits whose enthusiasm and devotion are strengthening our united efforts to hasten our Lord's return. Someday He's coming. *Let's make it soon.*

Two World Divisions Report 100,000 Members

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FAR EASTERN DIVISION

Korea

South Korea is fast becoming one of the most fruitful fields in the Far East. The Sabbath school membership now numbers 22,958, an increase of 6,011 in the years 1957 and 1958. While affliction and adversity brought on by the ravages of war have caused misery and hardships among the Koreans, yet these difficulties and privations have only served to strengthen the faith and deepen the zeal of our workers and church members. Today South Korea is ripe for evangelism. During the first three quarters of 1958 there were 1,274 baptized and 28 new churches and companies organized.

Japan

On the four small islands of Japan live 91.6 million inhabitants, making this one of the most densely populated areas of the world. For this reason Japan, with its well-educated highly skilled, and progressive people presents a great challenge to us.

While our membership is small, the vision of our leaders in Japan is large.

The first youth congress in Japan's history was held at Japan Missionary College in October, 1958, with more than 500 youth in attendance. Speaking of the effective way the Voice of Prophecy is reaching the masses in cities and villages all over Japan through weekly broadcasts on six powerful radio stations, Winston Clark, president of the Japan Union Mission, related at the council that "through the providential openings of the Lord . . . [the Voice of Prophecy] was able to add a new half-hour program, the 'Sunday Family Hour,' on two stations this year." The program has been most enthusiastically received in Osaka, the second largest city in Japan.

The Japanese Voice of Prophecy has a middle-of-the-night spot broadcast each morning at 1:45. Before JOLF (Tokyo) goes off the air, Paul Eldridge, Voice of Prophecy broadcaster, presents a one and three-quarter minute program. It is heard nationwide and in Okinawa.

Formosa

When our work was re-established on the beautiful, verdant island of Formosa in 1948, there were no Seventh-day Adventists on the island. But E. L. Longway, president of the South China Island Union Mission,

pointed out that as of September 30, 1958, the baptized membership had reached the 1,564 mark. It was most interesting to learn that during the last eleven quarters the membership increased 85 per cent. Our work was established in six new places during 1958.

One of the most fascinating features of our work in Taiwan (Formosa) is the entrance of the Advent message among the Taijal tribespeople in the mountains. For the first time these primitive aborigines of Taiwan are now turning to the light of the three angels' messages.

Philippines

The Catholic peoples of the Philippine Islands have always responded to the enthusiastic and dynamic preaching of our Filipino evangelists. The combined membership of the two unions in the Philippines now has reached an all-time high of 60,544. During the first three quarters of 1958, 3,945 new souls joined the remnant church by baptism and are now marching with God's children on to Zion's gates.

Laos and Cambodia

Two young missionary couples are blazing new trails in the small countries of Laos and Cambodia. Brother and Sister Richard C. Hall have begun pioneer work among the mountain tribes in northern Laos. They live only 15 miles from the Chinese Communist border. The Halls moved into Laos just over a year ago and have already been thrilled with their first baptism of five tribespeople.

Pastor and Mrs. Ralph E. Neall have now entered Cambodia. Most of the past year has been spent in language study. The first fruits are still immature, but a harvest will surely be reaped soon in Cambodia.

Thailand

In Thailand, the stronghold of Buddhism, we are baptizing more each year than ever in the history of our work in that picturesque land.

Indonesia

Let me now direct you to the young Republic of Indonesia, with its 88 million peoples and where is found the largest Moslem population in the world. In Indonesia also live about 5 million Christians of whom the large majority are Protestant. In fact there are more Protestants in Indonesia than in all the rest of Asia, outside of India. More than a century ago some of the early Christian missionaries paid the supreme sacrifice and became martyrs for Christ. The words "slain and eaten up" were chiseled on the simple gravestones of mar-



Blind Sister in Brazil Finds the Light

Maria Delgado, of Espírito Santo, Brazil, is shown being baptized by H. E. Walker. This dear old sister is 85 years of age and is almost totally blind. Because of her advanced age a special service was held for her by the Icoaraci church, 20 miles from the city of Belém. She and her son are the only members of their family that are church members. It is hoped that the others will take their stand soon.

CHARLES C. CASE

tyrs Munson and Leimaan by Christian Bataks in Central Sumatra, whose descendants today thank God for the sacrifice of these early missionaries.

A new day now dawns in Indonesia. For the first time in the history of our work we are witnessing Moslems by the hundreds studying the teachings of the Adventist faith. Already several influential Moslems have been baptized. Three years ago an intelligent, well-educated government school-teacher by the name of Rifai Burhana'ddin was fully converted and baptized. After his conversion he was instrumental in organizing a church of 18 members in South Sumatra, all of whom formerly were stanch Moslems.

No wonder there is a note of expectancy and urgency in the minds of our leaders in Indonesia, and for that matter all through the ranks of the Far Eastern Division.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

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M. Fridlin, president of the division, gave strong, balanced leadership throughout the meeting. The opening night of the session we were thrilled as he spoke from 1 Kings 19:11: "And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." It was a clarion call to greater consecration and evangelism.

Reports from the various union fields of the division were given at the evening meetings.

C. L. Torrey, General Conference treasurer, gave excellent help in the devotional services and in giving counsel on financial matters. The spirit of evangelism is strong. The

Angola Mission field in Africa has doubled its membership in five years. Spain has doubled its membership in eight years.

We were especially happy to hear that the Swiss Union is now self-supporting and a full-fledged home base to help the work in the mission field. Many of the unions of this division are working under great handicaps, but in spite of these problems every report was full of courage.

