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How lovely is white!
A snowdrift spiraled as a shell,
White clouds in a summer sky,
A field of daisies, golden-eyed,
Lilies, tall, stately, and faintly fragrant.
Sea gulls circling over water.
A cherry tree in misty bloom,
Crisp, white curtains in a room,
Smooth clean sheets, lavender scented.
White violets by a singing brook,
And trilliums in a little wood.
A satin gown for a happy bride,
White roses and lilacs, ribbon tied.
But the loveliest white of all, I know,
Is His robe of righteousness, white as snow—
It's a gift from the great white throne above,
Precious and pure as the Saviour's love.

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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.]

Luther League Work Camps Scheduled

✓ Eight work camps for young people have been scheduled this year by the Luther League of America, youth organization of the United Lutheran Church in America. Projects include the improvement of a recreation area at a State hospital in Pennsylvania, conducting of a day camp for children in Chicago, and renovation of farm buildings of a youth rehabilitation center in Minnesota. In other projects the young people will aid many congregations and church-affiliated institutions in improving their property. Work campers will pay their own travel expenses and a camp fee.

Church Called Too Easy to Join

✓ Convinced that it is too easy to join a church, a Protestant pastor in Elizabeth, New Jersey, resolved to do something about it. He drew up a list of membership requisites. "People have gotten to the point where they need know little, believe little, and do little to join a church," said the Reverend Albert Fay Hill. His rules: Prospective members must pledge themselves to a lifelong study of the Bible, and must attend at least ten instruction sessions. They will be asked to contribute time and talent as well as money, and will be urged to tithe.

Mails Still Bar Bingo

✓ Post Office Department officials in Washington, D.C., said New York State's new bingo law has not changed their view that the game is a lottery and, as such, cannot be promoted through the mails. The mailing of periodicals or circulars containing advance notice of lotteries is banned under postal regulations. The officials said bingo "has all the classic elements" of chance that meet the Supreme Court's lottery definition, and State laws could not affect Federal laws under which the department operates.

Nazarenes Report Gains

✓ A record total of 232 new congregations were begun by the Church of the Nazarene during its 1958 golden anniversary year, it was announced in Kansas City, Missouri, by the denomination's headquarters. The previous record number of new churches in a single year was 202 in 1951. Last year total church members increased 3.8 per cent to 301,700 among 4,587 Nazarene congregations in the United States and Canada. Denominational contributions for all purposes in 1958 for the first time reached \$40 million, an increase of \$1 million over the previous year. Per capita giving was \$133.05.

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• EDITORIALS •

Words Without Knowledge

So the earth is shaped like a pear! Our authority is none other than Dr. J. A. O'Keefe, assistant chief of the Theoretical Division of the newly organized National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who spoke at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society in New York the last week in January. He based this rather startling conclusion on data transmitted last year by Vanguard I during the early part of its career as an earth satellite. The hundred-foot bulge in the "pear" is in the Southern Hemisphere, and its pointed end is at the North Pole.

What interested us most about this announcement was Dr. O'Keefe's further observation that the interior of the earth cannot be "as plastic as originally assumed" because so fluid a structure would lack the mechanical strength necessary to support the pearlike dome to the north and the bulge in the Southern Hemisphere. As we remember it, supposedly wise men have long pointed to the molten interior of the earth as evidence that this planet is now at a late stage in a supposed evolutionary process.

Whether, or to what extent, the interior of the earth is molten is something on which we are not prepared to speak. Furthermore, that aspect of the matter is beside the point we wish to make. We simply note this recent announcement as another interesting example of many during the recent International Geophysical Year when scientists have found it necessary to modify certain venerable concepts they once considered proved beyond a doubt. Perhaps we can be forgiven for wondering what theories will next be consigned by scientific decree to the limbo now peopled by such exploded myths as Piltdown man and spontaneous generation. Pontifical pronouncements designed to banish the Creator from His universe must elicit from His lips the same humiliating question He addressed to Job in the long ago: "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?"

R. F. C.

Calm in Bereavement

Every loved one struck down in death is a sober reminder to us who live that we are still in the land of the enemy. Whether by accident, sickness, or the relentless march of time, we move toward the grave. Ever we are made conscious that life is fleeting and fragile. Yea, in the midst of life we are in death. We are children of the dust, and to dust we return.

In the hour of bereavement great questions fill the horizons of our thoughts. One of the most famous of funeral orations was by the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, noted skeptic of the nineteenth century. It is filled with questions. He asks of the hills why tragedy should strike, only to receive back the hollow echo of his own troubled voice.

We have this in common with the skeptic and the infidel, we do not know the answer. But we have what they do not have—a quiet trust in a God who doeth all things well. In that Book that is His we find intimations of the

answer we so greatly desire. As though to restrain our questioning, He asks us almost reproachfully it might seem: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Turning the pages of Holy Writ, we find the record of His varied dealings with His earthborn children. To our poor understanding the record seems baffling, sometimes even inconsistent. Elijah was taken up in flaming glory, never to see death. John the Baptist, who came in the spirit and power of Elijah, was beheaded in a loathsome dungeon. Moses, the meekest man that ever lived, could see the Promised Land only from this side Jordan's strand and then had to lie down and die. Caleb and Joshua, whom the Scriptures do not place on a par with Moses, had the exultant joy of walking over into Canaan. But time would fail us to tell of the lives of holy men throughout the ages, some of whom lived out their days in peace, while others endured bodily afflictions many, and even untimely death amid scorn and derision.

God's Ways Not Our Ways

And what would it avail us to attempt with our little minds to put all the parts together into a harmonious whole? God's ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts. But this much stands clear in the record, that these ancient worthies, whether they lived out their lives honored and mourned, or were cut short in their years by the hand of hateful men, were all beloved of God. It is this fact that quiets our hearts, even if it bewilders our minds.

Why should the God who loves us afflict us with the pangs of bereavement in the valley of the shadow? The question becomes even more profound when we realize that the God who causes us to walk the dark valley, walks by our side. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Ps. 23:4). In all our afflictions He is afflicted. Wonder, O heaven, and be astonished, O earth!

One of the greatest paradoxes of Holy Writ is this: Sometimes the moments of deep darkness, when God's children have thought themselves wholly deserted of Heaven, are the very moments when God has drawn near to comfort and to confirm their faith. It was when the horror of a great darkness fell upon Abraham that God drew near to make a covenant with him, a covenant that sealed him forever as the father of the faithful. It was when Moses was hidden in the darkness of the cave that the Lord passed by to proclaim those awesome words: "The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" (Ex. 34:6). It was when the supernatural darkness enshrouded the cross and brought from the lips of our suffering Lord those anguished words: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" that the Father drew nigh to suffer in silence with His Son. And it will be in the last great hour, when the angry hosts of earth surround us and the dark clouds above seem to shut out all hope, that the heavens open to reveal our coming Lord.

What Shall We Do?

In the dark hour of bereavement what shall we do? Give ourselves over to depression and black despair, and torment ourselves with questions too large for us to answer? No! We shall trust in our God, making simple faith

in Him the answer to all our questionings. We shall rest ourselves in His promises. We shall ask for that heightened faith, that sharpened spiritual vision, that will enable us to walk safely through the valley of shadows. Yea, we shall ask for that rare gift that enables us to see light when only darkness appears to press in; for that quickened spiritual sensitivity that gives us ever the consciousness of the presence of God, our compassionate Father. We shall cheer ourselves with the words of the psalmist:

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" (Ps. 139:1-12).

Thus believing, we shall find fulfilled for us the comforting promise, "At eventide it shall be light."

Thus our hearts will be free from the torment of questioning, the pain of parting, the sense of loneliness and despair.

The hour of bereavement is a time for all of us to learn how to practice the presence of God more truly, and to dwell in the light that surrounds Him. Thus disciplining our hearts we shall be better prepared for the time of glad reunion, when the day shall dawn and the shadows flee away. And in that day we shall have the answer to all our questionings and shall see the demonstration of those now difficult words that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

F. D. N.

Not Just Johnny

Ever since Russia fired Sputnik I into orbit, a wholesale re-examination of public education has been taking place in the United States. There has been a general feeling that something must be wrong with our educational system since the Soviets were first into space with a satellite.

As often happens when a national problem is studied, much of the collective effort has been concentrated on finding scapegoats. We have blamed John Dewey, progressive education, weak school administrators, poorly trained teachers, crowded classrooms, and a host of other things. What has not been pinpointed clearly enough, however, is that schools are, to a great extent, a reflection of the world around them. Like the designs of new automobiles, they are created to please the customers. Thus, until parents produce a different home climate for their children, professional educators will find great difficulty in drastically changing the schools.

One writer suggests that parents do a bit of self-examination—a kind of mental looking-in-the-mirror—and offers the following exercise as a start.

"*Complaint:* Johnny can't read. *Question:* Do any adults around your house show any enthusiasm for reading by being frequently seen with a book in their hands?"

"*Complaint:* Johnny is a conformist, doesn't want to

excel or be different from his schoolmates. *Question:* Has he been given any reason to believe his family thinks or acts differently from the Browns down the block?"

"*Complaint:* Johnny isn't interested in science and math. *Question:* Is anybody at your house?"

In Other Areas of Life

This self-quiz might be widened beyond the educational field into many other areas of life. In the realm of church relationships, for example.

Complaint: Johnny doesn't show proper respect for the pastor. *Question:* Is the Sabbath dinner-table conversation at home of a character that will build respect? Or is mealtime spent criticizing the pastor's sermon?

Complaint: Johnny doesn't show much interest in the Bible. *Question:* Does anybody at your house? Is the Sabbath school lesson studied faithfully?

Complaint: Johnny is ashamed to be different. *Question:* Is he alone in this? Has he heard our standards of dress, diet, and recreation disparaged in the home until he is ashamed of them?

Complaint: Johnny doesn't participate in church activities, such as Pathfinder hikes, camping trips, and socials. *Question:* How enthusiastically do other members of the family join in the Ingathering campaign, Sabbath school picnics, or Dorcas activities?

We forbear to suggest further questions that might be asked by way of self-examination. But is it not abundantly clear that this kind of mental exercise would improve more people than just Johnny? K. H. W.

Our Educational Objectives

A report of what may prove to be one of the most significant surveys ever made of high schools in the United States was released on January 28. This extensive survey was conducted for the Carnegie Corporation by Dr. James Conant, formerly, for twenty years, president of Harvard University and long held in high esteem by educators because of his insight and vision.

Two current developments give point to Dr. Conant's findings—an explosive increase in high school enrollment and the haunting fear that the American educational system is lagging as badly as, or possibly worse than, its satellites and moonshots. The Bureau of the Census reports a 25 per cent increase in enrollment over the past five years, and the prospect is for a similar increase during the next five years. More than eight million American youth are now in high school. The Seventh-day Adventist educational system is also feeling the impact of this increased enrollment, with the additional momentum generated by an expanding membership.

A Reappraisal of Secondary Education

Since the launching of the first Sputnik in the autumn of 1957 a searching reappraisal of the American educational system has been under way, with emphasis chiefly on science and technology. Because of the fact that Seventh-day Adventist schools do not aim to train missile technicians and space experts, this aspect of the current reappraisal is of less moment to us. We are motivated, not by eagerness to win the race for technological and military supremacy, but by an ardent desire for the final triumph of good over evil. As a result, our educational objectives differ from those of the public school system. In fact, this is our reason for operating schools of our own, often at great expense and sacrifice. Accordingly, though some of Dr. Conant's findings lack relevance for us, certain of his recommendations deserve our careful consideration.

One point emphasized in his report is the need for

greater emphasis on the mastery of fundamental subjects, such as English. Too often students graduate from high school or academy with no more than the most fragmentary knowledge of how to read and how to express themselves intelligibly. Unfortunately, many college graduates cannot do much better. Dr. Conant believes that proficiency in the use of the English language should be attained prior to college entrance. We agree. Students who have not already mastered their mother tongue are at a major disadvantage all the way through college. Because of this fact, by September, 1960, freshmen at the University of Illinois will no longer be nursed along in remedial English courses, since reasonable mastery of the English language will be an entrance requirement. We believe that our colleges might well follow a similar policy.

Since a significantly higher proportion of Adventist young people go on to college than is the case with youth in the public school system, this recommendation is of even greater importance to us than it is for the public high schools. Furthermore, if we expect our young people to be heralds of God's last message for the world, should we not prepare them to communicate that message with accuracy and telling force?

This report also recommends a minimum of two years of history for every high school graduate. In view of the fact that Adventist emphasis on Bible prophecy requires a corresponding knowledge of history—an intelligent grasp of history being essential to the understanding and exposition of prophecy—we should require both world history and American history as prerequisites to academy graduation. History is “dry” only as a result of arid teaching; it is not inherently so.

Incentives and Guidance for Talented Students

Among other things, Dr. Conant also calls attention to the well-known fact that, in the laudable attempt to give all an equal opportunity, American schools tend to neglect to provide students of superior ability with the incentive and guidance they need. As a result potential talent often goes undeveloped, and the practical effect of theoretical democracy in education proves to be an equality of mediocrity. Talented students are the potential leaders of tomorrow, and Dr. Conant would provide each of them with the full amount of education he is capable of absorbing. For one thing, Dr. Conant would require each student to devote 15 or 20 hours to homework each week. We wonder how much loss the church sustains as a result of its failure to provide adequate incentive and guidance for Adventist students of superior ability?

Evaluating Our Educational Practices

Perhaps this is an opportune time for us to review our own educational objectives, and then to set about measuring our current educational practices by these objectives. We do not believe any revision of our primary objectives will be called for, but we are certain of the value of bringing them into sharper focus in terms of the mission of the church in the world today, and also of the possibility that some improvement can be made in procedures and practices. We believe that parents and the responsible adult membership of our local churches as well as teachers and educational administrators and supervisors could participate in such a study with profit.

There is a real and present danger that subtle forces will imperceptibly divert our schools from their objectives, with a resultant loss of the talents and time of our youth and their teachers. What more effective way can we find by which to hasten the coming of Jesus than to train the youth to be living examples and able exponents of the power of Christ to prepare men for a more abun-

dant life here and in the hereafter? It is our earnest conviction that every curricular and extracurricular activity in Adventist schools should make a positive contribution to the objectives of Christian education, to the advancement of the Advent message, and to the hastening of our Lord's return and eternal kingdom.

R. F. C.

Your Tensions

The majority of Americans suffer in varying degrees from nervous tension. To help these people the National Association for Mental Health issued a booklet some time ago, entitled “How to Deal With Your Tensions.” Here, in substance, are some of the suggestions given.

When something worries you, talk it out. This will drain off some of your fear and pent-up anxiety. It may even solve the problem that has been causing the worry.

“Get away from it all” is also a good solution, at times. You will be in a better frame of mind to tackle your problems when you come back to them.

Work off your anger by doing something constructive. Get out in the garden. Engage in a do-it-yourself project. Wash the car. Using your muscles and focusing your mind on a new task will help reduce your emotional blood pressure.

If you worry about yourself all the time, try getting interested in other people. Help those who are in unfortunate financial or physical circumstances. This will fix your mind on something outside yourself and will give you an inner glow of happiness.

When faced with the day's work, concentrate on one task at a time. Do the most urgent tasks first, for the moment forgetting the rest. Work hard, but don't expect the impossible from yourself. There is no such thing as a superman.

Do not expect too much of other people. They are human, like yourself. Look for their good qualities, and go easy on criticism.

Be magnanimous toward those whom you consider a threat to you in your place of business, your school, your church, or elsewhere. Give them a break. When they stop looking at you as a threat to them, they will stop being a threat to you.

If you have that left-out feeling, make yourself available but do not be too forward. Get into activities where you will be mingling with people. This is essential for physical and mental health.

Merely the ABC's

All these suggestions are good, but they are only the ABC's of how to deal with the problem of tension. The Christian can go much further. For example, in the case of anger we can overcome it rather than yield to it then have to work off its ill effects. The Saviour, who has promised to give us a new heart, will also supply us with a sweet temper.

Moreover, recognizing that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, we can concentrate on maintaining it in optimum condition so that our nervous energies will prove equal to the unavoidable pressures of each day. We will eat and drink to God's glory. We will follow a balanced program of exercise, rest, and recreation. And we will not exhaust our nervous energies by improper reading or by viewing morbid TV fare.

Above all, we will seek to be so fully united with Jesus that His peace will be ours. Can we imagine our Saviour, even in the busy and tense twentieth century, being anything but calm, cheerful, and peaceful? And should not we, His followers, be like Him? K. H. W.

What a Harvest From One Tract!

By ADLAI ALBERT ESTEB

[Second in a group of six articles on church activities in which laymen can and should participate. The writers of these articles are uniquely qualified by their office and years of service to speak authoritatively on the various subjects. Elder Esteb, the author of this article, is associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department and editor of GO magazine.—EDITORS.]

