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Christ Is Coming!

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CHRISt is coming again! The angels left no doubt on this point in speaking to James and John, Peter and Andrew, Thomas and the rest, as they watched Jesus ascend to heaven. The resurrected Christ, with a real body, nailprints in His hands, spear scar in His side, who had taken food in His hand and eaten with them, was now slowly ascending from the Mount of Olives.

As the disciples watched, sorrowful but excited, two angels stood by and said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11). Christ's ascension to heaven was in a real body, visible to men. His return to earth also will be in a real body, visible to men.

One verse in every 25 in the New Testament speaks of Christ's glorious return, which brings a climax to the 6,000 years of man's history. From one end of the Bible to the other we read it.

Enoch, just seven generations from Adam, said: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints" (Jude 14). Job, in the oldest book of the Bible, declared: "I know that my

redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. . . . In my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25, 26). David sang with a choir of 4,000 and 120 silver trumpets: "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence" (Ps. 50:3). Jesus, on trial before the highest court in Israel, testified: "Ye shall see the Son of man sit-

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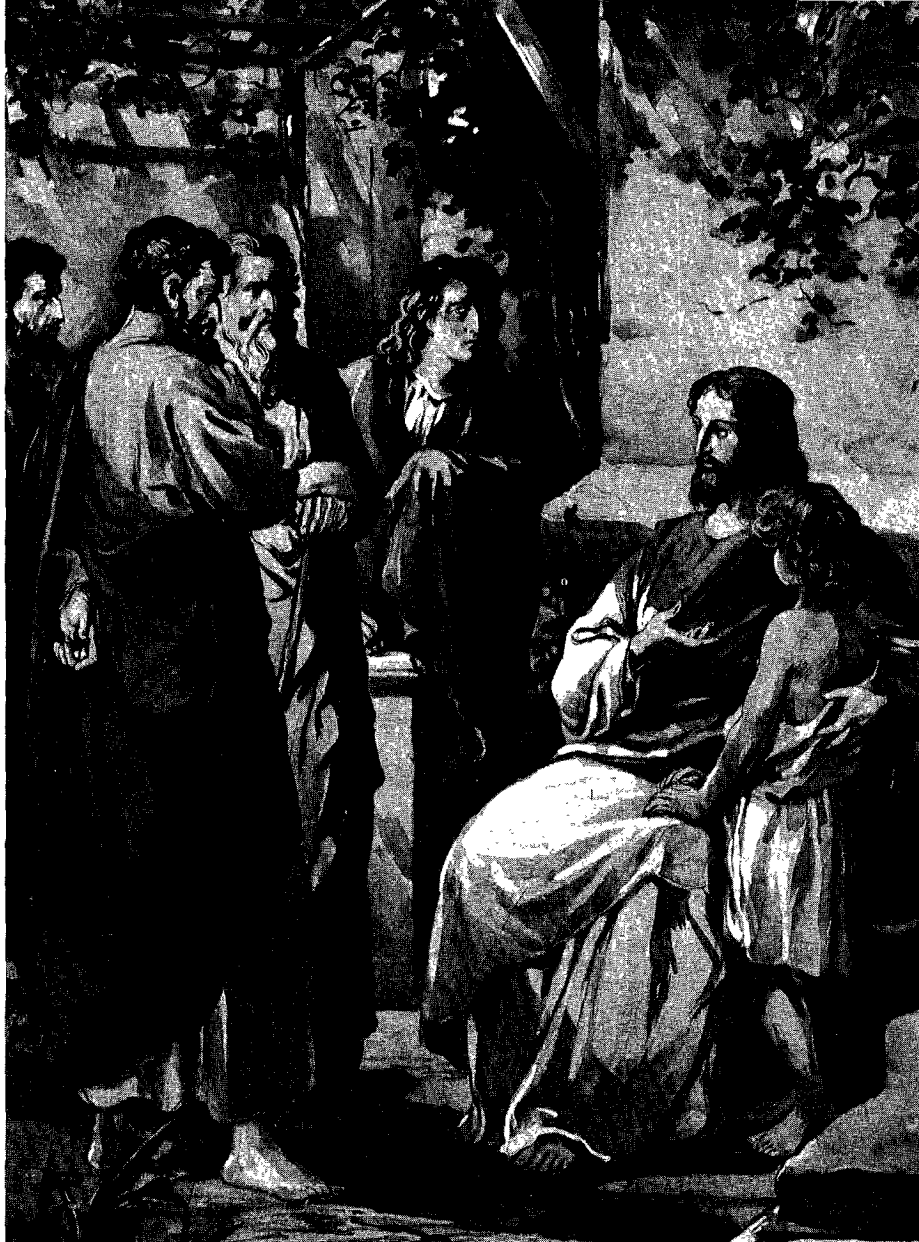
ting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven" (Matt. 26:64). James tells Christians: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (James 5:7). John closes the Bible record with: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1:7). "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (chap. 22:20).

The early church of the second and third centuries wrote this belief into the Apostles' Creed: "He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the

quick and the dead." Martin Luther, from his intense study of God's Word, declared: "I persuade myself verily it will not be absent full three hundred years longer." John Wesley, who brought new spiritual life to the church in his part of the Reformation, taught that Christ would come soon.

About the year 1800, when many of the signs predicted in the Bible—such as the dark day and the Lisbon earthquake—were taking place, the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and others sprang up to tell the world what the Bible says about these events. And as the prairie schooners and Conestoga wagons made their way up the Susquehanna and across the Western plains one November night in 1833, another sign set the heavens ablaze with glowing meteorites. Immediately there was renewed interest in the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:29: "The stars shall fall from heaven . . . and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: . . . and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

These signs gave birth to the great
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MENTE, ARTIST

First Article of Three

THE Bible is very clear on the absolute necessity of the experience called *conversion*. The forthright instruction of Scripture relative to this experience is accompanied by many practical illustrations from life, making plain its meaning. Conversion is the sinner's first step on his way to the kingdom of heaven. It stands for a point of departure from the world and its self-seeking, a right-about-face, a heading for the best of life on this earth and eventually for eternal bliss in God's presence.

To make this abrupt transition understandable to His disciples, Jesus used a most apt object lesson. He called a little child to Him, and placing him in their midst, said, "Except ye be *converted*, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The occasion required emphasis, since the disciples were preoccupied with the problem "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus answered, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:1-4).

The twelve were not unfamiliar with at least the basic essentials of such doctrines as faith, repentance, confession, and forgiveness. John the Baptist had preached, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Having listened to his soul-stirring preaching, they accepted the truths he presented and had, no doubt, been baptized by immersion. When John pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Sin-bearer for the world, they recognized that He fulfilled the work of the Messiah whom the Jews were expecting. When the Master asked them to become His disciples they counted the cost and accepted Him.

Conversion

--- What It Means

By Louise C. Kleuser

It was a big step for them to take, for, besides being an adventure, it was also a humiliating ordeal. Daily they were made aware of the fact that the principles of Christ's kingdom meant self-denial. In the past the example of their Temple leaders had justified self-aggression. Rivalry for the "first place" and the "upper seat" were prevalent. Now they had much to learn; even more to unlearn. So the Prince of teachers took an innocent, artless child to teach them about the heavenly grace of humility. Conversion of heart is essential for all who enter the kingdom of God, but humility of mind is foremost of the heavenly graces.

Conversion and the Intellect

Conversion requires more than an intellectual comprehension of the Christian life. Jesus made this plain to Nicodemus, a teacher in Israel, a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews (John 3). Nicodemus came to the Master with forethought and tact—at night, wisely avoiding the criticism of his colleagues. Since he worked in the field of research Nicodemus also came with information. More admirable, he came not with a closed and prejudiced mind; he came in a genial mood, admitting that Christ was sent from God and that His miracles were supernatural.

But friendly as his mood appeared, it lacked certainty and conviction. So the Master came directly to the point, saying, "Ye *must* be born again." For emphasis, He said, "*Except* a man be born again, he *cannot* see the kingdom of God."

While this ruler of the Jews reflected on the biological impossibilities of being reborn physically, he became more pensive. Then the Master Teacher illustrated the new-birth process by speaking of the wind. This force of nature cannot be seen with the human eye, but its effects can be observed. Gradually the profound truth of the Saviour's incarnation dawned on Nicodemus' cold, reasoning mind. Both Bethlehem and Calvary needed clarification to this great scholar, and in the setting of Moses' lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, heavenly light broke into his mind.

So it is that man's look of faith to the Sacrifice on the cross will save him from the plague of sin. By that look man is reconciled to God. "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). This marvelous truth each believer in Christ must accept at conversion.

Justification in Christ is God's instantaneous act of accepting the sin-

ner who asks for forgiveness. It covers all past sins. Man is justified by grace through faith in Jesus, the sinner's substitute. When man by faith accepts justification through Christ, he is forgiven and accepted, even as the Father accepted His Son's sacrifice on Calvary for the sins of the whole world. So justification is a happy experience, the joy of which must carry over into the new life (Eph. 2:4-8).

Sanctification is the work of a lifetime, in contrast to justification, which is an instantaneous experience. It follows our justification in Christ and is a daily process for perfecting our character. While the Christian life is a constant "battle and a march," we may claim perfection in Christ at each step of the way. How? By "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). Here the converted man must daily recognize that his progress toward perfection is not by his own good works, but through divine grace and by faith in Christ's perfection. Christ provides the keeping power; it is not within ourselves, or in a doctrine, or in a church. But as we keep growing in grace and in the knowledge of God and His Word, every day of the sanctified life may bring added peace (Rom. 8:30-39; Phil. 3:10-14).

Because some who once tasted the joy of conversion have lost this vital

experience, we here offer a few cautions. Some unwittingly may be reverting to the "beggary elements" of the world, forgetting such promises as we find in 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 1 John 1:7. Daily dying to sin will stimulate our faith, keeping us near to God and in fellowship with His children. Too often our closeness to the world dims the radiant promises faith would supply.

If this is your experience, dear believer, then quickly, as the apostle suggested, reclaim and recount these "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4). Your joy must be full.

Remaining Converted

To sense the full impact of our satisfactions in God we should read often Psalm 51:10-13. David had yielded to sin, and he felt depressed. How he longed to return to his former joy and freedom! He asked for a renewal of the "right spirit." Why? So that he might teach transgressors God's way and lead them into the experience of conversion (verse 13). There ceased his depression. He had discovered for himself the secret of a joyful and godly life—maintaining a contrite heart and a burden for souls. Throughout the entire psalm we sense the longing of his heart to stay converted.

Let us consider another illustration. Peter had denied his Lord when he was sure he would never do that. But he remembered what Jesus had said before it happened: "I have prayed for thee." How much he now needed the comfort of his Lord's intercession! And later he remembered something else Jesus told him: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:32). The Master had foretold his conversion! Peter had failed Him (Mark 14:70-72) but his Lord was still counting on him. When man gets right with God, how swiftly memory revives. This was true also in the case of the prodigal son when he again became conscious of his father's love waiting for him at home.

Has your conversion lost its "first love"? If so, dear believer in Christ, you may today bring back its luster. Don't spend more wasted days wondering whether you ever were converted. This is Satan's point of argument, but it is irrelevant with God. Reclaim your conversion experience at its best; renew the offering of your heart for cleansing; rise above your depressed spirit by finding some soul to bring to Him for cleansing while you are hastening back to Zion. Your heavenly Father is already on His way to overtake you. Believe this with all your heart. Make sure that you return at once to meet Him.

A Garden and a Cross

By CARMEN McELMURRY

A garden lies still in the hush of night;
The shadows grow long and deep,
And time seems to halt in its steady flight
As though stopping there to weep.

A soft ray of light like a blessing rests
On a head bowed low in prayer,
As agony billows within the breast
Of the Man who is kneeling there.

I saw Him then as they led Him away
To face bitterness, rage, and scorn—
Saw them circle His brow that awful day
With a crown of cruel, sharp thorn.

The cross raised its shadow against the sky,
The world grew dark with despair,
And the angels wept in the realms on high
That death should touch One so fair.

But hark, there echoes a cry loud and clear,
"He is risen, the Saviour and King!"
Giving life to all who will pause and hear
His story triumphantly ring.

Oh, remember, I pray, that lowly cross,
And give thanks for a love divine,
Willing to suffer and bear such loss
For guilt that is yours and mine.

When Pentecost Is Repeated

Part 2



O. STEMLER, ARTIST

[Last week Elder Amundsen set forth six of the ten steps taken by the disciples before Pentecost. In this article he discusses the remaining four.—Editors.]

WHEN the day of Pentecost had come, "every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of love and benevolence. One interest prevailed. . . . The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 20.

Far up in the hill country in Colombia, South America, two men carried on a vendetta, each trying to kill the other. A Seventh-day Adventist, seeking for souls, gave Bible studies to one of the men, and baptized him. The great change in his life caused him to think of his former enemy. But he dared not go near his home for fear of attack.

One day he sent his daughter to the man's house with an invitation to come and talk things over. The man feared a trap, but the little daughter said, "You need not fear my father, for he no longer wants to kill you or harm you in any way. He is now a Christian." Warily the man accompanied the girl, with *machete* in hand. He watched every shrub along the way.

