

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# REVIEW

## and Herald

### ★ General Conference Report

#### Number 4



## A Running

# Story of the Conference

By a Special Review Reporter

Lawrence Maxwell

Monday, July 30

I'm going out to buy an alarm clock just as soon as I finish writing this story.

You see, I lay down for a brief, very brief, nap an hour and a half before the meeting began last night. When I woke up, my watch said twenty to ten. The meeting was over!

And what a meeting to miss!

I leaped into my clothes and scurried out to learn what had gone on. In the lobby of the hotel I saw Uncle Arthur, author of the *Bedtime Stories* and *The Bible Story* and so many other books.

"What happened at the meeting tonight?" I asked him.

"Weren't you there?" he gasped.

I humbly confessed my somnolent lapse.

"Oh, you missed a good meeting!" he exclaimed. "It was a report from Southern Africa and South America. The speakers were brilliant, simply brilliant."

What a time to sleep!

Uncle Arthur was rushing on. "Elder Aitken [South American Division president] said that during his recent state visit to South America, Prince Philip told him that he had great respect for the work Seventh-day Adventist missions were doing. It's amazing," Uncle Arthur said, "to think that the prince should know so much about our work and think so highly of it."

Then he chuckled. "You should have heard about the parrot! As you may know, Brother Aitken wants to use small planes to help the missionaries get around. R. H. Pierson told of a plane Bob Osmunson used for a while in Africa. Brother Aitken cannot have one. So he said, 'Since we can't have airplanes to spread the gospel, we have to use parrots.' That brought the house down! You really should have heard the parrot story!"

I hurried out of the hotel to see what more I could learn. Right in the dormitory were Elder and Mrs. E. R. Osmun-

son, parents of Bob Osmunson. I sensed a chance to find out more about that plane Bob piloted.

"What happened to it?" I asked Brother Osmunson. I knew that a group of doctors in America had paid for it and that Bob had spent considerable time getting a pilot's license.

"The committee felt that the present budget could not be stretched far enough to cover the expense of operating it," he said. "And so they voted to turn it over to one of our doctors."

It must have been a very difficult decision for the committee to make.

"I understand that the plane was in the Congo during the recent trouble," I said. "What happened then?"

"The government authorities refused to give permission for it to be taken

out of the country," Elder Osmunson said. "My son decided to leave the country in a commercial plane. Then, just as that plane was getting ready to leave, with Bob already on board, the authorities changed their minds and he was told he could fly the little plane out." So it was saved.

I headed out into the night. The sidewalks were full of Adventists hurrying homeward. Apparently there had been a full house again. Every seat had been taken, I learned. The aisles had been jammed with people standing, and the corridors had been filled with folks who couldn't get inside.

I heard someone remark that since there were no auditoriums in the mainland of the United States to hold all the people who like to attend the General Conference session, the next session was to be held in Alaska to get away from the crowd. I don't think the idea would be very popular. Adventists love to hear what their church is accomplishing. And, privately, I think there would be a great trek to Alaska if the meetings were held there.

When I got into the Auditorium, I ran into Jewell W. Peeke, head of the General Conference Insurance Service. "What went on in the meeting tonight?" I asked him, and confessed my weakness again.

"You should have been here," he said. "There was so much you could use in the *Junior Guide*. For instance, there was that story about the priest who played a

The South American Division exhibit booth. At left is Juan Ucayali, a Campa Indian chief, assistant pastor and interpreter at the Seventh-day Adventist village of Nevati, Peru; at right, Robert Correia of the Central Amazon Mission, holding an Indian marital glove.



recording of the Voice of Prophecy quartet outside his church so that the people could hear it as they came to mass. After a while he wired his public-address system to the radio and played the Voice of Prophecy program just as it came over the air. 'It gets the people into the right spiritual condition for mass,' he said. Needless to say, it also stirred up a tremendous interest in Adventist teaching among people who were living near the church.

"And then there was the parrot. You really *should* have heard that one!" he said.

The parrot story again! What was it?

I hastened to the REVIEW AND HERALD office to pick up whatever information I could garner there.

"You missed a good meeting," the editor said. "Be sure to check with L. H. Olson about the man who got the liniment and the boy who wanted a Bible, and be sure to find out about the family that was converted by a parrot."

Unfortunately, L. H. Olson and J. J. Aitken were not available right then. I would have to wait till later to learn the details.

On the steps at one of the backdoors of the Auditorium I found three teenagers talking, and I overheard the boy say to the two girls, "I came on at seven this morning and I've had only one hour off all day."

Incredible, I thought. Are teenagers willing to work that hard to help make this session a success? All three in the doorway were dressed in white; accordingly, I knew they were at the Loma Linda Food booth.

I went into the kitchen where they labor. It is behind the bookstand on the left of the main Auditorium. There was still much activity there, though the clock said nearly eleven at night.

I met Theresa Walter, a student at Madison College. "I fry the cutlets and put them in the buns," she told me, pointing to a stove no bigger than most women use to feed their families. "Another girl puts in the trimmings," she added. "At first I tried to keep count of how many I cooked, but when I got to 240 I gave up." She had been on duty since 9:30, with only a short period of time off for lunch.

Rose Ann Ahl, aged 16, was just looking into the kitchen for a moment. Her job is selling Vegeburgers and fruit drinks over the counter in one of the food booths, and this was her first day on the job. The food booth in Larkin Hall was still attending to customers.

Darold Retzer, currently attending La Sierra College, was mopping the floor. His father is Sabbath school secretary for the Pacific Union. His sister Cheryl, also 16, was working away too.

It was obvious that the position one's father held did not deter these workers. Lulu Scully was cleaning up as industriously as the rest. Her father is associate secretary of the General Conference Temperance Department.

And then there was Jim Neergaard. It was his voice I had heard on the steps. "I mix the burgers," he told me. "That is, I add the eggs and the soy sauce and



F. L. Peterson, elected general vice-president of the General Conference.

the other ingredients and stir them up."

"How many have you done?" I asked.

He shook his head and smiled. Impossible to tell.

"How long have you worked today?" I asked.

"I've been here since seven this morning," he said, "with an hour off."

So he had put in a 15-hour day.

Mrs. Walter Rae was in charge. "You might like to know that we have served 1,400 dozen buns so far," she told me.

I blinked. That's 16,800. And the meetings have hardly begun.

"How many teenagers do you have working with you?" I asked.

"About 45," she said, "between the ages of 16 and 20."

I went on to my hotel, but I was still thinking about those teenagers. The impressive thing was not so much that they

were working long hours. What impressed me was that they were doing it so willingly.

And I believe that the time has come when we should recognize that we have many young people in our church who are capable of carrying far heavier responsibilities than some of us have been willing to lay upon them. Let's start giving them more of the credit they deserve!

Rushing to the early meeting this morning, I overheard a man who was in front of me walking with his family. "For the next General Conference," he was saying earnestly, "I'm going to invest in a camera. These meetings are so good, aren't they?"

Striding past the room where the junior meetings are being held I glanced in—and stopped. Juniors were lined up along the wall. Surely, something was about to happen!

"What's going on?" I asked three girls at the end of the line. The one on the very end had the loveliest long braids of hair. And her name, she told me, was Leanne Bergey. Aged 11, she is the daughter of W. E. Bergey, publishing secretary of the Alberta Conference. Gloria Tkachuk, aged 12, standing next to her, lives in British Columbia. Her father is Nick Tkachuk, an accountant at our hospital on Vancouver Island. "We're here on our holiday," she told me. That shows again the interest that Seventh-day Adventists have in their church.

"We're going to visit the S.S. Cleveland." The girl who was third from the end answered my question.

"That sounds like fun," I said. "What did you have to do in order to be able to go?"

"We had to have a passport and go to two meetings yesterday and have this signed by our parents." She handed me a printed card that had her name on it, Maria Zimmerman. Now 14, she was born in Germany, but lives with an aunt and uncle not far from San Francisco. The passport, I knew, was the junior songbook especially imprinted on the cover with a special "passport" to the junior meetings.



A scene between meetings in front of the Civic Auditorium.

I could see that all three girls were enjoying the junior meetings tremendously. And no wonder, with such wonderful activities planned for them! Paul M. DeBooy is in charge. He was taking nearly 200 juniors on a tour of the luxury liner.

M. V. Campbell was the speaker at the morning devotional. Be sure to read the inspiring printed report of his sermon, "Freedom in Christ." At the conclusion of his talk, Elder Campbell said, "You may have wondered how God is able to answer all the prayers that are offered to Him in so many languages. This morning we are going to have ten prayers, in ten different languages."

The first man to pray was Joseph Mave, president of the New Britain Mission. He was born in Emira, an island where the people were so decadent the British authorities expected them to become extinct. When he was six years old, a missionary came. His mother accepted the Adventist message, and he grew up in the church. He prayed in pidgin English.

West German Evangelist A. Strala prayed next, in German. Before introducing K. Yasiu, who prayed in Japanese, C. P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division, told about Hide Kuniya. He was one of the first students of Percy W. Grainger and T. Okohira, who opened the work in Japan. Brother Kuniya was baptized and opened up the work in Korea. In 1909 he was a delegate to the General Conference session. "Yesterday," Elder Sorensen said, "Elder Kuniya died. His funeral is being held today."

Others prayed. Rodrigo Bustillos of Mexico, in Spanish; Gustav Baron from Poland, in Polish; M. S. Nigri from Brazil, in Portuguese; V. Raju of the Oriental Publishing House in India, in Tamil; F. Lavanchy, with 45 years of service in Europe, in French; Yohana Lusingu from Tanganyika, in Swahili, and A. A. Haddad, in Arabic. Elder Haddad thanked God for what R. A. Wilcox, who introduced him, rightly called a miracle. Last week the Egyptian Government finally recognized our evangelistic center in Cairo as a church. "It means," Elder Wilcox said, "that now we can conduct all denominational activities in the building."

The meeting closed, and then I had an appointment with J. J. Aitken. "Tell me about the boy with the liniment," I begged. "And the boy who asked his priest for a Bible. And especially about the parrot. I must know about the parrot!"

"The story of the liniment really belongs to Leslie Scofield," he said. "Brother Scofield, as a boy, set his heart on doing a work similar to that which Elder Halliwell did. Today he is captain of our mission launch on the São Francisco River, *Luminar II*. He and his wife are doing a great work. Last year they pulled 2,500 teeth, plus all that goes with that kind of work."

"The boy who got the liniment was the Scofields' first patient. His name was David and he lived on the riverbank. He came to the boat complaining of rheumatism in his knees. 'Give me medicine,' he begged.

"We have special medicine for that—in lightning liniment," Brother Sco-



Southern African Division Exhibit Booth. The central exhibit in this interesting display is a model built to scale of the famed Malamulo Leprosarium, Nyasaland. This model was built on the mission. Left to right are: Pastor Kenani, from Kenya; Pastor Dube, from Southern Rhodesia; W. H. Stevenson, president, Congo Union; Mrs. F. Campbell of Port Elizabeth.

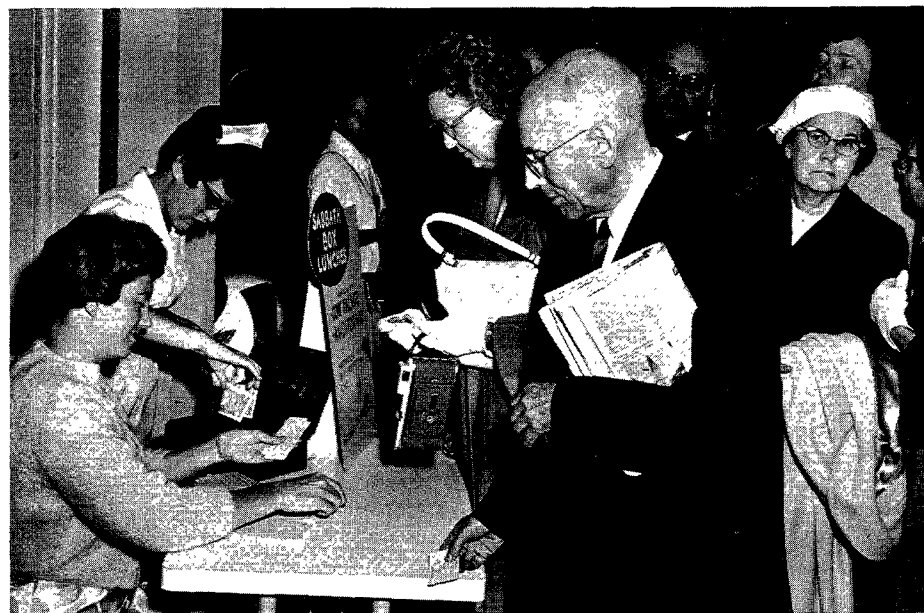
field said. It was a special brand the Scofields manufactured out of turpentine, kerosene, wintergreen oil, and anything else they could find that was hot. 'Rub it on the knees,' Leslie told the young man in his newly learned Portuguese.

"The next week, Brother Scofield met David out walking. 'Oh, Doctor,' he exclaimed, 'that is wonderful medicine. There is not a single pain in my knees. But it sure did burn my throat.' He had drunk the medicine instead of rubbing it on his knees!

"It proved to be very strong medicine. It not only cured the rheumatism, it also led to David's becoming a Seventh-day Adventist. Today all his family are church members."

"Now about the boy who wanted a Bible," I pleaded.

"Oh, that happened in Brazil," Elder Aitken said. "The boy went to his priest and asked for a Bible. 'Don't read the Bible,' the priest said. 'If you do, you'll have to stop drinking and smoking, you'll have to stop playing cards, you'll never



About 3,600 box lunches were bought on Thursday and Friday for Sabbath dinners that were delivered at both the Cow Palace and the Civic Auditorium. A. V. Olson is seen receiving a ticket for his purchase.

# WE HAVE THIS HOPE

Theme Song for General Conference Session, 1962

*♩ = 132 With Vigor* Words and music by Wayne Hooper

WE HAVE THIS HOPE that burns with-in our hearts, Hope in the  
 com-ing of the Lord. We have this faith that Christ a-lone in-parts,  
*mp With Intensity*  
 Faith in the prom-ise of His Word. We be-lieve the time is here,  
*Crescendo*  
 When the na-tions far and near Shall a- wake, and shout, and sing -  
*ff Ritard* Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is King! *f Broad and Majestic* WE HAVE THIS HOPE that  
 burns with-in our hearts, Hope in the com-ing of the Lord.