WE OFTEN hear the expression, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." Recently in Takoma Park, Maryland, C. S. Longacre, one of the giants of the denomination in the fields of temperance and religious liberty, was laid to rest. He was known around the world for the great work he had done. But not many people know of the simple means that God used to bring the message to Charles S. Longacre. The story deserves to be perpetuated.

Many years ago a Seventh-day Adventist tract was given to a woman who was shopping in a market. Not being interested in the religious theme of the tract, she eventually gave it to a neighbor, who was working in his garden. This neighbor read it and became interested at once. He decided to investigate this "strange" religion. He studied the message thoroughly, and accepted it. He became a great soul winner and was finally ordained. His name was Smith—W. H. Smith. Elder Smith later built the church in Newark, New Jersey.

It was through the ministry of Elder Smith that Lee S. Wheeler accepted the message and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He too became a minister and shared his faith. It was through the ministry of Elder Wheeler that Charles S. Longacre came in contact with the Sabbath truth and accepted the Advent message. He eventually became another powerful minister, and for many years was editor of *Liberty* magazine.

Elder Longacre in turn brought the light of the message to two other men who became ministers, namely, F. H. Robbins and Ned S. Ashton. Each of these men became union conference presidents and were well-known throughout the North American Division.

But the harvest was not over—it was growing richer, wider, larger, greater. Elder Ashton was able to bring the message to a brilliant young man named Earl Hackman, who also became a minister and eventually president of the Inter-American Division. Elder Ashton also won another young man named Ralph E. Crawford. Soon he was preaching the message.

A Continuing Harvest

And the harvest does not end there. What if the angels, who keep a perfect record, would draw back the veil and let us see all the harvest? We have mentioned just a few of the stalwarts who are well known in the denomination—all of them strong ministers and leaders in the church, who are part of the harvest of that one little tract handed out in a shopping market one day many years ago. What if we could gather together the names of all the souls won by each of these ministers? And furthermore, what if we could add all the names of all the souls won by those who were won by these min-

isters who have been named—what if we could know all the harvest from that one tract!

Are we preparing for such a harvest? Are we sowing the seeds of truth beside all waters? Are we handing out tracts in the busy shopping markets?

Years ago we were given this important counsel: "Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. *Important Results will follow.*"—*Christian Service*, p. 151. (Italics ours.)

What a promise! "Important results will follow." One earnest member of the church long ago must have believed that promise, for he obeyed the command to GO. He heeded the counsel regarding handing out literature "wherever you go"—even in a busy market.

Are you preparing for such a harvest in your town? Remember that other promise: "God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble

Literature Check List for 1959

1. () I will gladly spend at least one hour a week in systematic, house-to-house distribution of literature, radio logs, Bible correspondence enrollment cards, et cetera.
2. () I will sponsor a new literature rack and help keep it filled with clean, attractive literature.
3. () I will enroll in the King's Pocket League this year and carry tracts with me either in my purse or my pocket wherever I go.
4. () I will participate in Home Visitation and distribute *Behold the Man* by H. M. S. Richards.
5. () I will engage in a mailing plan for dark counties.
6. () I will take a club of our missionary magazines (*Signs of the Times*, *These Times*, or *Message Magazine*) in the April campaign and send them to interested people.
7. () I will carry literature with me when I visit the sick in hospitals and homes.
8. () I will engage in the Lending Library plan, sharing some of our small message-filled books with my neighbors and friends.
9. () I will visit the public library in my town and be sure it has some of our timely books and magazines.
10. () I will have small tracts handy and slip them into letters when I write to my friends or relatives.
11. () I will help supply literature for the Prison Band and Literature Band.
12. () I will visit shut-ins and hand them literature.
13. () I will be more alert to opportunities to circulate temperance literature.
14. () I will cooperate with my church missionary committee in following up the interests created by our contacts with literature.

and believing at His feet. More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 151.

There is need for a mighty revival of literature evangelism in every church during 1959. Let us implement the General Conference recommendation that every church plan to place at least two new literature racks in strategic places during 1959. We have such attractive literature. Let us place it before the public. Literature bands should be much more active in our communities. Visitation evangelism will yield much fruit to the glory of God.

But what if you are timid? Should you go out anyway? In the recent Ingathering field day at Walla Walla College many young people went out who were timid. All returned happy over the results. But no one was happier than a young lady who went back to the same territory she had covered before. On her previous visit she had received an offering from the lady of one house, and had handed her the Ingathering paper. She called her attention to the Bible correspondence course offered free. The woman began to ask questions. The young solicitor politely said, "I must keep up with my group, but I will ask the driver of our car to come back and answer your questions."

The driver of the car returned and explained the Bible correspondence course and how it would answer her questions. The woman's husband came in the back door just in time to hear, "It's absolutely free." He immediately said to his wife, "Wait a minute. You don't get anything for nothing. Don't you sign anything."

Then our earnest worker had to explain the plan to him. Finally, the woman enrolled in the course. She enjoyed it and her husband also became interested. Within a few months they had finished the course, accepted the message, and were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

So this year when our young lady came back to that same house, imagine her surprise when the door was opened and the lady of the house recognized her and welcomed her as a "sister in the church." She told the story of their acceptance of the message, and how they had both joined the church.

The seed sown had already produced fruit. But that harvest has just begun. Where will it end? Will a host of new ministers arise as a result of this Ingathering magazine—will God use it as He used the little tract given away in a market place many years ago? Only eternity will reveal. Won't

it be thrilling when we get to heaven to hear the wonderful stories of conversion—the harvest from our seed sowing!

With the living testimonies still among us giving proof of what one tract can produce when handed out in a market place or in a home, and with the stirring appeals from the written testimonies to the church, what will we do during 1959 in literature evangelism? Do you have a plan?

The Needs of the Church Today—1

Preparing for the Seal of God

By L. E. Folkenberg

NEVER has the word *today* augured so much in human history. The age-old war for the control of human minds is about over. Satan's fingerprints on all human affairs reveal his determination to rule with an iron hand. To date, his power is still limited, but when probation ends and the restraint is removed, the whole world will be plunged into ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.

Half a century ago we were told that the Spirit of God was being withdrawn from the earth; that the agencies of evil were even then consolidating their forces for the last great crisis. How appropriate is the counsel, "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Rev. 16:15).

We cannot know the day nor the hour nor the year that probation will close, but Jesus admonished us to "watch." Unexpectedly, stealthily, like the noiseless approach of a thief, that awesome moment will come as an overwhelming surprise to nearly all human beings. How meaningful,

then, is the word "today." How solemnizing the thought.

But today is also a glorious time! Closing time for the world means opening time for God's faithful people, for events will swiftly usher them into their long anticipated eternal home. Today we should lift our heads and look up, for surely it cannot be far to Canaan's land.

In such a time as this it is fitting that we should give serious and realistic study to some of the major needs of the church. Our eternal salvation is at stake. It is too late to make the mistake of depending on human reasoning born of wishful thinking. "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." God's thoughts and ways are as high above ours as the heavens are higher than the earth. May the Holy Spirit aid us in our search for this higher education, that we may know and do the will of the Lord more perfectly.

According to Revelation 7:1-3, the symbolic four winds will be held until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. It is clear that today these winds are about to blow, and that the sealing work must be rapidly approaching completion.

No need of the church could be more pressing than that of being ready for the seal of God. Because it is an individual matter, every member should feel vitally concerned. Accordingly, in order to cooperate intelligently with heavenly agencies in this work, it is important that we understand the seal and the sealing process.

When a sinner is redeemed and sanctified through his Saviour he is re-created in God's image. He invites Jesus to enter and take full possession of his mind. The Saviour is enthroned there, and controls the thoughts, affections, purposes, plans,

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Peace

By Annalynn Marie Ackley

When the world seems dark and lonely,
And your plans are torn and crossed,
When earth's dearest friends have failed you

And life's beauty has been lost;
There's a peace that knows no bound'ry,
And a Comforter to share,
When you give your heart to Jesus
And abide with Him in prayer.

emotions—in short, all that pertains to life. The carnal mind is crucified and the mind of Jesus lives in its stead (Gal. 2:20). All the thoughts and objectives of this mind of Jesus are worth keeping; hence the seal is applied to them.

Of course, an individual daily and momentarily decides whether this divine program is to be continued. If he willingly cooperates with Jesus and endures to the end, he will finally be sealed for eternity. He will possess fully the mind of Jesus.

"When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 312.

If we fully realized and appreciated this principle, how easy it would be to distinguish between right and wrong. How many things that now find ready entrance into our minds would be permanently barred. What care we would exercise in choosing the occupation, diversion, reading, music, association, entertainment, and

everything else that makes up the sum total of life. Before deciding anything in life we would consider whether it would help prepare our minds for the seal of God. Will it meet the mind of Jesus? is a question that can be applied to every situation in life.

God Is Particular

God cannot seal a mind that cherishes anything He cannot permit to enter heaven. When foods are to be sealed for future use, only the choicest are selected. Surely God is not less particular about the quality of character that is to be sealed for heaven than are human beings about what is to be sealed in glass and tin. We are told that the gates of the Holy City do not swing loosely on their hinges. They will not admit people whose characters are not approved or sealed by God.

Satan's schemes to unfit the minds of human beings for the seal of God are legion. And members of the remnant church are his special targets. "The power of Satan now to tempt and deceive is ten-fold greater than it was in the days of the apostles. His power has increased, and it will in-

crease until it is taken away."—*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 277. This was written about a century ago. Satan's power has been increasing through the centuries. We ask: If he should have another century, or half century, to improve his schemes, what percentage of the human race would have minds capable of discerning, accepting, and obeying the message for these last days?

This emphasizes the importance of our losing no time finishing the work committed to us. Every year that passes makes the task more difficult. "*Satan takes control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God.*"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 79. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me" (Matt. 12:30). No one can serve two masters. "Real piety begins when all compromise with sin is at an end."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 91.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Satan's freeways to the mind are through the five senses. Therefore, "you will have to become a faithful sentinel over your eyes, ears, and all your senses if you would control your mind and prevent vain and corrupt thoughts from staining your soul."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 561.

Is it not high time that we awaken to the serious need of a genuine revival and reformation among us? Do we really believe that what is being poured into our minds with our sanction, both inside and outside the home, through reading, programs, entertainments, sports, et cetera, is of enough value to be sealed? Is Jesus pleased with what we hear and see over radio and TV? Do our likes and dislikes correspond perfectly with His?

A young non-Adventist man who is an instructor for retarded children told me that such instructors consider TV the greatest enemy of the minds of children and youth today. He does not possess a TV set himself, nor does he often consent to watch programs when visiting places where sets are installed. Our local paper last night carried a letter to the editor written by a mother who vigorously protested the types of programs presented on TV.

Can it be that people of the world are more alert to these dangers than are the parents who are professedly preparing themselves and their children for the seal of God? Let us



Mrs. Ella Evans Hughes



Mrs. Ella Evans Hughes was born in 1864. Her people were Seventh Day Baptists. When Ella was a small girl they moved to Missouri from New York State. Elder J. G. Matteson led the family into the Ad-

ventist faith. At the age of ten, Ella first heard Sister White speak at a camp meeting. Mrs. White spoke on the Beatitudes, and the sermon thrilled Ella. When Sister White asked if any in the meeting wished to be baptized, Ella responded and was baptized the next day. At the age of sixteen she went to Battle Creek College, remaining for two years.

When the college was temporarily closed, Ella's father made arrangements for her to transfer to the State Normal school in Kirksville, Missouri, and to be free from any Saturday appointments. Her teachers soon discovered a diligent student. Commencement day came on a

Saturday but Ella was absent. That night a banquet was given the graduates, and Ella attended. Her president met her and said the board of examiners had asked to see her examination papers; and after looking at them, remarked they wished they had one hundred like her. There was no question regarding graduation.

Ella taught public school for a short time. Then came a call for her to go to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, to teach in our academy there. Thus began 40 years of teaching in our denomination. With her husband, Prof. C. B. Hughes, she helped to found the following schools: Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas; Australasian Missionary College, Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia; a school in Canada; and one in Jamaica. They also taught at Walla Walla, Pacific Union, and Oakwood colleges.

Sister Hughes has been a widow many years, and lives with her daughter, Dr. Emma Hughes, now serving at the Washington Sanitarium in Takoma Park, Maryland. Her son, Dr. John Hughes, is in California. Dr. Newton Evans, for some years president of the College of Medical Evangelists, was the brother of Sister Hughes. The writer remembers Sister Hughes and her husband in the early days at Pacific Union College, and their faithful service as teachers and counselors. What a glad day when faithful teachers and faithful students meet in glory land!

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awake! Let us deal realistically with eternal values!

"Those who on earth love the thought of heaven will be happy in its holy associations and pleasures. . . . When in the world they did not claim to be their own, and God set to His seal that they were His. . . . The thoughts of those who will obtain heaven will be upon heavenly things."—*My Life Today*, p. 341.

The minds of those who are to be sealed are described as follows: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3:16, 17).

"Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God." "Now is the

time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 212, 216.

The seal of God validates our passport for heaven. Its possessor will take the great safely conducted tour through space to the very gates of the Holy City. He will have a right to enter in through those gates, and can walk by the river of water of life. He can partake of the tree of life in the midst of the paradise of God. He is safe—sealed and secure from the power of evil forever!

"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. . . . And no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:28-30).

Does this experience sound attractive? Is it worth striving for, even if sacrifices must be made in the effort?

of seeking to discover the will of God in the spirit practices, which are an abomination to Him. The children of Israel were very pointedly instructed in this matter when they entered Canaan. (See Deut. 18:9-14.)

We can see in these modern trends the dangerous thought transference from the spirit world into modern religious thinking. When fellowship groups which go under the name of Christian organizations stress the importance of communicating with the unseen world in public worship and in prayer, and through "sensitives" who supposedly are in contact with the dead, we can readily see how these great prophecies are soon to meet their ultimate fulfillment. The Layman's Movement for a Christian World is another church-centered movement that has sponsored seminars in psychic study.

If modern Christendom capitulates to these influences it will actually surrender the Christian church to the control of evil spirits. This very development is foreshadowed in such prophecies as Revelation 16:13, 14 and 18:2. When this capitulation is effected, men will give more attention to the messages from the spirit world than they will to the Word of God. The prophet Isaiah clearly foresaw this issue when he warned the people of God against being persuaded by those who would say, "Seek unto them that have familiar spirits." In such a time the prophet added that the church should "seek unto their God." (Isa. 8:19.)

Mrs. White significantly comments on these pseudoapostolic messages to which the deceived will give heed. She says: "The apostles, as personated by these lying spirits, are made to contradict what they wrote at the dictation of the Holy Spirit when on earth. . . . And to take the place of the word of God he [Satan] holds out spiritual manifestations. Here is a channel wholly under his control; by this means he can make the world believe what he will."—*Ibid.*, p. 557.

Indignation Against Sabbathkeepers

In the last great conflict over the true Sabbath of the Lord, we are told: "Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world, and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony."—*Ibid.*, p. 591.

Modern Spiritism—6

The Spirits Enchant Christendom

By J. Arthur Buckwalter

ONE of the most significant current trends in the religious world is that of the infiltration of spiritistic sophistries into the theological thinking of the modern Christian world. Many years ago Ellen G. White made this significant comment in *The Great Controversy*, page 588: "As Spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things."

Some religious leaders are now teaching that the gifts of the Spirit that were extolled by the apostle Paul are actually the gifts that spirit mediums or "sensitives" exhibit in psychic phenomena. In March of 1956 the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship was organized. The purpose of this organization is to focus the attention of the Christian churches upon the significance of psychic phenomena. They hope that their Fellowship will appeal to the intellectual and will encourage the study of psychic phenomena by all churches. A similar society

exists in Britain and is known as the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Study of Great Britain. It boasts some very prominent Anglican and non-conformist pastors on its executive committee.

This Fellowship believes that the spirit medium, frequently called a "sensitive," is the modern "seer," that these gifts should be dedicated by the church to the service of God, and that the churches should actually provide opportunities for their members to consult these trusted mediums. Spiritual leaders interested in this Fellowship believe that by this means the church will come to understand personal immortality, spiritual healing, and prayer, as well as the other gifts of the Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures.

How profoundly significant these developments are in the light of the great prophecies of the Bible and of the inspired description of the last-day errors portrayed in *The Great Controversy*! Modern Christendom is not fully alert to the psychic pitfall

What will be the result of this growing influence of spiritism upon modern Christianity? In the prophecies referred to above, the Bible speaks of an ecumenical spiritism that is the coming world religion. It is to be the great unifying factor that can fuse the religions of the world together. Eschatology will be made to conform to the spiritistic interpretation. The demonic impersonation of the celestial will be clothed in the garb of sanctity. The white magic masquerade of spiritism will appear as a pseudo reformation, parading itself as the supernatural power in conflict with the forces of darkness.