Approaching the lane leading to the house, he saw the girl's father coming toward him with arms extended. So he sheathed his *machete*, and wonderingly walked forward. Soon they were embracing, and the converted man was telling his former enemy of his new-found faith. A few months later he also was baptized. The last time I saw them they constituted a two-man soul-winning team, going together to give Bible studies, distribute literature, and win men to Christ. What beautiful Christian fellowship!

7. *Compassion*. "They drew nearer and nearer to God."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37.

When a man draws nearer to God he is better able to see his fellow man. Man becomes Godlike as he develops this experience. He discerns the true meaning of having the compassion of Christ. He takes cognizance of the needs of his fellow man. He develops the traits of character revealed in the life of the good Samaritan, who when he saw the wounded man lying in the ditch, stripped of his clothes, bleeding from cuts and bruises, "had compassion on him" (Luke 10:33). And, having compassion, he cared for the man, bathed his wounds, wrapped his robe around him, placed him upon his beast, took him to the nearby inn, ar-

ranged for his care, paid the bill in advance, and went on his way. That was a Godlike deed. "In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 503.

A Hunger for Righteousness

8. *Soul Hunger for Righteousness*. "The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried unto the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul-saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37.

To be fitted for soul-saving work it is essential that God apply the "holy unction" to each soul. How much we need to cry unto the Lord for the infilling of the Spirit. How essential it is that we understand our own spiritual need. All too often we say in our hearts, "I am rich and in need of nothing." Self-sufficiency is a dangerous thing. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

So it is today. The cause of God can use only those men who recognize their own inability to accomplish the great work of soul saving by human strength and ability. God's messenger wrote to the leading brethren years

ago: "Our great need today is for men who are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God—men who walk with God as did Enoch."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 555. "The power of a higher, purer, nobler life is our great need."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 324.

9. *Passion for Souls*. "They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37.

Do we know what it means to be "weighted" with a burden for souls? In the book *Gibbon on Christianity*, page 7 (Watts & Co., Fleet Street, London), the author makes the following statement regarding the early Christians: "It became the most sacred duty of a new convert to diffuse among friends and relations the inestimable blessing which he had received."

Down in Old Mexico, Manuel Bojorquez, a man who had been rescued from a shameful and sinful life through the instrumentalities of soul-winning laymen, was weighted with a burden for souls. His conversion was a miracle of God's grace, and no sooner had he been baptized than he set out in a covered wagon drawn by a horse and a mule, to sell household utensils, calico goods, and other items to housewives along the way.

At the close of a lay-preachers' convention that we were conducting on the west coast of Mexico one year, I stood with a fellow missionary watching Manuel talking most earnestly to a group of men on the sidewalk. From time to time he called their attention to the Bible that he held in his hand. After he had continued for some time, the knot of men dissolved, and we approached Manuel.

I asked him, "What were you doing with those men just now?" His face was serious as he looked at us with penetrating gaze, and said, "There is a fire burning in my heart, and I must tell people everywhere I go about the coming of the Lord Jesus. I can do nothing else." "A fire burning in my heart"—that is the kind of burden that weighed upon the hearts of the men and women just prior to the day of Pentecost.

10. "They claimed the power that Christ had promised."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37.

This was the time! They had spent ten days together and made the essential preparations.

"They knew that Jesus was in heaven, and that His sympathies were with them still. They knew that they had a friend at the throne of God, and they were eager to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus. In solemn awe they bowed in prayer, repeating the assurance, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father

in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.' John 16:23, 24. They extended the hand of faith higher and higher, with the mighty argument, 'It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.' Rom. 8:34."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 833.

—The Art of Living.....when

Tempers and Tongues

WHEN I get mad I really blow my lid! . . . I just go all to pieces . . . I really get people told!"

Doubtless you've heard these remarks or variations of them made blandly by the proud possessors of "a terrible temper." Yes, I said proud. For I've come to believe that many of these hot-tempered citizens are not really sorry they have this weakness. Quite the contrary. It sets them apart; it makes them special; it gives them a gratifying uniqueness.

Now I can almost hear the outburst of disagreement from certain quarters. "But I don't *want* to have a temper like this! I don't *want* to disgrace myself by losing control when something annoys me."

Then don't. It's as simple as that.

I think the best story I ever read on the question of temper appeared in *The Youth's Instructor* a long time ago. An attractive girl with a most unattractive temper had formed the habit of exploding into a rage any time something made her angry. She'd gotten away with it, too, since her parents were rather mild, too-patient persons. Her circle of friends wasn't large, understandably, but she was tons of fun when she *wasn't* having a temper tantrum, so she got by with her outbursts.

Near the time of her college graduation she became engaged to a very wonderful fellow—every girl's dream man. She was terribly careful never to fly into one of her epic rages in his presence. She thought, of course, that the wedding march would act as a curative agent—presto, no more temper!

How Embarrassing!

A few days before the wedding, her prospective father-in-law, a distinguished professional man, was to meet her for the first time when she and her fiancé were to meet him at the train and then take him to her parents' house. At the last moment her fiancé couldn't meet the train, so the girl arrived alone, carrying a bouquet of

"In heaven Christ added His intercession. He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it upon His people."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37. What happened?

"When the actual day of Pentecost came they were all assembled together. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were seated. Before their



you're young

by Miriam Hood

roses (I don't remember why she did that, but as I said, this was a long time ago). Something happened at the station before she met her father-in-law (to be)—she wasn't allowed to go through a certain gate—whereupon she launched into one of her famous screaming, foot-stamping tirades to the embarrassment (and amusement) of the stationful of onlookers. As the crowning touch, she threw her bouquet of roses with all her might across the station. They struck—who else?—her fiancé's father.

He didn't know who she was, as yet; she didn't know who he was. He was courteous, civil. But he gave her the thing she'd been needing all her life—a strong determination to get rid of that disgraceful temper. He told her quietly, among other things, that any young girl with such a lack of self-control was a menace—to herself and to everyone else; and that she'd likely end up in an institution if she didn't do something about it immediately.

When each finally discovered the other's identity, it was very awkward. She begged him for a chance to gain his good opinion; she really loved her fiancé; she wanted all the happy life ahead of her. So he didn't tell her fiancé—his son—a word about the incident (I don't know whether he was wise, but I'm just telling the story).

She and her fiancé had been married for years when she told this story, and she hadn't lost her temper even once, said the friend who was writing about it. It seems she would even go upstairs and bite the bedpost, if the temper crisis was serious enough. Not so good for teeth, but awfully good for temper.

I'm saying that you don't have to indulge a disgusting temper. God can give you the victory. You're probably not a coward; then don't let your tongue "lick" you!

eyes appeared tongues like flames, which separated off and settled above the head of each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them power to proclaim his message" (Acts 2:1-4, Phillips).*

What a day that was! Never had there been one like it since the beginning of the world. "Lost in wonder, the apostles exclaimed, 'Herein is love.' They grasped the imparted gift. And what followed? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day."—*Ibid.*, p. 38.

God's Plan for the Remnant

Can we expect a demonstration of power such as was witnessed 1900 years ago? The prophet said the church was to ask God for "rain in the time of the latter rain." Are we in that time now? Yes, "The dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 511. God says that in this dispensa-

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prayer

By Eugene Lincoln

Lord, make me not too proud to share
The heartaches of my brother,
And not too weak to help to bear
Life's burdens for another.

My wayward will e'er seeks to go
The path of least resistance,
And rest where peaceful waters flow,
Save for my soul's insistence.

If Thou wilt help me day by day
To help my fellow man,
I'll gladly follow in Thy way
And thank Thee that I can.

tion we are to ask for "rain in the time of the latter rain." And the same promise that was given to the early church, the one they grasped as they met together in the upper room, is for the remnant today. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23).

When may we have this power? When we take the same steps taken by the members of the apostolic church. The church has a work to do. Its members are not to wait in idleness. There must be a revival of true

godliness. There must be more prayer; more witnessing; more Christian fellowship; more sincere devotion. The church may have, and can have, the experience of Pentecost, but it must meet God's requirements.

"To us *today*, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will *today* endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the Day of Pentecost heard the word of salvation. At *this very hour* His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 20. (Italics supplied.)

What will we do about this promise? Dare we make a covenant with God *today* to meet His divine requirements? Dare we pray *today* that He will give us a burden for souls? Dare we *today* take Him at His word? Dare we *at this very hour* make the complete surrender that will make us fit to enter into the experience of the Pentecost that God is waiting to bring to His remnant church for the finishing of His work in the earth?

This is God's hour—it can be your hour. It is to be the finest hour in the entire history of the church. God is waiting for us. How long shall we keep Him waiting? "*Today* is the accepted time."

A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Sammie the Sparrow—4

Sammie Goes Exploring

By Ruth Wheeler

WHEN Sammie is able to find his own food, we must let him fly away," mother said. "It wouldn't be kind for us to keep him caged just because we enjoy having him."

"That's right," Donald said. "I know we must let him go, but I hate to see him fly away. Something might happen to him. We won't ever see him again after we turn him loose."

"Maybe we will," daddy said. "You've been kind to him. He's learned to trust you. I think he'll be tame even when he's free to come and go. Kindness pays. You've never frightened Sammie or tried to play tricks on him."

"Wouldn't it be fun if he would live in the yard and we could play with him?" Linda danced up and down. "Let's take him outside now and see what he does."

"Not so fast, sister," daddy smiled at her. "We'll put the cage outside for a few days and let him be in the yard and get used to it. Then when he's let out he'll

know where to find his feeding place. If you always put his food and water in the cage, he'll know where to come, even if he's free."

Donald put the cage out in the yard under a tree. As soon as Sammie was used to the yard, Donald let him fly out of the cage. The bird flew straight to him and sat on his shoulder just as he had done in the house.

Donald walked around the yard with Sammie on his shoulder. Day after day Sammie flew in the yard. He always came back to the cage at night. Sometimes Sammie would fly into the woods and be gone almost all day.

One morning the woman who lived across the valley telephoned. "The strangest thing just happened," she said. "Since you like birds I thought I'd tell you about it. We were eating breakfast this morning and we had left the window wide open. All at once a bird flew in and lighted on the table. He hopped over to the bread plate and helped himself. We offered him a berry and he took it right out of our hands."

"What kind of bird was it?" mother asked.

"Oh, it was some kind of sparrow," she answered. "It was sort of streaked brown and tan."

Mother laughed. "I think our pet bird has been visiting you. He lives in our yard, and I guess he was out calling."

Before long Sammie came home. He wasn't lost. He had just gone exploring. (To be continued)



Donald walked around the yard with Sammie on his shoulder.

GOOD CITIZENS

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Heaven and Earth

By Helen M. Weston

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IT IS thrilling to be a part of the Advent Movement and to see prophecy being fulfilled. But it is sobering to realize that soon we as Seventh-day Adventists will be called upon to give a reason for the hope that lieth within us. We might well ask ourselves the question, Are we living close enough to the Lord so that He will be able to use us for His honor and glory?

Jesus taught that man should be a good citizen. "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Because we are Christians, our true citizenship must be in heaven, but as far as possible we are to be good citizens upon the earth and live at peace with our neighbors.

We have this counsel from the servant of the Lord: "I beg of you for Christ's sake, let no hasty, rash expressions fall from your lips, let no extravagant language be used, let nothing be uttered that will savor of railing, for all this is human. Christ has no part in it. Let the ready writers be careful how they use their pens, lest they may seem to cast ridicule upon the positions of believers or unbelievers. We shall find our only safety in preserving the lowly spirit of Christ, in making straight paths for our feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. The meekness and lowliness of Christ must take possession of the soul.

"Satan is putting forth his power in presenting masterly delusions, so that he may bring to pass that which is not in accordance with God's will. Let not those who believe the truth give occasion to our enemies to vindicate opposition, to give ground for the misrepresentation that men would use to oppose the advance of the truth. For the sake of Christ let every worker put forth efforts that will bring to naught Satan's assertions, and not engage in anything that God has not required at his hands. Under heavenly generalship we may work in accordance with God's will, and success will crown our efforts."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 219.

As we realize that God is still the ruler of the universe and is keeping

watch over all of His own, we shall not fear. God will protect His church as He has done in the past. It is up to us as a people, to live so close to the Lord that we may do and say the right thing at the right time. Many in high places will be won to the truth of God's Word and will befriend God's people. We need to know how

to use intelligently the knowledge that God has given to us.

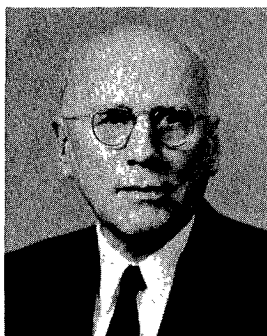
We have God's promise that when we are brought before magistrates He will aid us, but we must be completely His, that He may be able to use us as faithful witnesses.

"The truth is to be set forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. . . . The human agent must be worked by the Spirit of God. . . . Through the inculcation of spiritual truth we are to prepare a people who shall be able, in meekness and fear, to give a reason for their faith before the highest authorities in our world."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 396.