Copyright 1962, by Wayne Hooper

\* High notes optional

have any more fun in life. You'll learn that the seventh day is the Sabbath. In fact, you'll become a Seventh-day Adventist. Don't read the Bible. But the boy was determined to get a Bible, so he bicycled 15 kilometers over the hills to another town. There he secured a copy, and just as the priest predicted, he became an Adventist."

"And the parrot," I said. "I must hear about the parrot."

Elder Aitken was anxious about other appointments he had made. But he stayed a moment longer. "That hap-

pened on the bank of the Amazon," he said. "The parrot lived in an Adventist home. The family taught it several Portuguese phrases, but I'll just give them in English: 'Let us prepare the house. Tomorrow is the Sabbath.' Also, 'The launch is coming.' A third was, 'Playing cards is a sin.'"

"One day the parrot flew away and didn't come back. It found a new home about 30 miles away. But it flew into the new house and began repeating the phrases it had learned. 'Let us prepare the house. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. The

launch is coming. Playing cards is a sin.' Over and over it said them, till the family paid attention. 'Is the launch coming?' they asked. 'Is tomorrow the Sabbath?' The launch came. The family asked our missionary, 'Is it a sin to play cards? Do you keep the Sabbath?' 'Yes,' replied our missionary. 'Then I think we have your parrot. He is telling us to keep the Sabbath.' And from then on the family did keep the Sabbath, converted by the parrot!"

No wonder everyone had been so interested in that story!

Now back to the business meeting of Monday. The Regional Department and the Ministerial Association gave their reports in the forenoon. Be sure to read them! There was also a good statement by the manager of Harris Pine Mills.

Early this afternoon, missionaries in costume paraded on the square in front of the Auditorium so that photographers could get pictures.

Then the Sabbath School and Radio and TV departments reported. It was a good afternoon.

## What a Difference!

By ERNEST LLOYD

What a difference in the exiles of history! Napoleon Bonaparte on the island of St. Helena, fretting and fuming with disappointment, saw no bright horizons. No future homeland of peace and beauty passed before his gaze. But the apostle John on the island of Patmos made his bleak surroundings glow with heavenly colors. John was looking forward to God's best things, and God gave him a panoramic view of the new earth!

John's description of the wonders of the new earth has brightened the hopes of faithful Christians all down through the centuries and has helped them to keep their affections on eternal things. How is it with us? Are we clinging too much to the transient things of this world? Are we like the man in one of Bunyan's stories who was so occupied with his muckrake that he could not see the angel over his head with a crown of glory?

There is great personal comfort and satisfaction in knowing that God loves us and is planning glorious things for our future, as revealed in John's Book of Revelation. Out of the ruins of this old world there is to rise a wonderful new earth. "Behold," says God, "I make all things new" (Rev. 21: 5).

No matter what your circumstances may be now, remember that God is making preparation for a brighter future—a sinless, deathless future. The "blessed hope" of what is to be, inspires and cheers those who walk now in the path of truth and righteousness, who seek to glorify God in daily living, preparing for citizenship in His new world. Blessed are they who place their hope in God's promises, which cannot fail.

# The Southern African Division

By ROBERT H. PIERSON, *President*

Africa—what a continent of contrasts and challenge! No longer the dark continent it once was, Africa is a land where yesterday clasps hands with tomorrow, creating a glad yet ominous today.

Africa—the land of bustling modern cities with broad boulevards, jostling traffic, and skyscrapers reaching heavenward. Africa—the land of humble peasant kraals with simple circular homes crowned by neat thatched roofs. Africa—the land of contrasts, the land of champagne and mealies, and people running the whole gamut from prince to pauper.

Africa is a land where the unexpected is always happening. Where, save in Africa, could one see a three-ton hippo grazing peacefully on a golf course fairway? Where else could one witness the novel scene of ochre-smeared tribesmen leaning on spears as snorting bulldozers rip away acres of tangled thorn bush to make way for some twentieth century project?

Where, save in Africa, can one still see an occasional lion wander into the suburbs of a large modern city or witness the delightful scene of a frightened baby zebra given the right of way in a twentieth century traffic jam?

But Africa is not all champagne and mealies—not all zebras and lions in a pastoral or jungle setting. Africa is a restless, surging giant awakening from the sleep of centuries. Strange and powerful forces are stirring in the 17 countries and colonies of our division.

During the past two years there have been states of emergency, political furor, martial law, civil strife, or open warfare in all seven of our union fields. Independence in the mineral-rich Congo has unleashed a tornado of turmoil that at times has threatened the peace of the whole world. We have had rioting, stoning, burning, looting, killing, and plundering in many of our countries. In one land more than 3,000 Seventh-day Adventist homes were burned, with all of the family food and household effects. In that same area I have spoken to scores of our members and adherents in prison or in detention camps. These are indeed ominous and perilous times in turbulent, trouble-filled Africa!

The roll of Seventh-day Adventist martyrs in Africa has begun to be written. Three workers in one village were hacked to death by a mob infuriated because our men refused to take part in a vile heathen initiation ceremony. One teacher was bound and thrown into a lake and drowned. A church leader was killed protecting one of his brethren against the cruel attack of rival tribesmen. Another member died, thrust through by a spear as he guarded his little home. Fifteen or 20 members have lost their lives in two

countries. Our African members have suffered greatly in some of these strife-torn lands. They need our prayers.

Some of our European missionaries have also faced danger and death. You may have heard of the harrowing experience that came to 29 of us in Elisabethville, Katanga, a few months ago. The United Nations and Katangese troops were battling across our mission compound. For 52 hours we were caught between the withering cross fire of their machine guns, mortars, and bazookas. The Lord marvelously held His hand over us as we were repeatedly exposed to death. We shall never cease to thank Him for His saving, keeping power.

No, there is nothing monotonous about Southern Africa in this day of danger; it



Robert H. Pierson

is the most thrilling place in all the world to be working for God today.

In the Chinese language I understand the word for "crisis" requires two characters—one for "danger," the other for "opportunity." We believe this aptly describes Africa today. Truly, it is a time of crisis. If it is a day of danger, it is also a great day of God-given opportunity.

## Development of African Leaders

One of our greatest needs in Africa today is the need for qualified, dedicated African leaders. For several years our Solusi College graduating classes will be small. To meet the current explosive situation in Africa we need African leaders now. To bridge the gap between an ample supply of college graduates and our present urgent needs we have taken some bold new steps. In 1960 we inaugurated crash leadership courses to provide intensive training for more than 200 workers a year. These classes run from one month on the union level to nine months on the division level and provide courses covering the practical problems of African leadership. Africa is leaping forward at an amaz-

ing pace today. To keep stride we must develop more leaders from among her own sons and daughters. Unless one has spent some time in Africa within the past two or three years one cannot fully appreciate what is going on in this great continent.

We have some fine, dedicated African, Coloured, and Indian leaders whose God-given gifts are making room for them. Three years ago we had not a single non-European president and only two African secretary-treasurers. Today we have 17 non-European presidents and 26 secretary-treasurers. We have also 17 African vice-presidents, and three of our African leaders are serving as members of our division committee. Four more are scheduled to be appointed at our division council later this year.

## Evangelism

If dark clouds of the impending storm make this a day of ominous portent, the bright promises of our God make it a radiant day of His opportunity. In Southern Africa we march into the final phases of the battle with the challenge of the last great advance ringing in our ears, "Go forward! Evangelize!" This has been the keynote of our program the past four years. Our lands have been on fire with evangelism—worker evangelism and lay evangelism, literature evangelism and medical evangelism. Our workers have held city efforts and country efforts, large efforts and small efforts, long efforts and short efforts, village efforts and cottage efforts, efforts conducted by adults and efforts conducted by youth.

During 1961, despite very difficult times, the workers in our new Ruanda-Urundi Union held more than 400 evangelistic efforts. More than 20,000 persons took their stand for Christ and His last-day message.

At the close of last year there were 118,000 persons in our baptismal classes throughout the division.

This is the hour when every branch of our work must exist for but one purpose—to prepare men and women to live for Christ in this present evil world and to live with Christ in that glorious kingdom He has gone to prepare for those who love Him.

During the past quadrennium more than 70,000 persons have been added to the Advent Church in Southern Africa, either by baptism or by profession of faith. Thousands more have been added to our baptismal classes. This means that on an average every 24 hours for the past four years a new church of 47 members has come into existence in our field. We humbly thank our God that this report is possible despite the turbulent times in which we live. We give Him all the glory for what has been accomplished through His grace and power. W. D. Eva, our division secretary, reports that our baptized church membership has increased by nearly 26,000 since the last General Conference session. Our membership as of December 31, 1961, has climbed to nearly 192,000. This membership represents more than 1,200 organized churches and nearly twice that number of companies. If we had the workers and the means both to evangelize and properly to shepherd the

flock, I have no doubt that our membership could total 300,000 by 1966, if the Lord should tarry.

### Radio and Voice of Prophecy Department

Broadcasting in the Southern African Division is limited to local programs—mostly taking turns with other Christian denominations. "We are operating four Bible correspondence schools," S. G. Maxwell, Voice of Prophecy secretary, says. "Our lessons go out in 12 languages. Nearly 800 Voice of Prophecy students have been baptized during the past four years."

### Home Missionary Department

"The laity of Southern Africa are on the march for God," R. L. Osmunson, home missionary secretary for the division, reports. "Thousands of our laymen are doing exploits for Him. In the South African Union Conference dedicated lay workers have spent nearly \$64,000 for audio-visual soul-winning equipment recently. In the mission unions thousands of lay preachers are holding efforts with inspiring results."

### Missionary Volunteer Department

Elder Osmunson also tells of hundreds of efforts held by young people. "Thirty youth camps have been conducted, and our 95,500 young people are dedicating their talents to God for service as soul winners and church workers," he concludes.

### Publishing Department

During the past quadrennium, literature sales in 34 languages have climbed to a new all-time high—more than one million dollars. Frank Unger, secretary of our publishing department says, "Our 300 full-time colporteurs have also been responsible for an average of 132 converts a month during this period."

### Education Department

"Never has there been such a determined quest for education," the division education secretary, J. B. Cooks, declares. "Our 1,300 elementary schools, 13 secondary institutions, and four junior colleges are bursting at the seams with nearly 80,000 children and young people in attendance. The senior colleges at Helderberg and Solusi are both attracting more students."

### Sabbath School Department

Elder Cooks also directs the activities of our 3,000 Sabbath schools. "Our membership has climbed to more than 356,000, and Southern Africa now has the largest Sabbath school membership of any division in the world," he told me recently.

### Medical Department

During the past quadrennium much has been done in the way of material improvements at our medical institutions. New wards have been erected, new clinic buildings have gone up, new water systems have been installed, new staff homes have been provided. At Malamulo a complete new modern leper hospital is now in use. But there are still very many more

needs to be met in our medical program.

Miss Myrtle Sather, division medical secretary, reports: "We now have ten hospitals, attached to which are five leprosariums. The capacity of these institutions—1,000 beds—is usually far overtaxed. We also operate 34 clinics and dispensaries. This work is cared for by 53 doctors and nurses, assisted by nearly 300 helpers."

### Church Development

A survey in 1959 revealed a shortage of 1,300 church buildings in the Southern African Division. To meet the need of raising funds to undertake a systematic program of church building, church development secretaries were appointed on the division, union, and local field levels to launch hundreds of fund-raising proj-

## I Would Rather Be a Joseph

By ELMA HELGASON

I would rather be a Joseph  
In a prison dark and drear  
Than to rule earth's greatest kingdom  
With a heart that did not fear  
Our dear Saviour up in heaven—  
The great God whom all should love.  
I would rather be a Joseph,  
With my heritage above!

I would rather be a Joseph,  
With my conscience sharp and clean,  
Than to own the greatest treasure  
That this world has ever seen.  
For the treasure that I value  
Is a heart both pure and true,  
And a deed to that bright mansion  
Home within the earth made new!

I would rather be a Joseph  
Exiled in a pagan land  
Than to live in senseless pleasure  
In a worldly clique so grand.  
I would rather be a Joseph,  
With a record up above  
That would show my life was useful  
And my heart was filled with love.

ects among our African, European, Coloured, and Asian churches.

"The first two years some 300 projects have gotten under way," J. A. Birkenstock, church development secretary of the division, tells us. "Already more than \$110,000 has been received in cash and twice this much has been pledged. We hope to dedicate 100 new church buildings in the division during 1962 and our goal should be 500 for the next quadrennium."

### Tithes and Offerings and Finances

Despite war and chaos in some fields and mild recession in others, God has wonderfully blessed us financially.

"The past four years our tithe income has increased nearly three quarters of a million dollars," R. M. Reinhard, division treasurer, writes. "This brings our total up to \$3,425,735 for the quadrennium. For this same period our mission offerings have also shown a gain, reaching a total of one and three-quarter million dollars. Considering the stress and strain

of our unusual times in Africa our financial position is encouraging. Many of our fields and institutions have built up their required working capital and the others are working in that direction. Several African-led fields are striving toward self-support. We shall not be surprised to see some reach their objective before the next General Conference session."

### Ingathering

The Ingathering has made substantial forward strides the past quadrennium. Our African laymen are beginning to get under the burden and their phase of the program shows substantial increase. "For the first time in history we have gone over the £100,000 (\$280,000) mark," R. L. Osmunson telegraphed me recently, "and our four-year total of more than one million dollars represents a gain of nearly \$300,000." With the mineral-rich Congo practically out of the Ingathering program the past two years, only God's blessing made this record possible.

So I could go on and on, telling you the Southern African Division story. It is the story of God's love and care. It is a glorious privilege to serve in this thrilling, challenging field today.

I wish this report could have been more encouraging—more in keeping with what God would have His church accomplish today under the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. What glorious victories the Lord of heaven is waiting to bestow upon us when we enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of service.

We must more nearly approach to the divine pattern of our blessed Master, that His power may flow through us for the speedy finishing of the work not only in Africa but in all the world.