The church at Athens, Greece, has a unique plan. Recently the members decided to have their church open every day of the week. They conduct five services a week. During the past year 1,000 visitors have come to the church as a result of this new plan. They are giving Bible studies to a number who were reached through this method. We believe this plan can be used in other churches. Very recently Voice of Prophecy lessons in the Greek language were made available. Thirty-five hundred are taking the course; 132 have completed it.

In Yugoslavia 86 chapels have been built in the last ten years. Our members have made great sacrifices to build these chapels. They still need 80 more. In many countries the only public meetings permitted are in our own churches.

Our representatives from Italy reported that prior to World War II there were 14 ambassadors to the Vatican. Now there are 42.

Recently in Lisbon, Portugal, *The Ten Commandments* was shown at a downtown theater. Our brethren decided to print a leaflet on the necessity of keeping the Ten Commandments. Our lay members stood in front of this theater and distributed 100,000 leaflets. A good interest has been created.

The union president of Czechoslovakia visited 20 churches immediately after the General Conference session, showing kodachrome slides of the General Conference and our work. The attendance at these church services was the largest in the history of Czechoslovakia. As the people listened to their union president and saw the pictures of the onward progress of the work, they wept for joy. Recently the first union session in 11 years was held. The largest Protestant church in the city was rented. Several thousand attended these meetings and 16 young men were ordained to the gospel ministry.

Dr. J. Nussbaum gave a stirring report of religious liberty work in the Southern European Division. He is kept busy meeting leading government men and presenting the subject of religious liberty to our people.

The brethren stood before us at the council and pleaded over and over again for our prayers. These men are steadfast, brave soldiers of the cross who are carrying the message of the soon coming of Jesus in these difficult lands. Let us earnestly pray for them in our daily family devotions.

• In Brief •

OVERSEAS

Northern European Division

● At the recent division biennial council held at Skodsborg, Denmark, Odd Jordal was elected secretary of the home mis-



Group attending the 1958 annual meeting of the Southern European Division, held at Gland, Switzerland, December 3-9. From left to right (seated): W. A. Wild, V. G. Anderson, M. Fridlin, C. L. Torrey, and B. J. Kohler.

sionary and temperance departments, and R. Unnersten as auditor and assistant treasurer. In West Africa and Ethiopia the present officers were re-elected.

- J. A. Simonsen, who devoted four profitable years to the educational work of the division has now returned to the Southern California Conference. We wish the Simonsens much of the Lord's blessing.

- A. F. Tarr, division president, recently completed a visit to the Ethiopian Union Mission, where he met R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference. Pastor Tarr then proceeded to West Africa to attend the union constituency meeting and the year-end meeting of the union committee. Both in Ethiopia and in West Africa progressive plans are being made for the carrying forward not only of strong medical and educational work but for evangelistic campaigns, which we believe will be for the strengthening of the membership in those important unions.

- E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, is to conduct evangelistic campaigns in West Africa shortly. With these campaigns a school of evangelism will be operated. It is expected that a large group of evangelistic workers will be associated with Elder Cleveland.

- Newbold Missionary College, our division senior school, has begun another school year that promises to be one of the best in its history. Registered students number 154, as compared with 140 last year. Students are enrolled from eight divisions other than our own, with 25 countries being represented.

NORTH AMERICA

Atlantic Union

- Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Christoph and two small daughters arrived December 15 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mason, in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Later they will spend some time in Pennsylvania with his family. The Christophs have been teaching in our training college in Nigeria, and are on furlough for six months.

- Mrs. O. D. Walden, a native of Georgia, is now at the New England Sanitarium as Bible instructor.

- A choral group made up of Faith for Today interests in Westbury, Long Island, New York, has been organized by Dr. Furman Fordham. At a recent concert by this group, C. E. Bradford, home missionary secretary of the Northeastern Conference, gave a talk encouraging members of the audience to take the Bible correspondence lessons, and testimonies were given by some who had completed the course.

Columbia Union

- A new welfare center has been opened at Newark in the Ohio Conference. Representatives from the city and county welfare departments were on hand for the program. Officers of the center include Mrs. Carl White, director; Mrs. Ralph

Greer, assistant director; and Mrs. William Fralick, secretary-treasurer.

- The Everett, Pennsylvania, church was dedicated in ceremonies held on Sabbath, December 6. The main speakers were L. E. Lenheim, president of the Columbia Union Conference, and Francis W. Wernick, president of the West Pennsylvania Conference. The pastor is H. R. Veach.

- William Otis, from the Michigan Conference, has been appointed new Book and Bible House manager of the West Pennsylvania Conference in Pittsburgh. He replaces Harold M. Soper who accepted a call to a similar post in the Chesapeake Conference, in Baltimore, Maryland.

- The Akron, Ohio, church of the Allegheny Conference recently burned the church mortgage in a special ceremony. Participating in the service were James Washington, A. N. Brogden, Sallie Johnson, Martha Harris, Edward Means, Eugene Williams, and Ralph Wimbish.

- A 2 per cent educational expansion fund has been inaugurated in the Potomac Conference, according to H. J. Capman, president of the conference. A special offering for educational work will be taken every third Sabbath of the month in every church.

- Edward Herzel, presently of Rockaway, New Jersey, has been appointed pastor of the Hackensack-Westwood district in the New Jersey Conference. He replaces Clarence Gruesbeck who has accepted a call to the Illinois Conference in the Lake Union.

- The literature evangelists of the Allegheny Conference have for the second straight year delivered more than a quarter of a million dollars of truth-filled denominational books and periodicals. For 1958 the exact figure is \$250,338.62, according to C. M. Willis, publishing secretary of the conference.

