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*Deep in the hearts of God's people today
the Spirit that inspired the pioneers lives on.*

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Cairo, Egypt

CAIRO, in Arabic, means "victorious." This great, throbbing metropolis greets the visitor who has been absent for five years with a king-size thump on the emotions. I had forgotten the sentimental appeal of Egypt and her intractable miseries. Immediately I felt at home with the Egyptian gruff, yet earthy, hospitality. There seems to be a universal urge here to welcome strangers and to provide for their every need. It is impossible to get lost. Someone always approaches in the name of good will and hospitality to see you through a difficulty or an embarrassment.

I had also forgotten how many Egyptians are bundled into so narrow a fertile strip, clamoring, pushing, eating, laughing, and swaying like a vast African cornfield. When I first set foot in Egypt (in 1937), the population of the country was barely 15 million. Today it approaches 30 million. During the present century, the number of Egyptians has tripled. Egypt's fundamental task is one of stark physical survival, and it is staggering to consider. The colossal enterprise of the high dam at Aswan, the biggest thing ever made in Africa, is being carried forward with great hope. Evidently, however, this enterprise will be no more than a palliative. The greatest projects can hardly hope to keep up with the inexorable multiplication of the Egyptians, hemmed in by deserts and salt water.

Let there be no mistake: Egypt is destined to play an important role in the world scene and in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of the Middle East. One must not shrug off Egypt as a land of monuments and souvenirs—though monuments and souvenirs abound. Napoleon called Egypt "the most important country." In one way or another the condition of Egypt has affected many peoples, leaving few altogether indifferent. The Parisian scholar Jacques Bertue has described the Middle East as "those illustrious lands . . . which form an arc clustering around the desert and pointing toward France." I suppose some Frenchmen consider Egypt a wayward stepchild of French civilization. French culture and education have marked Egypt indelibly. In fact, after Arabic, French is the most widely taught and used language in Egypt.

Cairo the victorious can still claim the attention of the world for its surprising monuments. In the national museum patient mummies lie in the dust of the centuries, grinning at the



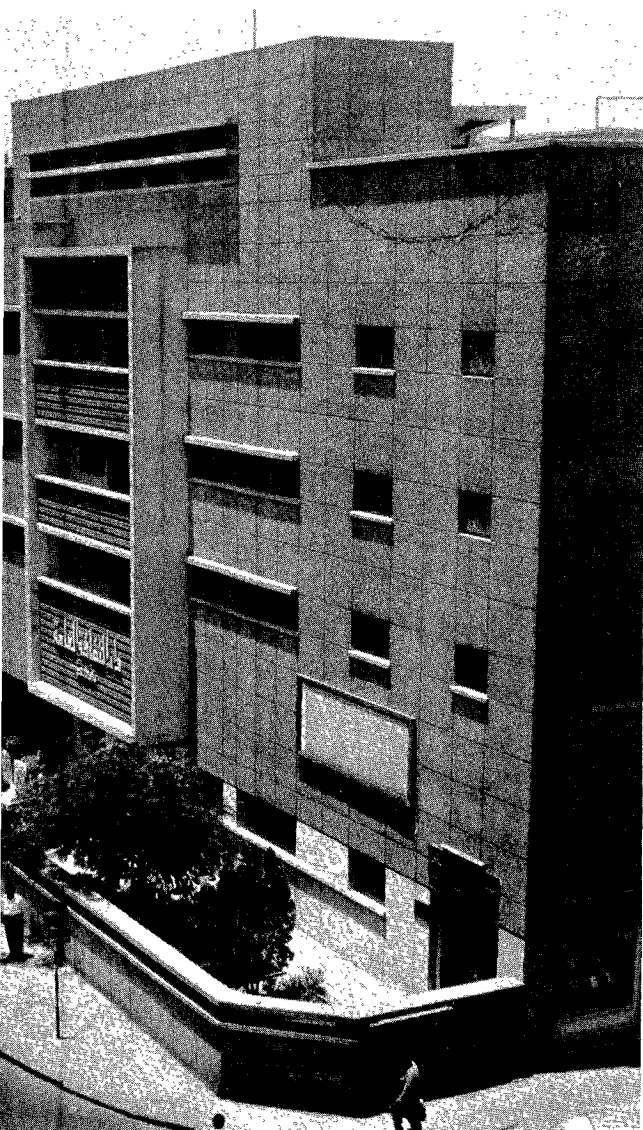
passers-by through toothless immobility. There is the citadel, the Azahar Islamic University, and Mohammed Ali Mosque. A short distance across the Nile River are the pyramids and the sphinx. These represent man's most arduous attempt at conquering mortality. There, 4,000 years of history look down upon the visitor.

Adventist Work in Cairo

One always finds enrichment and inspiration in remembering these sights. However, there is now in the heart of Cairo an edifice that surpasses in importance all others for Seventh-day Adventists. Over the past years the church has built the Cairo Adventist Cultural Center. It stands right on Ramses Square, and to countless citizens it is a daily witness to truth and the power of God. This center includes a church hall seating 1,000. A second hall is used for youth meetings, church activities highlighted by classes in practical living, the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and other activities aimed at providing better living for Cairo's worthy inhabitants.

Permission has now been secured to operate the Cairo Cultural Center, and the municipality has cooperated in providing well-kept gardens around it, as part of the development of beautiful Ramses Square. During our visit the meetings at the Center were well attended, and a baptismal service was held for 11 candidates. The Egyptian authorities have honored themselves in their attitude toward this Center, and Seventh-day Adventists around the circle of the world have cause for gratitude.

Another development testifies to divine providence. It concerns the operation of our training school. Some difficulty developed in the operation of a school, because government examinations invariably fall on Sabbath. After educational authorities were consulted, it was decided to organize courses that prepare for the General Certificate examination (a British qualification). The examinations for this program never fall on Sabbath. Thus a student, after completion of the course, can enroll either in the theological section or in any other branch of specialized stud-



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Left: The Cairo Cultural Center entrance. Right: Another view of the Cairo Center. In the distance is the Cairo railway station, which faces on Ramses Square. The Center used to be surrounded by buildings, but they have been torn down as part of the master plan for the Square. Landscaping improves the esthetic appeal of the Center.

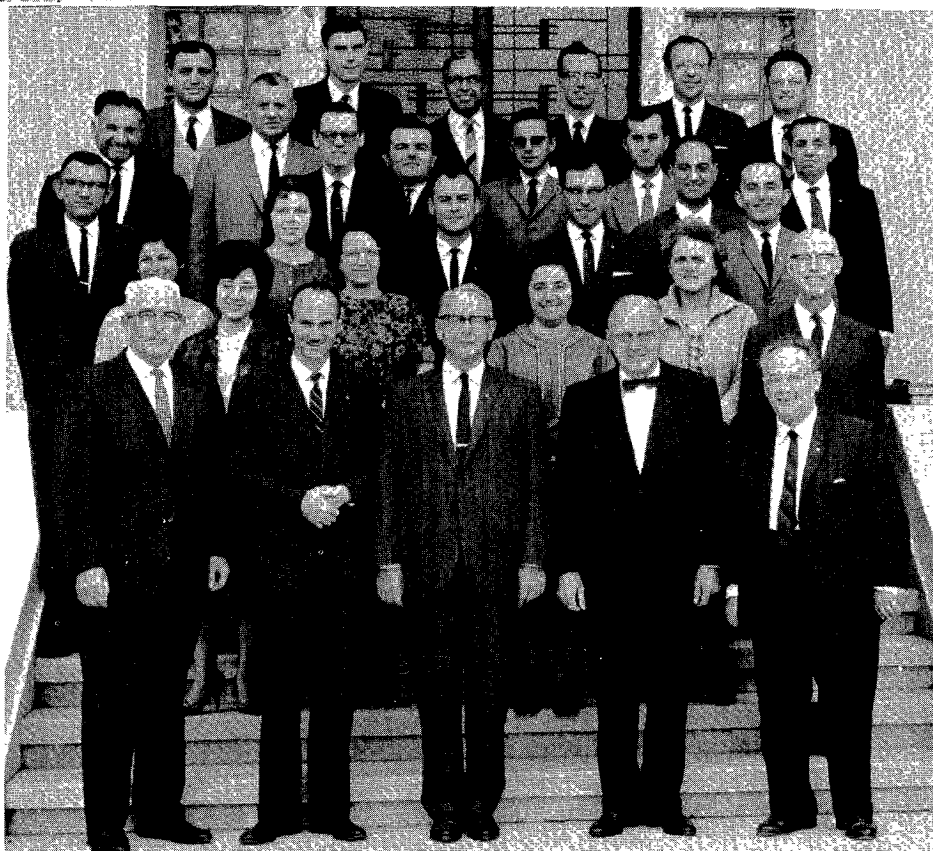
Below: Annual meeting of workers of the Middle East Division. Front row (left to right): R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference; R. C. Darnell, secretary of the division; R. A. Wilcox, president of the Middle East Division; V. A. Fenn, treasurer of the division; W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference.

ies in any university. The advantages in this arrangement are evident.

A further concession is most pleasing. The director-general of education in the area has sponsored a request on our behalf that our training school be recognized as coeducational. Several attempts to obtain this recognition were flatly denied in the past. After various formalities, the ministry of education has now issued an order granting permission to operate our training school as a coeducational institution.

The Cairo Cultural Center follows a consistent, regular program of evangelism, week after week. Large evangelistic campaigns as such are not the order of the day, but meetings continue on an average of four weekly throughout the year. The courses and study groups that complete the program make their contribution too. During the current year 30 have been baptized into church membership through the services of the Center.

Egypt's Missionary Volunteer secretary, Hanna Malaka, directed a summer camp in 1965 that attracted 150 campers. A baptismal class was con-



ducted with 44 members attending regularly. The spiritual fervor of the camp was felt throughout the neighborhood. Many of the citizens joined the campers in the evening meetings and expressed admiration for the program. The Egyptian minister of supplies, who lives near the campsite, was greatly interested in the program. He listened intently to the Advent choruses sung by the campers. Sabbath afternoon an Investiture service was held, with 30 receiving various MV Class Honors. The climax came when five young people were buried with their Lord in baptism. This was the first baptism in Egypt to be celebrated in waters of the Mediterranean. The sea had raged much of the time during the camp, but for the baptismal service the Mediterranean became serene and calm, as if by heavenly command.

Vacation Bible Schools are a strong factor in Egypt's evangelistic program. No equipment was available for these schools the past summer, yet 861 were in attendance. Many with their parents continue their contacts with the church and are advancing toward church membership.

A number of small projectors and films are now available in Egypt for evangelism. Several members of the Cairo church, in particular, are engaged in a strong missionary endeavor. It was interesting to see these brethren and sisters at the time of the baptismal service. They attended with "their" future baptismal candidates. In fact, several of the candidates baptized Sabbath had friends with them whom they are preparing for baptism.

The total tithes and offerings in Egypt are up 25 per cent in 1965 over 1964. This is a noteworthy achievement.

While in Egypt we have thought a great deal about the Benghazi Hospital, in Libya to the west. That little institution, begun by Dr. Roy E. Cornell in 1956, continues in the original hotel building, but it is destined soon to move to larger and more adequate facilities. The Libya Government has authorized Seventh-day Adventists to buy land in the name of the General Conference Corporation. The architects have completed the design of the new hospital, the Government has approved the project, and all contracts are now operative. The oil corporations have provided in cash \$750,000, or 75 per cent of the cost. Dr. D. C. Ludington, medical director, and Cleo Johnson, business manager, together with the fine hospital staff, are moving forward in this great advance program.

Nor are the evangelistic interests of God's kingdom neglected in Benghazi. The hospital staff and church have done much with the distribution of literature, particularly the journal *Call to Health*. They now sponsor some 700 subscriptions in Libya. The response has been beyond all expectations. Daily letters come to the editorial offices from Libyans who request to be enrolled in the health correspondence course, asking for more literature, or indicating that they have pledged themselves to abstain from

tobacco and alcohol in all its forms. Incidentally, the financial achievements of the Benghazi church are on the average the highest in the Middle East.

Thus, Cairo the victorious casts her shadow of progress and advance across a growing work in Egypt and Libya. Here too, "Onward, Ever Onward" is the motto and the goal. Let us join these dear stalwarts in finishing the work everywhere, including the needy domain of our hearts.