Every day should find us on our knees asking God for an infilling of the Holy Spirit, for heavenly wisdom, and for strength to stand in the days that are soon to come upon us.

"God's servants are not to trust to

Life Sketch of Elder A. V. Olson



Albert Victor Olson was born May 26, 1884, in Kingston, Minnesota, and died late Friday afternoon, April 5, 1963. Apparently a heart attack felled this esteemed leader as he walked leisurely toward home and the coming Sabbath day.

Elder Olson's parents were among the first Seventh-day Adventists in Sweden, where they were baptized in 1880, before emigrating to the United States to become successful farmers in western Minnesota. Albert and his five brothers and two sisters were reared in the tenets of the Advent faith.

At the age of 20 Elder Olson entered upon what proved to be a long and distinguished career in the service of his church. He was a colporteur-evangelist, a church school teacher, and at the youthful age of 22 was ordained to the gospel ministry. He became an able and forceful speaker, a successful soul winner. He served first in the Minnesota Conference. In 1912 he was called to Canada, laboring for two years as pastor-evangelist in Montreal and Quebec. In 1914 he was elected president of the Quebec Conference, and in 1915 of the Ontario Conference. He was president of the East Canadian Union from 1917 to 1920. In Canada Elder Olson gained an understanding of the French people that was to serve him in good stead when in 1920 he was called to Europe to the presidency of the Latin Union, with headquarters in Gland (Vaud), Switzerland.

From 1920 until 1929 Elder Olson labored in the Latin Union. Then he became president of the newly organized Southern European Division, a post he held until 1946, when he was elected a general vice-president of the General Conference. He retired in 1958.

For Elder Olson retirement was not synonymous with idleness. He continued to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate, an elder of the Sligo church, and president of the Greater Washington Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Council.

By the side of this dedicated man stood his equally dedicated and devoted wife, Martha Maud, nee Franklin, who survives. For 57 years this warm and loving couple gave the fullest measure of devotion to God, family, and church. Three children born of their union live to carry on the work so nobly pursued by the parents. Ruth Lecoultre is the wife of a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Switzerland. Hazel, who for more than a score of years was her father's faithful secretary, resides in Takoma Park, as does the son, Carl William, a faithful employee at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Other survivors include five grandchildren, one adopted granddaughter, and four adopted great-grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters, nephews and nieces, and a host of colleagues, fellow workers, and friends, all of whom found in Albert Victor Olson a life to emulate in the Christian way.

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themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John we see how closely heaven is connected with the events taking place upon the earth and how great is the care of God for those who are loyal to Him. . . . The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge. . . . Finite men are not left to carry the burden of responsibility. We need to trust in God, believe in Him, and go forward."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, pp. 753, 754.

God still leads, and His church will triumph, come what may. Our part is to be strong in the Lord and be good "soldiers of the cross."

Christ Is Coming!

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Advent Awakening of the 1830's and 1840's. Out of that awakening grew the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We believe that the second advent of Christ to earth is the most important event of the future, and that it is near. For that reason we sacrifice to send missionaries to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people" so that Christ can come. We have more missionaries per given number of members than any other Protestant church.

A few years ago when the World Council of Churches met at Evanston, Illinois, they took as their theme: "Christ, the Hope of the World." Much of their time was spent discussing the return of Christ to earth. In reporting this meeting, one Australian newspaper used the headline: "Churchmen Divided on Coming of Christ." What a tragedy that church leaders are divided on this great theme on which all Bible writers are agreed. If we would speak to the world today with prophetic impact, we must agree with the prophets of the Old and New Testaments.

The fact of Christ's second coming is one of the clearest teachings of Scripture. God tells us how He will come. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1:7). Martin Luther said of this verse: "His last coming will be such that all must see Him. . . . They shall see that he is none other than the man Christ Jesus, in bodily form, as he was born of the virgin Mary and walked upon this earth."

Especially does Jesus warn against alleged secret appearances in the desert or in a secret chamber: "Go not forth: . . . believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and

shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:26, 27). Christ's coming will not be secret. It will be the most widely known event ever to take place on earth. More people will see it than saw Glenn or Carpenter make their historic flights. Every eye shall see Him, every ear hear the trumpet call.

Even the dead will hear in their graves and come forth. The wicked will see Him when He comes. According to Revelation 6:14-17, they will cry to the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne. Second Thessalonians 1 and 2 add that the wicked will be destroyed by "the brightness of his coming."

Someone says: "That's what I don't like about the coming of Christ. It seems so morbid to think of sudden death for all the wicked." Yes, it is unpleasant to think of death. But, have you ever bought insurance? Or have you made a will, or bought a cemetery lot? Why? These precautions are urged upon people by salesmen, because accidents happen and all will die. It is good sense to be prepared for accidents that may happen. It is better sense to be ready for the certain coming of Christ.

D. L. Moody said he was in the church for many years before he heard a sermon on the second coming of Christ. "But since I know that my Lord is coming back, I feel like working three times as hard." Remember that Christ Himself is not willing for any to perish, but desires that all should come to repentance. He wants you to be ready to meet Him. That which is terror to the disobedient is deliverance to believers. Just think, true Christians who are living when Jesus comes will never die. They will be changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" (1 Cor. 15:52).

The Opposite of Morbidity

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isa. 35:5, 6). "We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:20, 21). "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Rev. 21:4). Here is the opposite of morbidity. It is the most hopeful, joyous prospect the future offers. Is it any wonder that the disciples called themselves those that *love* His appearing? They loved Jesus. They were ready to meet Him, because they had Him in their hearts.

Christ is eagerly anticipating reunion with His people. "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee" (Isa. 62:5). Those who are in love with each other are eager to be together. Are you in love with your Lord? Then you will love His appearing. You will pray, "Thy kingdom come." You will want Him to return to earth as soon as possible.

This is the blessed hope Paul speaks of. It is the highest incentive to right living. "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). There is life-changing power in the hope of seeing Jesus. It makes better men and women, better homes, better husbands and wives who are true to each other. It gives high, pure ideals to youth. It makes employers fair with their employees. It makes workmen want to deliver an honest day's work. The hope of seeing Jesus closes gambling dens and houses of vice. It cures thieves and embezzlers. It gives hope in the face of doom-laden atomic clouds. Nothing can produce higher morality than the hope of hearing the Judge of all the earth say: "Well done, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

This love for the Lord leads men to love their neighbors. It does more for world betterment than the Peace Corps or urban renewal or social legislation. Love for God touches the springs of human action. When the heart is changed, the habits and the slums are changed.

I saw a missionary from the South Pacific and heard him tell of the change the gospel made in the lives of naked, pig-greased cannibals. When asked whether it was difficult to get them to give up these filthy habits, he said, "No, we rarely have to say anything about them. The gospel changes hearts, and then the surroundings change. The people smell better, they eat better, they look happier."

Every man—whether in Africa, New Guinea, the slums of New York, or the estates of Beverley Hills—every man that has this hope, this hope of seeing Jesus, purifies himself.

Friend, the condition of this world and the prospect of the next, impel us to turn our back on the evil of this world, and to live for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Heavenly Countdown

The great heavenly countdown has already begun. We have passed the great tribulation, the dark day, the falling of the stars; we see men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth. When the gospel has

been preached to every nation, and probation has closed amid the hectic turmoil of the last days, all eyes will be drawn to the east. There a small dark cloud will appear on the horizon. In the atmosphere of unprecedented fear some say, "Is that Omaha going up in an atomic cloud? Or Washington? Will Los Angeles be next?"

Nearer comes the cloud. Christians recognize in it the sign of the Son of man. Crowds gather in the streets; some on the housetops; some on the mountains. The cloud is growing as they watch it. Newsmen try to capture the scene, but before one picture is made, there is another, more awe inspiring.

The sun rises, but its feeble radiance is unnoticed as the cloud gathers brilliance. The moon stands still. Dark, heavy clouds clash against one another. Mountains shake and move out of their places. Islands disappear. Great tidal waves turn the sea into a boiling caldron.

"It is larger!" they cry as excitement mounts. "It is coming closer!"

Every eye is wide to observe the growing brightness. In observatories and tracking stations trained watchers hold their breath and look at one another. "It is nearer!" The base of the cloud takes on the appearance of fire. On housetops boys shade their eyes from the flaming light. Men in a thousand places suddenly realize the possibility. Some argue, "It is just a star. It will miss the earth by 10,000 miles." But there is no precedent for such a phenomenon. A rainbow is seen arched over the cloud, now blazing with white light.

"Could it be that the Bible might be true after all?" the space scientists ask one another. "Could this be—Jesus? No, it's unscientific." All laughter ceases. Some faces turn pale as the blinding cloud seems to fill the sky and living forms of angels on the edge of the cloud are silhouetted against the surrounding heavens. "It is alive!" they cry. Many turn to flee, some to fallout shelters, some to caves. Even earth's great men plead with the rocks and mountains to fall on them

and hide them from the supernatural glory.

As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of Life, "on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle" (Rev. 14:14). In His left hand He holds a silver trumpet. The faces of those who have rejected Him gather blackness as they wail, "The great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (chap. 6:17).

"We Have Waited"

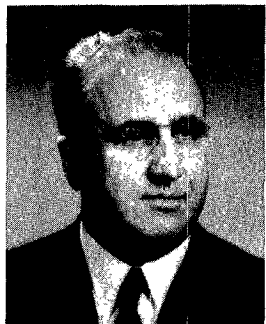
But there are others whose faces reflect the radiance of the glory of Jesus. "This is our God," they shout, "we have waited for him, and he will save us" (Isa. 25:9)! Christ has come in His own glory and the glory of *all* heaven's shining angels, filling the heavens with dazzling splendor and a song of triumph. Gazing on the graves of the sleeping saints, the Son of God calls in trumpet tones, "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise."

The earth trembles with a mighty earthquake, and the graves are opened. Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead in Christ arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them . . . , to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Can you picture the reality and splendor of that day? From that cloud of glory Jesus shall send His angels and they shall gather together His elect, from one end of heaven to the other (Matt. 24:31). In that day you will see a funeral in reverse. The graves open as wide as before, but new, disease-free bodies come forth to receive the finishing touch of immortality. They are reunited with loved ones. Children, separated by death, are placed in the arms of their mothers. Husbands and wives are united again and taken up together to meet the Lord in the air. A column of angels on either side escort them to that cloud where Jesus waits to welcome them. What a solemn day! What a happy day for those who hear the words "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (chap. 25:34).

Are you ready for Jesus to come? Are you ready to look into His face with joy and say, "This is my God"? Won't you turn your gaze upward just now and say, "Lord, remember me when thou comest"?

Life Sketch of Elder L. K. Dickson



Louis Klaer Dickson was born in White Plains, New York, June 8, 1890, and died in National City, California, March 24, 1963.

His father was a Presbyterian minister, but his mother became a Seventh-day Adventist by discovering the Sabbath truth in a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. At the age of 18 Louis became a colporteur, later entering the ministry and working in California. In 1911 he was united in marriage with Ysabel Eunice Morton, and in 1915 they moved to the Western Oregon Conference where Elder Dickson carried on pastoral and evangelistic work.

After about six years in that field he was called to the Southern California Conference, where he served only a short time before being called to New York City as the City Temple pastor and evangelist in that needy metropolis. He and his family labored there for ten years, where Elder Dickson did a strong evangelistic work in the heavily congested downtown areas, evangelism being a work he greatly loved.

While in New York City he was elected president of the Greater New York Conference, serving there until 1933, when he accepted a call to Florida as president of that conference.

He later served as president of the Northern California Conference, then of Southeastern California, and subsequently of the Pacific Union Conference, from 1941 to 1945. Wherever he worked he labored devotedly for God.

In 1945 Elder Dickson was asked to go to Washington, D.C., as vice-president of the General Conference for North America, and two years later he became a general vice-president of the General Conference.

In July of 1958 he retired from the work to which the Lord had called him as a young man, only wishing that he had many more years to give to the dear Lord who had led him all the way.

On February 13, 1963, he was struck by a car and severely injured. Six weeks later he fell asleep until the Lord returns to call His beloved dead to awaken and be with Him forevermore. The funeral service was held in the Paradise Valley church, with interment in Glen Abbey Memorial Park.

Elder Dickson is survived by his wife Ysabel; two sons, Dr. Louis L. and Merlyn K.; a daughter, Mrs. Jean D. Lewis; a brother, Dr. A. R. Dickson; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

GEORGE VANDEMAN



A Tribute to Mother

ABRAMHAM LINCOLN said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Memories of my girlhood shine forth with delightful vividness as Mother's Day 1963 approaches. At this season I pay tribute to my own godly mother.

I was one of eight lively children, reared in a big frame house in a little town in western Pennsylvania, with acres of ground, lofty trees, a large vegetable garden, beautiful flower beds, Molly the cow, Tiger the cat, and Bitty the hen. There were trees to climb, haystacks to slide down, an old shed to transform into a playhouse, a hill for sled riding in the wintertime, an apple-tree swing, mudpies to shape and set aside to bake in the sun. The old apple tree outside our bedroom window taught us the stages of growth from the pale pink blossoms to the red, luscious fruit. Not far from our home was a little "woods" where we spent untold happy hours frolicking among the singing birds, violets, tiger lilies, wild geraniums, bluebells, and spring beauties.