North Pacific Union

- The Health and Happiness meetings in the Youth Center in College Place, Washington, were climaxed November 16 by a banquet in Kellogg Hall in which 414 guests participated. This was followed during the next few days with a series of nutrition classes by Dorothea Van Gundy of the International Nutrition Research Foundation. The Health and Happiness series opened September 28. Those leading out included the pastors and Bible instructors of the area, the physicians, dentists, and members of the Walla Walla College faculty, as well as academy and college students. Mrs. Lloyd Stephens directed the cooking school and food demonstrations.

- On December 13, under the supervision of Kenneth McVay, the dedication of the new church in Albany, Oregon, was held. The building, with a seating capacity of 300, was filled to overflowing. V. T. Armstrong spoke at the eleven o'clock service, Lloyd E. Biggs gave the dedicatory prayer, and one of the early pastors, N. C. Ernston, read a fitting psalm.

- The principal of Laurelwood Academy, E. L. Gammon, has been informed

that the academy was accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools on December 2. This action completes accreditation for Laurelwood, which previously had been recognized by the Board of Regents of the General Conference Department of Education. In addition, Laurelwood's qualified, full-time teaching staff are certified by the Oregon Department of Education and hold Master's degrees, or will receive them in the next few months.

Pacific Union

- E. L. Branson has been called to the Southern California Conference to serve as pastor of the El Monte church. For eight years he has been serving as president of the Greater New York Conference. Previous to that he was president of the Middle East Union for 12 years. He has also served as pastor of some of our larger churches in the home field.

- H. L. Shull, business manager of Pacific Union College for the past 12 years, has accepted a call to be assistant auditor of the Pacific Union Conference. After 20 years as missionaries in China, the Shulls returned to America in 1941 and joined with Southwestern Junior College. Later Mr. Shull served as treasurer of the Hawaiian Mission, his last assignment before going to PUC.

- The Pathfinder Clubs of the island of Oahu held a review on the lawn in front of the McKinley High School on Sunday, January 11. Honored guests were Clark Smith, of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference; Harry Garlick, of the Pacific Union Conference MV Department; and Cree Sandefur, president of the Hawaiian Mission.

- The guest speaker for the second annual award dinner for Pathfinder leaders of the Southern California Conference, held December 7 at Glendale Union Academy, was A. J. Reisig, MV secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference.

- The King's Way Bible Lectures team, Philip Knoche and Hayward Shafer, began a series of evangelistic meetings in the Ontario, California, church, January 11. Robert Wheatley is pastor of the church.

Southern Union

- The first conference to reach its 1959 Ingathering goal was Carolina. The 1959 Ingathering Minute Man goal of \$103,317.28 was achieved by mid-November. This is the first time in the history of the conference that \$100,000 has been raised through Ingathering. W. O. Coe is the home missionary secretary.

- Fifty-two young people were baptized recently at the Forest Lake Academy church following the fall Week of Prayer. Pastor Gene F. Cherry officiated.

- E. L. Pingenot has accepted a call to the Dalton, Georgia, district in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He replaces Max Ritchie, who was recently called to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as leader of the Bordeaux district.

- Scores of churches in the Southern Union recently inaugurated the Opera-

tion Dixie program as part of the largest over-all evangelistic effort ever undertaken in the Southern Union. An objective of 1,500 baptisms during the first three months of 1959 has been set.

● Eighteen student nurses recently received diplomas from SMC President C. N. Rees at ceremonies on the Southern Missionary College nursing school campus in Orlando. This is the last diploma class; the next class will be granted degrees from SMC.

● The Southern Union officially passed the 40,000-membership mark during the last quarter of 1958. Incomplete reports indicate that 1958 was another record year in both membership and monetary gains.

In Remembrance

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD.—REV. 14:13

ADAMS.—Gladys Helen Adams, born Sept. 22, 1898, at Boulder, Colo.; died at Niles, Ill., Nov. 18, 1958. In her youth she accepted the truth. She was the sister of Glenn Adams of Manila, Philippines; Lucille Semmens and Clarence Adams, both of Modesto, Calif.; Ruth Krum of Washington, D.C.; and George Adams of Niles, Ill.

ALLEN.—Benjamin L., born September, 1888; died Oct. 15, 1958. He was baptized in 1938. Left to mourn are his wife, Maude Sylvia Allen of Pevely, Mo.; one sister; and two brothers.

ALSBERGE.—Lotta Viola Alsberge, born Jan. 26, 1876, at Victory, Wis.; died in Verdugo City, Calif., Nov. 17, 1958. In 1895 she was graduated from Healdsburg College. In 1898 she became a teacher in one of the first church schools in California. Later she taught in the Indian school on the Klamath Reservation in Oregon. In 1899 she married Edward William Alsberge, who was graduated from a course in dentistry in 1904. For a time they lived in St. Helena, Calif., and then moved to Los Angeles. Two sons mourn the loss of their devoted mother, Edward Wallar and Marden Adair, both graduate physicians of the College of Medical Evangelists, engaged in practice in Glendale, Calif.

ATKINS.—Lester Virgil Atkins, born May 3, 1898, at Nimshe, Calif.; died Aug. 14, 1958, in San Francisco, Calif. He was baptized in 1948. Left to mourn are his wife, Doris; five sons; a daughter; six foster children; 11 grandchildren; a brother; and seven sisters. [Obituary received Dec. 11, 1958.—Eds.]

BARKER.—Dora Barker, died April 11, 1958, in Denver, Colo., at the age of 90. She joined the church in 1889. Surviving are two sons, J. W. Barker and Frank Barker, both of Jaroso, Colo.; three daughters, Mrs. Forrest Noakes of Rocky Ford, Colo., Mrs. Carl Bucklen and Mrs. Albert Kravig, both of Karval, Colo.; 26 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. [Obituary received Dec. 8, 1958.—Eds.]