W. R. BEACH

"Out of Weakness... Made Strong"

By Ernest Lloyd

IT IS highly important that we never undervalue any agency or means for good because it appears to be weak and insignificant. What power was wrapped up in the infant Jesus! When He grew up and entered upon His public ministry many made a fearful mistake they expressed in the disparaging question "Is not this the carpenter's son?" In other words, "What can you expect from an uneducated family? He has never attended the schools of the rabbis!" But such is the attitude of many otherwise intelligent people today toward the lowly and humble. Most of us are impressed with the powerful, the rich, and the brilliant, and we do not always rightly value the potentialities of the weak and apparently insignificant.

We are ever to remember that God has chosen the weak things of the world to accomplish His mighty purposes. In the natural world we see the power of God's little agencies exhibited everywhere. He wraps up tremendous power in small packages. The mustard-seed parable is almost constantly illustrated before our eyes, as we daily witness the great issuing from the small. At its mouth the river, which at its source is a tiny stream over which a child can step, is broad and deep enough to bear a navy.

In both the Old and the New Testament we see how often God works out His mighty objectives, not through the strong, but through the lives of weak men and women, many of whom had little or no formal preparation for doing great things. Note in your Bible the names of the poor men and women and youth whom God used in the days of old. He is doing the same

today. It is the weak person, fully consecrated and *wholly* given to Him and His work, whom God can use, and of whom it may be said, as it was of Caleb of old, "He hath wholly followed the Lord."

Such was the life of Ellen G. White. A poor, weak, young woman, frail in health and with little formal education, but willing and ready to do God's bidding, eager to serve in His cause and to make known His great message for this generation, she became, under God, the guiding influence of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Her influence is still felt in every department of our great and growing work in all the earth. Only eternity will reveal the far-reaching influences for good that have grown out of this frail instrument of divine power. Her books have been circulated by multiplied millions!

Many thousands are walking in the light of truth today because of one or more of these precious volumes. Other thousands are doubtless reading something from her pen while this paragraph is being typed. What a wonderful winner of souls *Steps to Christ* has been through the years! About 10 million copies of this one book have been circulated, in 85 languages! What other religious book, aside from the Bible, proclaims its message in so many languages?

As a girl, Ellen G. White linked her will to the will of God, worked diligently to improve her humble talents, and developed into a tower of strength for His people. Out of weakness she was made strong. What a blessing she has been in the world through her personal influence, and through her writings! Countless thou-

sands still purchase and read these inspired books. Our leaders, teachers, editors, medical workers, ministers, conference workers, fathers and mothers, and consecrated youth still turn with grateful hearts to her writings.

Every church member needs to be fortified today against the pressure of evil forces, and the Word of God and the writings of His special messenger for these testing days contain the very help young and old need in order to live victoriously and effectively for

Christ. How signally has God honored us as a people, and how richly has He bestowed His blessings upon us! Let us benefit by all the helps that He has placed within our reach.

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper" (2 Chron. 20:20). We are *established* in the things of God through constant belief and faith, and we *prosper* in the way of truth and righteousness as we follow His guiding counsels.

their hearts and changed their lives. I think of our professional men who join our pastors in Ingathering service. I am mindful of our business and professional men who devote much time and who give generously toward our various church and conference goals. A large number of our people give a number of hours each week to holding Bible studies, or in Christian help work. For the mission work of the church, many sacrifice things they need. Recently we were planning to meet with several of our professional and business men, of whom one was a physician. He said, "My evenings are pretty well taken up with Bible studies each week. I do keep three evenings somewhat open. We could meet on one of those evenings, or on Sunday morning."

We are assured that God's people will be willing in the day of His power (Ps. 110:3). Indeed, the present time is the day of opportunity and need, both at home and in mission lands. We should be doing more to meet the needs, by our dedication of heart and service. We should be more faithful as a people in stewardship and in intercession. We need to be more worthy of people's estimate of us as a Bible-loving and Bible-studying people. Everything should be on God's altar—our hearts, our abilities, our possessions, our all.

A lovely example of this relationship to God came into focus recently in the passing of a dear sister in Michigan, Mrs. Pearl E. Sooy. For some months she had not been well. However, long before the end came, Brother and Sister Walter Sooy arranged to provide financial help for God's work in Michigan and the far-flung mission program of the church. Through the years three sources of reading were always evident in the Sooy home—the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the *REVIEW AND HERALD*. Theirs is a noble example, and indeed there are many others whose dedication serves as a joy and challenge to us.

A sister came to me at the close of a meeting in one of our churches, explaining that she has long had a burden on her heart to help rebuild one of our boarding academies where the buildings are old and unfit. She was evidently well along in age and unable to work. She stated that her income was slightly less than \$100 a month, but that she felt impressed to dedicate one quarter of that amount each month to help with the academy building work. Then she added, "The welfare of our youth is just as heavy on my heart as it is on yours." I left that church building that Sabbath afternoon with gratitude in my heart for God's loyal and faithful people in all lands of earth.

Loyalty and Devotion to the Advent Message

By N. C. Wilson
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A FEW months ago one of our fine young people in Michigan asked me, "In your 40 years and more in the Adventist ministry in various parts of the world, what is the most significant change you have observed in the thinking and attitude of our people?"

I found the question somewhat difficult to answer in a clear and satisfying way. Certain changes take place gradually and almost unrecognized, over a period of years. Changes in methods and procedure may come, and probably should come. What we must, however, guard against is change in our personal relationship to standards and principles set forth for the Advent people in the Bible and in the instruction of God's messenger to the remnant church. Heaven's standards for God's people do not change with the passing of years or centuries, for they are the expression of the character of an unchanging God.

Of one thing I am very certain, however, and that is that the love and grace of God, accepted into the human heart, produce the same results today as they did 50 or 100 years ago. When the love of God, manifest in so many ways, and chiefly in the gift of Jesus to the human family, is received into the believer's heart it produces a willingness and desire to bless and help everyone about him. A realization of God's loving-kindness and mercy challenges the believer to live for God today, in total commitment, regardless of what the standards or practices of the world may be.

I said to the young person who asked me about the changes over the years, "I am one who is encouraged and challenged by the loyalty and faithfulness of the Advent people to-

day. For many years in various parts of the world I have had the opportunity of close contact with, and observation of, both laity and leaders. It seems to me that the fires of Advent zeal and dedication are burning today much in the same way as they did 104 years ago when the Michigan Conference was organized. It makes little difference where on earth we find God's people. The message of His love and forgiveness, and of our Saviour's return, produces the same results—loyalty to God, willingness to sacrifice, a love for the worldwide family, a desire to share our faith, and a dedication to the standards of living as found in the Bible and the writings of God's messenger to the Advent people."

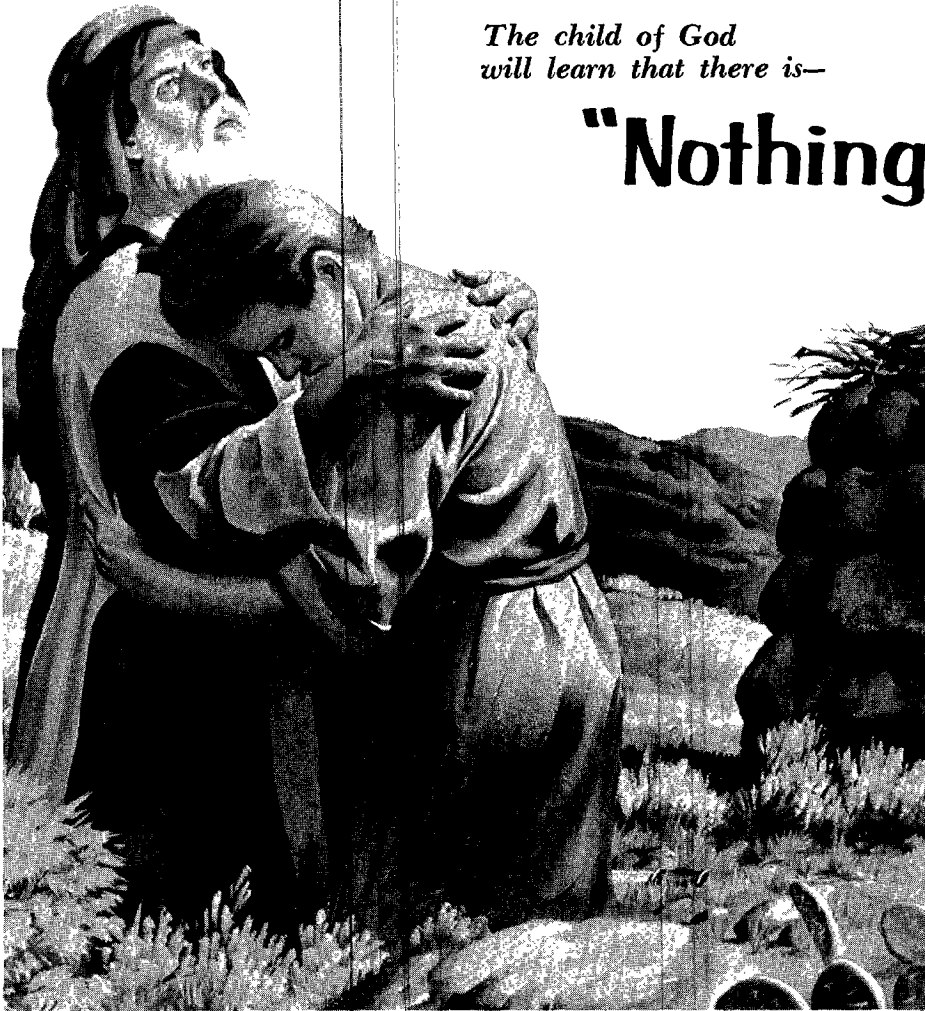
I recall a Chinese brother in Java who was a prosperous merchant. When Ingathering time came he asked whether he might join me in making some calls. I gladly agreed to our spending the day together in soliciting mission funds. It was a good day. The thing that impressed me most was his reply to my question about his interest in gathering mission funds. His reply was that someone had given and had sacrificed in order that God's message could reach him. How could he do less, especially when the Advent message had so wonderfully changed his own life and had been such a blessing in his home and business? Then he said, "I can't do enough to show my gratitude to God for His mercy and love."

No, I don't suppose for a moment that we have fully attained, or that we have adequately measured up to God's standard for us. But the earnestness and loyalty of the brethren and sisters encourage me and assure me that the love of God has warmed

*The child of God
will learn that there is—*

"Nothing Too Precious

By Robert H. Pierson



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In a supreme act of faith, Abraham offered up his son.

THE tragic drama is moving swiftly to its climax. The long, painful journey is over. Abraham and Isaac stand alone upon Mount Moriah—their hill of heartbreak. The altar has been erected, the wood laid carefully upon it. The hour of agony has come. With trembling voice the old man unfolds the message he has received from God but a few days before. An amazed Isaac learns the fearful truth—he is to become his father's sacrifice.

Easily the youth could escape, but the son of promise yields himself in willing submission. Tenderly Isaac seeks to comfort his old father, encouraging him to bind the cords that will secure him to the altar.

His heart crushed with an anguish only a father's heart can know, Abraham holds Isaac close to him in a last sad farewell. The obedient youth lies, a willing sacrifice, upon the cold altar. The grief-stricken father lifts the knife that will take the life of his son—his only son. Suddenly his nerveless arm is stayed. A voice of authority filled with love speaks:

"Lay not thine hand upon the lad,

neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me" (Gen. 22:12).

You know well the thrilling climax of this glorious story of faith. The place of expected tragedy became Jehovah-jireh, a spot where the man of God learned again that "the Lord will provide."

What a drama! What a faith! What a sacrifice! What an ending! What an object lesson for you and me living in 1966! Thou "hast not withheld thy son, thine only son" from Me! Abraham was willing to give his most cherished possession as a love offering to God!

Of this proffered sacrifice the servant of the Lord says, "The lesson was given to shine down through the ages, that we may learn that there is nothing too precious to be given to God."—*Our High Calling*, p. 191. "Nothing too precious to be given to God"—this is the lesson every true child of God must learn *now*.

Nearly nineteen centuries later the God who stayed Abraham's knife on

Moriah participated in another drama of love and heartbreak. On Calvary, God's own arm was raised above His own Son. Now there was no substitute. This time the cruel blow fell. "God so loved the world, that he gave"—gave His most precious gift. He gave His Son. He gave His *only* Son—the Son of His love, His equal, His delight, His constant companion from eternity.