### Concluding Remarks

In closing, I wish to pay tribute to the nearly 4,000 African, European, Coloured, and Asian workers who under God have made this report possible. I honor our older workers who have borne the burdens in the heat of the day. These silver-haired fathers and mothers in Israel are precious in the sight of God and I never cease to thank the Lord for their godly example and their years of dedicated service. We covet their continued wise counsel and loyal support. May God richly bless them for their invaluable service to Africa.

It is also a joy to associate with a fine corps of younger workers—eager, consecrated, dedicated to a finished task. We need their strength and courage, their enthusiasm, and their willingness to do and dare for God in the great continent of Africa now.

We need your prayers in Africa today. The task is too great for human strength, the problems too perplexing for finite wisdom. We have come to a crucial hour of decision in Africa. We have come to an agonizing time of testing for God's people in these lands. All of us need your earnest prayers for the future.

With the assurance of your prayers and His help we face the future with courage and confidence. Through His plenteous grace and mighty power even an Africa in flames shall hear His message in this generation.

# South American Division

By JAMES J. AITKEN, *President*

Today more than ever before, South America is the land of opportunity for the expansion of God's work upon the earth. It is with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts that we exclaim with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3). Since 1894, when the first pioneers arrived to sow the precious seeds of truth, God has been calling out a people, a multitude of witnesses. By the thousands these, in turn, are now working for others.

The South American Division was organized in 1916 with 5,381 members. Since these pioneer days, in spite of persecution and hardship, the work has grown. We are happy to report that with God's help the membership of the South American Division reached 120,021 members at the end of 1961. At the time of this General Conference session we feel sure we have a membership of over 125,000 in eight countries of South America: Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

In the last quadrennial period from 1958 to 1961, 42,385 were baptized into the church. It took 52 years of hard labor and seed sowing to win the first 42,000 members. Now we see 42,385 members added to the church by baptism in just four years and we exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" This makes a net increase in membership for the South American Division in the past quadrennial period of 28,359 members. The total baptisms for the division have increased by more than 1,000 over each preceding year in the last four years. South America wishes to thank each of you most sincerely for your part in making this great harvest of souls possible.

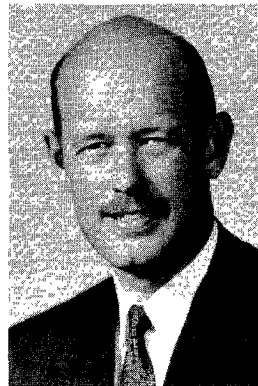
## Workers and Laymen United in Evangelism

The South American Division has a geographical area twice as large as that of the United States with the challenge of more than 112 million souls. In this past year our 2,608 regular workers joined hands with more than 35,000 laymen in preaching the message in some 4,500 different places. Today we have in South America 583 churches, and 70 per cent of these churches have already become real evangelistic centers where the lights are on every Sunday evening for the preaching of the word. This public evangelism is producing remarkable results.

In the great city of São Paulo, Brazil, with more than 4.5 million inhabitants, a large effort closed last year with a single baptism of 135 candidates. Just six months later, on October 7, 1961, a still larger baptism was conducted with 273 new believers baptized on one Sabbath afternoon, with 24 ministers officiating. In the city of São Paulo alone, now we have

more than 8,000 church members in 65 churches and groups. The work has grown so rapidly that the São Paulo Conference itself now has more than 16,000 church members.

With this great membership increase, naturally we have growing pains. However, God has helped us to complete the construction in the past quadrennial period of approximately 250 new places of worship throughout the entire division, which have a total seating capacity of 50,000 people. Not only is the gospel being heralded to the big cities but it is also going to the countryside. A great miracle of God's grace has taken place in Bolivia, where more than 1,400 were baptized in 1961. A modern-day revival has just taken place near Crespo, in Entre Rios, Argentina, where the first Seventh-day Advent-



James J. Aitken

ist church in all of South America was organized more than 50 years ago. Elder Enrique Block, one of our veteran retired ministers, called the laymen of the church together to help him form an evangelistic team. They began their meetings in a machine-shed type of building with only 75 present the first night. The following week, 500 came out, and in three weeks' time, more than 1,000 people began to attend regularly. The work continues today with good success with already 100 people having been baptized in this country area.

In many areas of South America there are no roads and travel is extremely difficult. Recently one of our brethren from the interior told me the following: "With God's help and with the help of Sputnik, we were able to win 96 souls to the message." I soon learned that Sputnik was his faithful old mule that had carried him to the vast interior, helping to reach this large number of souls. Our brother explained further that he must soon trade Sputnik for a horse with longer legs to give more speed in spreading the gospel message.

One of our laymen, a successful businessman in the southernmost city of the world, Punta Arenas, Chile, saw his own business flourishing but the work of God languishing with but a few members and meager funds for evangelism. God touched his heart and he pledged \$1,000 in U.S. money for a combined evangelistic and lay effort in the city. Immediately at the close of this effort, 64 souls were added to the church by baptism. This brought the membership to almost 100, and already a second church has been organized in that city. Seventh-day Adventists in South America were recently highly honored because of their Bible knowledge. One of our Seventh-day Adventist sisters in Brazil, Sister Yolanda Da Silva, took second place in an international Bible contest in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Israeli Government.

During the past three years our laymen and workers have helped double the income of our Ingathering work. Recently the manager of a large oil company in Peru became so interested in the presentation of Seventh-day Adventist mission work that he asked that our brethren visit him again in his home, where he presented them with a check for \$1,000. The head of a large chain of restaurants in Brazil decided to contribute the first full day's income from a new restaurant, which amounted to \$300.

## Advances of Colporteur Army

Four years ago we had an average of 780 colporteurs and last year our average was increased to 890 colporteurs. In the last four years 3,415 persons have been baptized as a result of their faithful efforts. In the year 1961 alone, 1,170 souls were won to the truth through the sale of our truth-filled literature. Above all, our colporteurs are soul winners. A Peruvian colporteur won 140 souls in three years.

Another colporteur discovered that through the sale of our books, 20 people had quit smoking and drinking and were already keeping the Sabbath. Another colporteur had the thrilling experience of bringing an entire spiritualistic church into the Advent message in Mato Grosso, Brazil.

The colporteurs of South America have sold over \$6 million worth of Adventist books and papers during the past four-year period. Our publishing house in São Paulo, Brazil, and our publishing house in Buenos Aires, Argentina, together are printing and sending out, every working day, three tons of Seventh-day Adventist literature.

## Radio and Television Speed the Task of Evangelism

We are now broadcasting the message over the entire South American continent with more than 275 radio stations. We have just arrived at 200 stations for Brazil alone. We know that more than 3,000 people have come into the truth already and millions are listening to the message over the air. We are just beginning with Faith for Today television in São Paulo. A great new evangelistic center seating more than 1,500 and providing space for Voice of Prophecy radio headquarters has just been erected during 1960 and 1961 in

the heart of the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro.

### Educating Our Youth for God

We have a great army of boys and girls and young people totaling 28,000 in our elementary, secondary, and college levels of training. We believe the Christian education of our young people is one of the secrets of the strong growth of membership in South America. We thank God for 535 church schools and then also our 15 academies, training schools, and colleges. In the past four years we have been able to build five new academy and college auditoriums, with a seating capacity of more than 7,000. Our two senior colleges, one in Argentina and the other in Brazil, have each built spacious new dining halls and kitchens, along with dormitory and classroom improvements. In our Brazil College we are preaching temperance through our Superbom products. Superbom means "super good." We have just filled 1.6 million pint bottles of the new crop of grape juice. Included in the advertising on every bottle is the name *Adventista*. This also is evangelism. Our sales of these fine products have amounted to more than \$2 million in the past four years.

The Missionary Volunteers of South America have carried out great exploits for God in soul-winning endeavors. Voice of Youth evangelistic meetings have been held in every country of the division with the result that in the earlier part of this year, 236 people were ready for baptism and many more are awaiting baptism. All of our camps and congresses have been a tremendous inspiration to our young people to win souls. For instance, a boy of 13 won 22 souls to the truth. It all began when he was invited to climb up in an old spring wagon and ride along down the road with a man who was hungering to know the truth, and a boy was willing to share it with him.

The greatest university in South America is the Sabbath school, which has been growing constantly through the years. Now we have over 140,500 Sabbath school members in over 2,150 Sabbath schools. Here our people love to follow the good old custom of studying the Sabbath school lesson seven times a week. One man reported with joy he had studied his lesson 49 times because he had understood the plan was seven times a day instead of seven times a week. We rejoice that more than 1,000 branch Sabbath schools are today forming nuclei for new churches in as many new areas.

### Right Arm of the Message Strengthened

The right arm of the Adventist message is its medical work. We thank God for our increasing number of medical units in South America in the last four-year period. Our first new medical unit was built and donated by Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Stiles in the city of Quito, Ecuador. We have just opened in Iquitos, Peru, on the headwaters of the Amazon, a fine new medical clinic called the Stahl Clinic. Deeper in the heart of the jungle in Bolivia we have taken over an abandoned government hospital. The government itself pleaded with us to begin Seventh-day Adventist medical work again here

in Guayaramerin, Bolivia. In the past three years a great pioneer medical work has been begun in Paraguay with the establishment of the Paraguay Adventist Sanitarium. In the city of Santiago, Chile, our first clinic has been opened. The new Buenos Aires Belgrano Clinic meets a long-standing need for medical work in this tremendous metropolis. Recently a very well-to-do woman accepted the truth in our River Plate Sanitarium. She has now contributed the entire cost of the building of a new Seventh-day Adventist church in her home city of Concordia, Argentina. Over 30 years ago Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell began their work of mercy in treating

## A Son of God

By VIRGIL A. CONNOR

A son of God—O wondrous thought  
That, sinful though I be,  
Through grace divine I may be one  
Of God's great family!

A son of God—all power is mine;  
God bares His holy arm  
That lips of clay, that mortal flesh,  
His wonders may perform.

A son of God—such words I'll speak  
As free men from their sins;  
Words found, as Christ's, in prayer with  
God  
Ere man his day begins.

A son of God—constrained am I  
To tell in earth's last hour,  
"Christ comes to reign as King of kings;  
He comes in all His power."

A son of God—how soon to stand  
Amid earth's ransomed throng  
Around the Father's great white throne  
And sing redemption's song.

A son of God—joint heir with Christ  
Of man's restored domain;  
One pulse of harmony shall beat  
In earth and heaven again.

the sick along the malaria-infested banks of the Amazon, with the *Luzeiro I*. From that humble beginning we now have a flotilla of 20 medical, mission, and colporteur launches. Five new launches have been inaugurated in service in the past two years. The *Luminar II* on the San Francisco River is perhaps one of the finest medical clinics we have afloat anywhere in the world. Newspapers have given great publicity to the good works of Seventh-day Adventists and Bible truth because of our launches.

### Disaster Relief in Chile

In the year 1960 the entire world was shaken by the news of a terrible earthquake in Chile. Islands along the coast disappeared, tidal waves killed hundreds, and the falling debris of 150,000 houses and buildings killed thousands in 14 different provinces of Chile. The General Conference and the Adventist people in all the world immediately arose to the need and sent greatly needed clothing, food, and trucks for the distribution of 500 tons of these items to the stricken

areas. Chile sends her thanks to each of you for your help. During the terrible scenes of this earthquake, as people were being swallowed in the very bowels of the earth, others ran in their night clothing to ask the Seventh-day Adventists, "What do these things mean?"

### Entering the Regions Beyond

Our goal during the past quadrennial period has been to throw back mission frontiers and enter new territory. "Enlarge the place of thy tent" (Isa. 54:2). In Trinidad, Bolivia, we have opened an Adventist center that is the gateway to the great jungle. In the South Brazil Union alone we have entered 85 new cities and villages that had heretofore not been reached by the gospel. One of the most famous cities in all the world is Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil. Here the Brazilian Government has given us a choice piece of land in the best part of the city for a new Adventist center.

Even the parrots in the tropical jungle are helping us penetrate new and unentered areas. A good Adventist family had a parrot in their home, and, of course, parrots learn to say what they have heard. In this good Adventist home the conversation usually on Friday ran something like this, "Let us get ready for the Sabbath, the launch will come." One day the parrot flew down the river to another village. He began talking in a home, telling the people, "Let us get ready for the Sabbath, the launch will come." This most peculiar message aroused such an interest in this village that today we have here a new group of believers.

Although the results of soul winning and progress have been encouraging, we cannot be satisfied with the work that has been done; far from it. An area as big as the United States in the very heart of the continent has been just barely touched. Recently I traveled for ten days on our medical launch *Luzeiro V* and did not find one Adventist church or one Adventist person. Thousands of the most primitive Indians in all the world are still awaiting the message in the savage jungle called the "green hell." They must be rescued by the gospel. For the safety and security of our missionaries we must use the modern means God has given us, such as short-wave radio and aviation, along with our launch work, for a more rapid spread of the message. Our failing to do this will only delay the coming of Jesus. In Peru alone there are 50 tribes of primitive Indians, and after 40 years of work we have reached five of them with the gospel. In Brazil we are just barely beginning our work among the tribes where 100,000 natives await the light of the gospel. "It is the positive duty of God's people to go into the regions beyond."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 118.

From the steaming jungles of the Amazon to the snow-swept mountains of Tierra del Fuego, a Macedonian cry is still arising, "Come over . . . , and help us." While the doors of opportunity are still open may God help us to move forward in renewed strength from victory to victory, until the last frontier has been reached and the last barrier broken, to herald the coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven.



# Freedom in Christ

DEVOTIONAL STUDY, JULY 30, 1962, 8:30 A.M.

By M. V. CAMPBELL

In the human heart there are many strong desires. The aspirations of one man may differ considerably from those of his neighbor, but there is one yearning that is well-nigh universal—the yearning for freedom. What man is there who does not wish to think his own thoughts, to speak his own mind and, within reasonable limits, to do as he pleases? George Washington said, “Interwoven is the love of liberty with every ligament of the heart.”

Those of us who live in lands where liberty is experienced, tend to take it for granted and forget the great blessing that is ours. One need but visit even for a brief time the people of a nation where a dictator rules without regard to the desires of the people, to realize that they too long for freedom. In many cases they risk life to leave their homeland in search for liberty elsewhere.