BAUMGARDNER.—Nadia A. Baumgardner, born Sept. 27, 1891, in Minneapolis, Minn.; died Nov. 17, 1958, at Portland, Ore. She was a member of the church. The mourners are her husband, Ray, of Sutherlin, Ore.; a son, James Frentress of Portland, Ore.; and three sisters, Clara Wilson of Beaumont, Calif., Georgia Utter of Stockton, Calif., and Eva Simpson of Hemet, Calif.

BLOUNT.—Linnie McAlexander Blount, born Jan. 8, 1878, in Springdale, Ark.; died Sept. 13, 1958, in National City, Calif. She joined the church at an early age. In 1904 she was united in marriage with W. A. Blount. She is survived by six children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. [Obituary received Dec. 12, 1958.—Eds.]

BRADLEY.—Margaret Virginia Ellwanger Bradley, born in 1906, in Delaware; died at Glendale, Calif., Nov. 29, 1958. From 1924 to 1929 she attended Washington Missionary College, and in 1929 she married Millard C. Bradley. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dr. M. C. Bradley of Compton, Calif.; two sons, Millard Calvin, Jr., and George; two sisters, Ruth Haughey of San Marino, Calif., and Mrs. Horton McLennan of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two brothers, Alfred of Broad Run, Va., and Phillip of Wilmington, Del.

BRANDOM.—Chester Milton Brandom, born March 31, 1877, near Kansas City, Kansas; died Oct. 7, 1958. In 1914 he married Eva Virginia Arnett. He pitched big-league baseball in the days of Babe Ruth. In 1957 he accepted the truth. The survivors include his wife; four sons, Joseph, James, Herbert, and William; and nine grandchildren.

BRIANT.—Lula Esther Williams Briant, born Feb. 8, 1864, in Atlanta, Ga.; died in Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 11, 1958. Her husband, Presley Vincent Briant, predeceased her. About 1885 she embraced the faith and became one of the pioneer lay workers of southern California. The mourners are a daughter, Ethel Briant; three grandchildren, Col. LeRoy V. Greene of Washington, D.C., Howard P. Hulme of Augusta, Ga., and Doris Jones of Omaha, Neb.; and six great-grandchildren. [Obituary received Dec. 15, 1958.—Eds.]

CHRISTIANSON.—Patricia Varie Christianson, born Jan. 30, 1954, at Loma Linda, Calif.; died in Loma Linda, Calif., Oct. 25, 1958. Left to cherish her memory are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian P. Christianson; a sister, Christiana Marie; two brothers, Jadane Eric and Michael Arne; and her grandmother, Mrs. Marie Loewen, all of Loma Linda, Calif.

CLEMENT.—Lora E. Clement, born in Nebraska; died in Takoma Park, Md., Dec. 17, 1958. She was graduated from Union College in 1908, after which she went to Washington, D.C., where she served as secretary to M. E. Kern until 1911. She then began work at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and joined *The Youth's Instructor* staff under Fannie Dickerson Chase. Her work as assistant editor began in 1922, and soon she was acting editor. In 1923 she became the editor, which position she held until 1952. Her "Let's Talk It Over" column was an inspiration and a guide to the youth who were later to become our denominational leaders. From 1952 until her death she was librarian at the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

CRAW.—Kevin Bruce Craw, born June 13, 1956, in Riverside, Calif.; died Dec. 10, 1958. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Allen Craw. Mr. Craw being a teacher in the music department of La Sierra College. Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Sherilyn, and his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Bartlett.

CROSS.—Ernest Lyon Cross, born Nov. 9, 1872, in Muscatine, Iowa; died Dec. 11, 1958, at Hemet, Calif. In 1903 he married Lutra Ann Harvey. The following year he made a large gold discovery at the Bullfrog mine, which started the boom town of Rhyolite, Nev. In 1906 he and his wife and daughter Beryl moved to Everett, Wash., where they lived until 1911, when they moved to San Diego County, Calif. They went to Hemet, Calif., to live in 1946. He united with the church in 1926.



Nurses' Residence, North York
Branson Hospital

Gladys J. Sharpe, nursing consultant for the Ontario Government Department of Health, cuts the ribbon, opening the new nurses' residence at North York Branson Hospital, Toronto. Looking on are G. E. Jones (left), then president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, E. E. Roenfelt, associate secretary of the General Conference, and Mrs. E. C. Scott, director of nurses at Branson Hospital. The ceremony opening the new nurses' residence was held November 9, 1958.

W. A. NELSON

ELLIOTT.—Ada Moose Elliott, born June 19, 1912, in Madison, S. Dak.; died at National City, Calif., Nov. 12, 1958. She was a Christian for 23 years. Her husband and son Robert survive, together with one sister and two brothers.

ELLIOTT.—George W. Elliott, born Nov. 29, 1881, in Alabama; died Oct. 10, 1958, in Menlo Park, Calif. He accepted the truth while a young man and served as a colporteur for many years in Arizona. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sarah; two sons, William of Los Altos and Kenneth of San Jose, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Jayson Herwin of Oregon; six grandchildren; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Fanny Austin, both of Dallas, Tex.

EVERSON.—Nettie Belle Sanborn Ulp Everson, born April 16, 1886, in Warren Co., Pa.; died at Sanitarium, Calif., Dec. 1, 1958. She was married to Fred Ulp, and they lived in New York City. Elder Charles T. Everson conducted evangelistic meetings in that city and she was converted. Following the decease of both of their companions, Elder Everson and Nettie Ulp were married in 1947. She carried the management of "Elmhaven," and did much to improve the property formerly owned by Ellen G. White.