God gave that only Son as a sacrifice. Jesus did not undertake His mission of mercy only as a messenger of peace. He did not live to preach, to help, to heal, and then to return to heaven a conquering hero, unscathed. God gave His Son to a life of reproach and ignominy—a life of shame. He gave Him to the vilest death a man could experience—death upon a cross.

"God suffered with His Son. In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 13.

What a lesson of love! What a lesson in giving! What a lesson of sacrifice! "There is nothing too precious to be given." God did not stop short of giving what He expects us to give—everything!

Object Lessons in the Mission Field

From our vantage ground here in the mission field we missionaries see many object lessons of self-renouncing love. Here on my desk is a letter from Linda, a young missionary wife and mother, written while she was on furlough. "It isn't easy to leave our parents," her letter says. "All of them are ill; my mother has cancer; my father is afflicted with heart trouble. My husband's mother, age 84, has just broken her wrist. But as long as the field is open in Africa we feel that we should go back." They are back now, God bless them, carrying on for God—their second term of mission service in this great continent. Linda and Bill have learned that nothing is too precious to be given to God.

Don and Helen learned the same lesson a few years ago when their three-year-old daughter was suddenly taken from them on a lonely mission

to Give"

station deep in the jungle of central Congo.

"Do you know what it is like to see the most precious possession you have snatched from you in death?" Don wrote later, "Do you know what it is to be alone, thousands of miles from home and loved ones, at a time like this? There she lay, looking like a little angel. Her little body was at rest at last. We were too stunned to understand, too shocked to cry. I bent over and kissed her good-by until we see her in heaven someday."

"*Nothing too precious to give.*" Would you trade places with Linda and Bill, or with Don and Helen? Is it not easier to drop a dollar or a thousand dollars into the offering plate than to give your own flesh and blood to help finish the work of God? Heaven gives each one of us an opportunity to share in the blessings of preaching the third angel's message to every kindred, tongue, and people. Some are called to leave home and loved ones, to give of their talents and means in lands afar. Others have the easier role to play, giving of their means week by week in the homeland. Both are equally important! But both are not equally easy.

Urgent Needs of the Work

There are so many urgent needs in the work of God today—both at home and abroad. I know, for I have had the privilege of serving many years in both sections of His vineyard. I know the struggle some of our conferences in the homeland experience in building their churches, in maintaining their institutions, and in expanding their work. They labor under tremendous pressure.

Here in the mission field we are constantly confronted with financial heartaches. Here is a letter that came to me only yesterday. Forty souls in Tanzania are waiting for baptism. The African pastor's meager travel budget has been exhausted, and he cannot travel the long distance to baptize those eager new believers.

When I visit our leper colonies I can't sleep at night—my bed is too comfortable; my blankets are too clean; I am too warm. Somehow, those shivering, scantily clad dark

bodies sitting or sleeping on the cold, hard earth without adequate blankets haunt my fitful slumber. Those scaly stubs where fingers once had been, those missing toes, those puffy cheeks, those appealing, blood-shot eyes—how can I ever forget them? These people need our prayers, it is true, but they also need our *money* to provide them with blankets and good food!

If We Had the Love of Christ

The servant of the Lord says, "If God's people had the love of Christ in the heart; if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-denial; if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 82.

When I read these words I searched my own soul and am convinced that I have not given as I should—as the lateness of the hour demands, that I will, by God's grace, give in the future. I want to give as one who truly believes that Jesus is coming soon—very soon. I want to hasten that coming by my gifts as well as by my life. Love, self-denial, blankets, travel budgets, needs in the homeland and in the mission fields—there is no question but that they are inextricably bound up together. You and I both need to remember that "*there is nothing too precious to be given to God.*"

"How much means is expended for things that are mere idols," the serv-

ant of God challenges, "things that engross thought and time and strength which should be put to a higher use! How much money is wasted on expensive houses and furniture, on selfish pleasures, luxurious and unwholesome food, hurtful indulgences! How much is squandered on gifts that benefit no one! For things that are needless, often harmful, professed Christians are today spending more, many times more, than they spend in seeking to rescue souls from the tempter."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 207.

O God, stir us today! When are we going to wake up? When are we going to understand that *the end of all things is at hand*? When will we realize that the souls of men and women in the Americas, in Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and in the islands of the seas are more precious than extravagantly furnished homes and overstocked wardrobes—more precious than all the creature comforts this world contains?

May God haste the day when both you and I will be willing to give as fully dedicated men and women living on the threshold of eternity should be constrained to give! When our lips pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," may our billfolds and our checkbooks echo fervently, "Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Let us support the cause of God both at home and abroad as we have never done before!

"*There is nothing too precious to be given to God.*"

(Continued next week)

Fellowship of Prayer

"The Lord Has Worked in a Remarkable Way"

"Some time ago I wrote you on behalf of our children. I would like to thank you for your kind interest and prayers—above all, the encouragement which we received. The Lord has worked in a remarkable way. Both of our children are in our boarding schools. This in itself is nothing short of a miracle. . . . The Lord is good and we praise His name. Our daughter and son both need prayer. We feel that special prayer will help more than anything else."—Mrs. T., of California.

"This comes to say Thank you for your good counsel and your prayers. I have gone through surgery and am now back at home, doing fairly well. Thank God, the other problem that I mentioned in my letter is going along nicely. I have resumed my Bible studies in the homes of the people that I asked you to continue praying for. Again I say Thank you."—Mrs. L., of Texas.

"A few years ago I wrote you concerning my son, who at the age of 30 had not yet accepted Christ. Soon after I wrote to you I could see a great change in his attitude, and within months he was preparing for baptism. . . . Please place a dear brother of mine on your list and include his family. . . . I thank and praise our Father above for His mercy and long-suffering patience toward us all."—Mrs. C., of Illinois.

This column is dedicated to the encouragement of prayer for others at the sunset hour each Friday evening. Because of the large number of requests received and the complexities of the problems presented, it is impossible for us to answer each letter personally, but all requests will be acknowledged and will be kept on file in our office. Portions of letters, especially those that tell of answers to prayer, will be published as space permits.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

[We here conclude our reply to a letter from a sister who challenged the position we took on vegetarianism in these columns last October.]

The Bible contains many permissives which appear to be given in the form of commands. It does not mean, therefore, that God was declaring that what He permitted the Israelites to do was ideal; far from it. The classic exhibit, of course, is the bill of divorce in the Mosaic code. Christ asked: "Why did Moses then command [note the word "command"] to give a writing of divorce?" And answered: "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives." Then he added, with vast significance, these words, which give us a key to the whole wide area of Bible permissives: "But from the beginning it was not so" (Matt. 19:7, 8). Repeatedly over the centuries Israel had despised Heaven's statutes. "Wherefore," the Lord declared, "I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live" (Eze. 20:25). What a sobering thought!

We can find no safe measure of values in what God permitted—sometimes in the form of a "command" or of "statutes that were not good." Paul explains that the history of Israel was written as a warning to us (see 1 Cor. 10:11). What is the safe and ideal level on which we should seek to move? The ideal is the picture God gives to us of man in his original state and man in his finally glorified state. In between are shadows and valleys, hills and vales, bright spots and dark ones, with the mercy and compassion and long-suffering of God as the only explanation for why the human race has been permitted to go on for 6,000 years.

We repeat, for it bears repeating: There is no safe measure of values to be found in what God permitted ancient Israel to do. God forbid that His long-suffering with their low spiritual perception should ever be used by a Christian to condone a low-level course of life today. Far from inspiring, some passages of the Old Testament should fill our souls with horror. If there is one lesson that stands out of the pages of that ancient inspired record it is the infinite mercy and compassion of a good God toward a bad people.

How much of the acts of the stiff-necked Israelites God mercifully overlooked because of the low spiritual estate into which they were born, only He knows. Paul throws some light on

the matter when he declares: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Lay alongside this Christ's word against rebellious Israel when He was on earth: "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin" (John 15:22). Or take this summation by James: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

No, we must never look back to the dark valleys of Israel's rebellious wanderings for 1,500 years to find palliation for our living below the level of those radiant heights that shine with the glorious light of the gospel.

Prophetic Ministry in Our Day

I come to your closing paragraph. You say you love the Advent message and believe it with all your heart, and then add immediately: "I believe in the gifts of the Spirit because the Bible teaches it. I do *not*, however, believe that the remnant church must have a prophet other than Jesus Christ in its midst in order to be the remnant church. You see, I also believe my Bible." You quote immediately Hebrews 1:1: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Then you ask: "Who is the remnant church's prophet? Jesus Christ is the answer God's Word gives me and I believe it. Do you?"

I am unable to see in your reasoning any justification for your conclusion. What the writer of Hebrews is telling his readers, very particularly those who lived when he was writing, is this: With the advent of Christ a new and more glorious era has begun. Earlier God spoke to men simply through prophets, but now God has spoken directly to us by His Son. The phrase "in these last days" must be understood in the context of the time when Hebrews was written. It certainly does not mean "the last days" as we may properly use the phrase 2,000 years later; obviously not. But what does Hebrews 1:1 have to do with eliminating all future revelations of God to man through a prophet? Fortunately, nothing whatever! If Hebrews 1:1 eliminated all prophets after Christ, then the apostles would have to be ruled out as prophets, for they wrote after Christ ascended.

What is a prophet? The word means "to speak for," that is, for someone else. This is the work of a prophet. Was there to be no occasion when God would find it needful to speak to men through a prophet in the last two thousand years of earth's history, even as He had spoken through prophets in the thousands of years preceding Christ's first advent? The question answers itself. Paul, writing to the Corinthian church, speaks of the "diversities of gifts," including the gift of "prophecy," which the Spirit gives to the church (1 Cor. 12:4, 10).

The New Testament nowhere even suggests that the time was to come in the Christian era when there would be no longer a manifestation of any of these gifts. I read in Revelation 12:17 that there is to be, in earth's last days, a people who "have the testimony of Jesus Christ," and that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19:10). These passages have led the whole body of Adventists through a hundred years to declare that the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy will be a distinguishing mark of the Advent people. I see no other reasonable conclusion.

Mrs. White does not take the place of the Bible; God forbid. She was the first to set before us clearly that the Bible is our prime guide, counselor, and instructor. She spoke of it as the "greater light" and her writings as the "lesser light."

Church History a Sobering Record

In your closing paragraph you declare that you, like Luther, place your hand on the Bible, and that here you take your stand. My dear sister, may I suggest, very humbly and hesitatingly, that you go and read church history from the time of Martin Luther onward. You will find it a sorry record of where one Protestant leader, with his hand on the Bible, has argued with another Protestant leader, who also had his hand on the Bible, differing fiercely as to the meaning of the Word of God.

That sad picture began to appear almost immediately as when Luther engaged in controversy with Zwingli over the meaning of the words "This is my body." Vehemently, Luther gave to those words a much more literal meaning than Zwingli felt should be given. We happen to agree with Zwingli, as do most Protestants. The great Reformer John Calvin militantly contended that the Bible teaches that

some are foreordained to salvation, others to damnation. It is an awful teaching, we think, yet its advocates declared that that was what the Bible taught, and about half of Protestant Christendom sided with Calvin.

And so I might go on. The fact that we have in our hands an inspired Bible does not mean that we poor, finite mortals can give to all of it an inspired interpretation. This is a tragic fact that too many forget. As I see it, one of the great reasons for the writing of the New Testament was that we might more fully and correctly understand the meaning of the Old Testament. A great theologian well declared: The New Testament is *unfolded* in the Old, and the Old Testament *unfolded* in the New. And whom did God use to unfold the Old Testament? The inspired men who wrote the New Testament! Actually, we have very few words directly from our Lord in the New Testament. He spoke mostly through His inspired spokesmen, the apostles, who also exercised the gift of prophecy.

Now if you turn from Protestant church history to Seventh-day Advent-

ist history in particular, you will discover that ever and anon men have risen up among us with diverse views as to how we ought to interpret the Bible, what we ought to believe, and how we ought to live, each declaring that his view was what the Bible taught. And where did Mrs. White come into the picture? She came in perhaps more prominently in this aspect of our history than almost any other. Her inspired counsels warned us, protected us, helped us to understand what the Scriptures really are seeking to say to us. Yes, she was the "lesser light" to help us to see more fully what the "greater light" had for us, and we thank God for that lesser light. How easily and how often the Advent Movement might have fallen off the pathway if we had not had that light. That is the only conclusion I can reach from my study of our history.