When the chill of fall arrived, we searched for bittersweet, picked apples in the country, and in the evening sat by the fire and shelled dried beans, roasted apples, listened to thrilling tales of mother's childhood, or played games. As winter snows made the countryside a fairyland for children, the hill beside our home was transformed into a slippery trail for our homemade bobsled.

Mother encouraged each of us to have our own little garden, and we early learned the joy of intimate friendship with growing things. How well I recall, after an early summer rain, rushing out to the garden and bursting with joy as I saw tiny shoots of green forcing their way through the brown earth! Then we tenderly nurtured our garden and the day finally came when the blossoms bore fruit and we enjoyed the product of our handiwork.

Mother believed that little ones

should be allowed to play in the open air and listen to the birds and learn the love of God as expressed in His beautiful works. She taught us that cultivation of the soil is good for children, bringing them into contact with God and nature. Mother cultivated in her children a love for the beautiful things of nature, and we became familiar with trees, shrubs, and flowers in their varied and delicate forms. Mother still cherishes the wildflowers we transplanted by our home from the woods. Thus we learned as children to see nature as an expression of the love and wisdom of God, and to let the thought of Him be linked with the flowers in their delicate beauty, with the living green that carpets the earth, and with the trees that wave their green banners in the sunlight.

By Eleanor Gainer Quigley

Mother is an energetic, immaculate housekeeper and takes pride in the appearance of her home and family. Homemaking is her career, and she devotes herself untiringly to it. We children all had specific duties to perform, and while we were young she enlisted our help in baking, cooking, washing, ironing, and cleaning. Mother felt that we children should be taught how to perform practical duties of everyday life. When we performed household duties the whole family was helped and blessed by working together. Mother could have done the chores more quickly than we, but she was laying the foundation of usefulness in the character of her children, and she trained us to carry our share of the burdens in the home.

No poor sportsmanship was allowed in our family! At an early age mother tried to instill in us a desire to be good losers, to be thoughtful of others, submissive, and to regard the happiness of others.

We played together, too. Often

mother would join us in a rousing game of baseball, as referee in a football game, or walking with us in the woods or in the country. We enjoyed parlor games in the evening. She gave advice and encouragement as we set up "housekeeping" in the old shed, or as we played Sabbath school.

When school days came, mother prepared a wholesome breakfast for us and saw that we started to school on time. She was always there when we returned home. In the evenings she helped us with our studies or guided us in solving some difficult problem. Although she did not have a college education, she was a genius in working the most difficult math problems. She never took a course in psychology, but as she listened to our tales of woe, our hurts, our disappointments, or as she sat in her creaky rocking chair and talked over our problems with us, our cares melted into insignificance. When we were sick, she sat up with us at night, soothing our feverish brows and making the long hours more bearable. She never complained.

Mother is unselfish and sacrificing. She could not always get the new dress she needed, but she took time to design and sew dresses for our school functions, Sabbath school programs, or graduation exercises. She did without the new hat in order that her boys could get their bike, wagon, or baseball mitt. In spite of her sacrificing, she was neat and trim and had good taste in her clothes. When our father died, she went to work in order to provide some of the necessities, and to help her children remain in school.

Mother was reared a Catholic. She was a true Christian and reared her children as Catholics. Religion was the greatest influence in the lives of us all. Mother dutifully saw that we attended mass, and we were fascinated with the gorgeous display, solemn rites, ornate-robed priests, imposing processions, golden altars, the rich tones of the organ and the melodies of the choir. But we were more

thrilled when one day a layman showed us some pictures of the third angel's message.

Once a week our new-found friend visited us and showed us pictures and related thrilling Bible stories. Little did mother realize that these precious truths were making an indelible impression upon her mind. As she listened to the message week after week she was drinking in the water of life. Mother pondered these truths in her heart, and she believed the doctrines. Now she was hungering for more!

Then Satan began to work. Father forbade our layman friend to come again. He ridiculed and persecuted mother. Disagreements and arguments cropped up, and beneath the semblance of happiness there was disunity in our home. Mother never retaliated, but went about her household duties as a lamb before the shearer—she opened not her mouth.

Then came the happy day when she and her two older daughters were buried with the Lord in baptism to arise to a new life—new in many ways, for our new-found faith changed our entire mode of living—eating, drinking, weekly schedule, dress, associates, and interests.

Mother's consistent life influenced my father and us children so that our lives were imperceptibly molded by her godly life. Sabbath school was a new and joyous experience to us, as was the young people's meeting and other activities of the church.

Mother was a tower of strength in spite of the forbidding obstacles that confronted her from day to day. With them all she remained quiet, calm, and self-possessed. She maintained a sunny disposition in the face of her many trials and heartaches.

Mother counseled, directed, and disciplined us and taught us all the priceless lessons of early childhood. The love in her blue eyes as she administered punishment made us realize her deep love for us. She loved us in spite of the heartaches and trouble we had caused her.

Our family has stayed close together through the years, and mother's devotion and self-sacrifice have paid off. Mother shed tears of joy when my brother graduated from the theological course and preached his first sermon in our home church. One sister went as a missionary nurse to Brazil, returned a doctor's wife, and now is laboring in Brazil; another sister, a teacher, married a teacher; another brother is treasurer of one of our largest churches; one is a chemist; one, a foreman in a wholesale distributor plant; and another, an engineer. I am a minister's wife. All are Adventists except my oldest brother, and he is on our daily prayer list.

From my earliest childhood I recall mother's great faith. We took our needs to the Lord in prayer, and He never disappointed us. Through her example, all eight children silently, gradually learned the priceless lesson of trust in God. Today her lifelong in-

fluence, like a city of refuge against a thousand possible uncertainties, remains to guide us. "Her price is far above rubies. . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed. . . . Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."



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God Bless Our Mothers

By Ruth D. Carnes

Dear Lord, bless our mothers, the guardian angels of our childhood;
The understanding and sympathetic guides of our adolescence;
The cherished and beloved companions of our maturity.

God bless our mothers, who staunchly stand beside us in the hour of disaster and sorrow;
Who unquestioningly believe in us when others criticize, doubt, and forsake.

God bless our mothers, who befriend us when all others desert us;
Who ask no questions, but give freely of their love
To soothe the hurts inflicted by an unloving world.

God bless our mothers, who, even after death, remain enshrined in our hearts
As the sweetest and dearest beings we ever knew!



Mrs. White and the SDA Church—9

Wide Range of Mrs. White's Counsels

Some 20 years ago we had a conversation with an aged leader in the Advent Christian Church. That church is the one segment of the First-day Adventists, coming down through the century from Millerism, that has any size whatever. The other segments have either disappeared or have dwindled until they are scarcely significant in any real sense of the word. The Advent Christian Church has today 30,676 members. It was organized about the same time as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That membership, we might add, has remained almost fixed at the 30,000 point since the early years of the twentieth century.

We had been making a special study of William Miller's writings that were found in the Advent Christian College at Aurora, Illinois. This dear, aged man, former president of the college, and now dead, had been most gracious. We had days of sweet fellowship together and dined at his home. He knew of the amazing growth of Seventh-day Adventists, of the different branches of our work which now spread over the earth. As we drove along at sunset one evening in his car, he said to us in substance:

"Your men through the years have been wiser than our men. You had better leadership. They saw the need of a publishing work and started it, of the need of medical work, of educational, and of a far mission program. And so today you are strong and growing fast, while we are not."

We replied:

"No, my dear brother, I don't think that is quite an accurate statement. Our leaders were not wiser than yours, nor more far-visioned. I think the record will show that they were ordinary flesh and blood, like your men, with great limitations of vision and faith. But we had in our midst a most singular woman. She marked out what we ought to do in the different branches of our work. She was specific and emphatic and insistent. We accepted her counsel and direction, for we believed she had visions from God. That is the reason we have this marvelous organization and why we've grown."

A great silence descended, for the dear Advent Christian people have ever been critical of our belief that Mrs. White possessed the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy. And so we rode along in silence for a time. What his thoughts were, we know not. Finally he remarked, with a gesture toward a grove of trees, "Are not the trees beautiful at sunset?" We agreed, and our fellowship continued—continued, indeed, until his death.

Testimonies on Special Matters

There was another significant contribution that Mrs. White made to the Advent Movement, a contribution often as dramatic as those we have already discussed. That was her endless contacts with men and institutions as she sought to give aid in hours of perplexity, a sense of direction in times of confusion, and rebuke in instances of error and evil. Her correspondence was great. All through her life she wrote her letters by hand. Enlightened by a night vision over some problem of the church, or of some individual, she would rise up to write—often long before daybreak.

The files of the White Estate, which kept carbons of her letters since the beginning of the use of typewriters in the 1880's, bear silent witness to her prodigious literary labors. But the really unique feature of all this was not the volume of her writing, great as it was, or the wide range of her concern, which was as wide as our world program. Rather, it was the amazing insight into human character and human problems that her letters reveal. She dealt at times with the innermost secrets of men's hearts, for it is the secrets of the heart that are the source of all our actions.

A Foolish Explanation

There are those who would seek to explain away this amazing fact with the casual remark that she simply picked up gossip here and there and acted upon it. How easy the explanation! Why did we not think of it before? Why be concerned with her claims to revelation? Gossip explains it, of course, or at least, so we are told.

But let us look again at the matter. What, above all else, is the distinguishing mark of a gatherer of gossip, who in turn acts upon his gossipy knowledge to write to this, that, and the other person? You reply, He is best distinguished as a distressing, even obnoxious, character, who sows discord and ultimately loses all his friends.

But does this describe Mrs. White? No one in his right mind would say Yes. Did she create dissension right and left, and wear out her welcome everywhere? The very opposite was the case. When she wrote letters to individuals and sometimes to churches where trouble existed, the result was generally contrite confession, revival of religious experience, victory over sin. That happened in so many, many instances as to become rather commonplace. Does that describe a gossip?

One of the chief reasons why most individuals receiving letters of warning and rebuke from her were persuaded that she must be speaking for God was that she often described the thoughts and plans of their hearts that they well knew no one else was aware of.

One more vital comment. Mrs. White wrote letters to all the four corners of the world, those letters sometimes arriving before the plans of an individual or the problems of a church had become common knowledge. How would a poor, ill-educated woman of pathetically limited resources have so marvelous an espionage system—or rather, gossip-collecting agency—over the world as to be able to keep immediately informed on so many matters?

Divine Illumination Described

Why pursue the subject further? Why not let us accept the more reasonable explanation, the explanation she herself offered? She said that God gave to her light concerning many matters and that she wrote out what she thus received. Incidentally, she has left on record a few statements that throw light on the mysterious way in which God illumined her mind and directed her thoughts. We have always liked this statement that she made while she was over in Australia:

"Friday, March 19, 1896, I arose early, about half past three o'clock in the morning. While writing upon the fifteenth chapter of John suddenly a wonderful peace came upon me. The whole room seemed to be filled with the atmosphere of heaven. A holy, sacred presence seemed to be in my room. I laid down my pen and was in a waiting attitude to see what the Spirit would say unto me. I saw

no person. I heard no audible voice, but a heavenly watcher seemed close beside me, I felt that I was in the presence of Jesus. The sweet peace and light which seemed to be in my room it is impossible for me to explain or describe. A sacred, holy atmosphere surrounded me, and there was presented to my mind and understanding matters of intense interest and importance. A line of action was laid out before me as if the unseen presence was speaking with me. The matter I had been writing upon seemed to be lost to my mind and another matter distinctly opened before me. A great awe seemed to be upon me as matters were imprinted upon my mind."—Manuscript 12-C, 1896.

In the light of the whole record of her life and the effect of her writings upon the hearts of men, of institutions, and of the movement as a whole, how satisfying as an explanation of her prodigious literary and spiritual labors, or of her counsels by voice and by pen, is this description she herself has given.

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(To be continued)

Cold War in a Monastery

A cold war almost became hot recently in, of all places, a German monastery.

For 30 years a Benedictine monk, Brother Gunther, had been in charge of the Niederaltaich Monastery chicken yard. Then irregularities were discovered in his accounting, and his superior announced that Brother Gallus would be the new chicken master.

This started a cold war. Through threatening letters, defamations, and wild threats, Brother Gunther endeavored to maintain his position and overthrow his rival. When these methods proved ineffective, he decided on murder. With the aid of an electrician, he shorted out an electric outlet in the chicken house, hoping thereby to electrocute Brother Gallus.

The scheme was discovered before its effects were irreversible, and Brother Gunther, as well as his accomplice, was brought to trial. Both men were convicted and sentenced to three years and two months at hard labor. In his testimony before the court Brother Gunther said that when he learned he was to be replaced as chicken master he considered "getting married and becoming a Protestant." (Apparently he abandoned this course of action, considering it more drastic than attempted murder!)

Incomprehensible

Perhaps we find it incomprehensible that a monk would be jealous enough over his position as master of the monastery chicken yard that he would contemplate murder. But how do we relate to the situation when we are replaced as Dorcas leader, after we have rendered many years of service? How do we relate when we are replaced as Sabbath school superintendent, deacon, or elder?