FAUVER.—Emma Ruth Shollenburg Fauver, born Sept. 2, 1896, at Chippewa Falls, Wis.; died at Othello, Wash., Nov. 26, 1958. Her family embraced the faith when she was nine years of age. She attended church school at Viola, Idaho, and it was in that locality that she married Forest Fauver. The survivors include four sons, Arthur, Woodrow, Dale, and Lloyd; three daughters, Alice Buxton, Blanche Fauver, and Letitia Blaine; 29 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, George; and two sisters, Bina Grange and Kate Clinesmith.

GILLIS.—Manville John Gillis, born Dec. 18, 1903, at Willowlake, S. Dak.; died Nov. 28, 1958, in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. He attended Canadian Junior College two years, and in his youth gave his heart to God. The survivors are a sister, Myrtle Kroll of Long Beach, Calif.; and two brothers, Merrill and Marvel of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

HARDING.—Elsie Weaver Harding, born June 23, 1881, in Shawnee, Ohio; died Nov. 12, 1958, at Worthington, Ohio. She attended Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, prior to her marriage to Dr. George T. Harding II in 1903. In 1906 Dr. and Mrs. Harding moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as superintendent of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. In 1908 they returned to Columbus, Ohio, where they laid the groundwork for the establishment of the present Harding Sanitarium. After her husband's death she was married to Wilton Lockwood in 1951. Following his death in 1955, and after thoughtful consideration, she petitioned the court to restore her former name, Mrs. Harding was a charter member of the Worthington, Ohio, church. She is survived by three sons, George, Warren, and Charles; two daughters, Ruth Evans of Worthington, Ohio, and Mary Elizabeth Hoffman of Houston, Tex.; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

HEINRICH.—Kathrina Elizabeth Riffel Heinrich, born July 20, 1872, in Wisemuel, a German settlement in central Russia; died Nov. 8, 1958. In 1875 she came to America, and from an early age she was a church member. In 1891 she united in marriage with George Heinrich. She leaves to mourn her passing six sons, Samuel of Ringwood, Okla., William of Bowdle, S. Dak., Bennie of Bartlesville, Okla., Wesley of Bazine, Kans., Alvin of Pondcreek, Okla., Ellsworth of Okeene, Okla.; a daughter, Esther of Okeene, Okla.; 28 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three brothers, John, Abe, and Sam Riffel; and a sister, Marie Beltz.

HEISEL.—Erna Heisel, born Dec. 31, 1909, in Pound, Wis.; died Nov. 4, 1958, at Hinsdale, Ill. Miss Heisel was graduated from the nurses' course at Madison College, and from the School of Physical Therapy at Loma Linda, Calif. At the time of her death she was supervisor of the physical therapy department at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. The survivors are her mother, Mrs. Minnie Heisel of Pound, Wis.; a brother, Charles, also of Pound, Wis.; and four sisters, Ruth of Hinsdale, Ill., Mary Hoagland and Clara Hussong of Green Bay, Wis., and Helen Gusick of Pound, Wis.

JOHNSON.—Alvin Walter Johnson, born Nov. 11, 1895, at Harlan, Iowa; died at Sanitarium, Calif., Dec. 27, 1958. In 1916 he was baptized. His secondary education was obtained at our school in Hutchinson, Minn. In 1920 he was graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College. Also that year he was united in marriage with Grace Martin. He was a graduate student at Washington Missionary College from 1921-22. In 1923 he received his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. He was awarded a traveling scholarship by this university in 1925, and thus was able to visit Europe. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1933. As a denominational worker he first taught at Battle Creek Academy 1920-21. In 1923 he began teaching at the Hutchinson Theological Seminary, where he continued until 1926. In that year he was made principal of Maplewood Academy. Two years later this academy and the Hutchinson Theological Seminary were merged, and he was named principal. In 1932 he was called to Union College, and four years later he went to Pacific Union College as head of the department of history and political science. He served there for seven years; for the last five of those years he was also dean and business manager. In 1943 he was called to be president of Emmanuel

Missionary College, and served in that capacity for seven years. He was appointed secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference in 1950, which position he held until June of 1958. He was author of the following books: *Legal Status of Church-State Relationships in the United States, Program of Studies for the Secondary Schools of Nebraska From 1890-1935, Calendar Reform, The Unicameral Legislature*, and was co-author with Dr. Frank H. Yost of *Separation of Church and State in the United States*. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Religious Liberty Department of the National Council of Churches, and a member of the Michigan State Safety Commission in 1948. Mourning their loss are his wife and his brother, Clifford Johnson.

LARKINS.—Harry Ellis Larkins, born Nov. 25, 1880, in Oakland, Oreg.; died at Eugene, Oreg., Oct. 24, 1958. He became a church member in recent years. Two sisters, Myrtle Pyrtz of Falls City, Oreg., and Kate Ladans of Cottage Grove, Oreg., survive.

LINK.—John H. Link, born Nov. 19, 1878, in Odessa, Russia; died in Lacrosse, Wash., Dec. 5, 1958. In 1891 he was baptized. He served on the executive committee of the Upper Columbia Conference for a number of years. In 1902 he married Emma Sauer, who died in 1919. To this union two children were born, Willard and Edna. He married Elizabeth Krieger in 1920, and to this union was born one son, Marvin. Also surviving are three grandchildren, and a brother of Fortuna, Calif.

LORENZ.—Henry J. Lorenz, born June 16, 1886, at Lehigh, Kans.; died Oct. 19, 1958, in Enid, Okla. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Reiswig. He was baptized at the age of 21. He leaves to mourn his wife; one sister, Mrs. Fredrick Schwindt of Fort Worth, Tex.; and a brother, Charles of Skiatook, Okla.