Let's Believe Both

Please, my dear sister, do not fall into the error that has trapped so many others in religious disputation, namely, setting up a false antithesis,

a false contrast, as you do here. You ask me whether I am going to believe the Bible or Mrs. White. I am going to believe both. I affirm my everlasting belief in the Scriptures, given of God for our guidance and instruction and pre-eminent for our religious living. I also believe in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy, and specifically in that gift as manifested in the writings of Ellen G. White, who has steadied our steps, helped us rightly to understand the meaning of Scripture, and—mark this—rightly to apply the Scripture to various crises in the history of the Advent Movement.

I freely grant that if you could disprove Mrs. White's claim to inspiration you could go calmly on your way eating your meat—provided, of course, you weren't worried by the mounting evidence against cholesterol, for example. But I don't believe you have disproved her claim.

Now, though I have written at length, none of it is intended to try to dictate your eating program. I have no enthusiasm for any such crusade. But I confess to a passionate desire to try to think straight, and to help my correspondents to do so also. If our thinking isn't sound, we have no sure foundation for our feet. Besides, I consider it my solemn duty as a gospel minister, to point out what I believe is the clear counsel of the Lord as to the best road heavenward, though I have *no* desire to regiment men into walking it. I cannot take a position less than this and live up to my ordination vow to defend and promote the teachings of the church, which include the long-standing declaration that Mrs. White possessed the gift of prophecy. No, I cannot do less, nor would I do more.

I am sending you, free of charge, a copy of a small book I've just written, *Why I Believe in Mrs. E. G. White*. Please consider it an integral part of this letter. I would not be fair to you if I did not seek to establish your faith in her as a prophet of God. Adventism doesn't really come into full focus without her in the picture.

Not Conscience for Others

If you feel that your liberty in the gospel permits you to ignore all I have said, and more important, all that Sister White has said, I shall not contend that you lack sincerity, but only that you lack that larger, more distinctive view of the Movement that comes from belief that God has indeed spoken through Sister White. It is not my duty to be conscience for you or anyone else, no matter how you may understand gospel liberty. As for myself, I hold to the time-honored Adventist position that obedience to all of God's commands is the



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God invites His people to walk the upward pathway, in the light "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

foundation of all true gospel liberty.

God forbid that I should ever confuse gospel liberty with gospel duty. May I always remember that my first and constant duty is to travel the upward way. To stand still is to fall back. To turn aside and settle down on a plateau part way up is to risk failing to reach the mountaintop ever. No, I cannot justify myself in settling down on a plateau because, forsooth, many eminent Bible characters reached only that level. I'm glad they got that far up from the dark Egyptian and Babylonian valleys. But God graciously let the Advent people begin the heavenly journey higher up, and so truly He expects more of us.

The promise reads: "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18). But that can be true for me only as I keep steadily traveling upward toward the shining city on the mountaintop. What's more, as I keep journeying upward I shall increasingly leave behind those practices and patterns of life that mark the multitudes who dwell in the dark valleys below. And by God's grace I shall at last reach the ultimate, the heavenly plateau above the clouds, the land of Eden restored. There I shall find no perplexing Bible permissives intermingled with the laws that govern that heavenly land.

Only then will I fully understand why our Lord said to His disciples: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). If all had been revealed at the beginning of the journey, the path might have looked too steep and forbidding.

It has ever been the challenging and confident conviction of the Advent people that God calls upon us to reach higher levels than He ever called any who lived before us. Hence our goal must be to scale the utmost heights. All the while we are buoyed up by the exhilarating and sure belief that God has graciously given to us the special help of the Spirit of Prophecy to aid each of us on that journey. And as I travel, disciplined and joyful obedience must be my first rule of life. Eden will provide me countless ages in which to revel in heavenly liberty.

As I have examined your indictments against Sister White, I've said to myself: It is hard for you to kick against the pricks. The constant advances of medical science increasingly support basic Adventist beliefs on health that she set before us long ago. That has been illustrated ever since the days of our first steps in health reform, abstinence from liquor and tobacco. For example, Sister White spoke of the slow, insidious poisons in tobacco in a day when such words

evoked only ridicule. But how different today! Or to cite another exhibit, she spoke against "grease" and meat—sometimes in the same sentence—warning that these tend to cut down life. And if, by chance, people stopped to listen, they only laughed in return. And at times some Adventists joined in. But something has been happening of late years—her warnings don't sound silly; they even begin to sound scientific. (See editorials in *Review and Herald*, September, 1965, on cholesterol and related matters.)

I could speak of much more on the changing appraisal of her writings today. But I must close.

No, the Advent Movement has not

followed cunningly devised fables in believing that Sister White possessed the gift of prophecy. And that glorious gift—one of our rarest treasures—can bring help to you, both spiritual and physical, if you will but let the gift speak to you instead of your attacking it.

God bless you, my dear sister. Let's keep traveling *upward*, ever fixing our eyes on the mountaintop. At the peril of our souls we turn our eyes to the path below where rest the bones of a multitude who lived by permissives, and "with many" of whom "God was not well pleased" (1 Cor. 10:5).

F. D. N.

(The end)

—The Art of Living.....when



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by Miriam Hood

New Ideas—and You

IN GENERAL the human mind is unreceptive to ideas that run contrary to inclination. A strong statement? Undoubtedly, but one the truth of which impresses me more forcibly each year. No matter how valid an idea, no matter how worthwhile a concept may be, if acceptance would involve a change in conduct, the mind will meet it with withering hostility.

For instance, there's the matter of smoking. After many false starts and faltering beginnings, a full-scale official investigation into the dangers of tobacco was launched by the U.S. Surgeon General. Away with the emotionalism of religionists, said some of the scientists, and their sentiments were echoed by many "users." Let's know for sure. Let's have the facts. Let's really dig in and get documented evidence once and for all.

Well, you know what happened. Statistics pointed unerringly to cigarettes as a causative factor in lung cancer. The evidence was almost unassailable, because it was gathered scientifically, not emotionally. Naturally, then, on the day the report was released there was a stampede to the nearest bridge to toss the little lethal white cylinders into the river. Not a bit of it! Cigarette sales dipped sharply for a few months, but now they're right back where they were, and higher. No need to send CARE packages to the manufacturers; they *know* where their next yacht is coming from!

A number of my acquaintances are dedicated smokers. They're all intelligent, highly educated people. I would have expected at least half of them to "suffer it out" and *quit*. They've discussed it—I'll say that for them—hour after hour. They've analyzed, probed, looked judicial, quibbled over the

"and's" and "but's" of the report. The consensus of the Great Debate is that not *all* the evidence is in; they *owe* it to themselves to wait and see; only an immature person makes a hasty decision(!).

In the meantime one of the group has had a serious lung operation. He's a very young man. The surgeon warned him against ever smoking again. I'm glad to say that he stopped—but only for three months. Another man, somewhat older, is experiencing very ominous symptoms related to the circulation in his legs. First prescription—stop smoking. His reaction? "Go ahead and cut off my leg. At least I'll be happily smoking while you're sawing."

The absolute ultimate illustration of unreceptivity is the recent highly publicized incident of one of the physicians who comprised the surgeon-general's committee that investigated smoking. Apparently the evidence had no "reality" for him. He let it be known that he would continue smoking his regular four packs a day. Recently he underwent surgery to remove a tumor in his right lung. For the moment, he *has* stopped smoking, because, he said, this was very "personal" evidence!

How about you? If you haven't recently analyzed your own receptivity to good, new ideas, this is as propitious a time as any to do so. Waiting for evidence as "personal" as lung cancer could be the last wait in which you'll ever find yourself *personally* involved.



"My husband is a master at fitting in wherever needed."

RUTH MARTIN and Lois Miller were lunching in a downtown cafeteria during a recent shopping trip. Both had made arrangements for their children at home and were taking advantage of some wonderful sales—the delight of most American women.

Ruth and Lois were warm friends and neighbors, but poles apart on one issue—the discipline of their little ones. Both were devoted to their children. Both families were regular in church attendance and were well fed and clothed. Joe Martin and Bill Miller were loving husbands and fathers, but they were inclined to shift the decisions regarding the children's discipline to their wives.

Now, if fathers think they are doing their wives a favor by so doing, they are mistaken. Mothers have a multitude of decisions to make daily. Choice of, preparation of, and care of food, clothing, and other home essentials alone keep a woman occupied, to put it mildly. It is my opinion that women long for definite and decided help with the discipline of the family and all major decisions. Many women are unjustly accused of being the boss of the family when they are

Thoughts on HOMEMAKING

By Thelma Beem

simply doing the work that lies nearest.

After glowing over some purchases they had made, Ruth and Lois drifted into talk of the morning's home activities. Ruth told how she couldn't face the barrage of questions, whining, and tantrums of her three children when they found out she was going to town without them. She simply sent them out to play, called old Mrs. Watson to spend the day with them, and slipped away unnoticed.

Lois was a bit startled by Ruth's solution to her problem. She couldn't keep from wondering about the homecoming scene that evening. Had Ruth really solved her problem or just postponed the expected unpleasantness?

Lois said that she had been talking to her four children for several days about the shopping trip and even had asked for their suggestions and opinions about several purchases advertised in the paper. Bob had a terrible time making up his mind whether to have mother buy the skates on sale or put the money in his bicycle fund. The girls did want some bed linen with blue roses that would match the bedroom draperies and were eagerly waiting for the white sales.

Lois had a long list of detailed instructions from her four children regarding their preferences on a number of purchases. Since Nancy had done some baby-sitting, she scoffed at the idea of needing the services of the woman who used to stay with them when their mother was away. In fact, they promised to have the house clean and supper ready when mother returned that evening.

Lois stopped here, for she feared she was bragging about her children. It was hard not to gloat over such generous youngsters.

Ruth was speechless. Presently she

confessed that she used to think Lois was too strict with her children. She had heard how they were required to make their beds and do one house chore before going to school. "It wasn't easy, I assure you," laughed Lois. "It would have been so much easier to do it myself, but it's second nature with them now that they are older. The two older ones were also taught to assist the younger children. This gave me a free hand for other jobs. Otherwise, I fear we would have been a mixed-up family. I simply could not wait on, dress, feed, and pick up after two school children and two toddlers by myself. My husband is a master at fitting in wherever needed, so it really isn't bad at all."

Ruth covered her face in pretended horror. "Spare us a view of our house in the morning," she moaned, as she proceeded to picture three utterly spoiled and helpless children clamoring for instant and constant service. "I tell them a dozen times to pick up their things," Ruth whispered, "but it's simply an impossible situation."

Lois realized that few people actually want concrete advice and assistance. But they appreciate a willing listener and sympathizer, and Lois was superb in this role.

I would not have you believe that all was roses, with never a problem at the Miller home, while chaos reigned perpetually at the Martins'. But you have probably read enough into the two situations to realize that there is something to be said for order, organization, and cooperation in the home. A home where each person considers his own tastes, desires, and convenience supreme and imperative is a miniature battlefield. When parents realize this and discharge their responsibility to make the home a comfortable, pleasant place, it will be a little heaven. This warmth will radi-

ate to all who come within its doors. Fine furnishings and decorations alone can be formidable and cold, indeed.

Someone has suggested that the modern woman is more concerned with gadgets than with the atmosphere within her home. If this were true, it would be sad indeed. Seventh-day Adventist homemakers should be constantly aware of this danger, for the climate of a home is as real as the rugs, drapes, or the finest paintings.

To be modern in the true sense of the word, a home must lean toward modern taste. Its books, music, and art will point toward subjects that are truly timeless, not to some momentary fad or mood of society. Nature, the coming of Christ, the end of all things, are matchless in their scope when it comes to true beauty in literature, music, art, and poetry.

Are we really modern, or are we frantically striving to ape the world's interpretation of culture and refinement? Our hope is that the Millers' idea of child training and home management will result in strong, modern youth capable of coping with today's problems, and that the Martins will have the courage to train their little ones to be a joy to themselves and those about them.

As present-day mothers and fathers in Israel, let us bend every effort to maintain Christian homes that are a credit to the Master. May we know how to teach our children the graces of true culture and Christian behavior in this age of shifting standards and undisciplined conduct.