Their actions show that in our day and in many lands people feel as did the American Revolutionary patriot, Patrick Henry, who said: “Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!”

It is interesting to notice what various people mean when they speak of liberty. Those living under an autocratic government usually desire political freedom. This longing has led to many uprisings, revolutions, and wars. Though one's country may be independent and have a democratic form of government, many citizens even then complain of restrictions and obstructions.

The poor man envies the rich, realizing that he by no means has the opportunities that are open to his wealthy neighbor. He feels shackled and chained by his poverty. The chronically ill know full well of the joys they miss and the restraints to which they are subjected by their ailments. How they long for the freedom of health! Even the rich have their frustrations, for after all, money will not buy happiness or friends. If wealth brings liberty, then why do millionaires sometimes travel incognito in order to have the freedom that would be denied them were their names and resources known?

Possibly the dread dictator who rules his country so autocratically has the least real freedom of all. Never does he dare so much as to take a short stroll without his bodyguards. He is always in fear of assassins, of false friends, and of envious associates. Without doubt his soul too cries out for liberty. Yes, complete liberty is greatly coveted, hotly pursued, but rarely realized.

There is only one source of true freedom. It comes from Jesus. Said He, “If

the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36). Paul said, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor. 3:17). God is the Creator of liberty. Adam and Eve were free in Paradise; with sin, freedom vanished. It is restored only by and through Jesus.

## Freedom From Fear, Worry, and Care

When we think of liberty, it is not some abstract ideal. We want freedom from some particular harassment that is troubling us. The fetters from which men crave freedom the most are those that bind the mind and the soul. These are felt by citizens of free countries as well as those of dependent lands. The rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, all are frequently in bondage to fear, worry, apprehension, and dread. If all anxiety could suddenly be removed from every human heart, what a change that alone would make!

One of Roosevelt's Four Freedoms was “Freedom From Fear,” but now, years after the war fought to gain the Four Freedoms was supposedly won, there is probably more cause for alarm than ever before. We are living in days when men's hearts truly fail them for fear. We are dwelling in the shadow of weapons of destruction that cause horror and terror even to the brave.

But to the troubled heart Jesus can bring peace. He is the Prince of Peace. Just as He stilled the boisterous waves of Galilee, so He can quiet the qualms of our troubled hearts. He is the One who can give true freedom from fear. The world about us may be in panic, but with Jesus in our hearts we can have confidence and be at ease.

## Jesus Will Bear Our Cares

How can Jesus take away our worries, our cares, and our fears? He does it by taking them from us and bearing them in our stead. We are invited to give all our worries to Him. The apostle Peter refers to this as “casting all your care upon him” (1 Peter 5:7). We frequently refer to Jesus as the great Sin-Bearer, and thank God, He is, but in addition to our sins He also carries our worries, our cares, our dread and fear, in fact, every misgiving or concern, whether small or great.

Perhaps it would not be wise to ask whether anyone entered this meeting with a heart burdened with some great anxiety. It is probable that some did, perhaps a few have more than mere anxiety, for the world is filled with nervousness, alarm, and dread.

There is, however, no need for anyone to leave this meeting with a single worry. Cast all your care upon Jesus, He will

gladly carry it for you and set you free, leaving you calm and untroubled in mind and soul.

A Christian can truly be free from fear. Why should one be afraid while serving the Maker of the universe? Jesus knows the future. He controls the future. If you give yourself to Him and let Him be the pilot of your life, He can steer you through all danger and bring you safely to the homeland.

Cast your cares upon Him, He is able to bear them. He delights to bear them. Yield yourself, your worries and your cares, to Jesus, and He will care for you. He never worries, but He will gladly carry your worries.

When we give Jesus all of our troubles it is well to fill our minds with better things, otherwise these troubles may return. The Scriptures tell of the things we should ponder, the subjects that should be the burden of our thoughts. The eighth verse of the fourth chapter of Philippians gives us a mental exercise that strengthens the mind and the character and at the same time, by occupying the mind, prevents any worry from re-entering. The verse ends with the words, “think on these things.”

Let us notice for a moment the things that are listed on which we are to meditate. It is not a long list, but it is sufficient. Notice, we are to think on the things that are true, the things that are honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. This excludes the thoughts that are untrue, dishonest, unjust, impure, and unlovely.

## A Challenge

Let me challenge you to try this. First, cast all your care upon Jesus. Next, fill your mind only with the things that are true and think only of the things that are honest. Then, even from the list of things that may be true, eliminate all that are not also just and pure and lovely. Think only on these things of good report. Fill your mind with these lovely, pure, just, honest, and true thoughts and see whether your troubles and your fears do not fade away, leaving you with the peace of Jesus.

He says, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me” (John 1:1). Again in the same chapter He gives us the result. Verse 27 says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

No man apart from Jesus knows what it means to be untroubled, or unafraid. Without Him, no heart is at peace, no mind free from foreboding. Jesus says to you, His follower: “Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” To the weary soul who has not yet given up the world for Him, He says: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

There is no suggestion that the Christian will never have trials or persecution. In fact, we are assured that he will. Jesus said, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

There will be trouble—many troubles all around us. Trouble will be on the outside but peace within. We may be in the

midst of terrifying conditions, yet free from fear.

One who has freedom from fear might seem to be free indeed, but there is another freedom that is infinitely greater than this and incomparably greater than the combined Four Freedoms listed by Franklin Roosevelt. This is freedom from sin.

### Christ's Blood Cleanses

The Christian can fully enjoy this liberty. The Bible frequently refers to it. One such text is 1 John 1:7: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." There are few burdens that are more difficult to bear than the burden of guilt. It is not easy to live with a bad conscience, and the weight of iniquity will sink one in the end.

However, people do become accustomed to living with sin and the burden of a guilty conscience until it seems almost to be the normal life. It is not a pleasant life, but everyone else sins, so we tend to excuse our own offenses. It is more difficult to overlook the transgressions of others, but we persuade ourselves that our errors, which look grievous when in the life of a neighbor, take on a much more pleasing color when we are the ones who commit them!

But there is no need to be burdened with sin. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from *all* sin. Not the slightest defect need remain. The blood of Jesus searches out every blemish in our characters, every impure thought, as well as every wicked deed. All are washed away by the precious blood of Jesus. This leaves a man pure in motive, in impulse, in mind, in speech, in action. Can anything else compare with this experience? Can any other freedom be likened to freedom from sin?

Let us notice that there is but one cleansing agent—the blood of Jesus Christ. He came to this earth for one purpose, to save from sin. The shedding of His blood in our behalf has made possible our salvation. Belief in Him brings about the new birth. Confession of sin in His name brings forgiveness. He is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless.

Men have tried to rid themselves of their guilt in other ways. Thousands, through the ages, have been doing penance by performing arduous tasks, others have been making long pilgrimages, all in the hope of leaving sin behind, but at the end of their penances and pilgrimages they still carry the same burden, sin still clings to them.

### An Act of God

No man can free himself from his imperfections; it takes an act of God. God gave His Son and His Son gave His life; His blood washes away all sin.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

Jesus came to wash away sin. He did not come in vain, for anyone can now be saved. The vilest sinner who comes to Jesus may become the purest saint; no one is excluded. "God so loved the world,

that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The word "whosoever" in this text includes every living being. You and I may be made free from sin, you and I need not perish. We may have everlasting life. Jesus came for this one purpose, to save His people from their sins. Remember though, this was not done without cost to Jesus. It cost His life. He died to bring us freedom from sin.

When can we experience this freedom? We can have it now. There is no need to wait. There is danger in delay. Any who have not been baptized should take that step. It is a part of cleansing from sin. It expresses one's belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus and in His cleansing power.

Ananias said to Paul in Damascus after that persecutor had met Jesus on the way, "Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). Baptism then has a part in the washing and cleansing from sin. It signifies the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus.

But what about sins following baptism? Surely many are committed. How are these washed away? 1 John 1:9 says: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Again Jesus cleanses, making us free from sin.

Does this freedom from sin, then, mean continual sinning, confessing, receiving cleansing, and then sinning again? No, far from it. Jesus can give us victory over sin. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. . . . For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:12-14).

Others may be dominated by sin, but Christ can break its power over you if you accept and follow Him. Sin shall not have dominion over *you*. We do not continue in this freedom from sin in our own power any more than we attain it in the first place by ourselves. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, it

washes us clean, and Jesus can keep us clean and free from sin. Jude, verse 24, reads: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Jesus is able to do this for you. Why not let Him?

### "Daddy, You Hold My Hand"

I heard a story of a small boy who loved to walk by his tall, strong father. The lad would reach up and grip one of his father's fingers. Once, as they walked, the boy stumbled, and his hold on his father's finger slipped and he fell.

When the father had picked him up and comforted him, he said to him, "Now try it again, but this time hold my finger tighter." The little boy, who even before the fall was grasping his father's finger as firmly as he could, said, "No, Daddy, you hold *my* hand," so they walked on, the father's big hand closed over that of his small son.

Again the lad stumbled, but this time he did not fall. No, his father was holding him so that he couldn't fall. This is God's promise to us: "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee" (Isa. 42:6).

Best of all, Jesus covers us with the robe of His righteousness. The sinless life that He lived becomes, through faith in Him, our life. Every imperfection, defect, and sin is forgiven. We are made free from them. Christ's righteousness becomes ours through faith.

Jesus gives us liberty, full freedom from sin. To those who have not experienced the cleansing power of Jesus it seems that the whole human race is in the clutches of sin, that it is a hopeless disease, a corrupting pestilence. This may seem true, but in Jesus there is healing.

"There is a balm in Gilead  
That makes the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
To heal the sin-sick soul."

Jesus does heal the sin-sick soul. He will gladly apply the balm of Gilead to our wounded hearts; He will cleanse from our lives all unrighteousness.

Here and now, in this life, we may be free men in Christ Jesus. We may have the experience of being free from every fear and worry, and best of all, free from every sin.

In the kingdom that soon will come we shall be free even from the results of sin. That will immediately banish all fear, perplexity, and dread. In that land there will be nothing to cause worry or alarm. There will be no sickness, no sorrow, no poverty, no wars, no death; God shall wipe away all tears. Throughout the ceaseless ages all will enjoy the vigor of eternal youth. There will be no sorrow, no regrets. No conscience will be troubled, for there will be no sin.

Best of all, we shall dwell with Jesus, the Author of peace, the One whose blood washed away all sin. This will be the fruition of every hope.

There will be joy—hearts overflowing with happiness in company with our Lord. This will be freedom indeed, the end of the pilgrimage—the final homeland of free men in Christ Jesus!

## The Spirit's Voice

By CLARK B. MCCALL

Holy Spirit from above,  
Sent by God to shed His love,  
Yours the work to banish sin,  
To purify the springs within.  
Thy Word's appeal, "Choose ye this day!"  
"Crown Christ your King without delay."  
It is not safe for men to wait;  
Tomorrow's dawn may prove too late.

Sometimes You speak in still small voice,  
As long as man makes truth his choice.  
But when salvation man postpones,  
You speak to hearts in thunder tones.  
You plead the loudest just before  
Men silence conscience evermore.  
Yes, God's forgiveness men may find  
If yet Your voice can reach the mind.

# The Ministerial Association

By R. A. ANDERSON, *Secretary*

Mr. Chairman, Delegates, and Brethren: Our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father as we present this brief report covering the work of the Ministerial Association. Our service is varied, for we exist to strengthen the work of the ministry in all its branches, and all of our ministers and evangelistic workers around the world make up this Association.

In addition to the members of our headquarters staff at Washington we are happy to have with us today a number of our Ministerial Association secretaries from overseas divisions. These brethren have been doing excellent work in their areas of the world field. We could wish they all were here. But some, like George Burnside of Australia and J. Robert Spangler of the Far East, are in the midst of important evangelistic campaigns. We rejoice that Hong Kong, one of the restless areas of the world, is hearing the Advent message proclaimed with power in the new and beautiful municipal auditorium.

Every union in the Far East has an Association secretary who, in addition to his own program of evangelism, leads out in ministerial councils and institutes within the union's territory. The influence of this plan is seen in excellent soul-winning results.

During this past quadrennium your headquarters staff has been privileged to serve in almost every division of the world field. Our work consists largely in the holding of ministerial institutes and evangelistic councils, where every phase of the church work of the pastor and the evangelistic program is studied and discussed. These group meetings extend from one or two days to as long as two weeks. When a group of ministers can draw aside from the pressure of church and other responsibilities to spend a few days in study, counsel, and earnest prayer it is a wonderful privilege. When administrators and leaders team up to strengthen the spiritual life of the workers and help improve their techniques, this always brings great blessing to a conference or a mission.

## Evangelistic Field Schools

Another important feature of our Association work is the holding of evangelistic field schools. These are really training schools, and are always held in conjunction with an evangelistic campaign. During the quadrennium our Washington staff has led out in 32 such campaigns and training schools throughout the world. In these field schools we have had all the way from ten to forty workers associated with us. These participate in actual evangelism, taking part in the public meetings but concentrating espe-

cially on visiting the homes of those interested, and in conducting Bible studies. Preaching to the public each evening and giving definite classwork in the mornings is a heavy and exacting assignment on the one leading out. But nothing means so much in the development of strong ministers. The university generally gives class credit for this work.

The soul-winning results from these campaigns and field schools has also been most heartening. For example, Walter Schubert conducted two field schools simultaneously in Italy, in the cities of Milan and Turin. More than 100 persons have already been baptized. For that area of the world, that is wonderful. These



R. A. Anderson

meetings and the instruction given to those who made up the evangelistic teams was a great inspiration to the whole union. He held two similar campaigns and field schools in the cities of Dublin and Belfast, Ireland.

Andrew Fearing who connected with our staff at the last General Conference session recently conducted short campaigns and field schools of evangelism in our two excellent centers in Beirut and Cairo. Thirty-six workers in one and 38 in the other made up the field schools. He has also served in some of our large cities in North America—Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Portland. Like all the other members of our staff, he has visited a number of overseas divisions and has made an excellent contribution to the work of the association.

E. E. Cleveland's work both here in America and in overseas divisions has also been outstanding. Many of you will remember the large evangelistic campaign and field school he conducted last summer in Los Angeles. Thirty-five ministers comprised the field school. The practical instruction they received from the classes, as well as the inspiration from the meetings, gave a real impetus to the evan-

gelistic program in that great city. As the result of that meeting 319 persons were baptized and an additional 80 rebaptized.