MARTZ.—Amelia Ehrlich Weis Martz, born Feb. 19, 1869, in Sherbozka, Russia; died at Watonga, Okla., Oct. 26, 1958. She came to the United States at the age of seven. In 1887 she was united in marriage to Henry Weis. After his death she married Daniel Martz in 1898. She was baptized in her early youth. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. A. E. Oxley of San Antonio, Tex., Mrs. Charles Loewen of San Jose, Calif., Mrs. David Hansen of Hitchcock, Okla., and Mrs. Joseph Hickey of Atlanta, Ga.; one son, Charles Martz of Berrien Springs, Mich.; ten grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. J. J. Ehrlich of Hitchcock, Okla.

MASON.—Mrs. Reeve Mason, born March 17, 1878; died July 20, 1958. In 1913 she was baptized into the church. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Kolias, Mrs. Eva Lemos, and Mrs. Francis Condy; four sons, Waidon, Alex, Amos, and Edward; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Eva Smith; and a brother, Roque Uribe. [Obituary received Dec. 11, 1958.—Ems.]

MC CLELLAND.—Mary Elizabeth Frazier McClelland, born Sept. 6, 1883, at Coalton, Ohio; died near Clarksburg, W. Va., Nov. 16, 1958. In 1906 she married James Edward Frazier. Ten years later she accepted the truth. She was widowed in 1932, and in 1937 she married William Homer McClelland. Left to cherish her memory are her son, James E. Frazier, Jr., of Takoma Park, Md.; two daughters, Gertrude Shultz of Takoma Park, Md., and Lucille Messenger of Clarksburg, W. Va.; two stepdaughters; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

NUARD.—Helen Nuard, born May 23, 1875, in Norway; died Oct. 22, 1958. Since 1934 she was a member of the Brooklyn Swedish church. Mourning their loss are her husband, and a daughter, Ruth Knudsen.

PERKINS.—Nellie C. Perkins, born in 1888, in Minnesota; died Oct. 24, 1958, at Mammoth Spring, Ark. In 1908 she was united in marriage to Walter E. Perkins. Survivors are a son, Glen and six grandchildren of Alton, Mo.; also the mother, Mary Callarman; and two brothers, A. L. and Charles Callarman.

PHILO.—Luella Philo, born Aug. 5, 1870, in Alma Center, Wis.; died Nov. 18, 1958, in Benton Harbor, Mich. In 1891 she was married to Levi Philo. Left to mourn are three daughters, May Bailey of Battle Creek, Mich., Eva McCauley of Washington, D.C., and Myrtle Burns of Michigan City, Ind.; a son, Wesley of Battle Creek, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

PICKNEY.—Edward Louis Pickney, born Feb. 25, 1872, in Winchester, Tenn.; died Nov. 24, 1958. Since about 1900 he was a church member. For many years he was a colporteur and spent much time studying the Bible with friends and neighbors. The mourners are his wife, Jessie; two sons, Glenn of Dallas, Tex., and James of El Cajon, Calif.; seven daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Neal of Canoga Park, Calif., Mrs. Mert Grant of Rolla, Ark., Mrs. George Von Roeder of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Clyde LaGrone of Amarillo, Tex., Mrs. Floyd Osborne of San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Leo Firetag of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mrs. Olene Shaw of Wildwood, Ga.; 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three brothers, H. J. of Anson, Tex., W. E. of Antioch, Calif., and Robert of Hoxie, Ark.; and one sister, Mrs. Charles Horton of Rotan, Tex.

REAGAN.—Emma Reagan, died Nov. 30, 1958. For a number of years she was a member of the Monroe, La., church. The survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Register of Redlands, Calif., and

Mrs. Jack Lucas of Monroe, La.; eight grandchildren; two brothers; and five sisters.

ROBSON.—Effie V. Heflin Robson, born Nov. 16, 1879, in Fairfield, Ill. She gave her heart to Christ when a young girl, joining the Baptist Church. In 1904 she was united in marriage to Christopher Robson, and to this couple six children were born. In 1927 she was left a widow. About 1918 she became an Adventist and always wished she could be a foreign missionary. This was never her privilege, but she lived to see two of her daughters accept calls to foreign service. Irene Robson Bentley was director of nurses in the Seoul Sanitarium Training School for Nurses, Korea, 1947 to 1955, and Dr. Verna Robson served on the hospital staff in Karachi, Pakistan, 1954 to 1958. Left to mourn are a son, Marion H., of Highland, Calif.; three daughters, Irene Bentley, of Calistoga, Calif., Dr. Verna L. Robson, recently returned to California from Karachi, Pakistan, and Christina Rees, of New York City; eight grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Heflin, of Fairfield, Ill.

SCHROEDER.—Max L. Schroeder, born March 1, 1883, at Ithaca, Nebr.; died in Modesto, Calif., Oct. 26, 1958. In 1904 he and Mintie Alice Clouse were united in marriage. His baptism was in 1932. The mourners are two daughters, Cecile Hackler of Ceres, Calif., and Evelyn Testman of Modesto, Calif.; a son, Harris of Hughson, Calif.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother; and four sisters.

SCOTT.—Cora Viola Fuller Scott, born March 10, 1889, in Minnesota; died Aug. 3, 1958. She attended Bethel Academy and Madison College. For 15 years she taught in self-supporting schools. Left to mourn is her husband, L. C. Scott, of Long Island, Ala. [Obituary received Dec. 31, 1958.—Ems.]

STERN.—Charles F. Stern, born Jan. 9, 1883, in Gillett, Wis.; died Nov. 3, 1958. He was married to Emma Wangerin in 1917. Though blind since the age of 14, he was an active layman and charter member of the Underhill, Wis., church. He is survived by his wife; a sister, Louisa Kortke of Lena, Wis., and a brother Herman of Gillett, Wis.

THOMASON.—Louis B. Thomason, born Oct. 16, 1886; died July 2, 1958. He was baptized in his youth. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Olga, of Paradise, Calif.; two children; seven grandchildren; and a sister. [Obituary received Dec. 11, 1958.—Ems.]