Each person has a little world of his own—a world with its own meaningful status symbols, minor triumphs, or affronts to one's ego. If the Spirit of Christ controls the life, we can make a healthy adjustment to this world, accepting its inequities without becoming embittered, enjoying its successes without becoming exalted, and taking its reverses without becoming downcast. Like Jesus, we will not be "elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. . . . When we are born from above, the same mind will be in us that was in Jesus, the mind that led Him to humble Himself that we might be saved. Then we shall not be seeking the highest place. . . . [We shall understand that] the value of our work is in proportion to the impartation of the Holy Spirit."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 330, 331.

The Benedictine chicken master somehow lost sight of the fact that to be like Christ is of far greater worth

than position, peer group approval, or worldly honors. His confusion of values led him to plot the electrocution of his rival.

Not always does an unsubdued character trait lead to such an evil and dramatic act, but always the results are blighting to the soul. Christ waits at our heart's door to give us victory. Shall we let Him in?

K. H. W.

Five Cigars a Day

"Be ye angry, and sin not" (Eph. 4:26).

We hope it was righteous indignation that we felt recently when we saw the picture of a little, three-and-a-half-year-old girl smoking a cigar. The picture, appearing in the April 4 *Washington Star*, showed Sonia Mae Everson, of Tampa, Florida, puffing on one of the five cigars that she smokes daily. The caption under the picture said: "She took a liking to tobacco when she was six months old. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Everson, said Sonia's pediatrician said the cigars won't hurt her. She likes to alternate puffs from the cigar with licks from a lollypop."

Poor little Sonia! She isn't old enough to know that tobacco smoke contains deadly poisons. She isn't old enough to know that statistical evidence points to smoking as a major cause of lung cancer. She isn't old enough to know that government authorities in several major countries are organizing campaigns to educate their citizens on the dangers of smoking. She isn't old enough to know that the adults who are responsible for her health are betraying her.

But someday she will know. And how will she feel then toward those who permitted her in her innocence to form a powerful habit that will prove costly to her financially and perhaps even more costly in terms of health!

Related Questions

Sonia's case raises related questions concerning the responsibility of parents. For example, are parents fair to their children when they neglect to provide them with religious training? Are they fair when they always blindly champion their children's case against playmates, schoolteachers, or law-enforcement authorities? Are they fair when they lavish upon their children too many of life's good things too soon? Are they fair when by wire-pulling and exerting undue influence they obtain for their children special privileges or honors that are not deserved? Are they fair when they permit their children to make decisions that are the prerogative of parents—decisions that can be made only by mature persons with a broad background of experience and knowledge?

To be a parent is a serious responsibility. "Great is the honor and the responsibility placed upon fathers and mothers, in that they are to stand in the place of God to their children."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 375. "God Himself, who has placed upon them a responsibility for the souls committed to their charge, has ordained that during the earlier years of life, parents shall stand in the place of God to their children."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 308.

To "stand in the place of God"! Let this solemn thought lead every Adventist parent to exercise the greatest care in the task of bringing up his children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Five cigars a day can do terrible damage to the body; but who can measure the damage to the soul that may be done by inconsistent discipline, a critical attitude, or the example of a hypocritical religious experience?

K. H. W.

Reports From Far and Near

OPERATION SEA LIGHT

By Wilbur K. Nelson, *Department of Religion, South China Union College*

OPERATION Sea Light is a medical missionary, visitation-evangelism plan designed to reach the 150,000 souls who live in boats in the British colony of Hong Kong on the China coast. It also carries the gospel to island communities and coastal villages that cannot be reached by land transportation. Students and staff members of the mission medical and educational institutions are cooperating in conducting clinics, distributing tracts, holding branch Sabbath schools, conducting Bible studies, finding Voice of Prophecy correspondence students, and seeking out interested people. They are dedicating afternoons and weekends to this sea evangelism.

Hong Kong, "Pearl of the Orient," is a traditional gateway to China and crossroad of the sea lanes of the world. Five thousand ocean-going vessels call at this port each year. Boats from China's coastal cities—now closed to missionaries—regularly unload goods at Hong Kong. Youth participating in Operation Sea Light distribute literature to these ships from near and far. These rays will encircle the globe.

It was in 1888 that Abram La Rue, a former gold miner, seaman, shepherd, and self-supporting missionary, began his missionary endeavors for China, from

Hong Kong. Because of his advanced age—he was 80—he had been denied the privilege of going to China as a missionary. He was advised, instead, to go to "one of the islands of the Pacific." Now, Hong Kong happens to be an island and almost incidentally it is in the Pacific Ocean. Actually it is in sight of the China mainland!

Spectacular changes have taken place in Hong Kong since those early days when Brother La Rue labored alone among the ships in the harbor. Today in this bustling metropolis we have a number of fine churches, and schools with more than 3,000 students enrolled. Under the leadership of E. L. Longway, president of the South China Island Union Mission, an energetic campaign for the construction of a new sanitarium and hospital is nearing completion.

Students from many parts of the Far Eastern Division are preparing for service at our South China Union College. Operation Sea Light is giving them training in team evangelism, and providing them with experience and materials.

Clinics were begun in villages near the college at Clear Water Bay, by missionary doctors Clarence and Isabel Ing. These clinics were followed by branch Sabbath

schools, and visitation by the students. Claude Miller, president of the Hong Kong Mission, Samuel Yang, president of the college, and teachers in the Bible department are working with the students.

A boat was needed for Operation Sea Light, and the Lord provided one in a most providential way. The husband of a Catholic patient of an Adventist doctor on the other side of the Pacific died, and the doctor had taken time to attend his funeral. Grateful for his interest, she offered him a boat her husband had nearly completed at the time of his death and in which he had invested considerable time and means. The doctor replied he did not feel in a position to purchase it.

"I don't want to sell you the boat. I want to give it to you!" the woman explained. The doctor replied that he could not personally accept the gift, but mentioned that his son was in need of a boat for missionary work in Hong Kong. He would accept the boat on his son's behalf, put it up for sale, and forward the funds for this purpose if she wished. She was pleased with this arrangement, and received considerable comfort from the pictures and reports of the boat's ministry. It carries her husband's name on the bow, in recognition of her interest.

1) Left to right: Sampan with patients queue up beside the Adventist clinic boat *Hamilton Payne* at a Hong Kong coastal village. 2) Young missionary Larry Nelson distributes tracts atop the floating clinic as patients wait in sam-



Further encouragement was given Operation Sea Light by pioneer medical missionary Dr. Harry Miller, now actively engaged in the new hospital development, 60 years after his first arrival in China. Dr. Miller is providing soy milk for free distribution to needy, undernourished children living aboard the Chinese houseboats. Also active in the sea evangelism work are college staff members Brother and Sister Chester Lindt and Elder and Mrs. Delbert Curry, whose own small boats regularly carry students to the coastal and offshore villages.

The future of Operation Sea Light in this strategically situated coastal colony is a subject for which the prayers of all God's people are requested.

Laboring Amid Difficulties in East Indonesia

By J. A. Raranta, *President
Nusa Tenggara Mission*
Translated by Audrey M. Wilcox

Alor, one of the many islands in the Nusa Tenggara Mission, is situated just north of Portuguese Timor. The district of Pantar, with its capital city of Kalabahi, is beautiful, but it is fanatically opposed to the Advent message. Brother Charles Silalahi and I conducted the first public effort ever held in Kalabahi. Through the combined efforts of the members, especially H. H. J. Ottemoesoc, the church elder, and P. F. Thene, the Bible worker, the meetings progressed well in spite of many difficulties. The interest was so large that the public school building in the center of the city was filled to overflowing every night.

A regular system of visitation kept us in touch with all who requested us to come to their homes. But Satan did not fail to send his representatives to disrupt the interest. When controversial questions

posed by a fanatical Christian group did not achieve the desired results, these enemies of the truth resorted to rock throwing. While many were coming forward during the call on the nineteenth night, the building was showered with rocks. But those attending remained calm. During the showing of some film slides a large rock suddenly came flying over the head of Brother Silalahi, our local mission secretary-treasurer, who was running the projector. Although it seemed that he would surely be hit, God's hand protected him from harm. The next day the news circulated that both Brother Silalahi and I had received severe injuries. That night people were much surprised to see us at the meeting, safe and sound.

In order to avoid damage to the school building and the furniture, the last nine meetings were held in our own place of worship. The police force seemed unable to do anything, however, and the rocks continued to fall. At the close of the effort 16 people were ready for baptism, among them a Moslem priest. But because of severe persecution only seven were baptized.

Secretly we had chosen a place for the baptism at Moimal, about eight miles distant, but we were surprised that our plans were known to our enemies also. As we were preparing for the service after our arrival we heard the shouts of many people approaching the place. Soon hundreds of people armed with bows and arrows surrounded us. With knives unsheathed, the head of the village came with his friends, and they waved their swords over our heads and near our throats, telling us to leave and forbidding us to hold our baptism that day.

When I approached the village chief and spoke kindly to him, his anger melted, and he laid his knife down. We invited him to sit down, which he did, and then, with face pale and body trembling, he asked that the baptism be carried on. Then the crowd dispersed, and we conducted the baptism in peace and

quiet. At the close of the baptism the religious leader of these fanatics appeared very angry because the two Adventist ministers were not killed. Surely God was with us, for their evil plans were broken up.

A second baptism was held in a swimming pool in Kalabahi. These same people came again to disrupt our meeting, and to put fear in our hearts. They pointed their guns at us. We, however, were not shaken, and the baptism was completed without their doing anything. One person who was their special target was baptized at night in the ocean.

Nine persons were added as a result of the efforts of the lay members, and seven from the meetings—a total of 16. We were thus able to organize two churches at one time—one at Kalabahi with 24 members, and one at Moimal with 15 members.

On the fifteenth of December seven were baptized at the Kupang church. Many visitors were present. In the afternoon the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and an influential young Protestant minister of that city took part. This caused a great commotion in the community, as well as in his church. We were called to the Religious Department office to explain this incident, but suggested that it would be more appropriate if the minister himself should testify. He asked for one week's time in which to answer the accusation, but three days later he was forced to testify. His answer was simple: "I would rather associate with those who are closest to Christ." He was asked to recant, but refused to do so.

This minister was forbidden to go anywhere except on church business, but he continues to meet with our workers and quietly attends our church services. Pray that he will soon give himself completely to Christ.

Some time ago the villagers of No-Emina, on Timor, became jealous of one of our zealous and faithful church members who lives there. He was faithful in paying his tithe, and God had blessed

3) A forlorn child of the sea waits in the family sampan as her mother seeks the doctor's help.
4) Dr. Clarence Ing instructs a mother regarding the treatment of her child as student evangelistic assistants stand by.





Above: The Dededo church on Guam mutely testifies to the destructive force of Typhoon Karen. Below: The maternity ward of the Guam Memorial Hospital from which Dr. Walter Thompson evacuated patients during Typhoon Karen.

him and his family with a rich harvest of corn, rice, and fruit of various kinds. While the family were all away one day the villagers burned their house and all their corn, rice, and other produce stored inside. The villagers noticed that this man and his family never grumbled, but gathered the scorched corn to keep from starving later. Their actions amazed the villagers, who observed that these Adventists surely are extraordinary people. In time of trial they still praised God!

Last June an old man in the village, a former heathen, was baptized. When asked what had interested him in the truth, he said it was the character of that "strange" brother who did not waver even though everything he owned was destroyed by fire. This was proof to him that the Adventist Church must be God's church.

During 1962 Nusa Tenggara baptized 59 persons. There is still much work to be done in this mission. On several islands—such as Lombok, Flores, Sumbawa, and Sumba—there are no organized churches. However, calls are coming to us and opportunities are opening up for us to send workers into this area. Remember the Lord's work here in your prayers.

Medical Hero Honored by Guam Legislature

By G. A. Haas, *President*
Far Eastern Island Mission

The January 26 *Guam Daily News* reported that the Guam Legislature, then in session, had voted a special resolution commending Dr. Walter C. Thompson, of the Far Eastern Island Mission medical clinic, for his heroism at the Guam Memorial Hospital on the night of November 11, 1962, when Typhoon Karen swept the island. The resolution reads: "Relative to commending Dr. Walter Thompson, M.D., of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, for his heroism at the Guam Memorial Hospital during the night of Typhoon Karen, *'Be it Resolved by The Legislature of The Territory of Guam:*

"WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Thompson, M.D., of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Agana Heights, Guam, although not on the staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital, nevertheless took it upon himself to be at the hospital at its hours of

greatest need, that is, during the long night of Typhoon Karen; and

"WHEREAS, while at his post as volunteer doctor on the Maternity Ward of said hospital on that night, Dr. Thompson by his courage, calmness and fortitude prevented panic from breaking out among the mothers, fathers, nurses and other hospital employees, who all eventually were forced to take refuge in the delivery room on the fourth floor of the hospital when the typhoon essentially destroyed the remainder of said Maternity Ward; and

"WHEREAS, when it later became necessary to evacuate the babies and mothers and others on the ward, Dr. Thompson remained to the end, assisting other volunteers in carrying out the babies and in helping the mothers out and was one of the last persons to leave the ward; as a result of his heroism along with that of his assistants, miraculously, not one life was lost nor one baby even slightly injured; now therefore be it

'Resolved, that the Seventh Guam Legislature does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam express to Dr. Walter Thompson, M.D., of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, warm commendation and sincere praise for his heroism at the Guam Memorial Hospital during the night of Typhoon Karen; and be it further

'Resolved, that this resolution do also serve as an expression of commendation to the said Seventh-day Adventist Church for its operation of Dr. Thompson's Clinic which has over the years done much in the way of providing low-cost medical assistance in the territory needing the same, without regard for race, color, or creed, all of which is in the highest traditions of the American missionary movement; and be it further

'Resolved, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Director, Far Eastern Island Mission, Seventh-day Adventist Church, to Dr. Walter Thompson, M.D., and to the Governor of Guam."