By this means Lucifer seeks to play havoc both with the church and with the world by playing black magic against white magic. Only those who are fortified with the plain truths of the Word of God will be able to withstand these ultimate deceptions. Jesus himself, in Matthew 24:23-28, warned against a counterfeit second advent, and the apostle intimates in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 that Satan himself will seek to take control of the religious world through the means of overwhelming spiritistic phenomena. The consummation of apostasy in the final war against God and His truth, we are told, will be achieved by means of spiritism.

"The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church-members love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and Satan determines to unite them in one body, and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists, who boast of

Forthcoming Book

The results of Elder Buckwalter's extensive research on spiritism, given in brief in these articles in the *Review*, will soon be available in book form under the title, *The Lure of the Spirit World*. The author covers in penetrating style the many and varied phases of spiritism and parapsychology, which are attracting wide attention today. Equally important with the Sabbath truth, in meeting the deceptions of the last days, this vital subject deserves careful study by every Seventh-day Adventist.

The book by Elder Buckwalter will furnish a fascinating source of information for our own people and for their interested neighbors.

Watch for the forthcoming announcement of this important book, which will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium."—*Ibid.*, pp. 588, 589.

Spiritism is fast becoming an accepted and honored religion. It enjoys the prestige of psychical science. It doubtless has many honored names among its stanchest supporters, among

whom are men and women of integrity and position who are not fully aware of its spirit-world snares. It has been acceded to by adherents from many faiths who apparently retain their membership in their respective Christian communions, while practicing the arts of spiritism. Churchmen who already believe that man is inherently immortal—the foundation of spiritism—are well on their way to joining hands with this modern cult of the dead the moment its contact with the super-normal has been widely accepted as the norm of advancing scientific religion.

Spiritism asserts itself to be the common denominator for all religious creeds—Protestant, Catholic, and pagan. Nearly all of these religions hold a mutually accepted doctrine of the self-immortality of man. Spiritism offers to provide what it claims is scientific proof of survival as a common basis on which all the religions of the world can unite. Within the spiritistic fold the misguided fundamentalist, the skeptical modernist, and the pagan religionist can all fellowship!

Paul, the great apostle of the atonement, whose teaching came "by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12), wrote to the bewitched Galatians of his day: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that . . . would pervert the gospel of Christ. *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, . . . let him be accursed*" (Gal. 1:6-8). The religion of the spirits is incompatible with that of Jesus.



Investment in Arkansas

The junior division of the Little Rock Sabbath school sponsored a parcel post sale for an Investment project last summer. During the early summer, their Investment leader, Mrs. I. M. Evans, passed out several mimeographed postal cards to each junior, on which he was to sign his name and then mail them to his friends. The little message on the card requested a package, on the outside of which would be written the value of the item enclosed. The juniors worked hard during the summer months, and enjoyed the climax of their project on the evening of September 9, when they sold their parcel post packages to members of the church. There were approximately

60 packages from all over the United States.

One of the juniors, Sylvia Nosworthy, took more than average interest in this unique project, and sent out a large number of cards—some of them to persons of renown. Mrs. Nixon, wife of the Vice-President of the United States, responded with a package, as did Governor Orval Faubus. These two important packages were auctioned off to the highest bidders, bringing in the sum of \$11. Mrs. Nixon's package contained a ball point pen on which was engraved her name. Governor Faubus sent a gift package of an Arkansas diamond from our Murfreesboro mines, the only diamond mine in the United States.

No other publicity was given the sale except through the regular church channels; however, interest ran high, and the 60 packages were sold very quickly, bringing in \$90.

Another excellent Investment project was carried on by the Gentry church. Under the enthusiastic planning of Cyril

Miller, the pastor, together with the able leadership of V. D. Singer, the Sabbath school superintendent, the Gentry church invested 13 acres of land for the Lord for sweet potatoes. About six Adventist families gave the land for this project. A similar number invested farm machinery to work the land. Another group purchased the sweet potato sets and fertilizer, while yet another group of people set out the plants.

When these sweet potatoes were harvested, the yield was found to be very good. Elder Miller drove a truck in to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to purchase some boxes to crate the potatoes for market. The Gentry Sabbath school Investment for the Lord for 1958 amounted to \$2,000.

Jesus made a tremendous investment in humanity. He gave Himself for us. How much have you done for Him?

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Sabbath School Lesson Help

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The Review of Studies in Romans

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

THE scholarly Dr. Handley Moule, in the preface to his commentary on Romans, says: "He who attempts to expound the Epistle to the Romans, when his sacred task is over, is little disposed to speak about his Commentary; he is occupied rather with an ever deeper reverence and wonder over the Text which he has been permitted to handle, a Text so full of a marvellous man, above all so full of God." With such reverence we would leave the great doctrinal epistle with this necessarily inadequate review.

1. *The Letter, Its Writer, and the Roman Church*

Acts 20:1-3. "And there abode three months." It is usually accepted that Paul dictated his letter to the believers in Rome during this stay in Corinth (A.D. 57 or 58), probably in the home of Gaius, Tertius acting as Paul's secretary (Rom. 16:22, 23). The letter was prompted by Paul's long-delayed desire to visit the seat of empire. See Rom. 1:7, 13, 15; Acts 19:21; *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 373.

Rom. 15:25, 26; Acts 19:21; 24:17. After the Ephesian uproar, Paul left for Corinth and there apparently wrote this letter, then left for Jerusalem with gifts from Macedonia and Achaia for the needy Christians in Jerusalem.

Acts 2:10, R.S.V. No explicit account is given of the founding of the church in Rome, but "visitors from Rome" were present at Pentecost. Their later witness might well have started this church in the capital. It was largely composed of Gentiles (Rom. 1:5, 6, 13; 11:13; 15:15, 16). But other references indicate Jewish members also (Rom. 4:1, 12; 7:1).

2. *Judgment and Justification Reveal God's Righteousness*

Rom. 1:18. God's wrath is revealed against men's ungodliness and unrighteousness.

Rom. 1:19, 22. Men are without excuse because God has revealed Himself to them sufficiently to save them,

but they will not worship Him. Rom. 1:23. Instead of acknowledging God, they turned to idolatry by worshiping their own creations.

Rom. 1:24-28. Men also turned to lust and uncleanness, the products of reprobate minds. "Sin spread abroad in the earth like a deadly leprosy."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 82.

Rom. 3:10. Sin became universal: "There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:11-18. Unrighteous men do not seek after God, and "there is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom. 3:19-25. The Gentile, the Jew, the whole world, are guilty before God, and "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight." But apart from principles of law, "the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ" has come "upon all them that believe."

"Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God's presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 311.

3. *Justification, Reconciliation, Walking in the Spirit*

Rom. 5:1-7. The effect of faith on the individual is that justification and peace follow his "access by faith into this grace." He glories in "hope of the glory of God"; he glories in tribulation that "worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope," which "maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

Rom. 5:8-11. The marvel of redeeming grace is that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," so that we are "justified by his blood" and "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," and "saved by his life."

Rom. 6:3-5. Baptism becomes a fount of holiness to believers who are "baptized into his death," because they are raised to "walk in newness of life" and are henceforth dead to sin.

Rom. 6:6-8. Our unregenerate nature, "our old man," is dead, and

therefore we are "freed from sin." Newness of life and continuance in sin are contradictory terms. "There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 18.

Rom. 8:1-4. In a state of grace there is no condemnation, because we then are "in Christ Jesus." "No power can take out of His hands the souls that go to Him for pardon."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 516, 517.

4. *Long-suffering and Mercy Reveal God's Righteousness*

Rom. 9:20-24. Man, as a created being, is not in a position to rail against God's ways: "Shall the thing formed say . . . , Why hast thou made me thus?" God's sovereign will has exercised long-suffering in bearing with "the vessels of wrath."

Rom. 9:30-32. Here God reckons righteousness on the ground of faith to both Jew and Gentile. "Attained" here means *receiving* the blessing, not a successful human endeavor. Any Israelite, as well as any Gentile, who did not receive this righteousness, had only his lack of faith to blame. "The robe of Christ's righteousness" is the "richest gift that can be given to mortal man" (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 114).

Rom. 10:11-13, R.S.V. "The same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him." This makes Christianity supranational in its appeal. It is of a piece with Paul's apt arrangement of Isaiah 28:16: "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Rom. 12:1, 2. "I beseech"—Paul never commands (cf. Eph. 4:1; 1 Thess. 4:1)—"by the mercies of God." He has used many chapters to set these forth. "Present your bodies," your whole selves. Old Testament sacrifices were dead animals; New Testament sacrifices are living Christians, transformed and renewed in mind.

5. *The Glory of Christ's Church*

Rom. 12:4, 5. One of the reasons for humility is that God's gifts are in the church in great variety. The church has many and diverse members and powers; yet it is to be harmonious in action (1 Cor. 12:12-27).

Rom. 13:1, 6, 7. The church is to be "subject unto the higher powers," which are "ordained of God." Therefore Christians pay their taxes, give their support and respect to ordered authority, and should "obey the laws of our land, unless they conflict with the higher law which God spoke" (*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 361).



OUR HOMES

HOW TO KEEP THEM
HAPPY
AND HEAVENLY

CONDUCTED BY PROMISE JOY SHERMAN

The Gateway to Heaven

By Raymond S. Moore

MANY of the activities of our schools, including homework and extracurricular activities, designed to keep children busy, are actually blocking the main chance they have for balancing their education and building rounded characters. These activities, good in their place when discreetly used, often actually interfere with the plan of God for the education of our children. This plan calls for inclusion of a balanced program of physical work.

In these times we need every legitimate method, device, technique or invention that is available in order to prepare our youth for the challenge of eternity, when they will minister in the vast courtrooms of the King of the universe. But many of us may be either overlooking, or neglecting in part, the greatest all-round educational resource of all. This treasure, like acres of diamonds, lies in our own back yard. The tilling of the earth was so rich a privilege that it was shared with Adam before the Fall (Gen. 2:15). God's double-acting design for man, the privilege of labor, defensively is a safeguard against temptation, and offensively brings such dignity, nobility, and eternal riches as nothing else can bestow. (See *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, pp. 273-280.) It was designed to make us distinctive—leaders—the head and not the tail.

God's plan takes in all students and all teachers at every level of teaching: (a) "The approval of God rests" upon children who work in the home (*The Adventist Home*, p. 288). (b) Some of His most specific instruction is addressed to our intermediate schools (*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, pp. 203-214). And (c) His counsel to "exercise equally the mental and the physical powers" makes it apparent that labor at all levels is important (*The Adventist Home*, pp. 508, 509). This includes the college, for there the mind is called to greatest effort and perhaps needs considerable physical work in order to provide a balance. We say "physical work," for we are instructed that this type of

exercise is preferable to play. In fact, the student's education is not complete if he is not taught how to work (*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 308).

Work education automatically solves more personal and institutional ills than any dozen ordinary educational inventions. And if in the face of temptations we do not avail ourselves of this resource we will be held to account. "For evils that we might have checked, we are just as responsible as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 441.

But, you may ask, what evils will be checked by a balanced work-study program? Let us consider several from a positive angle.

Equality of man. One of the great-

Sanctified Scheming

We were nearing home after a delightful ride through Rock Creek Park, in Washington, D.C., with our four-year-old granddaughter and her little cousin when a Hot Shoppe restaurant came in evidence on the horizon.

"Wouldn't it be lovely," I suggested, "to stop and have a little lunch in the Hot Shoppe?" The girls were delighted at the prospect.

Grandfather fell right in with the idea till he saw the crowded parking area and knew what that would mean inside—standing in line and waiting. "I just don't believe we'd better," he said. "There's just nowhere to park!"

Immediately two little heads went into a huddle in the back of the car and there was a hushed silence as we cautiously drove through the lot, nearing the last exit. Just before we turned off to the highway the car near the entrance made a hasty retreat, almost bumping our front fenders—but not quite.

"There's a parking space; there's a parking space," two joyful little girls cried out in unison, as grandfather rather halfheartedly rolled into the space. Then they heroically announced with twinkling eyes: "We asked Jesus to find us a place!"

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est unsolved problems in most schools is the psychological conflict between the "smart set" and the working student. Nothing will establish high campus morale, lift school spirit, and erase suspicion sooner than a work program for all. At school, manual work is a great leveler. Whether wealthy or poor, cultured or unrestrained, students thus learn better their true value to God—the quality of man. They learn practical religion. They find that "no man or woman is degraded by honest toil" (*Education*, p. 215).

Health of body and mind. Balanced living with a work program always brings better health—it equalizes the circulation of the blood, counteracts disease, keeps every organ in running order, and helps toward mental and moral purity. Whether one is rich or poor, work is needed for health. Health cannot be preserved without it, nor can a fresh, vigorous mind, healthy perception, and well-balanced nerves (*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 295.) As a result of this type of program, students should leave our schools in better health than when they entered—more elastic in spirit, vigorous in thought, and better able to discern what is truth.

Strength of character and depth of knowledge. All noble character qualities and habits are enhanced by such a program (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 601). Purity is impossible without it (*Education*, p. 209). Industry and firmness are better taught this way than by books (*ibid.*, p. 221). It develops principles of thrift, economy, and self-denial, as well as an understanding of the value of money (*ibid.*). It inculcates self-reliance, ingenuity, and builds steadfastness of purpose, leadership, and dependability through practical business experience (*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 285-293). By caring for tools and the work area, the students also learn cleanliness, neatness, order, and respect for the property of others, both personal and institutional (*ibid.*, p. 211). And they will be filled with tact and cheerfulness, with courage, strength, and integrity.

Common sense and self-control. Such a balanced program also brings with it levelheadedness, because it strains out selfishness and builds the qualities of the golden rule. Common sense, balance, close observation, and

independent thought—rare qualities these days—add up quickly in a work program (*Education*, p. 220). Self-control, the highest evidence of nobility of character, is better taught through the balanced program of God than through the textbooks of man. When students and teachers engage in manual work together they learn how to labor together in love and harmony; they learn cooperation and self-control.

Efficiency for student and teacher. In a well-run work-education program the student learns thoroughness and how to economize time through system and accuracy (*ibid.*, p. 222). His nobility is revealed in his faithfulness, “a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.”

But the greatest efficiency which such a program brings to the school seems at first a mystery, for it is the reaping of the blessings of God. (See Deut. 28:1-13; Isa. 60.) Discipline problems become scarce, scholarship is enhanced, criticism dissipates, and unity and higher spiritual tone are soon evident. The cry for entertainment and freer dating abates, and a true missionary spirit fills the vacuum, attended with sharper, clearer minds, and more vibrant, healthier bodies. God tells us this is true; educational leaders of the world verify it; and, for skeptical minds, science proves it! Why should we be reluctant to put such a program into effect?

The teacher spends much less time in administrative committees remedying problems that are prevented through God's own therapy—labor. He deals with minds that are “quickened” and filled with “wisdom from above” (*ibid.*, p. 46). Don't underestimate this miracle of efficiency that God performs in dedicated minds.

Students and teachers working in a balanced program actually accomplish far more mental labor in a given time than those who restrict their schedules to study alone (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 44). Bear in mind that this has been applied by the servant of the Lord even to very young children.

We parents and teachers would do well to ask the question, Are we carrying out this plan? If not, why not?

Our boarding schools have considered this counsel for years. But most nonboarding schools have not. A number of our schools are now experimenting on the elementary and intermediate levels. Parents, teachers, and school boards are studying together, working out plans so that every child enrolled is engaged in some kind of systematic daily and weekly work program suited to his age and abilities. Usually this is carried out in the home, although some children work at school.



EVA LUOMA

The student's education is incomplete without the knowledge of how to do practical work.

Parents find that often it means more work to supervise their children than to do the jobs themselves. But they realize that though the price of character education is high, the eternal rewards make the effort a joy.

These wise parents, teachers, and boards realize that children enjoy being alike. So they work out a plan that specifies that the parent of every child enrolling agrees to advance and uphold the systematic work program, and to report weekly to the teacher (on a form provided) the record and progress of the child's work program at home.

At school, then, all are alike in that all work. They compare experiences. They learn from one another. Here we have the best kind of homework, ordained of God. It brings parent and child more closely together as well as the parent and teacher. But most important of all it builds character and binds more closely the ties of home, the “gateway to heaven.”



Exciting News

By Arthur S. Maxwell

Life must have been very dull for the young people of Nazareth in those far-off days. They had no newspapers, radios, or television sets to tell them what was going on in the world about them. Apart from a few old books in the synagogue there was little or nothing for them to read.

Some believe that Joseph must have died about this time, for he is not mentioned again in the story of Jesus' life.

When Jesus had His twenty-first birthday He was still a carpenter, working at

His bench day after day, making furniture or maybe mending wagons or cart wheels for passing travelers.

Twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four. Slowly the peaceful, carefree years passed. Spring, summer, autumn, winter, came and went, again and again. Harvest followed seedtime. Babies were born and old people died. But still nothing important disturbed the quiet of Nazareth.

Sabbath after Sabbath Jesus and His mother walked along the quiet streets to the synagogue and listened to some rabbi reading from the Holy Scriptures. It must have seemed to them that life in this old village might well go on like this for a long time to come.

Then one day a man arrived with an unusual story, which quickly spread from one end of town to the other. Dropping into the carpenter shop, he told Jesus about it. Down by the Jordan River, he said, at a place called Bethabara, a strange man had begun to preach. Hundreds of people were going to listen to him, even from as far away as Jerusalem. So powerful was his message that the whole country was excited about it.

“What is his name?” no doubt Jesus asked.

“He calls himself John, and he says he is preparing the way for the coming of some great person who is to become the judge and ruler of Israel.”

“Does he tell the people to rebel against the Romans?”

“Oh, no. Many Roman soldiers listen to him too. He just tells everybody to repent and stop doing wrong so that they will be ready to meet the Messiah when He comes among them.”

“And then?”

“Well, then he baptizes them—puts them right under the water to show that their sins have all been washed away.”

“Are many being baptized?”

“Oh, yes, hundreds and hundreds. It's a wonderful sight. You ought to go see it.”

This was indeed great news. And it must have been a solemn moment when Jesus told His mother about it.

I can hear Him saying, “Mother, Cousin John has begun to preach. I must go to him. The time has come.”

Mary understood. She had known something like this would happen someday. Now her mind went back to that far-off day—30 years before—when Elisabeth told her what the angel Gabriel had said about her baby John.

No doubt the time had arrived for Gabriel's words to come true. He must be the one about whom John was now preaching.

Tenderly they said farewell, both knowing in their hearts that the happy days in Nazareth were gone forever.

Then, clearing His bench for the last time and carefully putting away the tools He would never use again, Jesus closed the door of His carpenter shop and set out for Bethabara.

Middle East Diary—4

My Visit to Patmos

By Leslie Hardinge

I HAD never ridden a donkey before, but here I was confronted with one. I called him Tony.

Tony had an incredible saddle. It consisted of two large forks of wood, like giant clothespins. One fork was astride the beast toward the front legs, the other near the back. Four staves of wood were fastened to these. They ran from front to back, two on each side. Across this framework, which was tied firmly on the back of the animal, some old empty sacks were laid by way of upholstery. I discovered that if one did not provide his own personal padding the ride, at least for the first week, could be more than a trifle uncomfortable.

But one has a choice of positions. He may sit astride, or he may allow both feet to dangle on one side, riding sidesaddle. I chose the first way, and tried to cling to the creature as it slowly labored up the steep slope of the hill on Patmos, doing its best to saw my legs with four crosscut saw blades!

But I'm getting ahead of my story.

We were sailing up the coast of western Turkey. A stiff breeze was sculpturing the sea into waves, each crested with foam. The water was dark blue. The sky was clear. Not a cloud floated overhead. The shore line of Turkey was the palest blue-gray.

We were all on the lookout. Somewhere to the north lay an island, the goal of this day's journey. In our impatience to reach our destination, the ship seemed to be scarcely moving. We passed some smaller islands, then someone called out, "There's Patmos!" Before us, lying on the horizon, appeared a cluster of low hills. Our ship seemed to move even more slowly, so eager were we to visit the island where John had received the visions of the book of Revelation.

A central hill soon dominated the scene. On its summit stood a protuberance of some kind. As we neared, we could see the sun shining on the brown abutments, crowned by the snowy whiteness of the monastery built atop the hill.

Patmos is like a hand with several twisted fingers. These form beautiful landlocked inlets and bays. Into one of these we wound our way and cast anchor. The surrounding hills cut off the breeze, so on the lea side the water was absolutely calm. It looked like an azure mirror.

At the foot of the hill lay the tiny harbor of an old village. The Roman ship that brought John the beloved into exile probably tied up at a pier here. The aged John must have been pushed onto the land with other prisoners and left to eke out an existence as best he could.

Going Ashore

Our ship was too large to come close into shore, so we anchored in the bay. As we stood on deck drinking in the beauty of our surroundings and trying to catch the atmosphere of the place, two incredibly ancient boats put off from the jetty and slowly chugged their way across the water to our ship. Exhausts echoed back from the surrounding hills. Water was making music splashing from some opening in our ship's side, and the sea gulls were sadly mewing. All of us were more subdued than usual, for Patmos is a sacred isle in the

minds of most. We reached land and were helped ashore by strong brown hands, as hard as ancient parchment.

Suddenly there was the commotion of scores of donkeys, almost 200 of them! Little boys and big boys, old men and those not so old, all smiling broadly and trying to speak in a mixture of languages, thrust their donkeys or mules at us. Each urged with wild gestures the merits of his creature. The men and animals surged around us like brown water. The men were swarthy. All were smiling. It was here that I met and mounted Tony.

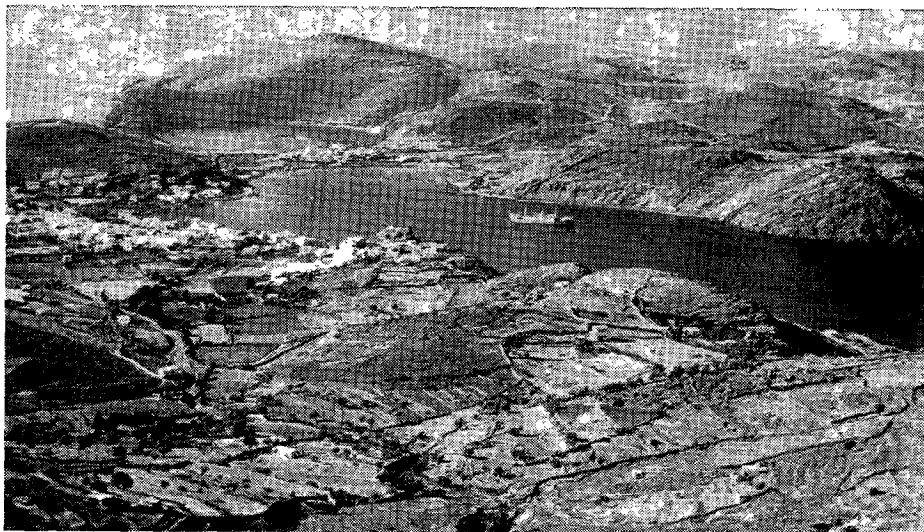
The island boasts only one automobile and one jeep. Both are venerable with experience! The road is stony, cobbled where the rain has washed away the pavement, dirty otherwise, with stones jutting through the surface here and there, polished by the hoofs of generations of donkeys.

The slopes of the hills are terraced into neat garden patches about six or eight feet wide, twisting around the curved hills. Wherever there is any soil the islanders grow grapes, figs, melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a few other vegetables. They round out their diet with fish and some goat meat. When ships call at the island, they leave some canned goods, such as peaches from Greece and meat from the Argentine.

Our patient donkeys plodded up the steep slope.

Our first stop was at the entrance of the village three quarters of the way to the top. This is as far as the donkeys go. Beyond is the little town with its twisted, whitewashed streets. Yes, they whitewash the pavement, leaving some cobblestones here and there for one to walk upon!

The streets are narrow—we could stretch out our arms and touch the walls on both sides at once. Through



Patmos Bay as it looks today. Somewhere on this isle, nineteen centuries ago, John was given the visions that make up the book of Revelation.

some open doors along the street we looked into tiny courtyards in which vines and hibiscus, geraniums and oleanders were blooming. Everything was spotless. The Patmos people have a law that every home must be white-washed each month!

The people were all smiles. The old ladies sold their embroideries, sitting on their doorsteps as we passed. The children followed us wide-eyed. The middle-aged, smiling and a little curious, ready to let you photograph them, were trying to show off their English. They were a friendly group, kindly, unhurried, and thrifty.

The monks in the monastery were gracious and helpful. They took us to their church, ancient and dark, crowded with golden icons. We went to their library and gazed at their most precious treasure, the Gospel of Mark of the sixth century on brown parchment. The librarian was proud of his old letters—fifth and sixth century—and hundreds of incunabula—bound books written by hand before printing was invented.

We climbed to the roof and explored a monk's cell—a bed-sitting room, the bed covered with white counterpane; a writing table and some books; a washstand with pitcher and bowl; one stiff-backed chair; and a window overlooking the Mediterranean. Everything was incredibly clean.

Breath-taking View

From the flat roof of the monastery the view was breath taking. Patmos sprawled at our feet. The bays and inlets of the richest and deepest blue contrasted with the dusty green-brown of the land. The houses were snow-white, attached to the hillsides like swallows' nests. The windmills with furled sails, the terraced gardens, the clear air, the bracing sunshine, all combined to make Patmos beautiful.

On our way down we stopped at the church built over the traditional Cave of the Vision of Revelation. Everywhere were old icons and lamps and crude pictures. We looked into the dark grotto, and went out into the sunlight to meditate. Somewhere near here Christ had come through Gabriel to speak with John. The Empire had banished the apostle. His fellow prisoners thought him an eccentric old man. Most of the world did not even know he was there. But something about his mind and his relationship with God made John the fit vehicle for the final written revelation of Christ to mankind. There on that quiet Sabbath nineteen centuries ago, John had been "in the Spirit."

Where I stood the Revelation had been written. I was sobered. Mighty Rome, proud Athens, impressive Baal-

bek, venerable Memphis—sites of man's grandeur—had been by-passed; and on this rock among the farthest Greek isles, Christ had chosen to unveil His glory to a simple fisherman, who was then a prisoner for the truth.

It is not wealth or power or location that is the prelude to a richer understanding of God. Wherever we may be, if we are "in the Spirit" heaven will open to our hearts.

Junior Talks

Superstition

By D. A. Delafield

One of our missionaries was in a great city and observed a non-Christian burning incense in a temple. This woman was worshiping with obvious sincerity at the shrine of her god. She took incense from the altar, shook the ashes into a sheet of paper, folded up the paper, held it close to her heart, and quickly left the temple.

"Why did she do that?" our curious missionary inquired of one of the priests.

"Oh," said he, "this incense she will take home, mix with water, and drink to help her sickness. It will cure her disease."

While walking in the streets of the same city, the missionary saw a fortuneteller with a little white bird in a cage. A man stopped and asked that the magician describe what the future held for him. Gently lifting the door of the little cage, he took the bird on his finger and slowly removed it from the cage. In front of the lovely bird he placed many little cards. On each of the cards a statement was written, each of which indicated certain advice that should be followed in the future. The little bird jumped here and there, then looked at the cards and took one with its bill.

"This," said the magician, as he took it from the bird, "is what you should do." And he read to the inquirer what was written on the card. The man very gratefully placed a coin in his hand.

Superstition, we call this. Yes, it is superstition. We shake our heads and express pity for our "poor heathen" friends. But really, some professing Christians are as superstitious as the so-called heathen. The poor woman who put ashes in the water and drank the mixture to cure her disease is no less enlightened than thousands of professing Christians who take patent medicines, thinking that these concoctions will help them.

In this country there are thousands

of people who consult spirit mediums or go to fortunetellers, who are little more than cheap magicians gazing into crystal balls and making predictions about the future. Some ask the inquirer to drink all the tea out of a cup, then they predict future events by the position of the tea leaves at the bottom of the cup. Some people are superstitious about nearly everything. Poor folks! They are no better off, really, than the heathen, and they need as much help. Here in the homeland as well as overseas there is a wide field of service.

As you get older, juniors, read the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy more than you ever have before. In these books you will find wisdom to know how to live and face the future. And *think!* Because Christianity, if rightly understood, makes men thinkers and not mere reflectors of other men's thoughts. Any Christian who does any thinking will not put any confidence in ashes, or birds, or tea leaves, or crystal balls. He will put his confidence in God.



● Margaret (Peggy) Gibbs, of Cortland, New York, received honorable mention in a nationwide contest sponsored by the *Practical English Magazine*.

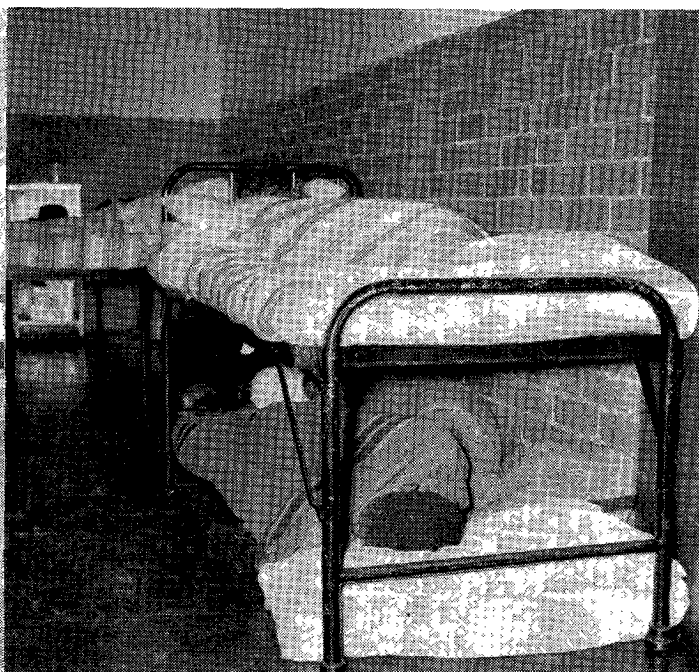
● The young people of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference have been busy conducting a campaign to raise one million pennies before March 10. The purpose: to partially pay for the construction of the main office building at Bass Memorial Academy. A special ceremony is planned for April 5 when all the pennies will be brought in and the cornerstone of the new building will be laid. The one-millionth penny will be set in a plaque to commemorate the work of the young people in Alabama-Mississippi.

● Officers for the new Teen Club organized in Hilo, Hawaii, on January 10 are: Marcelo Bermudez, president; Mae Waipa, vice-president; Charlotte Cabreira, secretary; Rose Narito, treasurer; and Darius Bermudez, sergeant-at-arms. It is the objective of this organization to provide wholesome church-centered recreational activities for its members and to seek ways and means whereby the club can be of service to worthy citizens and organizations of the community.

● The Pathfinders in the Southern California Conference raised more than \$30,000 during the recent Ingathering campaign. The Torrance Pathfinders, a club with 40 members, raised \$2,844 in 11 nights of caroling. This was \$800 over the goal they had set and \$1,400 more than they raised last year. Dennis Goffar raised more than \$200 for the sixth consecutive year. More than \$2,500 was raised by the Long Beach club.



Patients on horseback arriving at Maluti Hospital.



Space is at a premium at Maluti Hospital, so patients sleep under, as well as on, the beds.

THE word *Basutoland* may conjure up a variety of colorful pictures in the mind of the reader. Pictures of rugged, majestic mountains—snow-capped, perhaps, or forming a backdrop of purple curtains to a brilliant sunset. Picturesque clusters of thatched huts, brightened here and there by highly colored blankets, the national garment of the Basuto people. Or it may bring to mind a beautiful horse galloping home at evening across a valley green with growing mealies (corn) but marred by the ugly wounds of soil erosion.

To others the word may lead them to recall stories of dreadful ritual murders. But to the medical missionary it means precious souls to be won for the Master—suffering souls, sick in mind and soul and body, seeking healing for the body and feeling vaguely the need for healing of the spirit as well.

Maluti Mission Hospital in Basutoland has been trying to meet this challenge for nearly eight years, and with the help of the Lord it has been the means of bringing the gospel of a risen Saviour to many who might otherwise have remained in the darkness of prejudice and superstition.

Adventist missionaries first came to Basutoland at the turn of the century. Eventually two mission stations were established, but with firmly entrenched Catholic prejudice to overcome, the work progressed slowly. Finally the way opened up for a hospital to be established, and in 1950 Maluti Mission Hospital opened its doors for service. Dr. F. W. Slate and

The Advent Message Has a Strong

Right Arm in Basutoland

A Visit to Maluti

By W. E. Staples, M.D.

his small staff did some of the pioneering work. Then Dr. Leon Rittenhouse and family came to carry on the work. Illness forced them to return home.

Since that time the writer has been privileged to share in the work and development of the hospital. Gradually, prejudice has been overcome, and from a small beginning the hospital has grown to accommodate 130 beds. The staff has been increased to include another doctor and his wife—Dr. R. A. Holbrook came to Maluti a year ago—a male nurse and his family, and three women nurses.

A large proportion of the work done at the hospital is surgical. Former patients carry the word back to their homes about the doctors who pray before they operate, and many come long distances rather than enter the government hospitals. The type of surgery is wide and varied,

with perhaps emphasis on surgery on the eye. The childlike delight and joy in the face of an old cataract patient when the bandages are removed and he can see again after years of darkness is sufficient reward in itself.