WALDEN.—Lucie Pope Carter Walden, born Dec. 30, 1874, in Decatur Co., Ga.; died in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 18, 1958. She was united in marriage to Oscar P. Walden, and together they were baptized and joined the church. Left to mourn are three daughters, Mrs. H. H. Evans of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Zahn Traylor of Hendersonville, N.C., and Lucille Walden of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, Melrose, Mass.; also three sisters, and two brothers.

YOUNG.—Jimmy D. Young, born May 3, 1958, near New Egypt, N.J.; died Oct. 19, 1958. The parents, Pvt. and Mrs. Sherwin D. Young, survive.

NOTICES

Literature Requests

[It is understood that all literature requested through this column in the REVIEW will be used for missionary work, not personal needs. Mark packages: Used publications—no monetary value; destroy if not deliverable.]

R. R. Liwag, Seventh-day Adventists Mission of Vietnam, 268 Duong Phan-dinh-Phung, Dalat, Vietnam, desires the following supplies to be sent continuously: *Signs, These Times, Message, Life and Health, Liberty, Listen, Review, Instructor, Guide*, children's papers, leaflets, old Bibles, and small books.

Janice Quarntstrom, Rt. 3, Dayton, Tenn., wishes good back copies of *Instructor, Guide, Little Friend, Primary Treasure*, and *My Bible Story* for distribution in home for delinquent boys.

A continuous supply of *Instructor, Guide, Little Friend*, Voice of Prophecy papers and small denominational books is desired by Robert A. White, Diamond Village, San Fernando, Trinidad, B.W.I.

WANTED: Picture cards, *Little Friend, Guide, S. S. Worker, Primary Treasure, Signs*, and *Instructor*, by Helen G. Arellano, Old Sagay Negros Occ., Philippines.

Tiodorico S. Diaz, Lo-onog, Concepcion, Iloilo, P.I., wishes *Little Friend, Guide, S. S. Worker, Instructor, Signs, Review*, and small books.

WANTED: Small books, old Bibles, songbooks, *Signs, Listen, Instructor, Life and Health*, and children's stories by Mrs. Lourdes T. Aguirre, West Visayan Mission, P.O. Box 241, Iloilo, P.I.

Ebenezer Aguirre, Dadiangas, Gen. P. Santos, Cotabato, Philippines, wishes old Bibles, small books, *Signs, Instructor, These Times*, tracts, *Quarterlies*, songbooks, *Little Friend, Guide, Life and Health*, *Go*, children's stories, *Review*, and other religious magazines.

Enid Robinson, Walderston P.O., Jamaica, B.W.I., would like a supply of *Signs, Message, Instructor, These Times, Little Friend*, old Bibles, and songbooks.

The following items are needed to supply a reading center: Songbooks, old Bibles, Bible pictures,

doctrinal leaflets, missionary maps, and any suitable magazines and tracts for missionary endeavor. Send to: Walter Jurada, San Miguel St., Pontevedra, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

WANTED: A continuous supply of *Signs, Review, Instructor, Liberty, These Times, Listen*, old Bibles, small books, and songbooks, by David Carpena, Vargas St., Ilog, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

Dolores G. Franco, Agbago, Ibayay, Aklan, Philippines, needs a continuous supply of *Guide, Instructor, Little Friend, Signs, Memory Verse Cards*, old Bibles, and songbooks.

Fortunato Docto, Cauayan Occidental Negros, Philippines, desires *Guide, Signs, Instructor*, songbooks, and other suitable missionary literature.

WANTED: Songbooks, *Instructor, Signs, Guide*, and other religious magazines by Sol Menor, Cauayan Occidental Negros, Philippines.

Amalia Matta, Acmonan, Tupi, Cotabato, Philippines, desires *Little Friend, Primary Treasure, Guide, Instructor, Review, S. S. Quarterlies, Life and Health*, and pamphlets.

Israel M. Liano, Mountain View College, Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines, is desirous of having a continuous supply of missionary materials.

Anthony Ogdor, Mountain View College, Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Mindanao, P.I., wishes religious literature, such as *Signs, Review, Life and Health, Ministry, Message, Instructor, Guide, Little Friend, Liberty, Listen, Primary Treasure, S. S. Worker, Present Truth, S. S. Quarterlies*, booklets, and especially old Bibles and songbooks.

Henrietta S. Jeruta, 123-E Burgos St., LaPaz, Iloilo City, Philippines, desires missionary literature including *Review, Instructor, S. S. Quarterlies, Guide, Little Friend*, old Bibles, songbooks, and primary cutouts.

WANTED: Missionary literature in a continuous supply, including old Bibles, songbooks, *Signs, Instructor, Life and Health, S. S. Quarterlies*, by Milagros A. Bartolome, Carles, Iloilo, Philippines.

F. S. Thiedeman, 15/2 Alfred House Gardens, Colpetty, Colombo 3, Ceylon, is urgently in need of *Signs of the Times, These Times, Life and Health, Instructor, Guide, Little Friend, Primary Treasure*, and other suitable missionary papers.