In an emergency some people panic and must be taken care of; others barely manage to take care of themselves; and a few forget themselves and do all they can to help others. We are grateful for missionary heroes who in a crisis think first of how they can serve others.

The Guam Memorial Hospital maternity ward is on the top floor of the four-story structure. During the night of the typhoon the windows crashed into the rooms where the mothers were housed. They were moved into the hallway, but when the wood partitions, the false ceiling, and the doors began to give, they were moved into the nursery. Soon the windows there gave way also, and it was decided to evacuate them to the first floor. The stairwells were completely blocked with debris, but it was still possible to run the elevators at the far end of the building from the nursery by emergency power. Traversing the 300 feet of hallway to the elevators was a thing of terror.

Each mother was given a baby (not necessarily her own) to carry to safety.

One of them, a Mrs. Ana S. N. Gogue, of Sinajana, waited for her own child. "If anything was going to happen to my baby," she said later, "I wanted to see it happen, and then I could not blame anyone else for carelessness." With tears in her eyes she recounted the events of that night and concluded with the comment, "I know that Dr. Thompson is a great man."

During the night Dr. Thompson delivered two infants, one for a patient he had never seen before. Other doctors were not available. Dr. Thompson left his wife and own infant son at his home—which was literally torn to pieces by the storm—in order to be available at the hospital. When daylight came a check revealed that one babe was missing. It was found safe and sound in a closet of the nursery.

We hope that another doctor will soon be available to join Dr. Thompson in his large practice.

Guided by Angels

By L. A. Ramirez, *Departmental Secretary*
Central American Union

Grandma Atención lived in David, Panama. Ten years ago she was the only Adventist in the family. It was not easy for her to be an Adventist, because all the rest of the family attended the big, popular cathedral across the city plaza.

However, her isolated existence in the midst of her family improved when a little four-year-old grandson, César, came to live with her. In time Grandma Atención's heart thrilled to hear the little boy whisper, "Nanita, I love you best of all." How he loved to have grandmother read to him from *Our Little Friend*. No matter how many good stories she read, he would always ask, "Please read me some more, Nanita."

Soon bright little César noticed that every week grandma would dress up in her best clothes and then disappear for a whole morning. Those were always long, lonely mornings for the little boy.

One such morning Grandma Atención kissed César and promised to be back in a little while. After she left, the little lad wondered: "Why doesn't Nanita take me with her?" As if in answer to his own question he decided: "I believe I should follow Nanita."

César's two little legs carried him block after block, following grandma. But grandma was far ahead, and going as fast as he could, he was still two blocks behind. Courageously the little boy's feet pattered up strange, new streets. Suddenly Nanita was out of sight. The little tot continued his pursuit to the spot where he had last seen her. But she was nowhere to be found. Grandma was gone, and little César was lost.

"I will bow my head and say a little prayer to Jesus, as Nanita has taught me." When he said "Amen" and opened his eyes, close by he saw a door wide open. Since it was the only open door he could

see, he wondered—"Maybe grandma is inside. I will walk in." He peered inside and saw many rows of benches. Sabbath school was about to begin, and the people were singing. He searched in row after row. How happy and relieved he was when finally he saw grandmother, who sat sharing a songbook with the person next to her. Quietly the little boy sat down beside her.

You can imagine how startled and surprised grandma was when she looked down and saw her little grandson gazing at her. "How did you get here, Niño?" she asked softly but excitedly. "I walked, Nanita," whispered little César. "Angels must have led you here!" she exclaimed.

She took César by the hand and said, "Come with me," and led him to the cradle roll department. With wide-eyed wonder little César looked about the room and saw the beautiful pictures of Jesus and angels and heard the children singing lovely songs. "This is so good!" thought the little boy. "No wonder grandma likes to come here."

On the way home, as grandma and little César walked hand in hand, she confessed, "I did not bring you with me because I was afraid that all the rest of the family would cause a lot of trouble for you and for me if I were to take you to Sabbath school. But Jesus sent His angels to guide you to Sabbath school. I am going to explain to our family what happened as soon as I get home, and from now on you can be sure that every Sabbath morning you and I are going to walk to Sabbath school together."

César looked up at her and said, "That's good, Grandma!"

It has been about ten years since all this happened. A few months ago 14-year-old César Atención was baptized by Evangelist Roy Henneberg at the close of

a successful effort in the city of David. Now César is our youngest and one of the most successful colporteurs in the Panama Conference. The same angels who led him to Sabbath school are now accompanying him as he delivers books to the people. His friends are praying that he will earn at least one scholarship in the coming summer months, so he may continue his education at our academy in Alejuela, Costa Rica.

The Message Enters the Taita Hills

By A. H. Brandt

Years ago an unnamed colporteur made his way on foot from Tanganyika to Kenya in East Africa. On his way he sold books in the villages through which he passed. Soon after entering Kenya he came to the Taita Hills, about 100 miles from Mombasa. In these hills he found people of many tribes—the Galos from Ethiopia, tribesmen from the Sabaka River, and large groups from Ukamba.

One night the colporteur slept in a house belonging to Adam, a deacon in another Protestant church. On leaving in the morning, after prayer with Adam and his family, the colporteur gave them a little book containing a message of the true Sabbath. Adam was not interested, and left the book in his bookcase for several years.

The colporteur went on and two days later arrived at the home of Simeon, an active politician. Here he also left a book. Like Adam, however, Simeon was not interested, and for four years the book was unread.

One day Adam, who was a farmer, went



First fruits of evangelism in the Taita Hills, including Adam and Simeon.



Helping the Refugees in South Korea

Koreans are a great people, but many of them are also greatly in need of the necessities of life. South Korea, Formosa, and Hong Kong are filled to capacity and beyond with refugees. They love freedom, and many of them are looking for something that will give them a better hope.

We try to help these people spiritually, as well as materially. We are trying to educate them, and to help them medically and with needed food and clothing.

We thank our believers in the homeland for what they are doing through the Dorcas-Welfare Societies. C. A. Williams is in charge of distributing U.S. Government surplus food to more than 70,000 people through our relief department. For every 100 packages of food and clothing we have to give out, at least a thousand show up to receive them.

One day Jesus will come and do away forever with suffering and sin. When He does, will you be among those to whom He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me?"

R. C. THOMAS, *Departmental Secretary*
Korean Union Mission

Above, left to right: A temporary church in east Korea. These recipients, each with a ticket received the day before at the local church, stand in line to receive food and clothing.

Below, left to right: "Let us go home, little one, now we have something to eat." "This is the happiest day of my life." "None for me?" "I need a doctor."



to market to sell some of his produce. On the same day Simeon came from his home in the opposite direction to purchase food. Before leaving home, as he looked for something to read on the way, his eyes fell on the little book that had been untouched for so many years. He took it along, and as he sat in the market he leafed through it. As he read, Adam passed by, and seeing the little book in Simeon's hand, he recognized it was the same as he had received from the colpor-

teur. The two men began discussing the book, and agreed that they would meet again to go into its message in a more detailed way.

After some months they both agreed that the book contained the truth, and they set out to find a church that kept the true Sabbath. They found the Voice of Prophecy. In 1962 we conducted public meetings in the Taita Hills, and some interest was created. During the meetings Adam gave his heart fully to the Lord and

accepted the Advent message. He also gave a piece of land to the church and built a small temporary place of worship—our first in this previously unentered territory.

Late in 1962 we conducted a small effort in this district and were delighted to see four persons enter the waters of baptism. This little company is now made up of about a dozen people. We thank the Lord for these first fruits in a new part of our mission territory.

Spring Council Report

By A. F. Tarr
Associate Secretary
General Conference

Always dominating the thinking and planning of SDA's is the one great objective, advancement—advancement in every undertaking to which as a church we have set our hand. This is evident in our local churches, in our conference and union sessions, in division councils, and perhaps even more marked in the Spring and Autumn Councils of the General Conference. Certainly, the recently held Spring Council (April 9-11) was no exception.

Attended by the locally resident members, by the union presidents in North America, and a number of institutional leaders both of the General Conference and union institutions, a spirit of courage and earnest, enthusiastic devotion characterized every meeting.

All were saddened to reflect on the absence of A. V. Olson who after many years of faithful and devoted service in God's cause had on the very opening day of the council been laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. To this beloved and now fallen warrior R. R. Figuhr paid special tribute as the council convened. We also greatly missed the friendly, inspiring voice of the Pacific Union Conference president, R. R. Bietz, who through illness was unable to be present. W. J. Blacker, the secretary-treasurer, attended in his stead.

Elder Figuhr, in the first devotional hour, stressed the test of genuine discipleship, as with other words spoken by our Saviour in Matthew 7:21-29 he read: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Very heartening, indeed, were the reports presented by C. L. Torrey, and his associate treasurers in the General Con-

ference, and by the statistical secretary, E. L. Becker. The church membership for North America has now passed the 350,000 mark; the exact figure for December 31, 1962, was 351,048. Full reports from the world field for that date were not yet available, but one striking feature of the printed figures is a revelation of the progress since the first report issued by our denomination 99 years ago. The figures then and now are as follows:

	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Total Workers & Colporteurs
1863	22	8	30
1962	2,822	815	18,911
			(1961 figure)
	Membership	Tithe	Mission Offerings
1863	3,500	\$8,000.00	Nil
1962	351,048	\$49,193,801.90	\$13,216,383.52

In the Southern African Division alone we now have a membership of 202,389 with an enrollment in the baptismal classes of 120,000. And the baptisms in our world field were 55 times as great in 1962 as was the denominational total membership in 1863.

How great a stream now flows from that little rivulet of 99 years ago. And in the light of expansion like this could the note sounded at our council be anything else but fervent praise to God and deep gratitude to a faithful, self-denying church membership? No other church in all the world gives as generously as do Seventh-day Adventists, as was also witnessed by the figures of the Million-Dollar Offering received in connection with the last General Conference session, which will result in a gift to the field at home and abroad of \$1,161,418.15.

Report by Secretary

W. R. Beach reported that the number of new and returning missionaries who left home bases for front lines of endeavor in 1962 was one of the largest ever, the grand total being 449 from the following home fields:

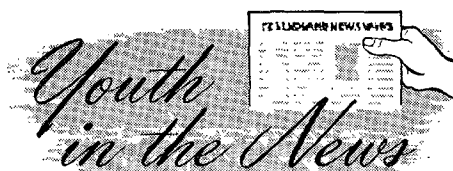
Australasia	49
South America	44
Southern Europe	32
Northern Europe	30
North America	279
Southern Africa	15
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In addition, 14 overseas nationals who had come to the United States for study and training returned for service in their home divisions.

After paying tribute to our great mission force and to those who stood by with their offerings and their prayers, Elder Beach concluded: "We are still on the periphery of the task confronting us. Let us resolve to gird up our strength to do and to go and to give with total involvement, at home and overseas, in all that is entrusted to us, until the work is done."

What has become known as the Five-Day Plan received special study by the council, and action was taken to strengthen this unique phase of our endeavor to rescue men and women from the strangle hold of tobacco.

The council was cheered to learn from F. D. Nichol that the REVIEW AND HERALD circulation list was 1,000 subscriptions higher than at the close of the campaign a year earlier. Elder Nichol reminded the



► Eleven student literature evangelists of the British Columbia Conference were awarded scholarship certificates at a recent chapel service at Canadian Union College. Two of these students spent part of last summer on the West Coast with the *Northern Light* mission launch, while another canvassed in the far north along the Alaska Highway.

council that the REVIEW AND HERALD is dedicated not only to help men and women into our message but to hold them and make them strong Seventh-day Adventists in the work of God.

The following action relative to the First Sabbath program was adopted by the council:

"In order to secure more unified and concerted action in carrying out the year-round program of soul-winning activities as voted by each Autumn Council; and,

"WHEREAS, We have been told: 'If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world.'—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 221.

"We recommend, That an appeal go forth from this 1963 Spring Council urging the pastors throughout the North American Division to utilize the first Sabbath of each month to present the soul-winning topics dealing with coordinated evangelism as sponsored by the various departments."

Study was given to an Autumn Council action taken in 1962 extending the present two-year Ministerial Internship Plan to include an additional year of internship or scholarship. It was at that time voted that the *Working Policy* be edited to harmonize with the new provisions of the Ministerial Internship Plan, and that the re-edited wording be submitted to the 1963 spring meeting. In harmony with this action the full Ministerial Training Program as now worded was submitted to the council and approved.