In the winter of 1960 he conducted a short but vigorous field school in the city of Warsaw, Poland, where 68 ministers were in attendance. Like a number of other programs, this combined both a Seminary course and a field school. Despite the fact that the campaign was short, lasting only two weeks, more than 50 took their stand for the truth.

It is wonderful to witness the moving of the Spirit of God on the hearts of men and women when they come face to face with the claims of God's message. This was evident in "the world's largest city," Tokyo, where during recent months I personally had the privilege of conducting an evangelistic campaign. The purpose of my visit was primarily to participate in a University Extension School where the workers from the Japanese and Korean unions had come together. It was encouraging to find six of our young Japanese women, graduates from our college there, serving as Bible instructors and receiving instruction from Elder Jack Sager, the pastor of the fine evangelistic center in Tokyo.

Last year I was privileged to conduct ministerial institutes and evangelistic field schools in Southern Asia and South America. Our division Association secretaries, Frank Ashlock and Enoch Oliveira, gave wonderful support in these programs. More than 1,100 have been baptized as the result of field schools conducted by your staff from Washington during this quadrennium.

## Extension Schools

We have also served as faculty members in a number of University extension Schools during these four years. These were held in England, Norway, Germany, Lebanon, Brazil, Japan, and the Philippines. And, as already mentioned, in addition to our regular classwork we have held large evangelistic meetings that became the spiritual laboratory to demonstrate the principles of the soul-winning methods we were teaching. An opportunity to enter right into a soul-winning project while studying the program of real pastoral and evangelistic work always gives a broader concept of the work of the minister to all those participating.

The *Ministry* magazine, so well known to our workers around the world, is the forum where our ministers discuss and share their convictions. We are happy to see the esteem in which this journal is held. It has become the parent to a number of other journals in the languages of the countries they serve.

While our workers often express appreciation for the help they receive from the columns of *The Ministry*, we would remind you that a magazine of this type is what you yourselves make it. We are grateful for the many excellent articles you send us and we invite your continued help. We believe that *The Ministry* should be the finest journal of its kind anywhere.

Only as you pastors, evangelists, administrators, and teachers, Bible instructors, doctors, nurses, and writers con-

(Continued on page 18)



Sabbath Mornin

in the Cow Pa



Service, July 28

San Francisco

# The North American Regional Department

By F. L. PETERSON, Secretary

For more than a half century the Regional Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has functioned as an integral part of this great church. The purpose of its organization was to advance the work of the gospel more rapidly among North America's largest minority group. As we look back over the years of progress we cannot refrain from exclaiming, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

## General Conference Regional Personnel

The talents of our workers are being utilized in the world work of the church, and several of our Regional leaders are occupying positions of responsibility in the General Conference office.

C. E. Moseley is a General Conference field secretary, as well as associate secretary of the Regional Department. He has made a worthy contribution to the church, both in North America and in his travels abroad.

E. E. Cleveland is an associate secretary of the Ministerial Association. His labors are identified with the world work and not especially with any particular racial group. Many are the calls for his services here in the home field and in overseas divisions.

The late Dr. Owen A. Troy was an associate secretary of the Sabbath School Department, and rendered invaluable service to the department before his decease.

We have excellent secretarial help in our office, and we have been in search for others.

## Evangelism

The mission of the church is to evangelize the world. The story of Jesus must be told, and all mankind must know of His imminent return to put an end to the reign of sin.

The Regional Department is an agency of this world church to help proclaim the everlasting gospel, and especially to the more than 19 million colored Americans.

In each of the seven Regional conferences and the Pacific Union Regional Department major evangelistic efforts have been held and many smaller evangelistic meetings have been conducted by conference workers and laymen. These soul-winning campaigns have netted from 20 to more than 300 baptisms in one effort.

## Membership

During the past four years the total number of baptisms was 15,610 which brings the total membership of the department as of December 31, 1961, to 46,200.

Our faithful literature ministers have had their part in making this membership total possible. Some of these workers have brought in whole families, comprising as many as eight persons. They are not only leaving the printed page in the homes but are also planting the seeds of truth in many hearts.

The Allegheny Conference leads the world field in literature sales. For the third consecutive year their deliveries have gone over the \$300,000 mark. Each of the Regional conferences recognizes the importance of this work and values it as ordained of God to be the final instrumentality in the finishing of the work.

In this department there are 183 ordained ministers, 48 licensed ministers,



F. L. Peterson

28 Bible instructors, 212 church school teachers, 406 colporteurs, and at the present time there are 18 interns.

## Message Magazine

"The world is to receive the light of truth through the evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 145.

The *Message Magazine* is instrumental in passing on the light of the gospel into the homes of the people. It is classified as being among the best of religious journals. It demands our most liberal financial support. James Dykes is editor; Delores Johnson is his secretary, and Mrs. Addie Hudson is filing clerk, in the Southern Publishing Association. We thank the unions and the General Conference for the financial support they have given to this magazine to keep it alive.

## Medical Institutions

Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, is now well known as a haven of health and healing for the sick. The in-

stitution is provided with the best equipment and uses the most modern techniques in patient care. N. G. Simons, administrator, Dr. Carl Dent, president of the medical staff, and their assistants are the servants of the hospital, for with them the patient comes first. The institution is conducting a course for practical nurses that is accredited by the State of Tennessee.

Phillips Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Florida, is a 55-bed institution, and even though it is only three years old it has established an impressive record of service. Dr. J. Mark Cox is chairman of the medical staff. The administration and executive control is knit very closely with that of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

## Education

In harmony with the blueprint on Christian education the Regional conferences are conducting church schools and some academies for the children of the church. In some places integrated schools are under the control of both the Caucasian and Regional churches.

Oakwood College is now in its sixty-fourth year of operation and is under General Conference control. For 16 years it has functioned as a senior college and today it is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Since the school first opened its doors for classwork in 1896 it was accredited by Heaven, and at the present time a large percentage of our Regional workers are graduates of this institution.

The college has a well-qualified staff of instructors, and maintains an excellent enrollment under the leadership of President G. J. Millet.

It is with a great degree of sadness that we record the passing of four of our workers since the last General Conference session—J. W. Allison, Sr., P. B. Bon Temps, R. L. Bradford, J. M. Campbell, J. E. Cox, Brutus Ewing, J. W. Jones, P. G. Rodgers, O. A. Troy, and W. H. Winston.

## Our Need

It is with great gratitude in our hearts to God that we make this report. We thank Him for the sacrifice and faithfulness of His people who have made this report possible. We thank Him for the loyalty and dedication of those whom He has called to be collaborators with Him.

As we look to the future we recognize our great need of the Holy Spirit that we may go forth as Spirit-filled ambassadors of the King, making disciples for Christ. To this end we are dedicated.

## Master, Chart My Course Today

By HARRY SILBAUGH

O Master, chart my course today,  
And guide me from the storm-swept way,  
For I am drifting on life's foam  
Apart from Thee, and far from home.  
The tempest breaks, the sea runs wild;  
I fear the depths, a sin-tossed child.  
Chart my course through the storm tide's  
roll,  
O Christ, the Captain of my soul.

# Sabbath School Department

By G. R. NASH, *Secretary*

Greetings to the delegates and friends assembled in this forty-ninth session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Sabbath School Department is most happy for the opportunity to render this report for the quadrennium period ending December 31, 1961.

Truly we can join with David in saying, "Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant" (Ps. 35:27). You will observe continued growth in every activity. For this we are indeed grateful, and thankfully give all glory and praise to a higher power who watches over His work, and doeth all things well.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge my appreciation of L. L. Moffitt, my predecessor, whose leadership covered the first seven months of this report. The progressive and solid work he did was turned over as a legacy and did much to make possible continued progress.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the sympathetic administrators and devoted and progressive Sabbath school leadership in every division, union, and local field around the world; also to our faithful and energetic laymen in our Sabbath schools, serving as superintendents, secretaries, division leaders, and teachers; to our loyal Sabbath school membership in every land; to our denominational publishing houses that have cooperated in publishing and distributing Sabbath school materials; and surely not least, to our faithful corps of office assistants, with whom it has been a constant joy to be associated. It is to all of these, under God, that credit is due, and we desire to record our gratitude for their leadership and cooperation in the work of the department.

We wish to record, with sorrow, the death of one of our co-laborers, Dr. O. A. Troy. At the Autumn Council of 1959 Dr. Troy was appointed to fill the vacancy made by H. W. Lowe's appointment to a field secretaryship of the General Conference.

Dr. Troy did excellent work in editing the senior Sabbath school lessons and in writing helps for senior teachers. His pleasant and courteous manner, his spirit of cooperation, and his faithfulness to duty endeared him to the whole staff. We miss him greatly.

## Sabbath School Evangelism

The Sabbath school has often been called "our single, greatest evangelizing agency." Ellen G. White says the "object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 61), and that "the Sabbath school should be one of the great-

est instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ" (*Ibid.*, p. 10).

For years we have referred to the "soul-winning Sabbath school"; however, during the past four years, special emphasis has been placed on the evangelistic potential of this department.

Approximately three out of every four persons baptized in North America were members of the Sabbath school before they were baptized. In the overseas divisions, 100 per cent of the persons baptized were already members of the Sabbath school. It is estimated that there are 563,617 Sabbath school members in the world field who are not yet baptized. This is a reservoir from which future baptisms will be realized.



G. R. Nash

## Teacher Evangelism

Teacher evangelism continues to be one of the most important phases of Sabbath school evangelism. Official leadership is important, but it is crystal clear that the evangelistic teacher is the key to Sabbath school evangelistic success. The best attended Sabbath school is the one with the best teachers. We are putting forth our best efforts to improve our teaching staff around the world. This is one of our weakest links and will demand our continued efforts through the years to come. We solicit the full cooperation of all concerned in this important phase of our work. We are also emphasizing teacher follow-up work in the homes of the members. Especially is this important with reference to missing members and absentees.

While it is true that 1961 saw the largest percentage of church members attending Sabbath school, nevertheless, we cannot rest until our good is better and our better is best. This missing-member problem is one that demands our continuous and constant attention.

## Visitors' Day Evangelism

Although Visitors' Day has been observed now and then in some few Sabbath schools scattered here and there, we are glad to announce that we have officially accepted it as an important feature of Sabbath school evangelism. The purpose of Visitors' Day is the "ingathering of souls."

In nearly every church there are those who can testify that their first contact with this message was when they responded to an invitation to attend a Sabbath school service. Many have accepted Christ and embraced the truth as a result of first being invited by a friend to attend Sabbath school. As a direct result of Sabbath school Visitors' Days during past years many precious souls have been baptized and are today rejoicing with us in the message.

Visitors' Day is especially planned for non-Adventists. Nevertheless, we should not overlook our own church members who are not now attending Sabbath school. Officers should compile a list of the names and addresses of all such persons and assign the names to classes. Teachers should arrange for members of the class personally to visit all these people, extending to them a special invitation to come to Sabbath school on this particular day. We also should realize that out on the streets and in the homes of our cities there are literally thousands of people who, if invited in a proper way, would be more than happy to be visitors in a Seventh-day Adventist church and Sabbath school.

## The Pastor's Bible Class

The Pastor's Bible Class idea has been vigorously promoted during this quadrennial period. We believe this is a most productive form of Sabbath school evangelism. Where the Sabbath school members and the pastor work together as a team—the members keeping the class filled to capacity—the results have been most gratifying. Reports reveal that maximum results are somewhere between 50 to 100 baptisms a year through this one avenue of Sabbath school evangelism. We commend this soul-winning plan to our ministry around the world.

## Vacation Bible Schools

Our Sabbath school leadership throughout North America and in several of the overseas divisions is fully convinced of the tremendous evangelistic potential in Vacation Bible School work. Many adults have been baptized as an indirect result of this work. There is no better method of breaking down prejudice, creating good will, and gaining the confidence of the community. Vacation Bible Schools are a natural forerunner to branch Sabbath schools.

Nowhere in the world field has the impact of Vacation Bible School evangelism been felt more than in Korea. In 1958 the Sabbath school membership was 18,426, and four years later in 1961 it had skyrocketed to 72,019. Under the blessing of God, what caused this phenomenal growth? In the words of the president of the Far Eastern Division,

(Continued on page 18)

# Radio and Television Department

By E. R. WALDE, *Secretary*

More than 30 years ago, recognizing that the King's business requires haste and that "the final movements will be rapid ones," Seventh-day Adventists took to the airways. The church soon became aware that here was a new dynamic tool for giving information and instruction, and for confronting men with the main truths of the everlasting gospel.

During the intervening period we have moved from one radio broadcast a week to 1,575 weekly broadcasts. We launched the Bible correspondence school plan, and today we have a chain with 115 links belting the globe—115 Bible correspondence schools offering courses in 70 languages. We have more than 200 weekly television releases.

Mass communication—radio, television, and Bible correspondence schools—has become big business with Seventh-day Adventists. Through the broadcasting media the church has discovered that it can address itself to more people over a wider area in a shorter time than by any other of its tools. Conservatively speaking, surely hundreds of thousands of lives are touched by our weekly releases.

Thinking specifically of the years 1958 to 1962, we feel that this has been a most encouraging quadrennium for our beloved church. We also thank God that in blessing the work of the other departments and phases of the work He has again blessed the work of our radio and television programs and their affiliated Bible correspondence schools.

This is not a report of a few activities, but is a report of the world church—working together with God, giving the last warning message, utilizing the tongues of our times—radio, television, and the printed word. Certainly it is a partial report, for how can mortal beings measure with precise accuracy the impact of the unseen word as it is received into the hearts of listeners and students in Greenland and Guatemala, Formosa and France, Africa, America, Afghanistan—and virtually countless points between.

Our total reaction to this report will include deep gratitude to God, mingled with some confidence and some concern. We feel gratitude to God for the 40,467 listeners, viewers, and Bible correspondence school students who are known to have been baptized this quadrennium (118,464 cumulative). We have confidence for the future, yet feel concern for the closing up of opportunities in some areas.