A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Brother Fred Learns a Lesson

By Elizabeth Spalding McFadden

HAVE you seen Fred, Merry Beth?" asked mother one morning.

"Yes," answered five-year-old Merry Beth. "I saw him go out behind the barn a few minutes ago. He was with that Ted Smith from across the street."

Mother looked worried, but she said nothing. The barn was not far away, so she stepped to the door and called, "Fred! Oh, Fred! Where are you?"

There was no answer, so she stepped out on the porch and tried again. "Fred! Fred! Please come here! I need you."

Still there was no answer. Merry Beth watched as mother took a sweater from the closet and threw it around her shoul-

ders. Out the door she went—and toward the barn.

Merry Beth turned back to her dolls. Libby Sue had been asleep all this time! It was high time she got up and helped prepare breakfast for baby Lucille. Merry Beth scolded her as she dressed her. "Shame on you, Libby Sue. Sleeping away your morning, leaving all the work to me. Here! Hurry and cook breakfast while I dress the baby."

Merry Beth's family of dolls was very real to her, and she nearly forgot about the worried look on mother's face until the door opened and a red-faced Fred followed mother into the dining room. Even then Merry Beth didn't try to hear what they were saying, but she couldn't help it.

"Now, son," mother was saying, "if you want to smoke you don't have to sneak off behind the barn to do it. Just get your hat and come with me. I'll get you some real cigarettes to smoke!" In spite of herself, Merry Beth's eyes popped wide open.

"Where are we going, Mother?" asked Fred as he reluctantly followed his mother to the door.

"Right down to Smith's grocery store to buy cigarettes," announced mother. "I will say to Mr. Smith, 'Now, Mr. Smith, here is my eleven-year-old son Fred. He thinks he wants to smoke. So give me a package of the strongest cigarettes you have, and I will let him smoke them like a man. I don't want a son of mine sneaking out behind the barn and smoking weeds!'"

"But, Mother," protested Fred, "I don't want to go down there. I don't want Mr. Smith to know Ted and I were smoking weeds!"

"I won't tell him about Ted. He can find out for himself, but maybe he will guess it when I tell him about you. Come along, son."

Merry Beth watched them go. Fred seemed to be dragging behind as mother urged him on. Why in the world was she taking him to the store to buy real cigarettes, Merry Beth wondered. At the corner, instead of turning and going toward the store, mother and Fred stood still, talking. After a few minutes they turned around and started toward home.

When they came in the door Merry Beth pretended to be busy about her dolls, but she heard Fred say, "I promise, Mother. Honest, I will never smoke weeds or *anything* again if you will just not make me buy those cigarettes."

"All right, Fred," answered mother. "Let us have prayer about it, for I know there will be other times when you will be tempted to smoke. Every boy has to meet that temptation, and the trouble is that the older boys who tempt you will say, 'Aw, come on—be a man!' We must ask God to help you prove you are man enough to turn them down, son."

Together mother and son knelt in prayer in the dining room while a small girl played with her dolls in a sunny corner of the living room. After they rose from their knees Fred asked, "What was your idea, Mother? Were you just trying to shame me, or what?"

"No, son, it was not *all* that. I would have bought the cigarettes and let you smoke one or two right here in front of me just to show you how very poisonous they are. Do you know that you would have become very sick? For a little while you would have thought you had never been so sick in all your life! You might have lost your breakfast, for cigarettes contain nicotine, a deadly poison, and my idea was to show you how bad they really are."

Fred smiled. "Well, you are some mother!" he whistled, admiration bursting out all over his face.

"Always remember, son, it takes far more of a man to say 'No, thank you' when somebody offers you a cigarette than it does to go along with the crowd. I want you always to be a good, clean man."

"Yes, Mother, I see, and I'm sorry we smoked the weeds. I do promise you I'll never smoke *anything* again."

Mother smiled, and planted a kiss on the top of her son's blond head. A silent prayer of thanksgiving ascended to Heaven from her lips as Fred went to his room.

In the corner of the living room Merry Beth spoke softly to Libby Sue, "Now you remember that, Libby Sue. When you grow up you must marry a man who doesn't smoke—he will be more of a man than the other kind."

And Merry Beth herself never forgot the lesson her brother Fred had learned that day.

JEANIE MCCOY, ARTIST



Together mother and son knelt in prayer.



The Disappearing Sexes

The spectacle of men wearing long hair and women in masculine-looking clothes has become so common that few people are disturbed by it. They may consider the shaggy, unkempt appearance of teen-age young men as "silly," but they are not alarmed by it; they think this fad will disappear as has similar eccentric behavior in the past. As for masculine attire on women, they may think it repulsive and unfeminine, but they do not consider it symptomatic of a social ill.

Dr. Robert P. Odenwald, a practicing psychiatrist, takes a different view. In his new book *The Disappearing Sexes* he says that the present tendency to blur the sexual roles of men and women is "wreaking havoc upon the younger generation which, deprived of clear masculine and feminine models at home, is compensating for its confusion by defying law and order, taking dope or turning to bizarre sexual practices."—Review in *Insider's Newsletter*, Dec. 13, 1965.

"Everywhere Dr. Odenwald looks, he sees signs of a dwindling differentiation between the sexes. Among them: (1) the Beatles (because from the rear they could be either boys or girls); (2) the violent methods used by wives who kill their husbands (in the good old days, he says, husband-killers used ladylike poisons; today they bludgeon their men to death); (3) the pill, which gives women sexual freedom by preventing unwanted pregnancies; (4) pants for women and cosmetics for men; (5) the growing number of Lesbians and homosexuals; (6) pool parlors that cater to women and children; (7) working mothers."—*Ibid.*

Dr. Odenwald states that the younger generation would greatly benefit if mothers projected a sharp image of femininity and fathers were clearly masculine. Summarizing Dr. Odenwald's position, *Insider's Newsletter* says: "The most important lesson for children to learn . . . is that a man's a man, a woman's a woman, and *vive la difference*." "By giving this to your child," says Dr. Odenwald, "you bestow one of the most important gifts within your power to give."

A Distinctive Role for Each

We have not read Dr. Odenwald's book, but we think its main theme has considerable validity. When God created Adam and Eve, He intended that there should be a clear distinction in the appearance and roles of the sexes. The man of the family "is the lawmaker, illustrating in his own manly bearing the sterner virtues: energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage, diligence, and practical usefulness. . . . The father represents the divine Lawgiver in his family. He is a laborer together with God, carrying out the gracious designs of God and establishing in his children upright principles, enabling them to form pure and virtuous characters."—*The Adventist Home*, p. 212. How fortunate children are if they have a father who seeks to represent properly their heavenly Father—one who is a strong leader and protector, who combines justice and mercy, discipline and love, strength and tenderness.

Eve, as wife and mother, was to be feminine, revealing the gentler virtues. She was to be sensitive and refined, understanding and tactful, loving and sympathetic. "Next to God, the mother's power for good is the strongest

known on earth. The mother's influence is an unceasing influence; and if it is always on the side of right, her children's characters will testify to her moral earnestness and worth. Her smile, her encouragement, may be an inspiring force. She may bring sunshine to the heart of her child by a word of love, a smile of approval. . . . When her influence is for truth, for virtue, when she is guided by divine wisdom, what a power for Christ will be her life! Her influence will reach on through time into eternity."—*Ibid.*, p. 240.

A Sick Culture

Women lose something priceless when in dress or manner they sacrifice the feminine mystique even a little. Men lose something vital when they blur the masculine image or relinquish by default some of their God-given responsibilities. Children lose much when their parents present a confused image of womanhood and manhood.

That ours is a sick culture is beyond debate. It is evident in popular "music." In TV shows. In hair fads. In the divorce rate. In the crime rate. In modern theology. In current dances. In low standards of morality. In rebellion against authority. In rejection of traditional social standards. In the disappearance of modesty. In best-seller fiction. In movies. In "masculine" women and "feminine" men.

To cure society's prevailing sickness God has prescribed the three angels' messages. These messages call for reform—a calling the world back to "the old paths." Surely the time has come when every Seventh-day Adventist should not only bear verbal witness for the truth but should live it. Never was a society more in need of a clear demonstration of Christian principles.

K. H. W.

Kindness—A Gilt-edge Investment

Many years ago a lonely traveler attended services at the Andersonville, Georgia, Methodist church, shook hands all around, and left—never to be seen there again. The members were always friendly to visitors, and had no more reason to remember Robert Brown than any of the other thousands of visitors they had made welcome down through the years. But he remembered their friendliness, and now they will never be able to forget him. Mr. Brown was known in the New Jersey community in which he lived as a thrifty man who kept to himself. Upon his death a few months ago he bequeathed his entire estate of \$178,302.50 to the Methodist church in Andersonville.

Kindness shown to others in anticipation of material rewards, even as a pump-priming incentive for very young children, is of debatable merit. But for those of more mature years such a motive would be comparable to an exquisitely modeled piece of jewelry carved out of fool's gold. The form would be there, but the substance would be worthless. Genuine kindness is its own reward, and like the quality of mercy that falls from heaven above, "it is twice-blessed; it blesseth him that gives" fully as much as "him that takes."

In some lands of the Orient, 1966 is the year of the horse. For all into whose lives we enter, may it be the year of kindness. As a man sows, so shall he reap.

R. F. C.

Reports From Far and Near

Venezuelan Companies Help Build Adventist Academy

By Harold Bohr, President
East Venezuela Mission

For years strong political influences and other ideologies in the public schools of Venezuela have been destroying the faith of our young people. We have lost our most promising young people in large numbers.

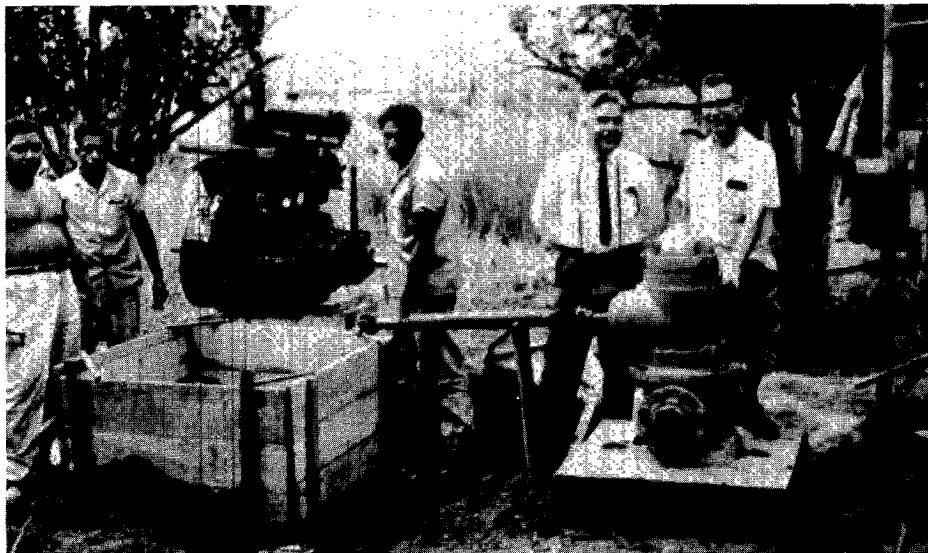
A small group of persons decided to do something about it. About five years ago a search was begun for an adequate piece of land for an academy. This was done, even though there was no money available. It was only a dream, a dream of faith. But God saw the need, and He provided a way.

This is the story of His guidance. This is the story of how doors began to open to make possible this new school.

For two and a half years a search was made throughout Venezuela for land. It was a discouraging task. In every case there was some obstacle that stood in the way of obtaining property that seemed desirable. Sometimes we wondered whether God really wanted us to buy land and build a school. Now we know that He had something wonderful in store.

Two and one-half years ago A. H. Riffel, an educator of many years' experience, was named president of the Colombia Venezuela Union. He has not only worked in our school system but also has had experience in the building of at least one large academy. We talked to Elder Riffel, and he saw the great need. In turn he presented the need to C. L. Powers, president of the Inter-American Division. These men of God united their hearts with ours, and through their efforts the Inter-American Division voted an initial appropriation of Bs. 100,000 (U.S.\$22,222.22) for the new school.