Study was also given by the council to a substitution suggested by Andrews University for the archeological study tour in the Holy Land that had not materialized. In harmony with this suggestion it was now arranged that a ten-week tour in the field of New Testament be offered, with headquarters in our Italian Training School in Florence, Italy, in 1964.

Calls to the mission fields, and the transfer of workers within the North American Division, were among other items of business handled by the session.

It was a good council and ended, as it began, with hearts and voices ascending in gratitude to God for past blessings; and with the added petition that He, who had so richly blessed in days gone by, might with our renewed dedication vouchsafe to us even greater achievements in the days ahead.



Mr. and Mrs. David E. Nielsen and three children, of Fresno, California, left Los Angeles, California, April 1, for Puerto Rico. Brother Nielsen has accepted an appointment as a physiotherapist to the Bella Vista Hospital, in Mayaguez.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Ashworth and child, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, sailed on the S.S. *Santa Malta*, from San Francisco, California, April 1, for Ecuador. Brother Ashworth is to do pioneer work for the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer E. Pifer and two children sailed on the M.S. *Titanica* from New York City, April 5, going to Nigeria. This family formerly served in the Southern Asia Division. They are now returning after furlough, and will connect with the Northern European Division. Brother Pifer will be an X-ray and laboratory technician in the Ile-Ife Mission Hospital.

W. R. BEACH

Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



Atlantic Union

Reported by
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► D. E. Caslow, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, has accepted a call to become home missionary, radio-TV, and temperance secretary of the North Pacific Union Conference. Elder and Mrs. Caslow left on April 15.

► A Vacation Bible School . . . a baptism! Mrs. Walter Yonke, a member of the Ballston Spa, New York, church, was on the Vacation Bible School staff in the summer of 1962. She brought with her each day the little daughter of her next-door neighbor. The child's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Papke, was interested in the many things her daughter learned in such a short time at the Adventist church. She attended graduation and went away, favorably impressed. It wasn't long before she was taking Bible studies from Mrs. Yonke and on February 16, just six months after the close of Vacation Bible School, she was baptized by H. J. Harris.

► A call has been placed by the Southern New England Conference for J. W. Gilley, who is attending Andrews University, to serve as associate pastor of the South Lancaster Village church. The conference committee also voted to make a separate district of the Lowell and Lynn, Massachusetts, churches.

► F. L. Jones, secretary-treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, reports that construction work has begun on the New Haven, Connecticut, church. When completed about October 1, this church will have a value of approximately \$150,000. He stated also that the church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has been taken over by the Redevelopment Board of that city to make way for a new building project in the area. A new lot has been purchased, and the members are planning to build a new church in the near future. In Brooklyn, New York, the Park Place congregation has signed a contract for an attractive church in the downtown section of Brooklyn. A remodeling program is in progress.



Canadian Union

Reported by
Evelyn M. Bowles

► The Maritime Conference committee recently voted to invite D. E. Tinkler, president of the Newfoundland Mission, to be president. L. L. Bock, former Maritime Conference president, has taken up his duties as president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

► Carl Wessman, who has served as pastor of the Queen's Road church in St. John's, Newfoundland, has accepted a call

to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, as pastor of the Regina church.

► Eight young people were baptized in the St. John, New Brunswick, church on March 2. These are the first fruits of regular Sabbath baptismal classes held in the St. John and Barnesville churches.

► Eleven persons were baptized at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on March 2, by D. R. Watts, who was assisted by R. L. Bergey. Evangelistic meetings are being held each Sunday night in the church, and a score of competent lay workers are visiting It Is Written TV interests. The Saskatoon church is praying for a baptismal service every month.

► A three-week series of evangelistic meetings are under way in the Calgary Central church. The series is being conducted by Larry E. Dasher, who is assisted by Don Melashenko, music director. Thirty-eight have responded to calls to surrender to Christ; seven of these have already been baptized. Others are making definite preparation for baptism.

► Rudolph Skoretz has launched a three-week concentrated evangelistic effort in the Ukrainian language, in the spacious Winnipeg school auditorium. The evangelistic team consists of Pastor Skoretz and his wife, who looks after operation of films and prepares the stage, and Steve Yaseyko, assistant pastor, music director, and soloist. A number who had been given Bible studies by their fireside are now attending the meetings regularly.

► The lieutenant governor of Manitoba,

the Honorable Errick F. Willis, together with Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Mitchner, and the lieutenant governor's aide-de-camp, a Mr. Scott, attended the hour of worship at the Young Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Winnipeg on Sabbath, March 16. The Honorable Mr. Willis read the Scripture lesson, Matthew 24:3-35. "Our Glorious Hope" was the message presented by the pastor, R. A. Matthews.



Central Union

Reported by
Mrs. Clara Anderson

► P. J. Roland, from the Northwest Pacific Press Branch, is now manager of the Colorado Conference Book and Bible House.

► The Nebraska Conference office and Book and Bible House held open house Sunday afternoon April 7. The conference offices have been completely remodeled, and new Book and Bible House display rooms have been completed.

► D. W. Holbrook, presently assistant professor of religion at Union College, has been voted by the college board to be college relations director. The newly created office will include college development, general on- and off-campus public relations, and administrative assistant to the president.

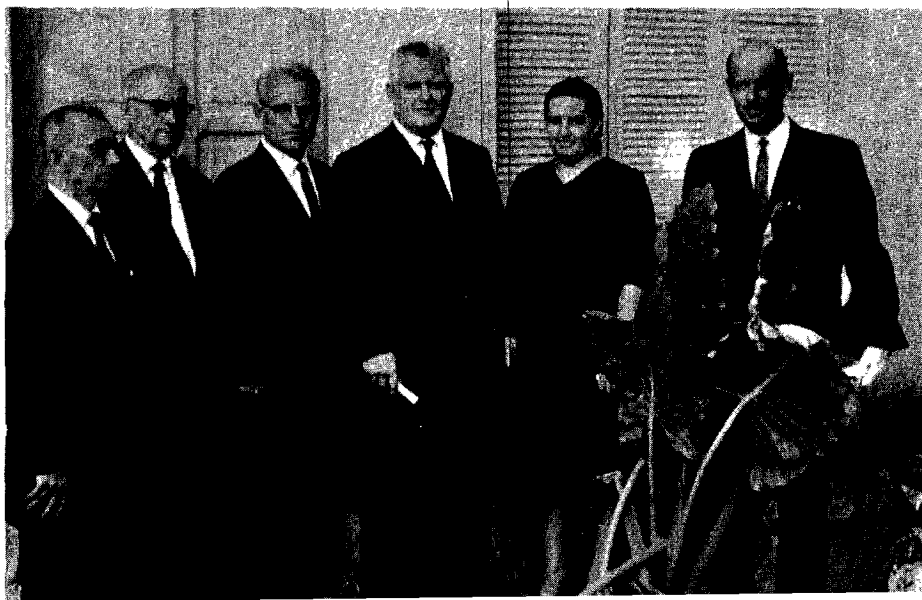
► Dr. Robert E. Firth, professor of business administration at Union College, has been appointed to serve as director of the 1963 summer session. He will serve in the absence of Dr. George L. Caviness, academic dean, who will be studying at the University of Michigan this summer.

► Lois Orr, a secretary in the Kansas Conference office, has accepted a call to be a secretary in the Colorado Conference office.

East Brazil Ordination

Palmer Harder was ordained in Baixo Guandu, Espírito Santo, Brazil, on January 19. Pictured (left to right) are R. Belz, president of the East Brazil Union; E. Roth, former president of the East Brazil Union; Andrew Fearing, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association; Elder and Mrs. Harder; and J. J. Aitken, president of the South American Division.

R. BELZ, President
East Brazil Union Mission





Religious Liberty Oratorical Contest

The first oratorical contest on religious liberty to be sponsored by any Seventh-day Adventist college was recently held at Andrews University. Winners were Roland Lehnoff, junior theology student from Skokie, Illinois (second left), and Norma Smith, senior speech major from Roanoke, Virginia. The title of Lehnoff's speech, "Crisis of the Crumbling Wall," stressed the dangers of public aid for transportation of private school children. Norma Smith examined the dangers of Sunday-closing laws under the title "Is Slavery Coming Back?"

The winners attended part of the ten-day religious liberty workshop held in Washington, D.C., during spring vacation, along with representatives from Atlantic Union College and Columbia Union College.

Pictured with the winners are Dr. Horace Shaw, Andrews University professor of speech; Robert Feather; W. Melvin Adams, associate secretary of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department (second right); Gordon Engen of the Lake Union religious liberty department (third left); and F. O. Rittenhouse, president of the University (right).

DONALD LEE, Public Relations Director
Andrews University



Columbia Union

Reported by
Don A. Roth

► Harold A. Schaefer, of Iowa, is the new pastor of the Johnstown-Indiana-Somerset district in the West Pennsylvania Conference. He replaces E. A. Roberts, who is now a district leader in the Southern New England Conference.

► Joseph Ball will be the new ministerial intern for the West Pennsylvania Conference, beginning in June. He will be located in Pittsburgh and assist Victor Zuchowski, pastor of the Shadyside church.

► A new district has been formed in the West Pennsylvania Conference, with Raymond West as district leader. He will pastor the Butler, Apollo, and Shannuck Valley churches.

► Another new TV station has been added to the Faith for Today list in western Pennsylvania. The Altoona station begins telecasting the program this month.

► Howard J. Capman, president of the Potomac Conference since 1958, has announced plans for retirement. A conference president for 22 years, he will retire in March, 1964, upon completion of his forty-seventh year of denominational service.



Lake Union

Reported by
Mrs. Mildred Wade

► A dedicatory service was held at Broadview Academy in Illinois, February 24, for the new Allen TC3 organ recently presented by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kleist and daughter, Adeline, of Brookfield. The church pastor, J. H. Zachary, was assisted in the service by R. P. Bailey, principal, and W. A. Nelson, president of the conference. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pound, instructors in the music department, presented the recital.

► The Battle Creek Health Center in Michigan is now offering a physical therapy training course. A class of 24 students

is currently enrolled, under the supervision of Dr. J. D. Henriksen, director of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Another course is to be offered later.

► The first Bible Conference for Michigan academy and college students was held March 13-17 at Camp au Sable. L. C. Caviness, youth leader for the Michigan Conference, and his assistant, William Edsell, were in charge. Lectures were given by many denominational leaders from the General, Lake Union, and Michigan conferences, as well as from Andrews University. A lively discussion period followed each lecture.



Northern Union

Reported by
L. H. Netteburg

► The diamond jubilee of the Duluth, Minnesota, Seventh-day Adventist church was held on Friday and Sabbath, March 29 and 30, under the direction of J. R. Coyle, pastor. J. L. Dittberner and C. H. Lauda were guest speakers. Musical numbers were presented by the Maplewood Academy Choralists.

► A project was started in the Beach, North Dakota, area late last summer that has resulted in the placing of 25 Chapel records in the music library of radio station KGLE, whose signal covers all of western North Dakota. Some of these records are played each day, and one number by Brad Braley is used as a sign-off every night. Much good will has been manifest as a result of this project.

► Minnesota held a youth congress April 4-6, with meetings in the Minneapolis Southview church and the Minneapolis South High School. The program included W. A. Fagal, the Faith for Today Quartet, E. W. Dunbar, and D. J. Bieber.



North Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► Present for the dedicatory service of the Tacoma, Washington, Central church on February 9 were R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference; Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference for North America; C. A. Scriven, president of the North Pacific Union; N. R. Dower, president of the Washington Conference; Douglas Marchus, pastor; and Wayne Wentland, local elder. Elder Figuhr spoke at the afternoon service.

► On the afternoon of March 26 the Seattle SDA Welfare Center was officially opened. Mrs. Helen Tyrrell, the director, cut a white ribbon tied across the front door. A TV cameraman and newspaper photographers recorded the ceremonies. D. A. Neufeld was master of ceremonies. Participants included Mayor Gordon Clinton; F. F. Bush and R. A. Rentfro, pastors of the Seattle churches; Miss Irma Heider, assistant county welfare adminis-

trator; and John A. Peluso, executive secretary of St. Vincent de Paul.

► At the conclusion of a four-week meeting in Beaverton, Oregon, 25 people took their stand to join the remnant church. R. L. Kretz and C. V. Hartnell are now engaged in an evangelistic series for the Hillsboro, Oregon, church.

► Kenneth Cummings, publishing secretary of the Montana Conference since December of 1960, has been granted a leave of absence to complete his college education.

► Paul Gordon and Marvin Robertson, both WWC alumni, have accepted invitations to join the WWC faculty. Elder Gordon will serve as academy chaplain, director of counseling, and Bible teacher; while Mr. Robertson will teach a course in the college music department, direct academy choral music, teach voice, and have charge of the music program in the Rogers Elementary School. Betty Henderson, 1962 *cum laude* graduate of WWC now teaching in Yakima, will teach the second grade in the elementary school.