Let us listen now to each of the division radio and television secretaries tell us of growth during the past four years:

## Inter-American Division

Fernon D. Retzer reports four major developments. (1) A spectacular breakthrough in Mexico with our Spanish re-

ligious broadcast *La Voz de Esperanza*, Braulio Perez Marcio, speaker. In past years we were limited to a Home and Health broadcast called *La Voz del Hogar*. The law permitted nothing more. However, during the last part of this quadrennium, despite governmental ruling, we have found a total of 18 station managers willing to release our *La Voz de Esperanza* broadcast. Perhaps the biggest thrill came last February when a powerful station in Mexico City, with a network of seven additional stations strategically spotted across the country, began releasing the program. (2) Another noteworthy penetration has come in Colombia where we have recently gone on the air on four stations, with at least



E. R. Walde

one more anticipated shortly. (3) This quadrennium witnessed the arrival of our regular Faith for Today telecast in Puerto Rico, and (4) the building of a large Voice of Prophecy office, studio, and evangelistic center in Santo Domingo.

## Southern Asia Division

C. R. Bonney reports the introduction into the field of a new Life of Christ Bible correspondence course, which has been enthusiastically received. A new course of study in Urdu has also been prepared, especially slanted to meet the Moslem mind. A newly opened Bible correspondence school in Shillong, Assam, Northeast India, in the Lushai language, brings a total number of Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence schools in that division to seven, offering lessons in 18 languages.

## South American Division

Mario Rasi reports completion of the beautiful Voice of Prophecy recording studio and auditorium in Rio de Janeiro. The number of stations carrying *La Voz de Esperanza* with Braulio Perez Marcio, speaker, and *A Voz da Profecia* with Ro-

berto Rabello, speaker, has increased to 270—an all-time high. Individuals and local churches pay the station time for many of these releases. Our first television program in Portuguese was scheduled to make its debut in São Paulo, Brazil, in mid-June, 1962.

## Middle East Division

Robert C. Darnell reports continuing and increasing evangelistic success through using the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school lessons in connection with public and private work. Graduation services for those completing the Bible school courses are held frequently in the Middle East. The hopeful messages of the lessons continue to penetrate the walls of opposition and continue to serve homes and communities that might be otherwise impossible to touch with the message that so clearly teaches Christ's way is the happy, successful way to live.

## Southern African Division

J. A. Birkenstock, who became the radio-TV secretary a few months ago, has expressed deep appreciation to his predecessor, S. G. Maxwell, a veteran of more than 40 years of service in Africa, for his excellent work during this quadrennium. During 1961 a Bible correspondence school for Indians in Durban was opened. It is also gratifying to be able to report that we are now broadcasting twice monthly from Nairobi in the Kikuyu language. During 1961 the Teita Hills in Kenya, long unentered territory, were penetrated by the Voice of Prophecy lessons from Nairobi with resulting good interests. The special course of lessons for Moslems, prepared by the Southern Asia Division, is now in the process of being translated into the Swahili language. One of our Zulu ministers delivered 30 sermons over the air for the South African Broadcasting Company.

## Australasian Division

L. C. Naden and his associate, W. R. L. Scragg, report that one new Bible correspondence school has opened each year during this quadrennium, bringing the total number of Bible schools to eight. Our Faith for Today telecast has continued its effective ministry with two stations now carrying the programs. Recently in Melbourne at the time of a large baptism it was found that most of the baptismal candidates had either watched the programs or studied the correspondence course. Early in 1962 Radio Tonga began releasing the Voice of Prophecy programs, so that many of the South Sea Islands now can hear them.

## Far Eastern Division

J. R. Spangler reports Seventh-day Adventist radio programs are being aired or wirecast on more than 100 stations in that division, and that Faith for Today is being released on two stations. Most of the stations offer this time either free or at greatly reduced prices. We have well-equipped studios in Japan and Korea, with a small one in Saigon, Vietnam. Enthusiastic plans are being laid to erect studios in the Philippines and in Bangkok, Thailand.



### Southern European Division

W. A. Wild reports we are on 32 stations with a variety of programs in five languages. Program types include education, health, and religion. Most of the programs are produced in our Paris studio. Radio programs are supplemented by 19 Bible correspondence schools. Thrilling prospects are developing for a resumption of broadcasting into Portugal and Spain. In Spain, despite the continued emphasis by workers and members on follow-up, with one minister devoting his entire time to this fruitful work, there are still more than 3,000 names of Voice of Prophecy interests on file that have not yet been contacted.

### Central European Division

E. Berner continues to serve in the dual capacity of radio-TV secretary for the division and speaker on the program *Die Stimme der Hoffnung*, which is broadcast from Radio Luxembourg and can be heard by millions of German-speaking people over a vast area in Europe. In connection with the radio work, a growing Bible correspondence school, with headquarters in Darmstadt, serves the division. A major development in this area may well be the beginning of our broadcasts on Radio Europe I—situated in Saar, Germany. Programs in the Ukrainian language are currently being broadcast, with Nicholas Ilchuck as speaker. It is now possible for millions of Ukrainian-speaking people throughout Europe to hear the message of good tidings in their own language.

### Northern European Division

J. W. Nixon reports Seventh-day Adventist broadcasts on five radio stations in Nigeria and Liberia, and our Faith for Today telecast being released from Ibadan and Lagos in Nigeria. Enthusiastic letters from our brethren in Nigeria tell of influential persons in high places of the government of that country who view the programs with deep appreciation. The nine Bible correspondence schools in the Northern European Division have shown substantial gains in the number of applications, enrollments, and baptisms during this quadrennium. F. J. Voorthuis, president and radio-TV secretary of the Netherlands Union, continues his much-appreciated broadcast *de Stem der Hoop* from powerful Radio Luxembourg each Sunday morning.

### North American Division

In North America our Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast, H. M. S. Richards, speaker, with studios in Glendale, California, is released on 531 stations, not including FM stations. The Faith for Today telecast, emanating from New York City, is currently released on 188 stations worldwide. Surely God's blessing has been upon these programs, which have become international in coverage and impact.

We are thankful for the 94 ministers in the North American Division who present regular radio or television programs over local stations. Their outreach and effectiveness in their respective areas is multiplied by utilizing radio.

During the quadrennium the Voice of Prophecy prepared a series of daily half-hour programs sufficient for 26 weeks. This series has been released in several major areas, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and St. Louis. The Voice of Prophecy's 39 "Time for Singing" series of quarter-hour music and meditation programs has been used widely on a public service basis.

The quarter-hour health program "Your Radio Doctor" series, with Clifford R. Anderson, M.D., as speaker, has been released on stations in many areas of the North American Division, from Radio Ceylon, and from the powerful Far Eastern Broadcasting radio station in Manila, Philippines, during the past quadrennium.

In the Pacific Union our brethren are televising the weekly Sabbath worship services entitled *The Adventist Hour* in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. The response has been so gratifying that in other areas plans are now being laid for a similar type of program.

### Statistical Summary by Divisions

Recognizing that statistics can be almost as meaningless as they are cold, would it help to know that at least one of those who graduated in the Middle East Division was a Moslem who, though persecuted, continued on—frequently studying his lessons at night under a blanket, with the aid of a flashlight? Would it help to know that scores of the active students of our Korean Bible school were Korean soldiers studying their lessons on the front lines, and that hundreds of graduates during the quadrennium were serving terms in prison in the Philippines and Hawaii and Tanganyika and elsewhere? Do we understand better the importance of radio and television when we do not think of the millions listening but instead think of comfort coming to the disconsolate, security to those who fear, peace to the troubled, hope for the despairing?

Does it help us to understand better the influence of our radio and television programs and their affiliated Bible schools to know that now millions can see and hear and read in their own language in their homes the great story of God's love and truth for this time—millions who are not being reached by our church in any other way?

In 1960 we celebrated H. M. S. Richards' thirtieth year on radio and W. A.

Fagal's tenth year on television. In 1961 we celebrated J. L. Tucker's twenty-fifth anniversary as a broadcaster of *The Quiet Hour* radio program. Even as we have celebrated the anniversaries of these well-known mass communicators, we also salute other broadcasters such as Paul Eldridge in Japan and Milton Lee in the Far East, who have been broadcasting regularly on many stations simultaneously for more than ten years. Next year Braulio Perez Marcio, broadcasting into South and Inter-America, and Roberto Rabello into South America, will be celebrating their twentieth anniversary.

During 1961 this department prepared a how-to-do-it manual for broadcasters entitled *Ten Tips on Taking to the Air*. This manual has had wide circulation. Early this year the department prepared a manual, *Forty Follow-up Questions Answered*, for personal workers on the technique of following up radio, television, and Bible correspondence school interests, which was made available to all conference workers by Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy. During recent months a motion-picture film entitled *The Word Is in the Air* has been produced by the General Conference Radio and Television Department, portraying our worldwide radio and television ministry.

During the past four years my associate, James E. Chase, and I have responded to invitations from nine divisions to visit them, where we have shared in rallies, graduations, workshops, councils, and workers' meetings.

We are grateful for the excellent assistance of our office secretaries—Minnie Truitt and Clara Gilbert—for the well-laid and executed plans of our division, union, local conference, mission, and church radio-TV secretaries. We are grateful to our administrators on all levels for their fine support, cooperation, and encouragement, for the faithfulness of our pastors and laymen in following up interests, as well as in creating them.

The threat of nuclear power hangs over the whole world like the sword of Damocles, supported by a single thread. Could it be at this time when men have harnessed the electron and atom for purposes of destruction that God intends that the remnant church should use electronic energy—the breath-taking possibilities of swift and far-flung communications—to the fullest to proclaim His surging gospel?

### Radio and Television Statistics

| Divisions       | Weekly radio releases * | Weekly TV releases | No. of Bible schools ** | QUADRENNIUM: Applications for courses | 1958-1961 Test papers corrected | Known R-TV baptisms |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Australasia     | 70                      | 2                  | 9                       | 119,390                               | 672,742                         | 3,284               |
| Central Europe  | 3                       | ...                | 1                       | 14,642                                | 7,748                           | 130                 |
| Far East        | 96                      | 2                  | 11                      | 757,865                               | 3,004,550                       | 7,088               |
| Inter-America   | 174                     | 1                  | 23                      | 378,686                               | 2,667,385                       | 7,478               |
| Middle East     | ...                     | ...                | 4                       | 102,083                               | 232,494                         | 151                 |
| North America   | 844                     | 201                | 19                      | 1,904,028                             | 7,065,833                       | 8,680               |
| Northern Europe | 6                       | 2                  | 9                       | 205,386                               | 1,252,454                       | 2,480               |
| South America   | 344                     | ...                | 8                       | 356,176                               | 1,120,076                       | 3,887               |
| Southern Africa | 1                       | ...                | 4                       | 241,802                               | 787,784                         | 790                 |
| Southern Asia   | 2                       | ...                | 8                       | 834,476                               | 4,877,860                       | 1,259               |
| Southern Europe | 35                      | ...                | 19                      | 51,349                                | 212,862                         | 687                 |
|                 | 1575                    | 208                | 115                     | 4,965,883                             | 21,901,788                      | 35,914              |

\* Total languages used in radio-TV programs, 24

\*\* Total languages used in Bible correspondence schools, 70



### Japan Missionary College Choir

The Choral Arts Society of Japan Missionary College presented an Easter concert at the Tachikawa Air Base near Tokyo, Japan. A capacity audience consisting of United States Air Force personnel stationed on the base gave the singing students a most enthusiastic reception. The choir is under the direction of Francisco de Araujo. Publicity given the choir throughout Japan is a real credit to our educational work.

WAYNE C. HILL, SDA Chaplain  
Tachikawa Air Base

### The Ministerial Association

(Continued from page 11)

tribute of your best to this journal is it possible for us as editors to place really worth-while material in the hands of the increasing number of readers.

#### The Ministry

About three years ago we began to make a complete index of *The Ministry* magazine covering every issue from its inception to the end of 1961. It lists all the material that has appeared, together with all the writers from 1928, when L. E. Froom became the first editor and architect of this loved journal. We have a plan to keep this index up to date by the addition of inclusions for each current year. To make this possible it has been prepared in a loose-leaf style, so each year you will receive the additional pages. Many have worked untiringly on this project. We know it will prove an invaluable tool for our workers. We are putting it out at cost price.

We appreciate the strong support given by our leadership and our workers around the world. H. W. Lowe, who three years ago became managing editor of *The Ministry* in addition to his other heavy duties as chairman of the Committee on Biblical Research, has rendered excellent service. We value his counsel and experience. Through the pages of *The Ministry* our General Conference officers and departmental leaders bring encouragement and guidance to our workers in all branches of service. Recognizing that this is a professional journal, we seek ever to keep it on a high level.

In our Association work we have many times been made aware of the Lord's

definite leading, and as a group we have enjoyed a happy fellowship together in our service for the ministry of the Advent Movement. We are confident that the most important days for the Ministerial Association are just ahead of us. We leave the future of the Association in the hands of this delegation, knowing that only a spiritually strong and well-informed ministry can prepare the church for the coming crisis.

### Sabbath School Department

(Continued from page 15)

C. P. Sorensen, "It was largely the result of Vacation Bible School evangelism, followed by branch Sabbath school evangelism." He further stated, "You see, it is only just a step after you have them attending a Vacation Bible School to bring them into the branch Sabbath school. It is just another step, after they are in the branch Sabbath school, to the baptismal class. It is just another step from the baptismal class into the church."

Available reports of Vacation Bible School work for 1961 indicate the following:

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Vacation Bible Schools held        | 1,570   |
| Total enrollment in VBS for 1961   | 130,319 |
| Attended SDA IMV Summer Camps      | 933     |
| Enrolled in Junior Bible courses   | 3,537   |
| Joined MV Pathfinder Clubs         | 511     |
| Parents interested in Bible study  | 5,276   |
| Enrolled in SDA church schools     | 625     |
| Enrolled in branch Sabbath schools | 11,957  |
| Joined regular Sabbath schools     | 8,216   |

#### Branch Sabbath Schools

The branch Sabbath school idea has become a well-established plan of evangelism in a large part of the world field. The plan has resulted in the organization of hundreds of new churches. In many

parts of the world field our laymen do most of their soul winning through this plan.

Ellen G. White wrote: "The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74.