Five outpatient clinics keep the doctors and the male nurse "on the move" each week. One clinic is about 75 miles away from the hospital; another is 50 miles away. It is not difficult to carry on this program in the winter when the roads are dry and dusty, but negotiating 75 miles of sticky, slippery mud in the summer can be a day's work in itself. At such times dry river beds may become rushing torrents in an hour, forcing us to accept such hospitality as may be obtained along the road for the night. Or a breakdown miles away from home may test a man's ingenuity to the utmost.

One evening one of the mission

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doctors was returning from a gratifying clinic trip with a carload of patients—one of them an obstructed maternity case. Suddenly the car sputtered to a standstill and refused to go any farther. The gasoline tank had a hole in it! The extra gas always carried on such trips had already been used, and it was eight or nine miles to the nearest garage. Darkness was rapidly settling over us and there was little hope of any help along the lonely road.

We carefully inspected the gasoline tank and noticed that it had a large dent in the bottom. We guessed that some of the gas had been saved behind the dam thus formed. The problem was how to utilize it. After some consideration, the doctor took his stethoscope and, putting the tubing together with dental cartridges, used it to siphon about a gallon of gas from the tank into an empty tin.

The next problem was to find a means of putting the gas into the fuel pump. Still using the stethoscope tub-

Some of the patients are able to meet with other church companies on their return home, and so join organized baptismal classes, but many of them are lost sight of. We can only trust that the Holy Spirit will watch over the seed sown and bring it to fruition in His good time. One of the greatest needs of the hospital is an African evangelist who can devote his time to visiting interested patients after they leave the hospital.

Occasionally, the staff have the joy of seeing those for whom they have worked buried in baptism and united with the hospital church, which has grown steadily through the years. One such member was a young lad named Sello who had been blind from childhood, owing to an eye infection that had not received treatment. After it was almost too late the father took him to several hospitals, but received no help.

Finally, Sello heard of Maluti and begged his father to try once more. But the father, probably feeling that it was not worth the expense, refused. So Sello asked a friend to help him. Together they walked many miles to the hospital. The doctors agreed to operate and although the operation was not altogether successful it enabled him to see a little.

After a time he returned home, but for some unknown reason the father would have nothing to do with him. So Sello returned to the hospital and asked for work. In spite of his handicap he proved himself a faithful and hard worker. In time he joined the baptismal class and was baptized. As time has permitted, the staff have

held meetings in neighboring villages and the souls won have joined the hospital church or have been formed into branch Sabbath schools.

By degrees, even the Europeans in the neighboring communities have found that a hospital run by Christian, God-fearing doctors has much to offer that better-equipped, more modern hospitals cannot give. As a result we now have quite a thriving European practice. Some of the patients will come for many miles over rough roads. After the consultation and medical help they seem to appreciate having the doctor ask help for them from the Great Physician. This sometimes opens the way for the doctor to take their names for Voice of Prophecy lessons. Those who come for surgery are invited to the church services while they are convalescing.

The hospital staff and church members are very happy that at long last a church is being built. They look forward to the time when they will be able to worship in a building especially set aside for that purpose instead of in the dining room of the nurses' dormitory.

As the number of patients has grown, the hospital building has had to grow to accommodate them. Several years ago a new two-story nurses' home was added, a new ward wing containing children's wards, an isolation section, and three women's wards. Now further additions are being made—another women's ward and a new entrance section, complete with offices and waiting room. As funds become available (how often

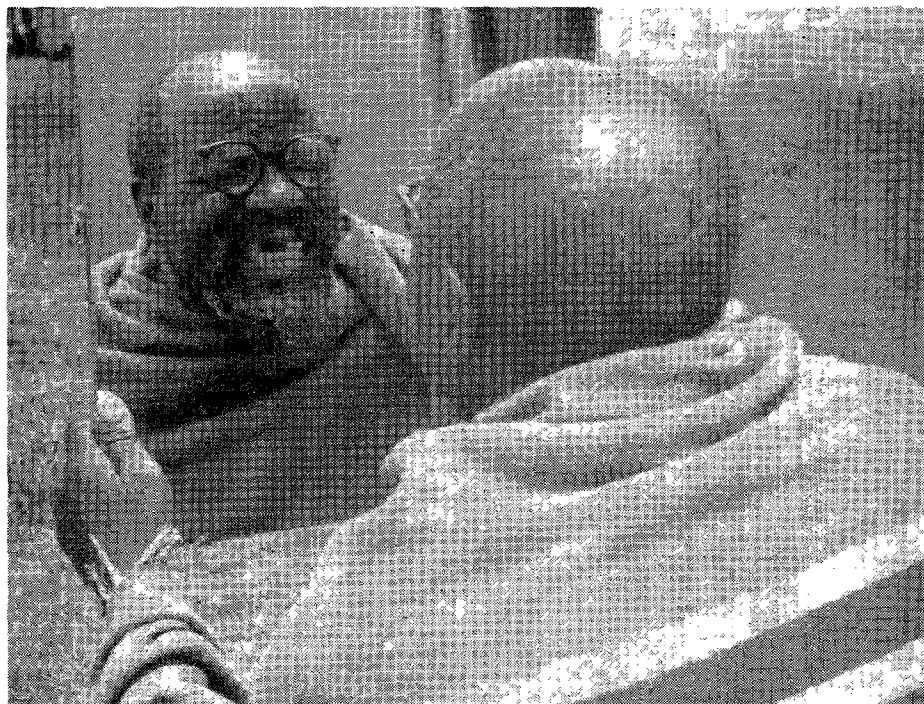
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ing and such other odds and ends as were available, he tied the tin under the hood and ran the tubing to the gas pump. After some careful coaxing the engine came to life again.

At that moment the maternity case in the back of the car called out that the baby was coming. So the rest of the patients were told to get out while the doctor delivered a stillborn child by torchlight. The rest of the trip was completed without further mishap.

The work of the medical missionary is, by its very nature, the work of the sower. More often than not someone else has the joy of reaping the harvest. A patient, during a short stay in the hospital, hears the gospel in daily worships in the wards, conducted by the African hospital chaplain, in personal bedside contacts, and in church services. But after his discharge the staff lose contact with him.



"I can see!" A former blind man whose eyes were opened at Maluti Hospital rejoices as he looks in the mirror.

News From Home and Abroad

Training VBS Personnel in Brazil

By Charles C. Case

AS DAWN appeared on the quiet morning of April 9, 1958, I was aboard a Curtis commander airliner bound for Fortaleza, Ceara, headquarters of the North Coast Mission, Brazil. Upon looking out of the window I noticed something interesting on the wing of the plane. Here I was, Sabbath school secretary for the North Brazil Union, traveling above the clouds on an airplane with the license number PP-VBS (all planes in Brazil are licensed by letters according to the company name).

As I thought of the purpose of the trip I was making I felt that the lettering was most appropriate. I was going to plan Vacation Bible School (VBS) material for the North Coast Mission and the union. I was also going to give instruction in child evangelism to a number of churches.

When Varig's PP-VBS airliner came to rest on the Fortaleza air force airstrip, I was met by D. J. Sandstrom, Sabbath school secretary for the mission, and Blair Cavalheiro, treasurer. We talked over plans for our itinerary through the interior of Ceara, Piauí, and Maranhão—the states that comprise the territory of the North Coast Mission.

Our first meetings were held in Fortaleza. We began our child evangelism classes there by using the little booklet put out by the General Conference Sabbath School Department entitled *Child Evangelism Manual*. Along with the children's teachers, we were able also to spend some time with the Sabbath school officers and to help them with some of their problems.

From Fortaleza, our next stop was Parnaíba—port city of the state of Piauí. There all was in readiness when we arrived. Our meetings were well attended by the members of this church. Our children's division leaders were very faithful, and we all had an enjoyable time in the meetings.

Eight hours by bus over a hot, dusty, washboard road brought us to Teresina, cap-

ital of Piauí. There our meetings had to be held during the week, but we had a good attendance.

During our few days in Teresina, we had an interesting experience. Americo Quispe, the pastor, invited Don Sandstrom and me to go with him to see the governor of the state. We accepted the invitation to go on the call, which turned out to be an Ingathering appointment. After visiting with the governor for a few minutes, he gave us a good-sized offering in behalf of the state.

On the Governor's Plantation

We started to leave but he wanted to talk some more. When we left we had an appointment with the governor and his wife to spend that afternoon with them on their fazenda (orange plantation). The governor is the largest orange grower of the entire state, having acquired the grove before he was elected governor. The afternoon provided opportunity to inform the governor more fully about our work, and in return we learned much about raising oranges in the interior of Brazil. Some years ago when he was a launchman, Brother Quispe had taken the wife of the governor for a launch trip, and she had never forgotten it. Now the favor was returned.

From Teresina, just over the state line, we visited Caxias, Maranhão.

There we spent the weekend teaching classes in child evangelism. Every session was full. How happy we were! The teachers and members were eager to learn more about how to teach children, using illustrated materials.

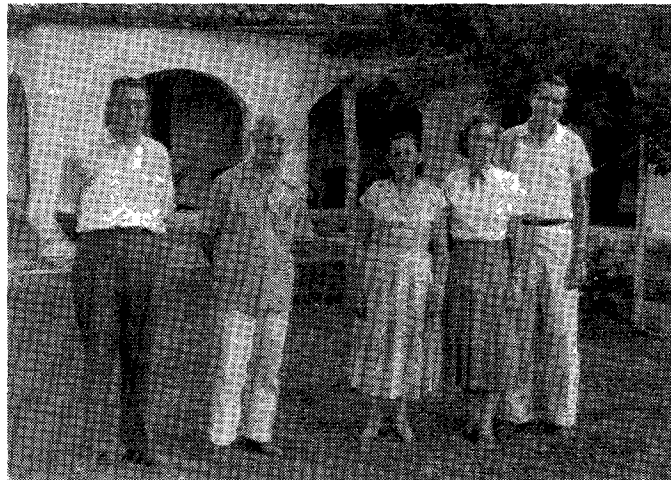
Tuesday morning found us on the "twentieth-century limited" in the last car of this interior wood-burner train. Dusty and hot and thirsty, we arrived after a six-hour trip, in Coarata, a little village. There we boarded a bus for Bacabal. Since we were in the front seats of this bus, which had no windshield, our glasses had to act as bug deflectors. We were very cool, and the breeze blew off all the dust that we had acquired on the train trip. After four hours on this "air-conditioned" bus we arrived in Bacabal.

The church was filled to overflowing, with many people standing, and even looking in the windows from the outside. This was the first time that I had ever preached to an overflow crowd on a Wednesday night. What fellowship we had during the few days we were in this village! A very active and talented woman directs our church work in this village because there are no capable men.

Again boarding a bus, this time with a windshield, we wound our way through the large groves of *babacu* palm nut trees over a dusty, rough road for six hours. Finally we reached the swamps near the ocean one-half hour before we arrived in São Luís, capital of Maranhão.

We crossed the bridge onto the island where São Luís is located, and made our way to our church. There we found all the ground-work laid for our visit; the members were eagerly awaiting our arrival. We were now in the largest church in our mission. All our meetings were attended by a large group of members, and an active interest was shown by all.

After our meetings were over, the pastor of the church, along with the members, expressed his interest in building another Sabbath school room for the youth. (In the northern part of Brazil, the youth are together with the adults, as we do not have sufficient funds to build separate rooms for



Americo Quispe (left), pastor at Teresina, Brazil, stands with the governor of Piauí and his wife, and Elder and Mrs. D. J. Sandstrom.

each department.) This church has more than 200 youth and children.

This city was the last stop of our trip. We were sorry, for we were thoroughly enjoying ourselves in this work. Our efforts are being rewarded.

Constituency Meeting, West African Union Mission

By V. G. Anderson, Vice-President, General Conference

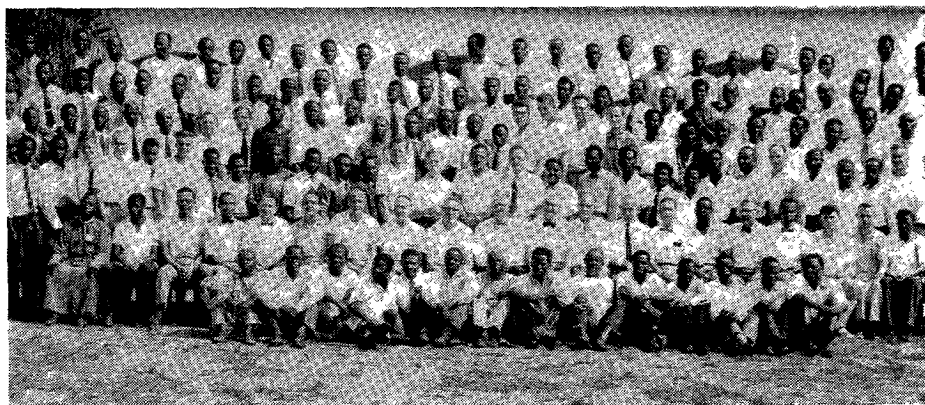
The constituency meeting of the large West African Union Mission opened with a stirring message by the union president, H. J. Welch, based on the motto on a large banner in the church, "Let Your Light Shine in Fifty-nine." About 200 delegates were in attendance from Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The meeting was held in the church of the Nigerian Training College at Ihie, East Nigeria.

The church membership of the West African Union Mission is 19,870, with a Sabbath school membership of 52,328. This represents an increase in the Sabbath school membership of 11,140 in four years. Last year 2,422 were baptized in the union. The work is making tremendous strides in many sections of the field. In East Nigeria between Aba and Itungwa, a distance of seven miles, we have seven churches with a total membership of 1,700.

The president of the North Nigerian Mission stated at the session: "Statistics can show comparisons, but they can never show the fervor of those desiring baptism, such as the woman who, with a group of others, walked 26 miles before nightfall. In the morning she gave birth to a fine baby, put the baby on her back, and walked another six miles to the district headquarters. The next afternoon she was baptized. Nor can statistics show the devotion to duty of a pastor who cycled 37 miles, more than half by bush path, to baptize a leper who not only is impaired in the use of his feet and hands but whose sight is very poor. Such souls have only the blessed hope of the soon-coming Saviour to brighten their days."

The medical work is steadily going forward. The Ile-Ife Mission Hospital was started in 1940 with the Thirtieth Sabbath Offering overflow. In 1958, more than 100,000 patient treatments were given.

Kwahu Hospital was opened in 1955 and gave 55,525 outpatient treatments last year, with 399 major operations and 499 minor operations performed. Most of the time only one doctor was on duty.



West African Union constituency meeting held at Ihie, East Nigeria, early this year.

At Jengre Hospital 33,409 treatments were given to leper patients, plus treatments to another large group with other diseases, making a total of 56,116 for the year.

West Africa as a whole has an awakening for more education. A total of 23,857 pupils were in schools conducted by the West African Union last year. About half of these are from non-Adventist families.

Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Newman have spent 20 years in mission work in West Africa. A special program giving them high tribute was held. They are leaving in order to educate their children.

Eric B. Hare and I attended this meeting from the General Conference, and Elders A. F. Tarr and M. E. Lind from the division.

There are many problems connected with the work in West Africa, but the Lord is leading in a remarkable way. Pray and give for the great mission fields of our denomination.

Annual Meetings in Norway and Finland

By A. F. Tarr, President Northern European Division

It has been a heart-warming privilege to participate with the brethren and sisters of Northern Europe in the blessings of the 1958 annual meetings and biennial conference sessions. Some of these meetings came later than usual on account of the General Conference session in Cleveland, but without exception all brought their full measure of spiritual refreshment and hearty good cheer. Our believers from isolated homes and widely separated churches united again in their conference families in thankful worship and happy fellowship.

Said the union home missionary secretary, Odd Jordal, at the North Norway session beyond the Arctic Circle: "Great distances often separate one member from the other, but it is

only a short way between each and God." It was thrilling in the roll call of delegates to hear the responses of members from Hammerfest, from the North Cape, and other places which to many of us seem so far removed from the rest of the world. Many had been engaged in dangerous occupations. Their testimonies rang with gratitude, with appeals for prayer for all of God's family, and with a renewed determination to remain steadfast to the end.

The baptismal services at Finland's annual meetings are always inspiring. This year the service at the East Finland meeting was held at a picturesque little stream on the outskirts of Joensuu, a town not far from the Russian border. The time was in the early morning before most of us had had breakfast. Among the hundreds gathered at the water's edge were a number of strangers who followed the service with deep interest. It was a beautiful picture to see the candidates, all with little bunches of tiny red roses pinned to their white baptismal gowns, waiting their turn to enter the stream.