This was providential, for at this very time Brother Miguel Quiroz and I had just been shown the beautiful piece of land that is now ours. In two and one-



The motor donated by a Venezuelan company. On the extreme right Eduard Sepulveda and Harold Bohr. It was through Brother Sepulveda that this donation became a reality.

half years we had not seen anything to compare with this property. Now we recognized the leading of God. If we had found that property two years before, we would not have had the money to buy it, but God provided the funds at the very moment they were needed.

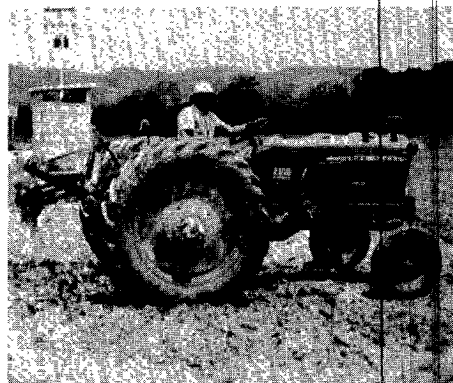
We bought this property, which is near the town of Nirgua in the very heart of Venezuela. This gave us 92 acres of some of the most fertile land in all Venezuela. However, we needed 28 acres more bordering our land that belonged to the Venezuelan Agrarian Institute. When we went to this government agency, we were told that we could have land in almost any part of Venezuela, but not in Nirgua. We were told that this area was the most coveted farm area in Venezuela and that there were more petitions for land there than any other area in the whole country. Now we knew that we had made a wise choice, but how were we to obtain those 28 acres?

During the first few days that we spent in Nirgua we won the friendship of all the leading authorities of the town.

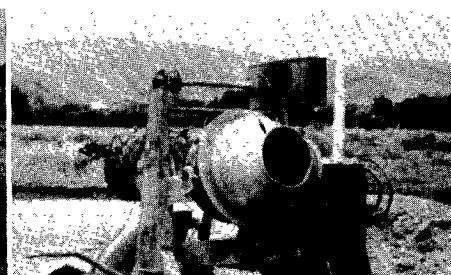
When they discovered our need they began to put pressure on the Agrarian Institute. This government agency, seeing that the leading men of Nirgua were with us, ceded to us the land that we needed. This was the first large donation that we received. It amounted to U.S. \$10,000.

Since that time God has continued to lead in a wonderful way. Appropriations have come in from the General Conference and the division. Our members too are sacrificing in a great fund-raising program. But the most marvelous part is that persons not of our faith are responding. Up to the present time Standard Oil of New Jersey has donated more than a half mile of pipes for the irrigation system, plus U.S.\$11,111.11 in cash. They plan to continue donating over a five-year period, giving in all U.S.\$50,000, for our project. Gulf Oil Company has donated pipes for the wells, valued conservatively at U.S.\$5,500.

The electric company has paid for half of the installation of the lights, and the telephone company is paying for half of



Left: New John Deere tractor, donation of Standard Oil of New Jersey. On the tractor Secundino Rodriguez, farm manager of the new school. Below: The barn in construction, which is a donation of Standard Oil of New Jersey. Right: Cement mixer donated by a Venezuelan company.



the installation of the telephone system. The telephone company must extend its lines six miles to get out to our property. This is a donation from these two companies of U.S.\$5,500. A diesel water pump valued at \$5,400 was donated by a Venezuelan company.

Other companies have donated large amounts. The list is too long to mention, but thousands of dollars have come in and will be coming in from other contacts. Some of the largest companies in Venezuela have expressed their desire to help with large donations amounting to thousands of dollars. Several of these gifts will be entering God's treasury within the next few weeks.

Some of the leading men of Venezuela have expressed their admiration for the task that is being accomplished and their admiration for the Seventh-day Adventist people and their educational system. The wealth of the Gentiles is flowing into God's treasury in Venezuela. It hardly seems possible that all of this has happened in a little over two years. What hath God wrought!

The school is being built for 400 dormitory students. Those companies that have not made outright donations have given discounts amounting to hundreds of dollars on products we have purchased from them. The school will be ready to open its doors in September.

We still lack a great part of the funds necessary to accomplish our task. We do not know where these funds will come from, but this we do know—God, who has led us so marvelously, will provide. If He can impress the hearts of those not of our faith, He can impress the hearts of our dear people all over the world. On this coming thirteenth Sabbath, the youth of Venezuela will be looking to you.

Workers Lay Plans for Enlarged Evangelism in Poland

By Z. Lyko

A workers' meeting was held in Warsaw, Poland, October 3 to 8, 1965. Leading out were E. E. Roenfelt, president of the Northern European Division; Otomar Klouda, vice-president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Czechoslovakia; Gaspar Lovas, another vice-president; and Brother Woracz, a member of the executive committee of the Czechoslovakia SDA Church.

The session was devoted to a report on this year's evangelistic results, as well as to lay plans to proclaim Jesus Christ to the Polish nation.

Each morning a devotional service preceded the business and the discussions. One of our guests from abroad delivered the sermon. Except for a short lunchtime, the lectures and discussions lasted until the evening. E. E. Roenfelt conducted the evening services, giving us much precious instruction on winning souls.

Special emphasis was laid on a detailed evangelistic program. A large map of Poland, hanging on the wall, showed the present situation in this land of 32 million people. First, the members of the executive committee took the floor and spoke

of their personal evangelistic program. Our president's detailed program was at once followed by others. Every worker, after making his declaration, picked up a small banner from the map and placed it in the spot chosen by him for his new place of work, area of special interest,

and evangelistic efforts. These were solemn and beautiful moments. All of us felt the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit.

We trust that this workers' meeting may result in an enlarged, more successful program of evangelism in Poland.

Good Progress Reported at Far Eastern Division Council

By W. E. Murray, Vice-President
General Conference

In the Oriental metropolis of beautiful Hong Kong the Far Eastern Division biennial council, with about 125 delegates from the nine unions and the detached missions, opened on Monday night, November 29. Chris P. Sorensen, president of the division, together with his fellow officers—A. E. Gibb, secretary, and H. D. Johnson, treasurer—had made thorough preparations for this meeting, including the lengthy agenda, the committee assignments and work, and the union mission reports in the evenings.

The Far Eastern Division has in its territory some 18 countries and political divisions, with a total population of nearly 350 million. In this division territory there are numerous languages and dialects. The work of the council, however, was carried on in English.

One of the impressive characteristics of the Adventist work in this part of the world is the aggressive evangelistic program carried on, not only by a dedicated ministry, but also by institutions—medical, educational, and publishing—and also by enthusiastic laymen.

The work of the literature evangelists in the Far East goes forward as an army

with banners. There are more than 1,300 literature evangelists in this territory. They sell the literature that is produced by our eight publishing houses in the division.

One aspect of the work that impressed me is the program of Sabbath school evangelism. There are 320,000 Sabbath school members throughout the division. The goal for 1966 is a total of 400,000 members.

I also was impressed with the report of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking as given by Dr. Ralph Waddell, medical secretary. This work has been carried on in the larger cities of the division with wonderful success. It was reported at the council that Five-Day Plans have been successfully conducted in Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Taipei, Hong Kong, and Cebu City. The leaders plan to continue this work in other large cities.

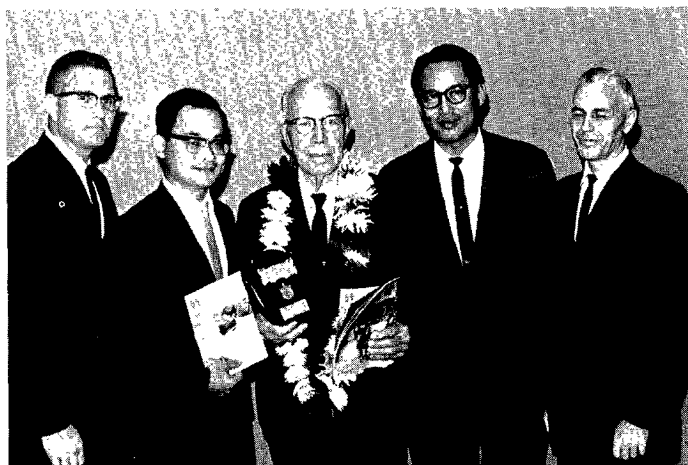
Vacation Bible Schools are being vigorously promoted throughout the division, but the leading field in this activity is the Korean Union Mission. Last summer a total of 1,323 Vacation Bible Schools was conducted by 5,585 dedicated workers, with an enrollment of 267,000. This is



One of the most colorful groups to present reports during the Far Eastern Division Council was from the North Philippine Union Mission. Here is the group with T. C. Murdoch, president of the union mission, in the center.



During the Far Eastern Division biennial session many delegates took time out to visit the grave of Abram LaRue, pioneer Adventist missionary to the Far East. Here A. J. Robbins, left, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission, stands at the grave with J. Ernest Edwards, secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference. During the report by the Southeast Asia Union Mission



a plaque was presented to Dr. Harry Miller, first editor of the Chinese *Signs of the Times*. In the picture are (left to right) Vernon Bretsch, publishing secretary of the Southeast Asia Union; Daniel Lee, editor of the Chinese *Signs of the Times*; Dr. Harry Miller; Y. F. Choo, manager of the Malaysian publishing house; and H. W. Bedwell, president of the Southeast Asia Union.

25,000 more than the entire world field registered in 1964. A total of 235,000 of these boys and girls came from non-Adventist homes.

As a result of the VBS work in Korea last summer 256 new branch Sabbath schools were begun, with 9,000 members enrolled. Another result was that 185 children were added to our mission school enrollment, in addition to almost 20,000 enrolled in correspondence school courses. A total of 13,000 parents were interested in the message. Thus far this has resulted in 140 baptisms.

In the Japan Union Mission one of our activities that is making an impact for the gospel is that of the radio work of the Voice of Prophecy. At present our program is on 19 stations throughout this island nation of 100 million people. Through the efforts of the Bible correspondence schools hundreds of corrected lessons are being sent out weekly. We appreciate the work of Japan Missionary College, which is giving training to many youth.

The work of the South China Island Union Mission is going forward in a strong way. In the city of Hong Kong there are 3,000 church members, with about 2,500 students enrolled on the elementary, secondary, and college levels. The city of Hong Kong is a regular beehive of commercial and industrial activity. The streets are filled with people. On every side are high-rise apartments. Plans are under way to provide an evangelistic center within a half block of Nathan Road, the main street through the center of the city of Kowloon, on the mainland.

On the island of Taiwan a new school has been opened for the tribal young people. At the beginning of the school year 1965, a total of 150 youth presented themselves for enrollment, but it was possible to admit only about 44, because of inadequate dormitory space. Plans are in the making so that 60 more can be accommodated soon.

The South Philippine Union Mission was organized at the beginning of 1964. During 1965 there were 29 churches or-

ganized. In nine months 38 church buildings were constructed and 44 others were enlarged. In 1964 the goal for Ingathering was 66,000 pesos (U.S.\$33,000). A total of 85,000 pesos was the ultimate total reached. In 1965 the goal was set at 88,000 pesos, and in the first week of the campaign 58 per cent of that goal was reached. By the end of the third week the goal had been raised, with an overflow.

At the beginning of 1964 the Indonesian Union Mission was divided into two sections, East and West. The work in the

East Indonesian Union Mission, as in the West, has a promising future. In the area of Minahassa, Celebes, the territory is small landwise compared with some areas, but we have 160 churches and 10,000 members, or a ratio of one Adventist for every 60 people.

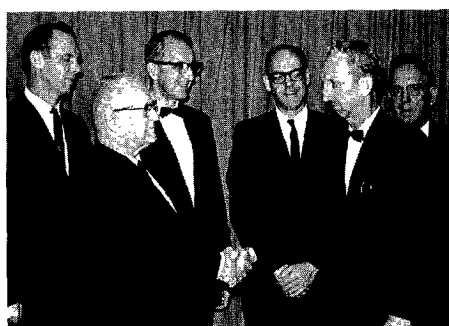
The West Indonesian Union Mission contains the island of Java with a population of some 100 million people. Recently we have been able to construct a well-planned and architecturally outstanding center for the city of Djakarta on a beautiful main artery of the city. A fine hospital is located at Bandung about 120 miles from Djakarta.

One of the meaningful advances recently has been the work in the Moslem territory of this union mission. The president, W. L. Wilcox, reported that in the East Java Mission alone 183 Moslems were baptized in 1964. In this same mission 227 Moslems were baptized during the first nine months of 1965.