We believe this to be one of the most pleasant and most productive methods of evangelism that reaches the masses. Under this general heading we include (1) branch Sabbath schools, (2) Sunday schools, (3) community Bible schools, and (4) children's Story Hours. Branch Sabbath schools are a natural follow-up of Vacation Bible Schools.

Our world report for the year 1961 shows that we had 8,170 branch Sabbath schools, with 97,696 members attending.

We are sure that far greater achievements are possible as this work is further developed in all divisions of the world field.

#### Quadrennial Goals

At our Sabbath School Advisory Committee following the General Conference session in 1958, the department set the following goals to be reached during the quadrennial period ending 1961:

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| No. Sabbath Schools       | 23,500          |
| we have reached           | 23,240          |
| Sabbath School Membership | 1,750,000       |
| we have reached           | 1,814,719       |
| Sabbath School Offerings  | \$30,000,000    |
| we have reached           | \$31,105,508.15 |

#### Sabbath School Offerings

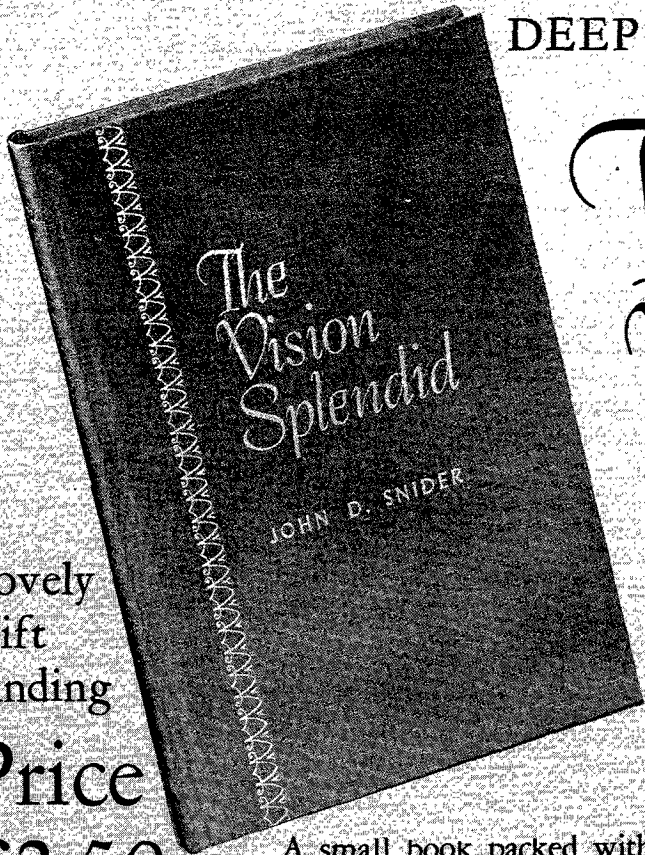
|                        | 1954-1957       | 1958-1961       |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 12 Sabbaths' Offerings | \$17,720,041.78 | \$21,073,715.02 |
| Birthday-Thank         | 641,652.13      | 895,128.95      |
| Investment             | 1,967,078.16    | 2,981,692.47    |
| 13th Sabbath Offerings | 5,011,804.95    | 6,154,971.71    |
| Total Offerings        | 25,340,586.02   | 31,105,508.15   |

Special attention should be called to the large increase in our Investment Offering and our Birthday-Thank Offering. Nevertheless, we are confident that these two offerings hold a tremendous potential that has hardly been touched as yet. We earnestly pray that during the coming quadrennium the increase in all offerings will be much greater. Has the time not fully come when more of our people in every land should turn large sums into the treasury? We must ever be on our guard against giving too little and too late.

#### Conclusion

Surely we have come to the time when we should expect great things from God, and be willing to attempt great things for Him. To win souls for the kingdom of God must ever be our Sabbath school objective. We trust that all delegates will consider it a privilege and a responsibility to carry back to their respective fields the challenge of Sabbath school evangelism. The time has certainly come when the church should be called into universal action. In every country, in every land, in all languages in which this message is represented, Sabbath school evangelism must be lifted to a new and higher plane. We must arise and do our full share in order that the work may be quickly finished and Jesus can come. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," is my earnest prayer in His name.

HIGH INSPIRATIONAL IMPACT — — —  
 DEEP SPIRITUAL APPEAL —



# The Vision Splendid

JOHN D. SNIDER

Lovely  
 Gift  
 Binding  
 Price  
 \$2.50

A small book packed with power  
 It will challenge your mind and inspire your heart

### A few comments from among the many readers

"The distinctive style of THE VISION SPLENDID appeals to me very much. I was so entranced that I read the complete book in two sittings. I have memorized some paragraphs, for they are such an encouragement to me."—MRS. W. H. BRANSON.

"We have completed reading the book THE VISION SPLENDID in our senior Bible school morning watch. Everyone has enjoyed the message as the chapters have been read. It has put before us a new need of consecration and devotion to service."—I. E. GILLIS, Manager, Voice of Prophecy.

"The eternal truths treated in this volume are set in the brevity and clarity that is the hallmark of all great speakers, teachers, and writers. I have read the book through, have read parts of it twice, and I am sure I will read it many times more. Incidentally, it has helped me to solve some of my gift problems."—HEBER H. VOTAW.

"I hope this book finds a large circulation for the inspiration it can give to young and old. Its theme is a splendid one, and the chapters are written in an easy-to-read manner, with the use of choicest language and many apt illustrations from the best of books. It is a gem."—L. A. HANSEN.

"I do not know when I have spent such an enjoyable two hours reading any more worth-while book than THE VISION SPLENDID. I could not put it down."—VERNON FLORY, Lake Union Conference.

The classic touch with which the thirteen chapters of this book are molded provides an appealing framework for its vital topics.

The rank and file reader finds practical instruction and spiritual counsel.

The discriminating reader is charmed by the wealth of artistically turned phrases.

From pointed Bible texts and the world's noblest literature are drawn lessons emphasizing those spiritual values and moral principles that have motivated the great men and women of every age.

Literally crammed with seed thoughts and ideas for devotional talks, youth worship periods, and sermons.

### ORDER BLANK

..... Church Missionary Secretary  
 ..... Book and Bible House  
 Please send me .....  
 ..... THE VISION SPLENDID at \$2.50 each  
 ..... State sales tax where necessary  
 ..... Postage and insurance  
 ..... Total enclosed  
 Please add 15c postage and insurance for first book;  
 5c each additional book.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....



*A Distinctive Gift for All Occasions*

**ORDER FROM YOUR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE**

# Proceedings of the General Conference

Forty-ninth Session, July 26 to August 4, 1962

## Sixth Meeting

July 30, 1962, 10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: W. B. Ochs.

PRAYER: W. S. Lee, secretary of the Regional Department, Pacific Union Conference.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ed Dirksen sang "Show Me the Light."

W. B. OCHS: We have a report from the committee on seating of additional delegates. Elder Millard, secretary of the committee, will present this report.

[F. R. Millard submitted the report, which was adopted. See list of new delegates in tomorrow's issue.]

W. B. OCHS: This morning we are going to listen to some very interesting reports. The first is from the Ministerial Association. R. A. Anderson, who has carried the work as secretary for many years and was re-elected yesterday, will be in charge of this phase of our program.

[R. A. Anderson and his associates in the Ministerial Association of the General Conference and of some of the divisions presented the report of the Association. Elder Anderson's report appears on page 11.]

W. B. OCHS: Now Elder Peterson, who has been secretary of the Regional Department and who was elected yesterday a general vice-president of the General Conference, will bring us his report.

[F. L. Peterson, after making pertinent references to the work of the Regional Department, presented C. E. Moseley, his associate in the department, who read the report that appears on page 14.]

W. B. OCHS: Charles Nagele, manager of Harris Pine Mills, will now make a statement.

[C. J. Nagele read a statement concerning the successful operation of Harris Pine Mills. His statement will be published in a later issue of the Bulletin.

After making his statement Elder Nagele called Mr. and Mrs. Harris to the microphone.]

C. J. NAGELE: Brother Harris, I want to ask you a question. Eleven years have passed since you thrilled Seventh-day Adventists everywhere and electrified the world with your announcement that you were giving Harris Pine Mills Corporation to the church, the largest gift that has ever been made to the church. How do you feel about it by now, as you reflect on the way it has become a part of the great world work and what it is doing in the advancement of the cause?

C. H. HARRIS: I am very happy that we gave the plant to the denomination at the time we did and not a day later. I am thrilled to see the gift playing a larger part in our educational work than we anticipated at that time; and also year by year making large financial contributions, as you know, to the General Conference

for the worldwide work. We think the management are doing a fine job in their administration, and we commend our manager, C. J. Nagele, for the very fine and successful operation of the plant. We are happy that we can live and see the management of this plant being carried forward so successfully and see the fruit of our gift to the advancement of our work. It is a growing institution. It is not a dead institution, but it is growing month by month. In 1951 when we gave the gift we had two plants. In a few months, in September, I believe, we will have ten plants. So you can see it is a growing institution, not one that is dying or shrinking. I want to ask you to pray for this industry and pray for the management. I ask you to pray for my wife and me that we may be faithful and hold fast. I thank you.

C. J. NAGELE: Sister Harris, half of the gift was yours, and you joined your husband in making this great gift. I would like to ask you the same question: How do you feel as you see your lifework become so important a part of the great cause of God around the world and have such a strong part in the finishing of the work?

MARY HARRIS: I'm very pleased and happy that we gave our gift when we did, that we can see and witness some of the good that it is doing in this great cause. Especially I am happy for the help that it is giving our educational work. Also for the work that it is doing in the great cause of the General Conference. I want to say also that we are so pleased and happy that we gave our gift that we are arranging and planning on giving the rest of our property to the cause of God to finish this

great work in the earth that Jesus may soon come.

C. J. NAGELE: Thank you. Delegates from all over the world, the Harris are what we refer to so often as "salt of the earth," "pillars of the church"—in other words, they are just plain wonderful Seventh-day Adventists. It has been a pleasure to associate with them for these years and may we all pray that the Lord will bless them with many years and abundant health until He comes.

W. B. OCHS: How thrilled we are to hear such a good report. I'm sure that the Lord is greatly blessing this wonderful gift, a gift of love that has come from the hearts of our dear Brother and Sister Harris.

The meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: By A. A. Esteb.

W. B. OCHS, *Chairman*  
E. W. DUNBAR, *Secretary*

## Seventh Meeting

July 30, 1962, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: W. B. Ochs.

HYMN: Theme song, "We Have This Hope," was announced by Harold Hare.

PRAYER: S. G. Lindo, president West Jamaica Conference.

SPECIAL MUSIC: F. N. Siqueira, MV secretary South American Division, sang in the Portuguese language, "Now I Belong to Jesus."

W. B. OCHS: For my own information, how many understood the words? Let's see. Well, we all understood the spirit of it, didn't we? Elder Beach has an announcement at this time.

W. R. BEACH: We have just received a letter dated July 30. It reads thus: "I was deeply honored by your kind invitation to address the Quadrennial World Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I regret that circumstances will keep me away, but nevertheless I extend to you California's warmest greetings for a



Larkin Hall, where the three United States publishing houses have their book and magazine sales displays, is a busy place at all times.

most successful and meaningful conference and my sincere invitation to visit us again for your next world conference. Sincerely yours, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California."

[It was voted that this message be recorded and appropriately acknowledged.]

W. B. OCHS: This afternoon we are going to hear some more reports. Our hearts are thrilled to hear these wonderful reports that are being given. The first is that of the Sabbath school. G. R. Nash will lead out in the presentation of the report of this department.

G. R. NASH: I want to ask one question before I start. How many of you are Sabbath school members? Let me see your hands. [A sea of upraised hands was seen.] I don't believe that there is any other department that can get a showing of hands like that. So we are very delighted.

[The report of the Sabbath School Department was read. It is on page 15.]

W. B. OCHS: The Nominating Committee is ready to submit a further partial report. C. A. Scriven will present it.

C. A. SCRIVEN: There is one item here I should mention that just comes to me. In one of the divisions, the Australasian field, you will find there is a change made in the leadership. It is due to the illness of F. G. Clifford. They are very regretful down there that he is unable to carry on his active work, so when a different name comes in you will understand the background. R. R. Bietz, our secretary, will bring us the report.

[R. R. Bietz submitted a further partial report of the Nominating Committee. This appears on page 24.]

W. B. OCHS: Brother Beach would like to make a statement and then we must go on with our business.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, I would like to make a statement in connection with the name that was mentioned that has been replaced in the Australasian Division. F. G. Clifford of England, Southern African Division, and the Australasian Division, has given many years of good service. He has done an outstanding work in Australasia as president in the past years; he has worked too hard and his health has been impaired, but he is of good courage and we believe he is going to be with us for years of service. I would like to move that we place on record an expression of appreciation for his good service during the past years and our best wishes for a speedy return to health.

W. B. OCHS: It has been moved and seconded. I am sure we will all vote for this. [It was carried unanimously.] We shall now listen to the report of the Radio-TV Department. Elder Walde will bring this report to us.

E. R. WALDE: Thank you, Elder Ochs. Del Delker, who has served as the alto soloist for the Voice of Prophecy for nearly 15 years will open our Radio-TV report by singing "Justified." Brad Braley is at the organ.

[E. R. Walde presented his report, which appears on page 16.]

The Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy quartets joined to form a double quartet and sang, "Lo! He Comes!" and "Beautiful City."

W. B. OCHS: The blending of these



Lost children (or lost parents) are common at a large meeting such as a General Conference session. Here E. W. Dunbar, associate secretary of the General Conference, holds up a lost boy for identification at the Cow Palace, Sabbath morning, July 28.

eight voices is but an indication of the harmony and the unity that exists between the radio work and the TV work, and we thank God for it. Now we have time for items from the Plans Committee. F. R. Millard will present these.

F. R. MILLARD: We have a partial report from the Plans Committee, largely involving a number of pages in the *Church Manual*. A few are editorial changes for consistency, a few are changes to keep pace with the growth of the work in the departments. I would like to move that inasmuch as these have been passed out to the delegates we wait until our next meeting to vote on them, giving the delegates an opportunity to note the contents of the recommendations of the Plans Committee.

[This motion was carried.]