Present at one of the ordination services in Finland was a former policeman, now a Seventh-day Adventist. Years ago he had repeatedly arrested for drunkenness the father of one of the candidates for ordination. The mother, a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and the breadwinner of the home, was likewise arrested for not sending her children to school on Sabbaths. She had five children at home, all dependent on her. She was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, but on account of her home situation, the court, at her earnest request, gave her the alternative of a shorter, harsher sentence—one week in prison on a diet of bread and water.

So impressed was the policeman with her life and witness, that he decided to join her church. Now an ardent member himself, he was present at the ordination of one of those children for whom the sister had suf-

ferred in prison. One little lady in Finland told with radiant joy that this was the thirty-fifth annual meeting she had attended without a break.

In connection with the conference session in Harstad, there was dedicated what the conference and union officers considered to be the most beautiful newly erected church we have in all Norway. Many messages of good will were received from far and near, including a telegram from the priest in charge of the local Roman Catholic community.

We had excellent press and radio coverage for all our gatherings. At one place the newspaper representative met our flying boat at the wharf, and after taking a picture on landing, motored us, bag and baggage, to the hotel where we had been booked to stay. There he remained for the desired interview.

At the conclusion of one session the conference president inquired of the congregation, "How many have been spiritually refreshed by the messages and associations of this gathering?" As every hand went up it was inspiring to witness the unconcealed delight with which the members watched the visiting ministers raise their hands also in hearty response. We who ministered were refreshed beyond measure by the consecrated lives and witness of our stalwart, faithful members in these lands of the far north.

Atlanta Adventists Practice Emergency Evacuation

By M. Donovan Oswald

Surmising that the enemy will attack on a Sunday, a national holiday, probably during severe winter weather, the three Seventh-day Adventist churches in Atlanta, Georgia, meeting at the Beverly Road church, conducted the first church service evacuation exercise in the history of the civil defense program in America, January 4.

The morning service started at 10:00 A.M. with O. D. Wright, pastor, preaching a timely civil defense sermonette, stressing church cooperation with local and State civil defense organizations. At 10:15 an alert sounded. Quick instructions were given the church body of more than 550 persons, who then evacuated 17.2 miles into the country in 98 cars, one truck, and one pick-up truck. At the site hot food, prepared in the open, was served to all. Bonfires helped people keep warm despite a high wind and below-freezing temperatures.

At 12:45 a lecture on outdoor survival was given by Col. Carl Zais, of

the Georgia State Highway Patrol. His lecture was followed by another on decontamination and sanitation given by B. I. Garlin of the Fulton County Health Department. Lt. Col. R. E. McMurray, U.S. Army retired, gave instructions on dressing properly for outdoor living. A demonstration of first aid was put on by the Atlanta chapter of the National Red Cross.

Radio station WSB and station WLWA-TV covered the entire operation. Atlanta newspapers reported the story fully. Elliott R. Jackson, chief civil defense administrator for metropolitan Atlanta, declared: "This is one of the most successful survival activities done on an independent basis I have ever seen. They [the Seventh-day Adventists] deserve a lot of credit, for they did all this on their own initiative. I hope it inspires other churches to make similar tests."

A Notable Conversion in Korea

In the city of Seoul and its environs Seventh-day Adventists have 16 churches and companies of believers, and more are being added. Recently a Buddhist woman, suffering from a nervous illness that was causing distress, came to one of our lay Seventh-day Adventist doctors. She feared that her illness might drive her to insanity. When the doctor told her that what she needed was not medicine, but spiritual help, she asked where she could get such help.

Accordingly, this doctor enrolled her in the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course. She completed the course of 15 lessons in two weeks, and accepted the truth. Immediately she began to work for her neighbors, and between 60 and 70 have been led to study the message. This woman has donated land and is building a fine church on it in appreciation of the blessing of health she now enjoys. There is a growing interest in the neighborhood as a result of her witnessing, and we expect that a large effort now under way will result in more than 100 converts for this new church.

Some of the churches in Seoul are very crowded on the Sabbath day. Recently, I attended one church where all the furniture had been removed, and the members sat on the floor in order to make room for more people. There was no provision for aisles. All the floor space was taken, and one of the elders made an announcement such as I have never heard before in a Seventh-day Adventist church. He said, "Please do not invite your friends to come to church on Sabbath, because there is no place for them to sit." They are planning for a new and larger church.

C. H. DAVIS

Seed From the Blood of Modern Martyrs

By J. Ernest Edwards

From a land where there has recently been much persecution against the church comes this report. "The work here goes on in spite of persecution. When the police and mob returned from the massacre of five members in our district they brought back Bibles, hymnbooks, and religious books as trophies of their labors. The blood of the local elder (until last year), his brother, the local elder this year, and his two daughters, ages 2 and 3, testifies to their love for Jesus and their loyalty to His holy law.

"We have just finished a public effort in this city lasting three months. The persecutions, which looked as if they would be obstacles, were not permitted by God to do damage to our soul-winning work. The threats of excommunication only brought more interested people. Every night we had to give the message twice to accommodate the crowd.

"To attend to the great task of encouraging the many interested, we organized the church into 19 groups, each one with its leader and assistant and six responsible helpers, to visit all the addresses in a specified territory. Each group gives a report during the church missionary service. The lay preachers always gather the interested people in each of the assigned areas one night a week to give them a lecture, so we have many meetings going on simultaneously in this district. We are sure that the Lord will give us a good harvest.

"I have in my office a map of our city on which are marked with gold tacks the homes of the baptized members; green tacks mark the homes of those interested; red tacks mark the places where lay preacher efforts are being carried on. You should see how interesting the map looks. There are tacks at the edges of the city, at the center, and even in the aristocratic section where the Adventist message has been, and is, penetrating.

"There is reason for the furious denunciation from the pulpit and newspapers—"They have filled the whole city with their doctrine." We now have 437 interested people who are adjusting their lives, their business, and their work to the standards of the people of God."

What a wonderful example of what God can do when all the church members enter into a program of evangelism, focusing their talents, their time, and their lives on soul winning. This church of 300 has now doubled its membership. It has had to organize another church in that same city, in

spite of martyrdom and persecution.

Obstacles, trials, and persecution may confront us, but let us go forward courageously in soul winning, claiming the promise: "When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His name." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 260.

Healing of Soul at White Memorial Hospital

By C. L. Torrey

A letter from Kenneth Hoover, who is chaplain of the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California, relates two of the many experiences that demonstrate the value of our medical and spiritual approach to people's hearts.

"About a year and a half ago a Jewish woman with a nerve-crippling disease came here for treatment. During her hospital stay she was impressed with the kindness and loving care that she received from our physicians, nurses, and students.

"Although she was bitterly opposed by her family, her interest in Jesus increased. She received Bible studies and finally sealed her decision for Christ by accepting the rite of baptism. This event has been a cause for great rejoicing for her and for those of us who shared in the experience.

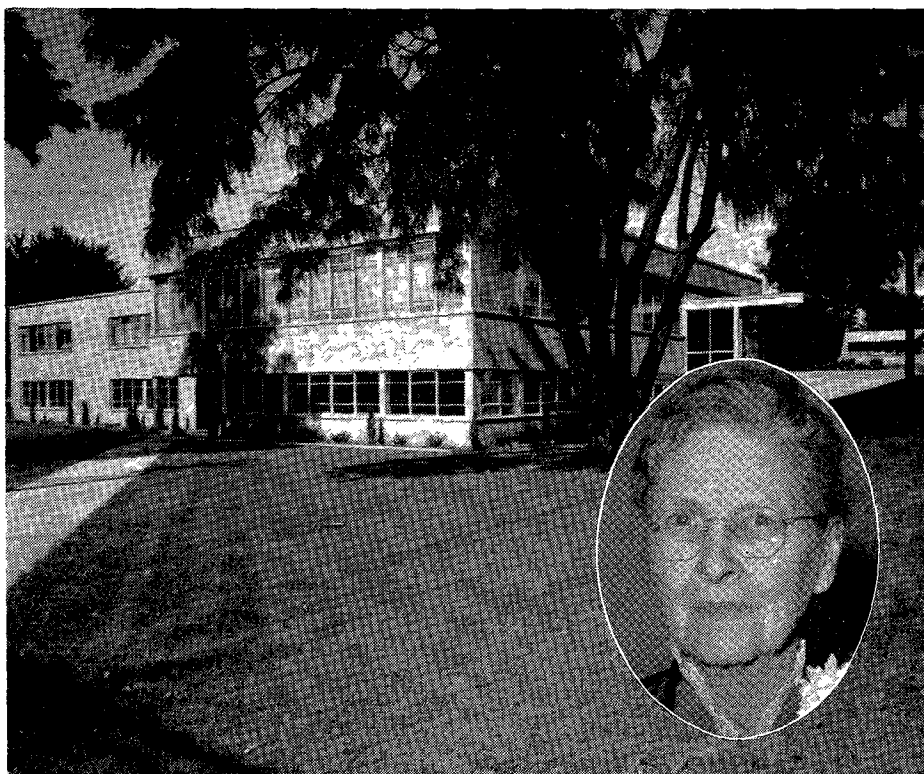
"On another occasion late in the evening as I was preparing to leave the hospital to go home, I stopped at the emergency room and there observed a woman who had attempted suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets. Seeing that the physicians and nurses were frantically attempting to save her life, I noticed her husband, under tremendous strain, pacing the corridor.

"He accepted my invitation to accompany me to my office where we talked over the situation. As we talked he seemed to relax. For several days his wife did not respond to treatment and her condition remained very critical. But on the fifth day she showed signs of improvement. Over a period of several weeks' convalescence in the hospital we got better acquainted with her and her husband.

"They both became deeply interested in our faith, listened to church services broadcast on the hospital radio, and enjoyed reading a number of our books. After leaving the hospital both of them have returned to visit us a number of times, and a Bible instructor has been studying with them. They have nearly completed the Voice of Prophecy study course, and we are looking forward to seeing them baptized in the near future.

"These are but two of the many experiences that we enjoy continually here at both the Loma Linda and Los Angeles divisions of the College of Medical Evangelists hospital."

Thank God for our medical work and the spirit which prompts our physicians, nurses, and other medical workers to devote a lifetime to saving men's souls as well as their bodies.



New Food-Service Building for Walla Walla College

Open house for one of the most modern college food-service and home economics department buildings in the Northwest was held December 7, on the campus of Walla Walla College, with more than 600 touring the building during the afternoon hours.

Kellogg Hall, a Norman brick-and-glass structure constructed at a cost of \$400,000, is named for the late Dr. E. C. Kellogg, WWC president from 1911-1917. Mrs. Kellogg, of Cove, Oregon, widow of the doctor, was present for the luncheon in her honor and for the open-house reception and tours.

The new building serves an important place on the campus of WWC, which had an enrollment during the fall quarter of 1,305, says President P. W. Christian. Not only does it provide the most modern food-service facilities but it also serves as a training center for courses in home economics, with majors in foods and nutrition, general home economics, and interior decoration. In addition, 60 students receive on-the-job training while earning a major share of their school expenses.

Kellogg Hall houses what is believed to be the world's largest vegetarian cafeteria, according to Clinton Wall, director of food service, who has visited cafeterias in Los Angeles, New York, and Battle Creek, where a lacto-vegetarian diet is served exclusively. He has also corre-

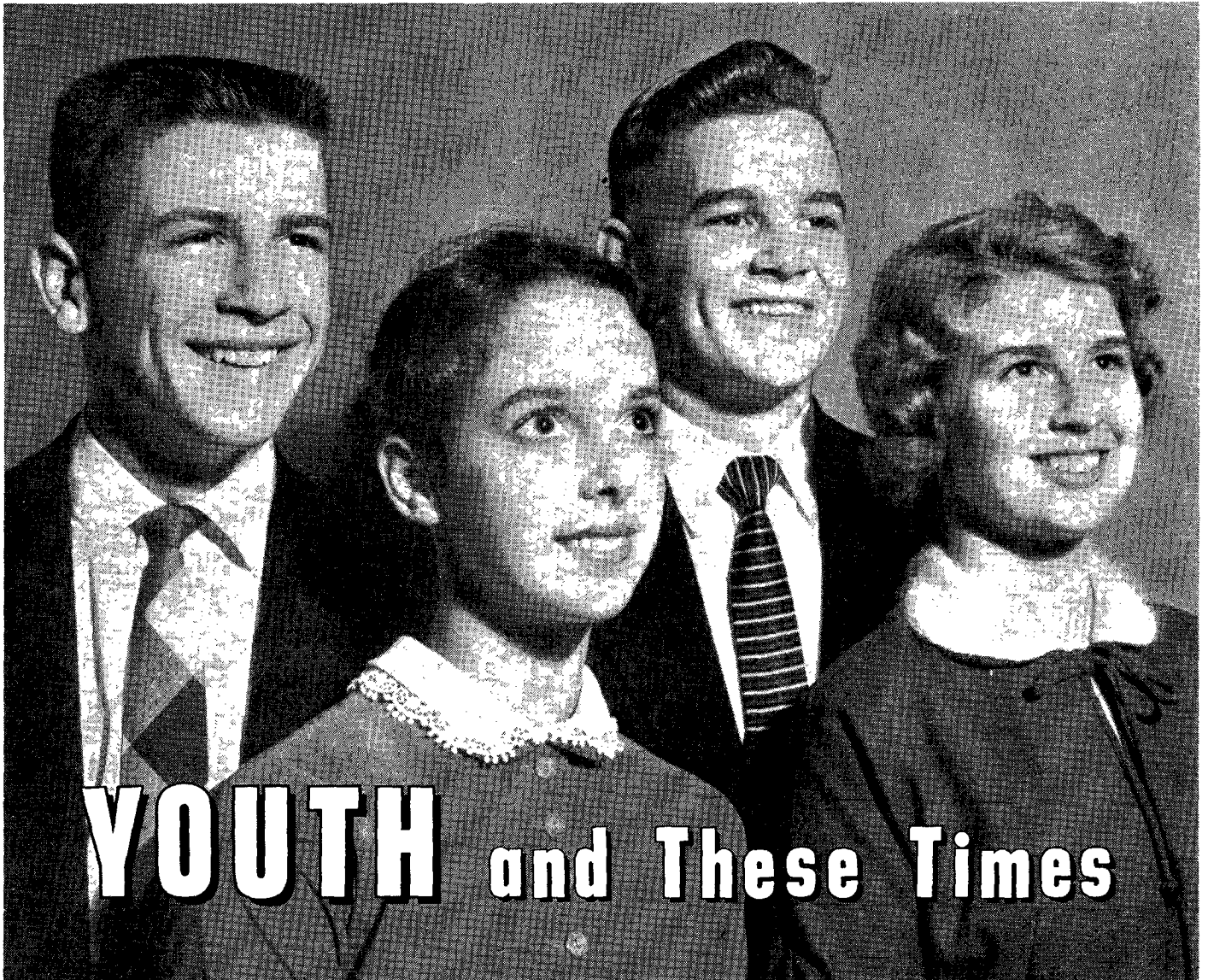
sponded with managers of all leading vegetarian cafeterias in the world and with secretaries of vegetarian organizations.

On the upper floor of Kellogg Hall are two entrances with large foyers and the main dining room seating 500, a special dining room seating 200, the employees' dining room, the test and demonstration kitchen (where classes in foods and nutrition and institutional management are taught), the kitchen, the baking area sufficient for breads, pastries, and desserts as well as entrees, two decks providing service for 600 an hour, cold-storage area for three days' supply of food, and administrative offices.

Centrally located full-view offices make possible efficient planning and supervision of the entire program, which also includes serving hot lunches to pupils of the Clara E. Rogers Elementary School. Approximately 200 lunches are served daily from electrically heated, specially designed mobile equipment.

On the lower floor, opening on College Avenue, are the small reception and demonstration room, clothing lab, weaving room, class demonstration room, and teachers' offices. Also at the rear of the same floor are cold-storage facilities for fruits and potatoes, a zero room for frozen goods, and case-goods storage area for two or three thousand cases of canned goods.

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The Carabao That Talked

By Ralph S. Watts

[Elder Watts writes that he hesitated to send this account of the experience of a Filipino believer because it seems so incredible. After verifying the incident, however, he describes it as "another of those means the Lord can, and will, use in bringing the special truths of this mighty hour to the attention of people."—EDITORS.]

It happened in rice-planting time in Occidental Mindoro in the Philippine Islands. A farmer living on the small island of Lubang had worked long and hard in his paddy field. Just at dusk when he was ready to return to his hut three carabaos (water buffalo) meandered into his newly planted paddy field. The farmer started to drive away the carabaos, but one refused to leave. Then, like Balaam's donkey of old, it turned toward the farmer, opened its mouth, and talked. It said, "Prepare to meet God. He is coming soon. You must keep the Sabbath to be ready."