Church Calendar FOR 1959

Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 7
Christian Home Week	February 7-14
Home Missionary Offering	February 7
Television Offering	February 14
Temperance Commitment Day	February 28
Home Visitation Day	March 7
Home Missionary Offering	March 7
Missions Advance Offering	March 14
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 14
Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	March 14-21
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Southern African Division)	March 28
Literature Evangelism	April 4
Home Missionary Offering	April 4
Missionary Periodicals Campaign (<i>Signs of the Times, These Times, Message</i>)	April 1-30
Health and Welfare Services	May 2
Home Missionary Offering	May 2
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering	May 9
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 16
College of Medical Evangelists Offering	May 30
North American Missions	June 6
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Middle East Division)	June 27
Medical Missionary Day and Offering	July 4
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 11
Enlightening Dark Counties	August 1
Home Missionary Offering	August 1
Educational Day and Elementary School Offering	August 15
Oakwood College Offering	August 29
Literature Evangelist Rally Day	September 5
Home Missionary Offering	September 5
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 12
JMV Day	September 12
Sabbath School Rally Day	September 26
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Far Eastern Division)	September 26
Neighborhood Evangelism	October 3
Home Missionary Offering	October 3
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 10
<i>Review and Herald</i> Campaign	October 17-November 14
Temperance Day Offering	October 24
Witnessing Laymen	November 7
Home Missionary Offering	November 7
Week of Prayer and Sacrifice	November 7-14
Week of Sacrifice Offering	November 14
Ingathering Campaign for 1960	November 21-January 9
Home Missionary Day and Offering	December 5
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Southern Asia Division)	December 26



"Go ye therefore and teach"

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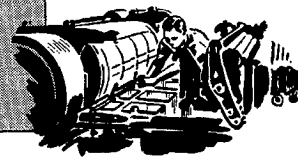
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As We Go to Press



689 Baptized on One Day in Angola

This morning we received a letter from Alberta Hodde, who is connected with the Bongo Mission Hospital in Angola. Miss Hodde was previously a missionary in South America.

She writes: "Our recent Bongo Mission camp meeting brought precious blessings and great inspiration to more than 5,000 Africans and a small number of Europeans who attended. The Africans contributed generously of their poverty, but the climax of the meetings came on the last day, when 689 gave testimony to their faith through the rite of baptism. Thirteen pastors—four European and nine national—baptized in unison, while a large number of Europeans and nationals witnessed this impressive ceremony.

"Never have I regretted coming to Africa. I am happy in my work and am especially glad to be connected with such a fine mission hospital as Bongo. Our school of nursing, which opened but recently, has already brought its rewards. Though this is a small and humble work, we are of good courage and glad for a beginning. Do pray for us here."

O. A. BLAKE

Temperance Work Beyond Khyber Pass

Khyber Pass, on the border between Afghanistan and India, has been traversed for centuries by armies and peoples invading India. The latest conquest through the Khyber Pass, however, is not of military might, or of powerful force of arms. It is an effort to save life. William H. McGhee, of the Pakistan Union, writes of this experience:

"At 5:20 P.M. Tuesday, August 19, R. G. Burgess, our union treasurer, and I entered Afghanistan at Khyber Pass. How thrilled we were!

"The next day we reached Kabul, the capital city, 200 miles northwest of Lahore, West Pakistan. We met the minister for education, after declining to reveal our specific mission to his secretary, and obtained permission to show the film *One in 20,000* to the schools in Kabul. How thankful we are for this opportunity!

"An American pastor in Kabul who tends the interests of the 400 American personnel there is enthusiastically backing our program and has offered to get us appointments with the king and the prime minister whom he knows well."

In this way, the temperance work is providing a successful means of entry into that historic land, so long closed to mission endeavor, and is adding further significance to famous Khyber Pass, not as a gateway to conquest, but as an entry for the message of life—both temporal and eternal.

FRANCIS A. SOPER

Emphasis on Religion at Southern Missionary College

"I found God in this valley," was the testimony of a young man and was echoed by scores of youth at our beautifully situated Southern Missionary College during the recent fall Week of Prayer. At this time the Lord visited the campus with a rich outpouring of His Spirit. How we wish the parents and all our people could have seen what we saw. They would thank God for our colleges where our youth may be molded with the spirit of this message and where they may find God and His great purpose for their lives. President C. N. Rees and his faculty enjoy the love and confidence of the student body. The enrollment is the highest in the history of the college. Given right leadership and challenged by the claims of Christ, our youth will respond today as readily as ever.

E. L. MINCHIN

Northern Europe Reports Publishing Gains

J. M. Bucy, publishing secretary of the Northern European Division, recently informed us that reports from all of the fields in Northern Europe are most encouraging.

He writes: "We show a 24 per cent gain in the publishing department for October deliveries, and a 27 per cent gain in baptisms from the Radio-TV Bible correspondence department for the first ten months of 1958."

We appreciate this encouraging report of progress from Northern Europe.

D. A. McADAMS

Faith for Today Offering, February 14

On Sabbath, February 14, our church members in North America will have opportunity to help support one of the modern agencies for the carrying of the gospel to all the world. The Faith for Today offering is to be received on that day, and the cooperation of our whole membership is needed to make this offering the largest ever received for this very important and far-reaching television program that has brought blessing and spiritual strength to those who have been seeking an anchor for their souls in these uncertain days.

Those who are carrying the heavy responsibility of making the program a real soul-winning success are hoping and praying that we shall all give our liberal support on February 14.

R. H. ADAIR

Successful Evangelism in the Far East

Encouraging word comes to us from A. Z. Roda, ministerial association secretary for the South Philippine Union Mission, where J. R. Spangler, association secretary for the Far Eastern Division, has recently completed an evangelistic campaign in the city of Cebu. A wonderful interest was aroused. Already 174 have been baptized, and baptisms are continuing every few weeks. The evangelistic Capitol Center where these meetings were held will continue to throb with a program of living evangelism. Brother Roda, who was called from administrative work to the responsibilities of this evangelistic center, is full of courage for the future.

Heartening news comes from some sections of the world field where for many years our work has been curtailed. Hundreds are being baptized, and the message again begins to go forth with power.

George W. Munson, ministerial secretary for Korea, writes: "Everywhere we go in Korea, former records in attendance and baptisms are being broken. The laymen are helping us, and offerings are coming in at a greater rate than before. We give all the glory to God."

R. A. ANDERSON