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, at the 1958 General Conference session a statement was brought to the assembly on the relationship of Seventh-day Adventists to civil government in times of stress and war. This statement was discussed. It was adopted in the sense that it was referred for some editorial correction and preparation for insertion in the "Statement of Beliefs." Following the General Conference session we undertook to do this, but as the brethren looked at the statement and when we began to contact overseas fields on the effect of publishing the statement in our official *Yearbook*, the brethren began to feel that it would be well to study it further

## Nominating Committee

The list of the Nominating Committee's personnel—on page 41—should have included the following:

For Australasia: S. M. Uttley.

For Northern Europe: A. Varmer, F. J. Voorthuis.

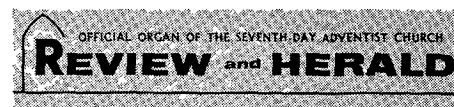
Under the heading "Far East" is listed "H. E. Johnson." This should read: H. D. Johnson.

Under the heading "South America" is listed "D. P. Eixoto." This should read: D. Peixoto.

and to endeavor to adopt the statement in such a way that we would not have difficulty. When this situation arose, we took it through the regular channel of counsel—the General Conference officers and the General Conference Committee. And the General Conference Committee on January 22, 1959, voted to withhold for the moment in the newly revised copy of the "Statement of Beliefs" our relations with civil government in times of stress and war. In order to make sure that we were fully understood, this was taken further to the spring meeting of the General Conference Committee and to as wide counsel as possible in addition to our correspondence with overseas fields. And the spring meeting of the General Conference Committee in 1959 confirmed the former decision to withhold the statement for further study. As a matter of fact, as we have processed this item and have studied it with the overseas fields, the brethren have not felt to date that they could come to a conclusion that would be helpful to print in our statement which goes around the world.

We have the discussion of the last General Conference session. We have the statement. This has been used in some ways, but we just haven't felt that the time was proper to bring this statement into the "Statement of Beliefs" as we had planned to do. We have taken this again to the home and overseas officers and the union presidents for further counsel to know what we should do at this session; and the recommendation of these brethren is that in view of the fact that this statement exists, but that the overseas situation in some fields and in some areas

*(Continued on page 24)*



In 1849 the company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists who had come out of the Millerite movement began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1850 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. In November, 1850, these two papers merged under the name, *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now titled simply *REVIEW and HERALD*. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—to preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

**Editor:** Francis David Nichol  
**Associate Editors:** Raymond F. Cottrell  
 Kenneth H. Wood, Jr.  
**Consulting Editors:** R. R. Figuhr, M. V. Campbell  
 W. E. Murray  
**Editorial Secretaries:** Promise Joy Sherman  
 Idamae Melendy  
**Special Contributors:** C. H. Watson, Frederick Lee  
 W. R. Beach, C. L. Torrey  
 V. G. Anderson, W. B. Ochs  
 Presidents of all Divisions  
**Circulation Manager:** R. G. Campbell

**Subscriptions:** United States, \$5.95 (slightly higher in Canada); other countries, \$6.95. When changing address, give both old and new address; allow four weeks for change.

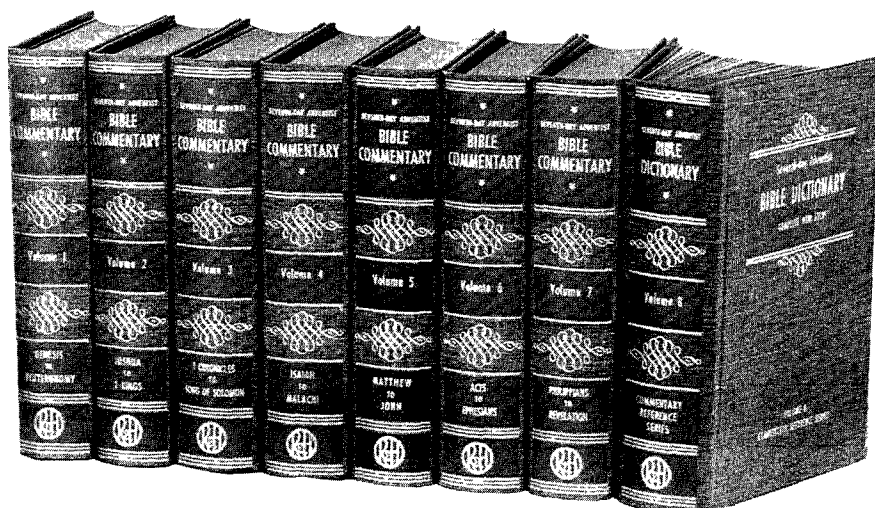
**TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS:** Manuscripts should be typed, double spaced, with adequate margins. Use only one side of paper. Unsolicited manuscripts cannot be returned unless stamped self-addressed envelope is sent with them. The *Review* does not pay for unsolicited material. Copies of manuscripts sent to other journals cannot be used. Lay members should identify themselves by giving the name of the church they attend and the name of their pastor or local elder.

# Indispensable

For everyone who loves  
to study the Bible

## The Seventh-day Adventist

# COMMENTARY REFERENCE SET



The Bible Commentary  
in seven volumes—  
nearly 8,000 pages

The Bible Dictionary  
in one volume  
complete with atlas  
—nearly 1,300 pages

Eight unexcelled reference books—  
bound in matched buckram

## SDA Bible Commentary

- A verse-by-verse study of the whole Bible
- Authoritative scholarship—doctrinally sound
- Up to date historically and archeologically
- Free from the bias of modernism
- Each volume divided into three main parts: (1) General Articles, (2) Commentary, (3) Supplementary Material. Major feature of part 3 in each volume is matter from the pen of Ellen G. White not elsewhere in print and in some instances never before published
- Exclusive—50,000 references cross-indexed to the writings of Ellen G. White
- Written in language easily understood by all

Price \$13.75 per volume

\$110.00 complete set

Plus 35c postage and insurance for each volume—  
65c outside U.S.A.

## SDA Bible Dictionary

A distinctly new dictionary from Aaron to Zuzim

- Based on King James Version, but includes words found in the Revised Standard Version
- Complete coverage—deals with every significant word in the Bible
- Theologically sound—agrees with the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings
- Up to date—embodies the latest findings and scholarship in the fields of archeology, ancient history, and linguistics
- Illustrated—contains more than 500 pictures of Bible lands and customs, archeological discoveries, etc.
- Latest revised maps of Bible geography—40 pages in full color prepared by Rand McNally especially for this volume

Church Missionary Secretary  
Book and Bible House

Please send me  
SDA Commentary Reference Set(s) @ \$110 per set  
Each as checked

vol. 1  vol. 2  vol. 3  vol. 4  vol. 5  
 vol. 6  vol. 7  vol. 8 @ \$13.75 each

Sales tax where necessary  
Postage and insurance  
Total enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

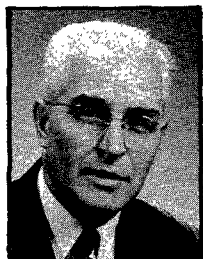


ORDER FROM YOUR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE



# The Sabbath School WORKER

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities in bringing souls to Christ."—Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 10.

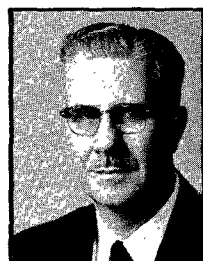


R. R. Figuhr, *President, General Conference*

The SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER contains a wealth of helpful suggestions on the various phases of Sabbath school work. Its many practical suggestions for superintendents and division leaders, together with teaching aids for all classes, from the cradle roll to the adult division, make the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER an invaluable tool for all who are endeavoring to build successful and progressive Sabbath schools.

W. J. Keith, *Pastor, Takoma Park Church*

The WORKER is virtually an entire Sabbath school workshop in miniature! Its wealth of unexcelled general instruction and promotional material, plus outstanding lesson helps for every division level, makes this journal an essential for busy pastors, Sabbath school leaders, teachers, and laymen alike.

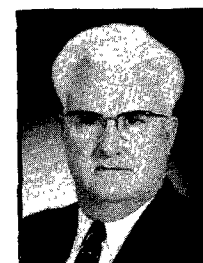


G. R. Nash, *Secretary, General Conference Sabbath School Department*

The SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, with its unexcelled helps for teachers and leaders in every division of the Sabbath school, and with its timely messages from world Sabbath school leaders, is an invaluable aid to every officer and teacher in their soul-winning activities through the Sabbath school. Join the fast-growing army of Sabbath school workers who use the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER.

R. G. Campbell, *Manager, Periodical Department, Review and Herald Pub. Assn.*

It is a pleasure to recommend to Seventh-day Adventists everywhere the excellent, timely helps appearing month by month in the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER. Edited with simplicity, yet depth, it brings help to Sabbath school teachers and superintendents everywhere.



..... Church Missionary Secretary or Name .....

..... Book and Bible House Address .....

Please enter subscriptions to SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER as checked below:

One year \$3.75

In combination with one or more other magazines purchased by same person at one time, per year \$3.25

Three or more copies to same name and address, one year, each \$2.75 Prices Slightly Higher in Canada

Name .....

Address .....

Enclosed find \$.....

**ORDER FROM YOUR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE**  
**REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON 12, D.C.**

## Proceedings of the General Conference

(Continued from page 21)

is very tense and very difficult, we refer this whole problem for further study and the preparation of a statement that can be adopted as a part of our "Statement of Beliefs," if at an ensuing quadrennial session it is felt that such a statement would be proper. In view of this counsel, Brother Chairman, I would like to move that we refer this problem again for further study and consideration at a future quadrennial session.

[This motion was seconded and voted.]

Action was then taken adjourning the meeting.

BENEDICTION: H. M. Blunden.

W. B. OCHS, *Chairman*  
F. R. MILLARD, *Secretary*

### A Statement on Human Relations

By F. L. PETERSON

*General Vice-President of the General Conference*

[This statement was made at the morning business meeting of the General Conference session, July 30, 1962.]

For at least three years the General Conference has had in operation a committee on human relations to study race and national relationships. Some of the agenda items discussed have been the following:

Ways and means of transmitting to the local conferences and to institutional heads and local church leaders the recommendations of the Human Relations Committee.

The employment of workers in our various institutions on the basis of merit, regardless of color.

The encouraging of our church schools and academies to open their doors to all Adventist children, regardless of race or nationality.

The conducting of workshops on human relations on the union conference level, with study material for these workshops provided.

The careful study of published articles and statements in our denominational publications that might create prejudice.

Much progress has been made in our colleges, publishing houses, and in many other areas. We have members of our Regional group who are acting as clinical instructors in some of our sanitariums. All but two of our colleges accept our colored students, and these two are located in the South. In some of these colleges our young people are enrolled in large numbers. The Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee, in addition to the editor of *The Message Magazine* and his secretary, employs a member of our race as a filing clerk for *The Message Magazine* and the *MV Kit*. They have also one of our men employed as a shipping clerk. In several of our colleges there are integrated faculties.

Wherever there are perplexing situations along racial lines found in Seventh-day Adventist circles these problems will be properly discussed and recommendations made by the appointed leaders of the church.

Every department of the General Conference is careful not to hold their advisory councils in cities where the brethren from the Regional Department who are members of these councils cannot find equal accommodations.

## Partial Report of Nominating Committee

At the seventh business meeting held Monday afternoon, July 30, the Nominating Committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices here designated:

Associate secretaries of the General Conference: W. P. Bradley, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, F. R. Millard, and A. F. Tarr.

Assistant treasurer of the General Conference: J. C. Kozel.

### Middle East Division

Secretary: W. R. Leshner.  
Educational: W. R. Leshner.  
Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Radio: C. V. Brauer.  
Medical: William Wagner.  
Ministerial: W. E. Olson.  
Public Relations and Public Affairs: R. C. Darnell.  
Temperance and MV: A. A. Hadad.

*Voted* To refer the matter of selecting the publishing secretary to the division committee.

### General Conference Sabbath School Department

Associate secretaries: W. J. Harris, L. B. Reynolds, R. Curtis Barger.

General Conference field secretaries: H. W. Lowe, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, G. E. Vandeman, E. L. Minchin.

### General Conference Temperance Department

Secretary: W. A. Scharffenberg.  
Associates: J. O. Gibson, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper.

### Northern European Division

President: E. E. Roenfelt.  
Treasurer: Alf Karlman.  
Educational and Sabbath School: B. B. Beach.  
Publishing: J. W. Nixon.

### Southern European Division

Secretary: W. A. Wild.  
Treasurer: B. J. Kohler.  
MV: Herbert Stoeger.  
Home Missionary: Leon Belloy.  
Ministerial and Public Relations: Giuseppe Cupertino.  
Publishing: Edouard Naenny.  
Radio-TV: W. A. Wild.  
Religious Liberty: Jean Nussbaum.

Sabbath School and Medical: B. E. Seton.

Educational and Temperance: Paul Steiner.

### Far Eastern Division

Secretary: A. E. Gibb.  
Treasurer: H. D. Johnson.  
Educational and Temperance: B. E. Olson.  
Home Missionary and Sabbath School: H. E. McClure.  
Medical: R. F. Waddell.  
Publishing and Public Relations: E. A. Brodeur.  
Religious Liberty: C. P. Sorensen.  
MV: C. D. Martin.

### Southern African Division

Secretary: W. Duncan Eva.  
Treasurer: R. M. Reinhard.  
Educational and Sabbath School: J. B. Cooks.  
Home Missionary and Ministerial: T. M. Ashlock.  
Medical: M. H. Schaffner.  
Radio-TV: J. A. Birkenstock.  
Publishing and Public Relations: J. N. Hunt.  
Field secretary and Religious Liberty secretary: E. D. Hanson.

### Australasian Division

President: L. C. Naden.  
Secretary: R. R. Frame.  
Treasurer: E. J. Johanson.  
Educational and Religious Liberty: E. E. White.  
Ministerial: G. E. Burnside.  
Public Relations and Temperance: E. H. J. Steed.  
MV: R. A. Vince.  
Publishing: Herbert White.

### North American Regional Department

Secretary: H. D. Singleton.  
Associate secretary: F. L. Bland.

### General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Secretary: M. E. Loewen.  
Associates: W. M. Adams, R. R. Hegstad.

The nominations were voted unanimously.