With a colorful background of national costumes on the platform, the North Philippine Union Mission presented its report. The Philippine Publishing House in 1965 began a new publication, *Freedom*. This periodical is dedicated to religious liberty and freedom of conscience in religious matters. As the first pages of this magazine went to press, a bill appeared in the Philippine Congress that would authorize public school teachers to use school time to teach religion to their pupils in public school buildings. During the heated discussions that followed, many of the prominent citizens and former senators used material that had just appeared in the first issue of *Freedom*. This material was quoted over and over at public hearings.

We believe the founding of this new periodical is a contribution of the highest order in the promotion of principles of liberty in religious matters in our time. It can be the means of keeping liberty's light shining in an ever-widening circle of influence in Asia.

Another high light of the North Philippine report was that of evangelism. Last



Ordination at Far Eastern Division Council

Hartley B. Ludden, auditor of the Far Eastern Division, was ordained during the Far Eastern Division council in Hong Kong. The more than 100 delegates attending the council from every union and detached mission of the division witnessed the special rites on Sabbath, December 4. C. P. Sorensen, left, welcomes Elder Ludden into the ranks of ordained ministers. Others in the picture, left to right, are H. D. Johnson, division treasurer; Paul H. Eldridge, division ministerial association secretary; the writer; and E. L. Longway, field secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Before joining the division office three years ago, Brother Ludden was secretary-treasurer of the Japan Union Mission.

KENNETH H. EMMERSON
Assistant Treasurer,
General Conference

year 39 cities were entered with the gospel for the first time. We rejoice for these new lights in these cities.

The Southeast Asia Union Mission is situated in a unique geographic location. In some ways it is the crossroads of the Orient. In this union mission we have one of our largest groups of Adventist institutions. There are six hospitals and two dental clinics. In the hospitals the volume of outpatients reached about 180,000 last year. The 417-bed capacity of the hospitals handled 15,000 inpatients last year.

Our leaders are carrying forward an aggressive campaign of public and lay evangelism. In Bhuket, Thailand, the local church decided on a program of door-to-door distribution of lessons on healthful living. This was to be followed by an evangelistic effort by the pastor, and then

a lay evangelistic crusade. Twenty teams were organized and trained to put lessons in 12 homes for 16 weeks. At the graduation service in a tabernacle built to seat 275 people, more than 1,000 crowded in and around the building. One hundred nineteen diplomas were passed out. The lay effort that followed was a real success.

The Central Philippine Union Mission report stated that the local missions of this union are carrying on their work with no regular base appropriations for the local missions, with the exception of one mission, which received 1,000 pesos in 1965. This union mission had, at the end of the third quarter of 1965, a total of 28,372 members.

Soul winning by laymen is especially strong. One man owned a fleet of 13

vehicles on a city bus route. He also owned several fish traps. When this family began to keep the Sabbath their microbus fleet did not circulate in the city on the Sabbath day. The drivers were invited to attend Sabbath school with the family. From week to week the bus drivers began to realize the importance of the gospel. As a result 16 of the regular drivers and relief drivers were baptized. The lady of the house, a public school teacher, conducted a VBS and was able to win 12 more persons, making a total of 38 for this man and his wife.

The Central Philippine Union Mission is carrying on a well-balanced program with its educational institutions, youth work, and canvassing, as well as with its medical institution in Cebu City, the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital. A new hospital, known as the Bacalod Hospital, is being built.

The Far Eastern Island Mission is administered by the Far Eastern Division committee. It consists of the island of Guam and the Trust Territories. G. A. Haas is directing a corps of evangelistic, medical, and educational workers.

The Adventist Church has abundant reasons to be thankful for the ministry of our brethren and laymen of the Far Eastern Division in the great countries of Asia. Let us pray for a large harvest of converts.

Youth Leadership Conference Held at La Sierra College

A two-week youth leadership conference at La Sierra College, November 1-11, attracted more than 35 youth leaders for an intensive study of the qualities, functions, and techniques of youth leadership in terms of the most recent research. Sponsored jointly by La Sierra College and the Missionary Volunteer department of the Pacific Union Conference, the course included research, lectures, panels, and discussion groups. An excellent staff of nearly 40 resourceful people, including conference presidents, treasurers, educators, counselors, physicians, MV secretaries, and youth pastors, assisted in the instruction.

As a result of this instruction delegates were led to understand more clearly how to assist our young people toward successful Christian living. Surveys in all the academies of the Pacific Union Conference were taken prior to the conference, enabling the youth leaders to have up-to-date information on what our youth are thinking and on various related problems facing the church.

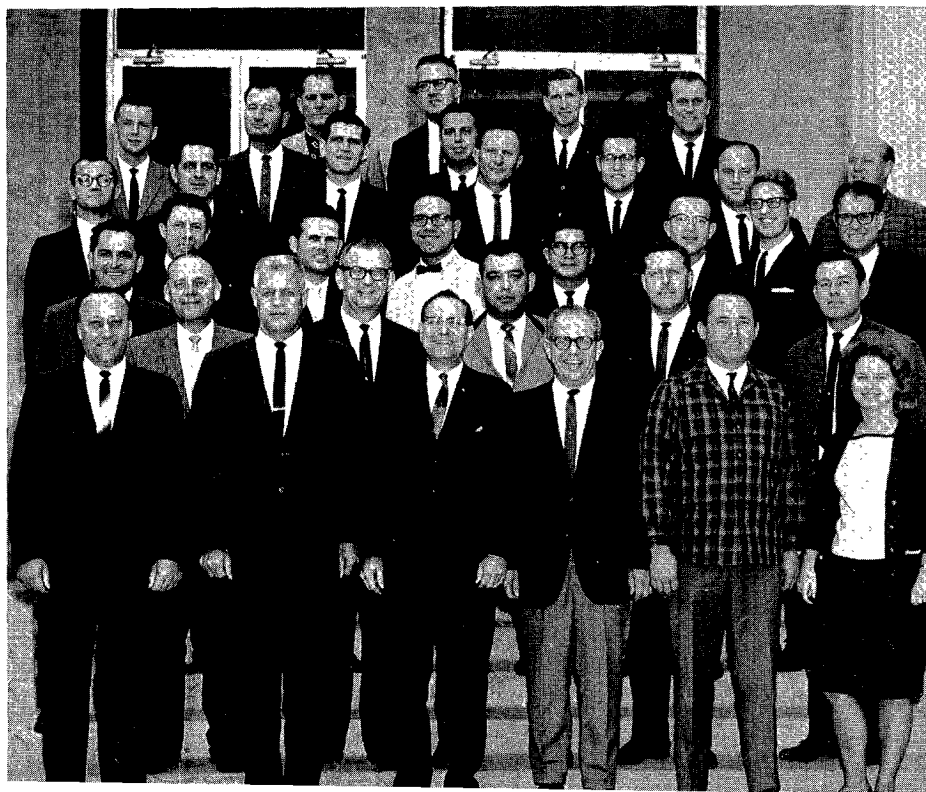
A fellowship banquet with the Teachers of Tomorrow closed the conference. At that time Dr. Alonzo Baker presented a lecture on his observation of Russia's educational system, and the writer gave an evaluation of the conference and called for a rededication to the task.

Delegates to the conference included 15 MV secretaries from the conferences in the Pacific, North Pacific, and Columbia unions, with youth pastors, academy teachers, and college students making up the remainder of the group. Dr. George T. Simpson and Miller Brockett were directors of the conference, with Dr. Vernon H. Koenig acting as coordinator.

Left to right, front row: Dr. Koenig, Dr. Simpson, the writer, and Elder Brockett.

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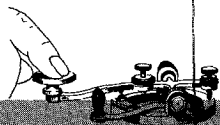
Associate Secretary, GC MV Department



► Several weeks ago the MV Society of the Tacoma, Washington, Twenty-third Street church decided that if a Missionary Volunteer program is worth having it is worth sharing. Directed by Charles Lott, the project Sidewalk Evangelism was inaugurated. The youth of the church, with Bible enrollment cards in their hands, went out in the street, first, to enroll those they confronted, second, to invite the individuals to return to the church with them for a youth program. By early December, 224 had been enrolled and two baptized.

► Nine students from Atlantic Union College have been chosen for membership in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Those chosen from the senior class for the 1965-1966 edition are: John Alfke, George Babich, Miriam Carpenter, Ruth Currie, William Dorn, Kurt Ganter, Raymond Goodness, Edward Nygard, and Stephen Nyirady.

► The student body of South Lancaster Academy has sponsored a mission project. Previously at Christmas time the academy has contributed food, clothing, and other essentials for a needy family in the vicinity. This year the academy has pledged \$913 to help defray expenses for Clyde Peters and his associates in his mission work along the Amazon River in South America. The students are looking forward to seeing results from their gift.



Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



Australasian Division

Reported by
J. K. Irvine

► The Australasian Division has been greatly benefited by the ten-week visit of H. E. Rice, of the General Conference Medical Department. Elder Rice's visit was to give counsel in connection with the major extensions of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. Over the next several years the 180-bed capacity of this training institution for nurses is to be upgraded to 300-bed capacity. While in Australia, Elder Rice also visited the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital in Victoria and Adventist-operated hospitals in New Guinea.

► Australian newspapers, radio, and television recently carried a story of the growth of Dial-A-Prayer in this field. The publicity surrounded the five-millionth call made to this public prayer service. At the present time Dial-A-Prayer operates 51 telephone lines in 22 centers throughout the division.

► The division secretary's report at the annual meeting of the division executive committee held in Wahroonga, November 25 and 26, reveals some interesting increases in membership. An 82 per cent increase in membership in ten years brings the total baptized constituency of this field to more than 70,000. Australasia continues to lead the world field in the ratio

of Adventist members to population. One field, the Western Solomon Islands Mission, has one Adventist member to every five of the population and a Sabbath school member for every four of the population.

► Daisy M. Schluntz, formerly of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, has recently connected with the staff of the Australasian Division as dietitian in the medical department. Already Miss Schluntz's services are greatly appreciated throughout the field, and she has a busy program ahead conducting schools of diet and nutrition in several conferences of the home field.

► More than 19,000 pupils are enrolled in 477 Seventh-day Adventist schools throughout the Australasian Division. These schools are staffed by 894 qualified teachers.



Far Eastern Division

Reported by
D. A. Roth

► Ten young men were ordained to the gospel ministry in a special service held in Tokyo, Japan, at the time of the Japan Union Mission biennial session. The main speaker was W. E. Murray, vice-president of the General Conference. Participating in the program were C. P. Sorensen, presi-

dent of the Far Eastern Division, and W. T. Clark, president of the Japan Union Mission.

► All nine presidents of union missions of the Far East were re-elected to two-year terms at the time of the division biennial session in Hong Kong. The list includes E. A. Capobres, Central Philippines; C. A. Williams, Korean Union Mission; V. M. Montalban, South Philippine Union Mission; A. M. Bartlett, East Indonesia Union Mission; T. C. Murdoch, North Philippine Union Mission; H. W. Bedwell, Southeast Asia Union Mission; W. T. Clark, Japan Union Mission; C. B. Miller, South China Island Union Mission; and W. L. Wilcox, West Indonesia Union Mission.

► Thirty-five Seventh-day Adventist servicemen in Vietnam attended a weekend spiritual program in mid-December in Saigon, Vietnam, sponsored by the Far Eastern Division. Main speakers included Chaplain Earl Lee; Pastors Charles Martin and Tate V. Zytoskee, of the Far Eastern Division; Ralph Neall, president of the Vietnam Mission; and Jay Lantry, MV secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

► A. E. Gibb, secretary of the Far Eastern Division, was the speaker at dedication services of the Jahore Bahru, Malaysia, church on Sabbath, January 1. In charge of the service was the pastor, T. K. Chong. Also participating in the service was the president of the Malaya Mission, S. J. Lee.

Worthington Foods Biennial Sales Conference

As a concluding event to the biennial sales conference, Worthington Foods, Inc., at an employees' dinner on November 18, gave company recognition to 53 persons. A group of 23 represented those who had been with the organization from 3 to 26 years. Owing to the merging of Battle Creek Foods and Madison Foods with the parent company, the attendance of 202 employees at this biennial employees' recognition feature at Worthington Foods, Inc., was about 50 more than in previous years.