► R. E. Sneed, pastor of the Springfield, Oregon, church, conducted baptismal services on March 16 and 23. Twenty-nine were baptized, two were received on profession of faith, and two were rebaptized. Four of those baptized received help in overcoming the cigarette habit through a Five-Day Clinic conducted by Elder Sneed and Dr. James McHan, Springfield physician, at which 27 people indicated complete victory over the tobacco habit.



Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► Elder and Mrs. Charles Baker are planning retirement after 40 years of active service. They began their work in the Nebraska Conference, served in the highlands of Peru and Bolivia, taught at Mountain View Union Academy, and since 1950 have been teaching at the Loma Linda Union Academy. He has taught Bible, and she, Spanish and typing. They plan to enter self-supporting missionary work, possibly in Mexico.

► Rose Reuer is supervisor of the maternity department in the new Castle Memorial Hospital in Hawaii. She received her B.S. degree from Walla Walla College and worked for nine years in the Empress Zauditu Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Prior to coming to Hawaii she was employed by the White Memorial Hospital.

► Stanley Harris has recently come from the North Pacific Union to serve as conference evangelist in Central California. Elder Harris opened a series of meetings in the Modesto church April 7, and is being assisted by R. H. Libby, local pastor; H. V. Shafer, pastor of the Ceres church; and Viola Brooks, Bible instructor.

► Dr. Richard Hammill, an associate secretary of the General Conference Education Department, conducted the Spring Week of Devotion on the Loma Linda campus of the Loma Linda University. His

subject was "The Christian and His Environment."

► Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Neuendorff have left Loma Linda University for Nevati, Peru, where he will head construction work and assist in erecting a school and clinic. She will serve as a nurse in the clinic.

► Chaplain of the Castle Memorial Hospital and pastor of the Waimanalo church is R. H. Babcock, who has been pastor of the Kahului church on Maui.

► R. S. Watts, a general vice-president of the General Conference, was a guest speaker at the Northern California Conference academies April 23 to 29.



Southwestern Union

Reported by
H. W. Kleser

► The Texas Conference reports more than \$37,000 worth of literature delivered during the first two months of 1963, which is well ahead of the goal.

► The most modern and up-to-date church school in the Texas Conference has just been completed by the Fort Worth-Handley churches.

Generous Giving in Bolivia

The spirit of liberality and sacrifice is manifested in the mission field as well as in the homeland. Genero Alejo, from the mission station of Santa Fe in Bolivia, came to mission headquarters early this year with an offering of one million bolivianos (equivalent to about U.S. \$83) for evangelism. He explained that because the Lord had been so good to him on his farm, he wanted to return something extra to Him. As a result of his gift, well over U.S. \$2,000, a significant sum for Bolivia, has been pledged by workers and laymen for evangelism in Bolivia this year.

KARL H. BAHR
Secretary-treasurer
Bolivia Mission



► Branch Sabbath schools in the Texas Conference have risen to 325. The goal is for every Sabbath school class to foster a branch Sabbath school.

► A goal of 2,094 converts during 1963 was set by laymen in the Texas Conference.

► Fletcher Judge, president of the Bandom Manufacturing Corporation, reports that 155 students from Southwestern Union College are employed, and that more than \$75,000 in labor scholarships has been paid to the college. The Bandom Corporation also has a branch plant at Ozark Academy, where 23 students are earning part of their expenses.

► The Oklahoma Conference reports that churches at Guymon and Wagoner have been completed and will be ready for dedication early this summer.

► Joel Dortch has been appointed assistant Book and Bible House manager of the Oklahoma Conference, taking the place of R. R. Rouse, who has been promoted to manager.

Church Calendar

Disaster and Famine Relief Offering	May 11
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 18
Home Foreign Evangelism	June 1
Church Missionary Offering	June 1
North American Missions Offering	June 8
Thirtieth Sabbath Offering	
(Inter-American Division)	June 29
Medical Missionary Day	July 6
Church Medical Missionary Offering	July 6
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 13
Pioneer Evangelism (Dark County)	August 3
Church Missionary Offering	August 3

REVIEW and HERALD

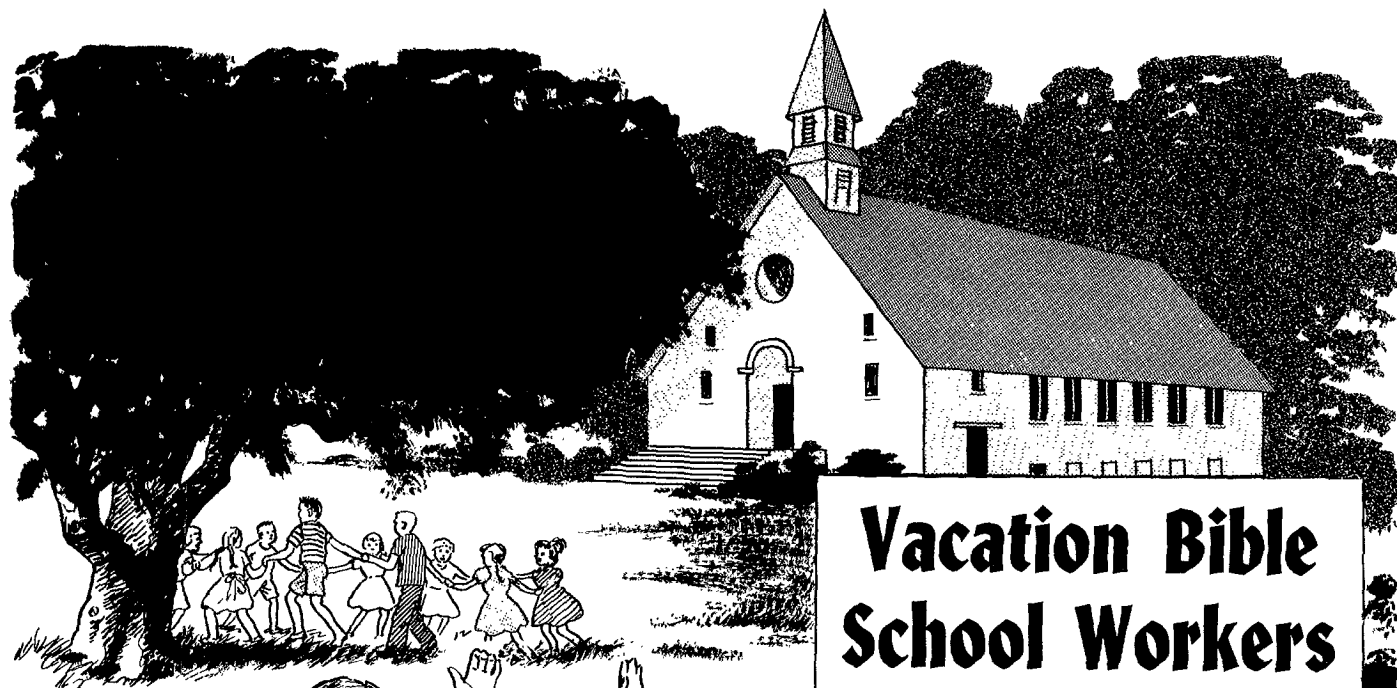
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News of Note

Southern Union Conference Session

The present Southern Union Conference, formed in 1932 when two unions were merged, has grown from a membership back there of 11,842 to 45,096 in 1962, and is the second largest in North America. Annual tithe receipts in 1932 were \$199,823, whereas in 1962 the figure was \$5,121,912. Literature sales have topped one million dollars every year of the last quadrennium. The list of institutions in the union is impressive: Six union-operated hospitals, nineteen medical centers privately owned and operated by Adventist members, three General Conference institutions, and a goodly number of academies and intermediate schools. Such are some of the evidences of progress and growth in Southern.

At the quadrennial session held April 22 and 23 in Miami, the officers and departmental leaders were returned to office much as before. The new list reads: Don R. Rees, president; LeRoy J. Leiske, secretary; K. C. Beem, treasurer and associate secretary; C. M. Laue, auditor; B. J. Penner and R. E. Green, associate auditors; V. W. Becker, secretary, department of education; S. S. Will, Sabbath school, home missionary and radio-TV; Eric Ristau, publishing, with W. E. Roberson and M. G. Cato as associates; Desmond Cummings, YPMV and temperance; O. L. Heinrich, public relations and church development. LeRoy J. Leiske also serves as medical, religious liberty, and secretary of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions, with two associates in the medical and dental fields—Drs. Joe S. Cruise and E. E. Carman, respectively. W. P. BRADLEY

The Sabbath and Unemployment Compensation

Adell H. Sherbert, a Seventh-day Adventist of Spartanburg, S.C., was refused unemployment compensation because of her Sabbathkeeping. On April 24, 1963, her appeal was argued before the Supreme Court of the United States. The point at issue is whether a Seventh-day Adventist who will not accept employment on Saturday becomes ineligible for unemployment compensation. The decision of the Court will be given sometime during the next two months. M. E. LOEWEN

Death of Richard Ruhling

Elder Richard Ruhling, for nearly 17 years a field secretary of the General Conference, died at Takoma Park, Maryland, April 26, 1963. He was 73 years of age.

Elder Ruhling was born July 1, 1889, in Germany. He began his denominational service in Berlin, in the East German

Union, in 1912, and was secretary of that union for more than seven years. Later he served as secretary-treasurer of the German Mission Society, and as president of the Czechoslovakian Union. He was secretary of the Central European Division when he was called to be a field secretary of the General Conference. He served the denomination for 39 years before retiring in 1951.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

News Items for Review

This is a general reply to those who ask us why their particular part of the field is not represented as fully in the REVIEW as some other parts of the field. The explanation is simple: The reporters for the REVIEW are the public relations secretaries, the pastors, and other workers in the conferences. They must largely be eyes and ears for the church paper. Some are more diligent than others in this area of activity. The ideal is for every area of the world field to be represented—the REVIEW does not wish to be partial. Many news items of general interest take place in the home field every week, and we are interested in them. Many heart-warming stories occur overseas, and we want these also. We never get too much of really sparkling, significant news.

So, remember, if your field is not adequately represented, perhaps you have been so busy with other activities that you have failed to send in the good news of what is taking place in your area. Remember, too, we are interested in good pictures. Please keep in mind, also, that every report sent in should be signed. It is not enough to identify it simply as from the PR office, or the personnel office, or some other such title. We want names. That is what helps most to identify news stories. Accuracy, expedition, and news value—all these we want and need in order to keep the whole field constantly informed on the good things that are happening everywhere in the work of God.

Heart Team on Good-Will Expedition to Pakistan

The U.S. Department of State has selected the heart surgery team from Loma Linda University's White Memorial Hospital and Clinic to make a special good-will expedition to Pakistan. In Karachi the team will spend three to four weeks performing open-heart surgery on Pakistanis suffering from heart defects.

The story began when a Moslem factory worker, Z. A. K. Zafar, wrote to the editor of the *Signs of the Times* for help for his tiny daughter, crippled by a congenital heart disorder. The letter came to the attention of doctors at Loma Linda University, and arrangements were made for

Mr. Zafar and three-year-old Afshan to be flown to California by the U.S. Air Force. The surgery was successfully performed, and the joyful father returned to Pakistan with his daughter last October.

Word of the "miracle" that saved the life of Afshan spread across Pakistan, and both the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital and the U.S. Embassy were besieged by parents of children similarly afflicted who wished them to be treated in the same way. It was recognized at once that flying all the patients to the U.S. would be out of the question, but officials at the American Embassy and the hospital were reluctant to turn away the afflicted persons without help.

Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson provided the solution to the dilemma by arranging to have the Agency for International Development (AID) fly the surgery team to Pakistan with the 1,500 pounds of equipment needed for the complicated surgical procedure. A massive appeal was launched in Pakistan's newspapers to provide donors for the large amounts of blood needed for the program.

The Seventh-day Adventist team, consisting of physicians Ellsworth E. Wareham, C. Joan Coggin, F. Lynn Artress, Wilfred M. Huse, Nurse Lavaun W. Sutton, and Technician Lester H. Gibson, was scheduled to arrive in Pakistan May 2. It also plans stops at Bangkok and Taipei, where it is expected that much can be accomplished in bringing our medical work to the attention of the public and in helping victims of heart disorders.

M. V. CAMPBELL

Yellowstone Park Services

Sabbath services at Yellowstone National Park will be held again this summer at the Old Faithful Recreation Hall, June 8 through September 7. Sabbath school will begin at 10:00 A.M.

G. C. WILLIAMSON, President
Wyoming Conference

Faith for Today Offering

Faith for Today is grateful to the many church members of the North American Division who had part in the recent annual offering appeal, but there is deep concern over the fact that the amount reported thus far is \$12,000 less than last year's amount.

This deficit over last year means that opportunities to televise in new, strategic areas will have to be passed up unless the situation changes soon. This possibility is particularly distressing in view of present trends to restrict television time allocated to religion. This pressure is forcing Faith for Today out of certain areas.

Our only course is to count on the faithfulness of God's people to meet the crisis and press forward with vigor where openings for television time exist.

Should Faith for Today be telecast in your community, be sure to let the station manager know that the program is appreciated in your home. Also, encourage your neighbors to view the program every week.

E. R. WALDE