The astonished farmer returned to his house in the nearby barrio (village) and related this strange incident to his family and neighbors. None of these people were Sabbath-keepers at the time. Soon after this experience, one of our Filipino believers, Faustino Tardeo, spent his vacation on this island, which was his former home. While there he began giving Bible studies. It was then that this farmer, a relative of Brother Tardeo, told of the extraordinary incident of the carabao that talked and told him to keep the Sabbath. This farmer and a number of neighbors determined to keep the Sabbath, and the local mission president, P. C. Banaag, who related this strange story to me, said: "Today there are many people on the small island of Lubang who are studying the truths of the Seventh-day Adventist faith."

Truly we are reminded again that simple means and methods will be used by God to bring to the attention of people the message for this mighty hour.

News From Jerusalem and Israel

By J. J. B. Combrinck

Twenty times as many Jews returned to the land of Israel during the last ten years as returned under Zerubbabel after the Babylonian captivity," said David Ben-Gurion, the prime minister of Israel, recently in Jerusalem. These Jews are doing a great and wonderful work to reclaim, build up, and cultivate their land. Large areas of virgin soil have been cleared of stone by means of mechanical devices. More than 44



Pastor J. J. B. Combrinck baptizing Mario Feller in the River Jordan last summer.

million trees have been planted since 1948. Many terraces have been built on the slopes of hills and mountains, and every endeavor is made to conserve water and to bring the water on the cultivated land by means of spray-irrigation.

But we are most interested in the

Norridgewock, Maine, Church Celebrates 95th Anniversary

Norridgewock, Maine, is one of America's old towns. Its first permanent settlers—mostly young folks—came in 1772. They brought with them an ax, a gun, a knapsack of provisions, a blanket, a change of clothing, and a canoe, which provided transportation for them and their goods.

Indians lived along the banks of the Kennebec River, which flows from Moosehead Lake to the ocean at a place now called Bath, Maine.

In 1837, feeling the need to worship God, the settlers built a town church. There was no provision to heat it, so some of those who attended brought foot stoves. All-day services were held, with four sermons.

We have in our possession the second clerk's record book used by our church in Norridgewock. The first book has evidently been lost. The first name on the list in this book is Isaac Choate. He was influenced by the preaching of William Miller in 1842. In 1855 he attended the first Adventist tent meeting in Topsham, Maine, and discovered for the first time that he was keeping the wrong day! But he moved away from other believers and soon forgot the Sabbath truth.

In 1863 Elders M. E. Cornell and D. T. Bourdeau came to the Norridgewock area and held tent meetings. Several were convinced of the Sabbath truth and took their stand. A Sabbath school was organized in 1863, this being our first organized work in this area—95 years ago.

In the summer of 1865 Elders J. N.

progress of the Advent message among the modern seed of Israel. At present our Seventh-day Adventist church in Jerusalem has about as many Jewish members as the sum total of Jews in all the other Christian denominations taken together. But still we have less than 50 baptized members. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" asked the Lord in the days of Zerubbabel (Zech. 4:10). And did not Ezekiel prophesy about the future of Jerusalem, saying: "There shall be showers of blessing" (Eze. 34:26)? Therefore the modern song-poet took up the strain, and wrote:

"Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead."

There must surely be awaiting us a bountiful harvest of souls from the Jewish people during the latter rain when we consider what a wonderful harvest of believers were gathered in from among the Jews when the Christian church was begun. "The same

Andrews and M. E. Cornell came to Maine. At first they tried to find a place to pitch their tent at Skowhegan, but failing to do so, they came up to Norridgewock and pitched the tent. After this effort others embraced the truth, and a church was organized in 1865.

The church clerk's book says, "The South Norridgewock, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist church was organized on December 12, 1866, through Elders Cornell and Andrews, and Elder James White and Sister E. G. White." There were 21 charter members. The next spring, March 20, 1867, W. W. Putnam was chosen elder and Isaac Choate, deacon. The church had no pastor, only visiting ministers. The record states that "a large chapel [the present church] was soon built and paid for." (The building is large. The auditorium has been reduced in size. Many pioneer churches were much smaller.)

The building that we now use for our church school is considerably older even than our church building. The church was built in 1866, whereas the school was built in 1820. Yet it is a structure that is well built and in good repair even today. It was built by the grandson of the town's first permanent settler, Amos Fletcher.

On October 11, 1958, a special service was held celebrating the 95th anniversary of the church. May the same devotion, self-sacrifice, zeal, and faith seen in our forefathers inspire us to go courageously forward to finish the work of God.

CAROLINE PERRY

day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). As the early believers continued to witness for their risen Saviour, "Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). When the Gentiles began to come into "the commonwealth of Israel," "made nigh by the blood of Christ," when "the middle wall of partition" between Jew and Gentile was broken down (Eph. 2:11-15), the whole Christian church "became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 2:14).

But one of the effects of the apostasy in the early church was the turning away from some vital truths just because the misguided leaders wanted Christians to be different from the Jewish people. They did not want to have anything to do with what they called the detestable Jews. But how can you win people to Jesus if you despise them, consider them enemies and detestable? Therefore along with the apostasy developed this estrangement of the Christian church from the Jewish people. The Christian church seemed to have forgotten that "thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree" (Rom. 11:17, 18).

No other denomination has the means and the approach that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has to win the Jews to Jesus. In Israel there are already many Jews who are silent and secret believers like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, but who dare not as yet come out boldly and confess freely the Saviour for fear of persecution and boycott.

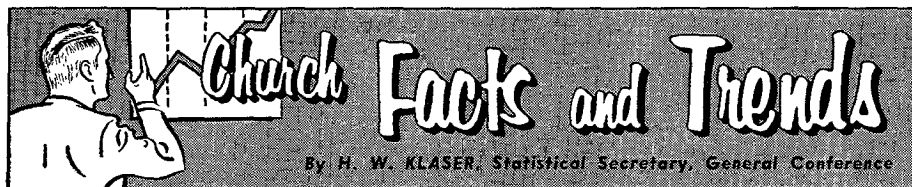
The Spirit of Prophecy admonishes us not to neglect to work for the Jews, for many from among them will be like the converted Saul of Tarsus who will help to proclaim with power the gospel of Jesus and the commandments of God. Sister White tells us that a nation will be born in a day when the Jews are properly approached and are shown the wonderful harmony between the Old and the New Testaments.

Laboring therefore with these convictions in my ministry in soul winning, it has been a wonderful privilege for my wife and me to assist in the work in Israel. It was a wonderful privilege to prepare two souls and baptize them in the Jordan, the most storied river on earth. What an experience it was to win for the everlasting gospel two complete Jewish families numbering 11 people.

Let us always remember: "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew" (Rom. 11:2). "Even so then at the present time also there is a

remnant according to the election of grace" (verse 5). "They also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again" (verse 23). "For if the casting away of them be the rec-

onciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches" (verses 15, 16).



Inter-American Division Statistics

The territory of the Inter-American Division extends from the southern borders of the United States to the northern borders of Brazil and east into the Caribbean Sea. The first statistical report from this field was made in 1891. It stated that work was being carried on in the West Indies, with two North American and one national worker, and 70 members. In 1892 Central America was mentioned with nine members. Then, in 1895, Mexico reported one minister, but no members. In 1899 the names of Bay Islands, British Guiana, Dutch Guiana, Jamaica, Lesser Antilles, and Trinidad were listed with a total membership of 1,165. Thus was laid the foundation for our work among the peoples south of the border. In some countries the main language spoken is Spanish. In others it is French, or English, or Dutch. In addition, there are the various dialects and Indian languages.

This is not the land of *mañana*, but rather the land of today with its 79 million population. The 1,885 evan-

gelistic workers are meeting the tests of the enemy, and with the cooperation of the lay members they have added to the church more than 10,000 persons each year for the past six years. Today the membership stands at 120,624.

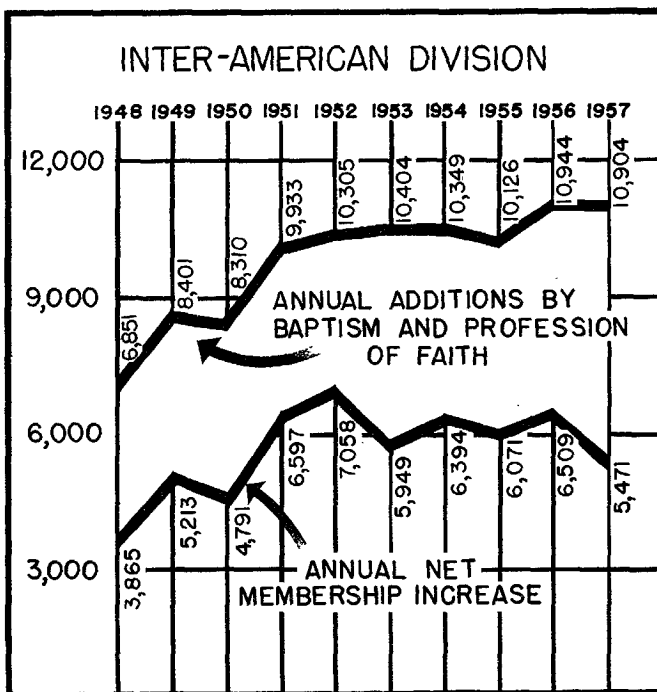
	Members Dec. 31 1957	Net Inc. 1948-57	Per cent Increase 10 Years
Antillian Union	25,833	10,428	68%
British West Indies Union	28,075	12,581	81%
Caribbean Union	22,900	9,080	66%
Central American Union	12,102	5,126	73%
Colombia-Venezuela Union	11,227	7,336	189%
Mexican Union	20,456	9,499	87%
Inter-American Division (including division headquarters)	120,624	54,053	81%

In some areas, because of religious prejudice and bigotry, some of our members and workers have been slain for their faith; but, in those very areas the membership is growing more than twice as fast as in other parts of the field.

The tithe and offerings have also greatly increased, from \$1,298,985.30 in 1948 to \$2,275,519.02 in 1957. Within the division there are 17 secondary schools, 6 hospitals, and 8 dispensaries and clinics. Approximately

75 young people from the United States are taking medical training in Mexico. This is all in the Spanish language and is on a high scholastic level. We are praying that many of these young people will devote their talent to these fields.

Much more could be said of the providences of God in this great field. The honest in heart are being called, and when the work of God is finished in other parts of the world, it will also be finished in Inter-America.



From Prisoners of War to Prisoners of Jesus Christ

By W. H. Bergherm

While in the Far East recently it was my privilege to visit again with several men who had been pulled, as it were, from the very jaws of death occasioned by the fortunes and misfortunes of war. One particular young man I met for the first time some ten years ago when he was a prisoner of war in Manila. He had been stationed by his government in the Philippines to join the Japanese army of occupation. He served in this army as a medical officer until the Philippines fell.

Shortly afterward he was charged with having committed certain war crimes, and had been placed in a military prison to await trial. Inasmuch as I was an army chaplain in that area at the time, I was asked to conduct Christian services in that prison for the POW's who desired such services. He and a number of others attended.

For six months, week after week, it was my privilege to open the Word of God to these sons of the Orient who knew so little of the true God. Finally, through the joint ministry of our brethren of the Philippine Union College led by their president, Dr. A. N. Nelson, some 40 of these men with death sentences hanging over their heads were baptized into this message. Later, they were all repatriated and pardoned.

Upon arrival in Japan recently, I was eager to meet, among others, the former Japanese medical officer mentioned previously, and to have him speak to our servicemen there. We were happy when this brother accepted our invitation to be present and speak at our servicemen's retreat. The following unrehearsed interview took place at this meeting.

Question: Doctor, will you tell our men in the service of their country today, how long you served in the Japanese Army before you became a prisoner of war?

Answer: I went to Manila in 1943 and was made a prisoner of war in 1945.

Question: How many years did you remain a POW?

Answer: About six years, in the Philippines.

Question: During those years of waiting, did you sometimes feel discouraged and tell yourself as did Jacob of old that God was against you?

Answer: I didn't really know the Lord until I met Him in prison. It was there that I found this blessed truth. But even then, somehow, I always had the feeling that things would come out all right if I waited. Now I know it was God who kept

me during those days. It seems that even before I knew Him, He knew and loved me.

Question: You will recall, Doctor, that four men in the group of prisoners who met with us in those meetings were executed by hanging. Some time prior to their execution, they asked to be baptized, and you prisoners constructed a special baptismal pool so that I could baptize them in the

"Them That Honour Me"

[We invite readers who have had remarkable experiences such as this to send them to the REVIEW. Make them brief!—EDITORS.]

A faithful sister and her unbelieving husband were feeling keenly the effects of the nationwide financial panic early in the century. Though they were always thought of as well-to-do, the crisis caught them "property poor." Unless one of their properties could be sold to supply cash to cover taxes on the others, all their properties would be sold at auction.

Our sister prayed; her husband worried, yes, fretted at times. Sabbath morning she went to church as usual to worship. He went to his business, and, of course, took his worries with him. Our sister had not been home very long after church when her husband entered the house with a legal document in his hand. He had a cash buyer. "Of course, your signature has to be on this document, so I brought it home for you to sign." He looked happy and relieved.

"But I cannot do that until after sundown. That is a business transaction."

He retorted, "I'm doing all the business. All you have to do is put your name on that dotted line."

"But that is definitely business, and I just can't bring myself to do it and desecrate God's holy time."

The prospective buyer would not await the sunset hour, and the sale was lost.

Two days passed. Meals were eaten, but there was a generous amount of silence in the home and plentiful evidence of intensity of feeling. Our sister and her husband were on speaking terms, but that was about all.

"That Sabbath foolishness! We can lose everything over it. Property just isn't moving anywhere."

About noon Monday, the husband entered with another legal document, plus a changed and pleased countenance. He had found another buyer. Not only that, but at a price of a thousand dollars more than was on the papers he wanted her to sign on Sabbath. Vividly it came to him that a conscientious wife can be a real asset. "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Sam. 2:30).

L. M. KNAPP

prison yard. Did you have any part in digging that pool for this special baptism?

Answer: Oh, yes, I helped prepare it. I felt I could well be the next one who might want to be using it. But the Lord spared my life, and I was baptized later at the Philippine Union College. It was only the grace of God that saved me from meeting the death they met.

Question: When all the prisoners of war were secretly transferred one day to the New Bilibid Prison, you recall that on one occasion shortly before Christmas I asked what you would like best for a Christmas present. I supposed your answer would be a warm blanket, or some special food, or perhaps a gift of money. Do you recall what you did ask for?

Answer: Oh, very well. I told you I would like to have some of Sister White's books, or other good reading material, and if possible some medical magazines. The books you gave me became the greatest blessing to me I could have received, and I thank you for them.

With these words the interview with Dr. Haruo Ichinose, now assistant medical director of our Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital, came to a close.

I know that every young man attending the retreat that morning was profoundly impressed with God's love and saving grace as brought to light in Dr. Ichinose's remarkable testimony regarding his personal experience as a prisoner of war. We realized as we had not before that the same God lives today who lifted Joseph out of prison in days of old and saved Daniel out of the den of lions, placing these two worthies in positions of high honor. Today, Dr. Ichinose occupies a position of trust and responsibility in the large Tokyo Sanitarium.

20th Century Bible Course Double-Frame Filmstrips

By Wendell Fogg

At the time of the General Conference session in Cleveland the Review and Herald received many requests to produce the 30 lessons of the 20th Century Bible Course in double-frame-size filmstrips. These, it was pointed out, could be cut up frame by frame and placed in the regular two-by-two cardboard mounts for more professional use and larger screen images.

We are glad to announce that this work is completed and the entire set of 30 filmstrips is now available. We trust that with this new tool for soul winning, increasing numbers will be taught the truths for this time.

[A more complete announcement concerning these filmstrips will be found on page 31.—EDITORS.]

Canadian Adventists Active in Civil Defense

By Darren L. Michael

The willingness of Seventh-day Adventists to cooperate fully in civil defense programs has not been overlooked by high government officials in Canada. Reports of denominational participation in the United States, coupled with various local conference projects, attracted the attention of Canadian officials.

Investigation revealed that church leaders and members in Canada were eager to do as much as their coreligionists in the United States if they were but given the opportunity. Accordingly, representatives from the office of the federal Coordinator of Civil Defense in Ottawa made contact with officers of the Canadian Union Conference. It was arranged for Col. C. L. Smith of Ottawa to meet with members of the union committee and representatives from local conference and institutional boards.

After being met at the Toronto airport Colonel Smith was shown the Branson Hospital and was told of the willingness of the denomination to make the facilities of this fine medical institution available in time of emergency or disaster to the civil defense effort. Assurances were given of the denomination's desire to cooperate fully in supporting the civil defense program of the country.

As a result of this contact a most favorable atmosphere has been created in certain circles in Ottawa and particularly within the Department of National Defense, where efforts are being made to secure recognition and understanding for the Adventist position on service in the armed forces.

From Home Base to Front Line

Australasian Division

Sergio Amprimo left Townsville, North Queensland, January 13, en route to Lae, New Guinea. Brother Amprimo will engage in building work for a limited period on behalf of the Coral Sea Union Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Fraser sailed from Sydney, Australia, on the *Bulolo*, January 13, going to New Guinea. Brother Fraser, after having completed a period in teaching work in the home field, is taking charge of the Eastern Highlands Central School located at Bena Bena.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pahl left Sydney on the *Orsova*, January 19, en route to Suva, Fiji. For a time, Brother Pahl has been engaged in building

work in the New Guinea area. He will now take up duties as woodwork instructor at Fulton Missionary School.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hughes left Sydney January 19, on the *Orsova*, en route to Apia, Samoa. Brother Hughes will serve as a teacher on the staff of the Apia mission school. This school, which has an enrollment of approximately 600, is the largest in the Australasian Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Bailey and two children left Sydney January 28, their destination being Fiji. Brother Bailey will take up work as an accountant in the Central Pacific Union Mission, with headquarters in Suva.

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A Visit to Maluti Hospital

(Continued from page 17)

missionaries use that well-worn phrase!) another men's ward will be added and some other minor additions will be made.

The growth of the hospital has made a nurses' training school possible. Last year our school was inspected by representatives of the nursing council, and they granted permission for us to start the school. A few months ago the first nursing class began with seven girls from various parts of Basutoland and the Union of South Africa. We trust that with the blessing of God this school may develop successfully. It is the only recognized Adventist training school for African nurses in the Union of South Africa and the Protectorates, and, as such, may do valuable work in the future.

The work of the medical missionary is not always crowned with success. There are many times of discouragement and heartache as the work of years seems to be spoiled by one victory gained by the enemy of souls. But the Lord has promised ultimate success, if we are faithful. The staff of the hospital press on with a prayer in their hearts that the Lord of the harvest may find nothing wanting in the work that they offer to Him.



OVERSEAS

Northern European Division

● H. M. S. Richards, our beloved Voice of Prophecy world evangelist, began his ministry at the New Gallery Centre, London, with a capacity crowd on Sunday, February 1. We wish Elder and Mrs. Rich-

ards much of the Lord's blessing during their stay in the great metropolis of London.

● A cable recently received from Andreas Nielsen of Greenland informs us that our clinic there was opened for service on Wednesday, February 4, and that the church building is almost completed. This news from our northern outpost will bring joy to all who have contributed to the establishment of the Lord's work in Greenland.

● E. B. Hare, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and M. E. Lind, from the division, are conducting Sabbath school rallies and conventions throughout the West African Union Mission. They also attended the year-end committee meetings and the West African Union Mission constituency meeting, which was held at Ihié in East Nigeria.

● Several changes in leadership have been made in the West African Union Mission. C. B. Mensah, an African worker of long experience, has been called to the presidency of the Ghana Mission. W. J. Newman, who has spent many years of service and leadership in West Africa, is relinquishing office in Africa and returns for service within the British Union territory. M. T. Battle has been called to service in the West African Union Mission as home missionary, temperance, and public relations secretary. L. E. Daniels has been called to the presidency of the Liberian Mission, the post relinquished by Pastor Battle. Other appointments include the election of H. Kempf to the presidency of the Ivory Coast Mission, J. A. Adeogun as vice-president of the West Nigerian Mission, J. M. A. Adeoye as vice-principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, and E. B. Christie as principal-manager of the Nigerian Training College.

Middle East Division

● Mothers and children who evacuated from Baghdad, after the July 14, 1958, revolution, returned to Baghdad, Iraq, during the week ending February 7. Mrs. Leif Jensen and child flew from Denmark, returning to her husband in Baghdad. Others, going from Beirut, Lebanon, were Mrs. William Wagner and children, Mrs. S. D. Karmy and boys, Dr. Joy Ubink and her two children, Mrs. W. E. Olson and her two children, and Mrs. Theo Williams and her two boys. Most of this group went across from Beirut to Baghdad by taxis and Nairn bus, and were accompanied by R. E. Osborn, the division treasurer. Thus the prolonged separation and inconvenience of evacuation life has come to an end, and the Dar es Salaam Hospital families are again united. It would be well to remember the work of this mission hospital as well as the church in Iraq when you pray.

● Brother and Sister J. L. Sprout and their daughter, Margaret, arrived at the division headquarters in Beirut, February 5, on their way to Iran. They will be connected with the Iran Training School. This new family from the United States

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brings added encouragement to our believers in Iran.

● R. A. Wilcox, division president, and W. E. Olson, division ministerial association secretary, have gone all out in co-operating with the local mission committees in planning for some 50 evangelistic efforts to be held in the division in 1959.

● In spite of political troubles in Beirut, Lebanon, in recent months, the Ingathering donors have been generous again. Brethren Hartwell, Fund, Noujaim, and Haddad called on their regular business friends. One who formerly gave LL. 100 contributed LL. 125 (U.S. \$40). Another who gave LL. 200 last year, made it LL. 250 this year. God blesses every effort to advance His cause.

● Believers around the world would be interested if they could visit our Adventist groups and churches in many parts of the Middle East. Noticeable would be the mixture and variety of languages and nationalities in such places as Istanbul, Teheran, Cairo, and Cyprus. For example, in a midweek prayer meeting held at the East Mediterranean Union office building in Beirut, Lebanon, prayers ascend to God in Arabic, English, French, German, and at times Armenian—all in one group meeting. Those who pray are from America, Armenia, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, and, of course, Lebanon. The Tower of Babel brought confusion of languages, but the gospel and grace of our Lord Jesus has brought oneness of faith and spirit, and unity of purpose to serve God.

NORTH AMERICA

Atlantic Union

● An evangelistic team from the Northeastern Conference, consisting of Elder and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, and Mrs. J. J. Bentley, are conducting a three-month crusade at Southampton, Bermuda. Attendance and interest are running high.

● The Brownsville congregation in Brooklyn, New York, has purchased a new church building. James J. North is pastor of this group.

● The New England Sanitarium and Hospital was awarded an honor citation by the Greater Boston United Fund for "outstanding community service" for their participation in the 1959 United Fund Campaign.

● A class in skiing is being taught at Atlantic Union College by Jean Zurcher. Professor Zurcher, who was president of our school in Madagascar for 12 years before coming to AUC this past fall, was originally from Switzerland.

● The senior class of Atlantic Union College is the largest in the history of the school, with 73 members.

Central Union

● Wyoming reports almost a 13 per cent gain in tithe for the year 1958 over 1957. With a goal of \$2,500 Wyoming contributed \$4,256.40 to the special Million-Dollar Offering of June 7. The confer-

ence is pushing ahead in all phases of the church program.

● Forty-six souls were baptized during 1958 in the Kansas City, Missouri, Central church.

● W. J. Christensen, pastor of the Hutchinson, Kansas, church, reports five baptisms recently as the result of the kindly ministry of Sabbath school members, Dorcas members, and other church members.

Lake Union

● The Michigan Conference held its third annual Senior Winter Camp, under the direction of L. C. Caviness, December 28 to January 1, at Camp Au Sable in the north woods, with 40 enthusiastic Master Guides in attendance.

● One band of carolers for the Indianapolis South Side and Irvington churches in Indiana brought in \$840 in one week. Minute Man victory was attained in these two churches by the 23d of December, with a grand total of \$8,182.72, or \$1,962.72 over the district goal.

● On the last Sabbath of 1958 the Chicago Heights district in Illinois celebrated Ingathering victory with an all-day meeting in the Harvey church. In less than three weeks they had reached the entire Minute Man goal for the district, with a combined total of over \$5,000. Elder and Mrs. W. B. Hill were present for this occasion. Recognition was given to the following persons for their part in the solicitation: Mrs. Alma Brown \$430, Thelma Ashby \$273, Mabel Guel \$263, Mrs. Gale May \$235, and Lynette Oft \$235.

● The new Hinsdale, Illinois, junior academy and church school addition is nearing completion. This is a joint project of the Hinsdale church, of which R. D. Fearing is pastor, and the sanitarium, which is building a gymnasium-auditorium under the direction of A. C. Larson, administrator. Four fifths of the total funds needed have been raised. William Hoffman is principal of the school, which has an enrollment of 142, double what it was two years ago.

Pacific Union

● After being separated for 20 years as a result of the ravages of war, Nikita Platonov and his wife, Kathryn, enjoyed a happy reunion recently. The Platonovs were Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in China when the family became separated. Mrs. Platonov and one of their sons, Paul, went as refugees to the Philippines in 1949, and in 1951 were given passage to the United States. Another son, Borris, died in China. As year after year passed, hope faded that the family would ever be reunited, but the Lord saw fit to bring to an end this long period of anxiety, and Pastor Platonov is now with his family in southern California.

● B. W. Mattison, pastor of the Lodi Central church in the Northern California Conference, has accepted the call of the Southeastern California Conference to serve as conference Sabbath school and religious liberty secretary. He replaces W. Melvin Adams who is now an

associate secretary of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department. Elder Mattison is a graduate of Pacific Union College and holds a Master's degree in political science from the College of the Pacific.

● Harry H. Thompson was the first elder to speak in the Dinuba, California, church, which was dedicated in 1913, and also spoke at the last eleven o'clock service before the congregation moved to the newly erected church recently. R. H. Kezer is the present pastor and preached the first sermon in the new sanctuary. Brother Thompson offered the opening prayer.

● The organization of the Pacoima church Sabbath, January 31, climaxed an intensive evangelistic endeavor directed by R. Wendell Nelson, pastor of the Sunset Avenue church in Pasadena. Sixty-five charter members formed the nucleus of the new organization, which became the seventy-seventh Seventh-day Adventist church in the Southern California Conference.

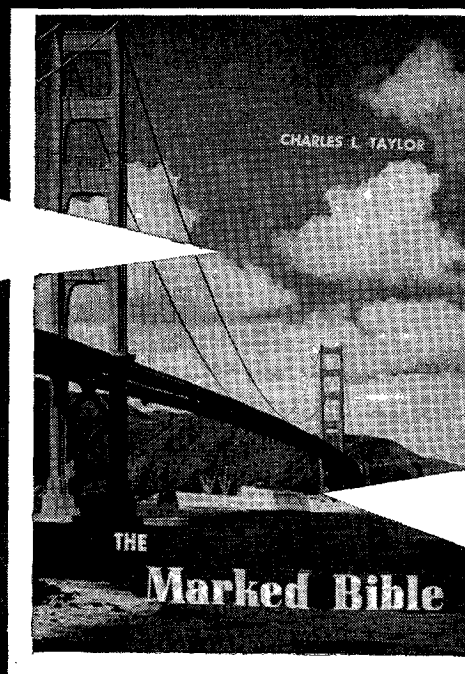
● James R. Hardin began a series of evangelistic meetings Sunday night, February 22, in the thriving desert community of Rosamond, Southern California Conference. Elder Hardin is being assisted by B. E. Schaffner; Mrs. Lila Chapman, Bible instructor; and Algene Stern, colporteur-evangelist.

● Sabbath, December 27, the Maricopa mission church was organized. G. H. Rustad, H. T. Bergh, and L. A. Peterson, Arizona Conference officers, were present for the organization service.

Church Calendar FOR 1959

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
IMV Pathfinder 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
Review and Herald 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

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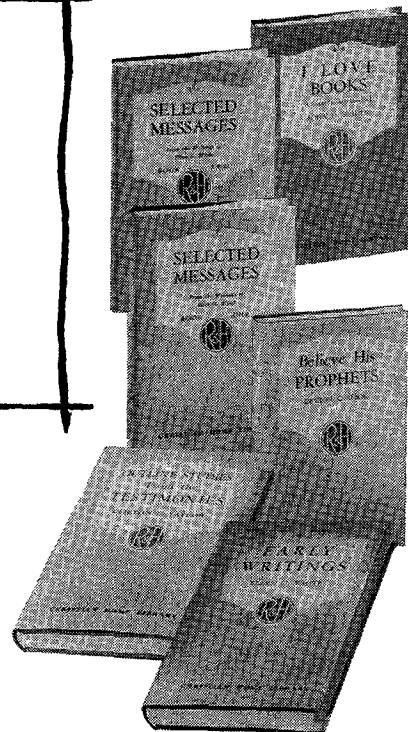
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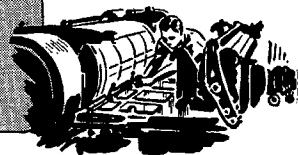
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Central Union Conference Session

Mile-high Denver, Colorado, provided the setting for the seventeenth Central Union Conference quadrennial session and ministerial institute. In two working days, February 22-24, the 183 delegates completed the conference business.

Re-elected to serve in the union office for the coming quadrennial period are: Theodore Carcich, president; B. L. Schlotthauer, secretary-treasurer; R. E. Spangle, auditor; W. A. Howe, J. F. Kent, and D. E. Reiner, departmental secretaries. The session voted authorization for the newly elected executive committee to appoint an additional union departmental secretary, separating the MV department and the department of education as soon as practicable.

The Central Union membership has reached 23,095, while tithes for the four years rose to over 8½ million dollars, an increase of more than 1½ million above the previous four years. During the same period literature sales increased more than ⅓ million dollars.

A more complete report of recent progress in the Central Union appeared in the REVIEW for February 5.

W. P. BRADLEY

Evangelism in South India

In the South India Union of the Southern Asia Division, supreme emphasis is being placed on evangelism. Every worker in the local mission and in the union, whatever position he occupies, is expected during two specified seasons each year to engage in an organized evangelistic campaign. The result of this program is the ingathering of a large number of souls for the kingdom of God.

George W. Maywald, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the union, less than five months after his arrival in South India from overseas, led out in a strong campaign in Trichur, Kerala. Only a thatched shed could be secured for the meetings, but from the first, upwards of 1,000 people packed into it, and as the weeks passed the attendance increased. As a result of this campaign, which was continued for ten weeks, a goodly number of

converts were baptized and added to the church.

Other workers in South India met with similar success in their campaigns. How essential it is that all of us, workers and lay members, recognize that our first and chief responsibility and privilege is to give the message of God to men and women everywhere.

Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria

The Ile-Ife Hospital in Nigeria, West Africa, has been a hive of activity ever since its establishment in 1944. It now has a bed capacity of 125 and this is constantly fully occupied. Dr. Sherman A. Nagel has been its medical director for the past 13 years. During that period the number of outpatient visits has increased from 14,600 a year to 108,566 in 1958. As can be imagined, this large number of patients keeps the doctors, nurses, and other members of the hospital staff more than busy.

Four doctors should be on the staff of this institution, but during the past year there have been only two. Obviously, these devoted workers are taxed almost beyond their physical endurance. Earnest efforts have been made to find additional doctors for this hospital, but for some reason it is difficult to find experienced and capable physicians who are available and willing to fill calls such as this.

ERWIN E. ROENFELT

Book Sales in Bolivia

Nicolas Chaij, South American Division publishing secretary, writes of outstanding success by our student literature evangelists in the high country of Bolivia:

"Two years ago five students went to canvass in Bolivia. They were so successful that last year 19 students were accepted as canvassers there. These 19 students delivered 111 scholarships. This year all the students wanted to canvass, but only 36 could be accepted.

"During the last vacation period we had in this division 653 students canvassing from January to March, and these students delivered 731 scholarships. One regular colporteur told of 100 orders taken in one day."

W. A. HIGGINS

Inter-America Responds to the Message

In no part of the world field has there been a more hearty response to the Advent message than in the Inter-American Division. At their recent annual committee meeting the leadership of the division and the seven unions in Inter-America pledged themselves to labor during the year 1959 as if it were their last opportunity. They recognize that no one can say with certainty just how much time is left in which to give the Advent message to the unwarned millions of that division.

They have set a goal of 14,600 baptisms for the year. Arthur H. Roth, president of the division, has expressed the opinion that in order to reach this goal and surpass it they will need the full cooperation of all the forces of Adventism in Inter-America. Probably there is no other overseas division in which the laymen are more active in soul-winning efforts than they are in Inter-America. The baptized membership of the division now stands at 128,106, with 162,903 in the Sabbath schools. N. W. DUNN

Motion Pictures Win Souls in Manila

Mrs. R. A. Van Arsdell, wife of the publishing secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, is active in many missionary projects in Manila. On Sunday nights she takes one of Elder H. M. S. Richards' films and sets up her projector and screen in a dead-end street, where about two hundred people gather to see the film. After the film is shown, Voice of Prophecy Bible school enrollment cards are distributed.

Recently while Ingathering she visited the home of a Vietnamese Embassy family. The young couple were interested in learning more about God, so the Voice of Prophecy films are being shown regularly each week in this home. She has been visiting one of Dr. J. W. Schnepfer's patients for some time, showing the Voice of Prophecy films to the family and some of their relatives. They say they look forward to her coming each week. The family is planning to attend church services. ELMER R. WALDE