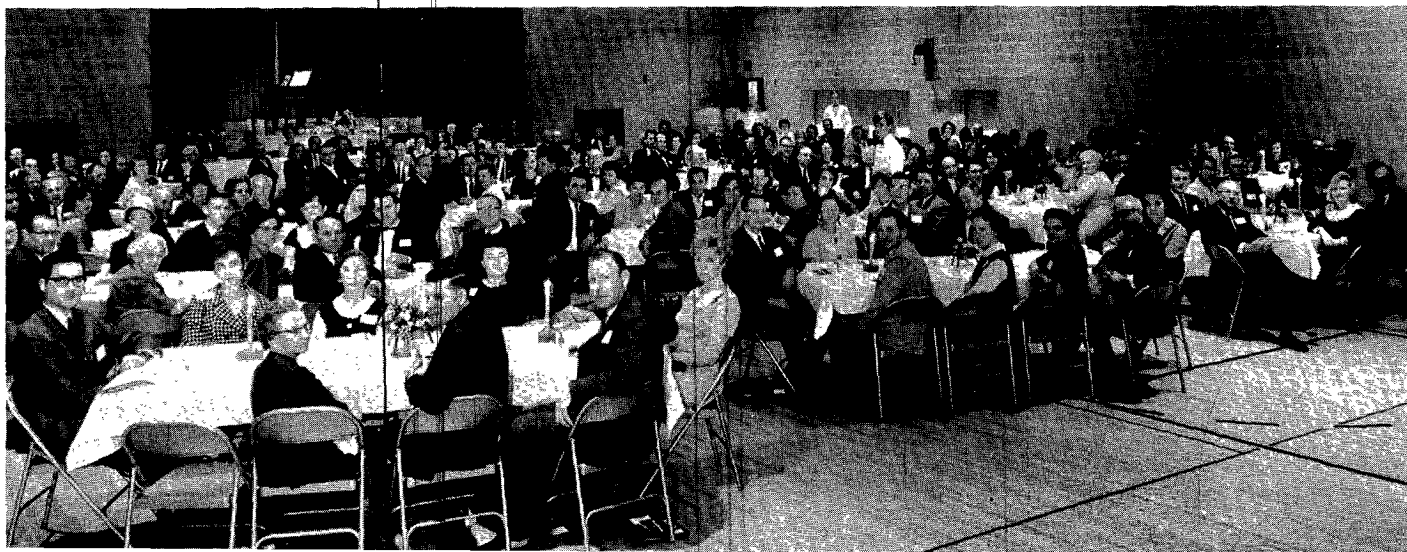
James L. Hagle, president of the company, stated that six branch sales warehouses have been opened since 1957. The first

was in Portland, Oregon; then followed in succession the establishment of branches in Oakland, California; Battle Creek, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Denver, Colorado; and Los Angeles, California.

Business increased 15 per cent in 1965. An 8,500-square foot addition is being added to the plant to provide much-needed storage capacity for frozen foods.

Worthington Foods, Inc., is a charter member of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions.

F. W. HUDGINS, *Departmental Secretary*
Ohio Conference





Middle East Division

Reported by
Robert Darnell

► Officers of the General Conference were present November 20 at the internationally known date-growing center of Basra, Iraq, for the dedication of a new church building. R. R. Figuhr, General Conference president, gave the sermon, and W. R. Beach, secretary, offered the prayer. The Act of Dedication by the congregation was led by Behnam Arshat, president of the Iraq Section. Najeeb Azar is pastor of the church.

► At the annual meeting of the division committee, held in Beirut, November 3-8, plans were set in motion to begin the experimental use of the colporteur collection plan, increase the use of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, publish *The Ministry of Healing* in Arabic as the book of the year for 1967, to begin a quarterly *MV Program Kit* in Arabic, encourage the donation of books to select libraries, and hold special campaigns in four evangelistic centers by visiting evangelists.

► R. L. Fenn has joined the staff of Middle East College as acting head of the English department. He was formerly in charge of the Jerusalem Center.

► J. S. Jones, president of the Cyprus Section, reports that Turkish Cypriot authorities have replaced broken windows, installed new plumbing, and repaired the roof of the Adventist church in Nicosia, which had been damaged by vandals. The building is inaccessible to our church members, but is being used as a temporary classroom to care for students who cannot cross the line to their regular classes.

► Members of the Nicosia, Cyprus, church have recently completed a "school of prayer" series of studies. This is being followed by a laymen's training class.



Welfare Supplies Airlifted to Vietnam

In mid-December, 1965, a special shipment of welfare supplies was airlifted by the U.S. Marine Corps from the Seventh-day Adventist West Coast Overseas Welfare Depot at Watsonville, California, to Vietnam. The shipment, consisting of 2,905 pounds of light clothing and 224 pounds of medicines, was moved to Vietnam in the personal charge of Chaplain Davis A. Thomas, under assignment to Vietnam. Coordinating the special shipment was Chaplain Glenn I. Bowen, of Fort Ord, California.

In the picture Chaplain Glenn I. Bowen (left) and Chaplain Davis A. Thomas, attached to the Third Marine Air Wing, El Toro, California, hoist one of 22 bales of clothing aboard a U.S. Marine cargo plane at Monterey, California. H. E. Clasing, manager of the Seventh-day Adventist West Coast Overseas Welfare Depot, looks on.

During 1965 the large overseas welfare depot at Watsonville processed and shipped more than 4,500 bales of clothing and other welfare materials to many countries of the world.

HERBERT FORD
Public Relations Secretary
Pacific Union Conference

could be done in his church—the Spanish Manhattan church in New York City. Upon his return from workers' meeting, he called the brethren together to make plans. An evangelistic effort was held and many visitors attended. A baptism was planned for each month. The baptism in November added 37 precious souls, making a total of 84 for 11 months in 1965. At this writing it is expected that the goal of 100 souls will be attained.



Canadian Union

Reported by
Evelyn M. Bowles

► A. W. Robertson, of Williams Lake, British Columbia, and E. L. Stewart, of Oliver, have begun evangelistic meetings in their districts.

► M. D. Suiter, Book and Bible House manager, and W. E. Bergey, publishing secretary, of the British Columbia Conference, recently completed their fall book sales. They report a most encouraging and successful itinerary, which covered every district and church in the conference. The Terrace church, with a membership of 43, made purchases amounting to \$743, and the Lamming Mills church, with a membership of 158, purchased \$1,100 worth.

► J. W. Bothe and W. G. Soloniuk, of the Canadian Union, spent several evenings with members of various Newfoundland churches in the annual caroling program. Churches assisted by the visiting executives were Bay Roberts, St. John's, Botwood, and Corner Brook.

► J. O. Iversen, acting secretary of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference, J. W. Bothe, president of the Canadian Union Conference, and W. G. Soloniuk, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Canadian Union, met with members of the Newfoundland executive committee from December 3 to 6 to discuss the future of the denominationally owned AM radio station VOAR (Voice of Adventist Radio). Relocation of the transmitter, alternate studio sites, and programming were given careful study.

► Mrs. Charles Banks, wife of the church elder in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Mervin Kempert, pastor's wife, were invited to be speakers for the WCTU meetings at New Glasgow, and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

► The opening service in the new church in Lancaster, New Brunswick, was held Sunday evening, December 12. Speakers were William Golding, deputy mayor of the city, G. L. Blackwell, president of the ministerial association, and Desmond Tinkler, president of the Maritime Conference. The building was purchased from the United Church of Canada. N. M. Frost, local pastor, directed in the extensive renovations and decorating, including the installing of a baptistry, Sabbath school rooms, welfare center, and kitchen. The old Saint John church on Peel Street was sold. The congregation will now worship in their new church home in Lancaster, which is across the river from Saint John.



Columbia Union

Reported by
Morten Juberg

► The Mount Vernon Academy Student Association sent 21 Christmas boxes to area servicemen stationed in Vietnam. Included with food was a copy of *Steps to Christ* and a letter from the president of the Student Association.

► Leslie Pendleton recently joined the staff of Blue Mountain Academy as assistant treasurer. A graduate of Southern Missionary College, he spent five years in Tanganyika before coming to Blue Mountain Academy.

► Columbia Union College students and faculty raised \$13,700 for their 1966 In-



Atlantic Union

Reported by
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► David Kneller has joined the staff at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Maine, as laboratory technician. His wife, Faith, is the receptionist at the Medical Arts Building for Doctors Cunningham, Bettel, and Budd. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kneller are graduates of Atlantic Union College.

► Atlantic Union College recently received an unrestricted grant of \$1,000 from the Sears Roebuck Foundation. According to J. V. Nachtwey, local representative of the Foundation, 38 privately supported colleges and universities in Massachusetts shared in grants totaling \$61,800. Robert L. Reynolds, president of Atlantic Union College, and Vernon H. Siver, business manager of the college, accepted the grant, which was presented by Mr. Nachtwey.

► Felix Rodriguez, after hearing at workers' meeting of the experience of a pastor in Central America who had baptized 100 persons in one year, felt this

gathering, topping last year's record by \$700. Of the total, \$4,000 came from faculty and staff members and \$1,280 was turned in by the president's office. The balance was raised in one week of intensive effort by students. The campaign was directed by M. K. Eckenroth, chairman of the religion department, and S. W. Tymeson, chairman of the business education department.

► Thirty-six young men studying for the priesthood at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., recently spent a Sabbath at Columbia Union College. The day began with a prayer breakfast and was followed by Sabbath school and church services. Faculty members opened their homes to informal gatherings for the noon meal. Following visits to campus centers, the afternoon program was concluded with a lecture by L. E. Froom on Adventist belief in prophecy.

► About 350 youth from northeastern Pennsylvania churches attended a youth rally at the Tunkhannock Senior High School auditorium. Students from Blue Mountain Academy conducted the Sabbath school program and provided special music for a sacred concert in the afternoon and a secular program in the evening. Guest speaker was Charles D. Brooks, field secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. Pennsylvania MV secretary Dale Ingersoll directed the program.

► More than 20 professional, industrial, and business experts provided their services for a Careers Day for Pine Forge and Blue Mountain academies held at the Latten School. E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, was the keynote speaker. Nicholas Leftrook, Blue Mountain Academy guidance counselor, organized the day's activities.

► Richard G. Meier is the new associate pastor of the Erie, Lowville, and Meadville, Pennsylvania, churches. A native of Pennsylvania, he became an Adventist through the Voice of Prophecy. He is a graduate of Pacific Union College.

► Members of the Charleston, West Virginia, church in the Allegheny Conference recently honored two of their members, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard King, who are moving to Marion, Indiana. Presently lay elder and treasurer, Mr. King has held every major office in the church during his 30 years of membership.

► The Chesapeake Conference became a Silver Vanguard conference for the third consecutive year on Christmas Sabbath. President Cyril Miller states this victory was somewhat remarkable since many Chesapeake churches did not launch their Ingathering until December 4. W. R. May, director of lay activities, believes that nearly every congregation will have an overflow, raising the conference total beyond \$100,000.



Lake Union

Reported by
Mrs. Mildred Wade

► The Michigan Conference reports a number of worker changes. Bruce A. Roberts, recently returned from West Africa, will be the new treasurer for the Pioneer Memorial church. W. L. Woodruff from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will assume leadership of the Flint district. From Tennessee, Paul Gates will be leading out in the Onaway area. Another minister, Henry Uhl, is coming to Michigan from New York. Ernest N. Wendth, from Faith for Today, is the new public relations, medical, and ASI worker. Leaving the conference is Don Hawley, who has accepted a call to public relations work in the Greater New York Conference. Marvin Walter, a pioneer in American Indian work, will be going to South Dakota to take up work in that area.

► Robert Baker of Hinsdale Sanitarium has recently been accepted as a member of the American Registry of Inhalation Therapists.

► Cliff Walter and Monty Jones, with Larry Pumford as campaign manager, have been holding evangelistic meetings in Elkhart, Indiana. Attendance has been good, and one baptism has been held. Another baptism is being planned soon by the pas-

Centenarian in Ecuador Helps Establish Church in Chone

When Brother José María Freile (left) returned to his native town of Chone, Ecuador, ten years ago, he began to pray daily for the establishment of a church. But he did more than pray. With his three daughters he lived an exemplary life, and in time, when prejudices had subsided, he formed a small group that met in his home each Sabbath.

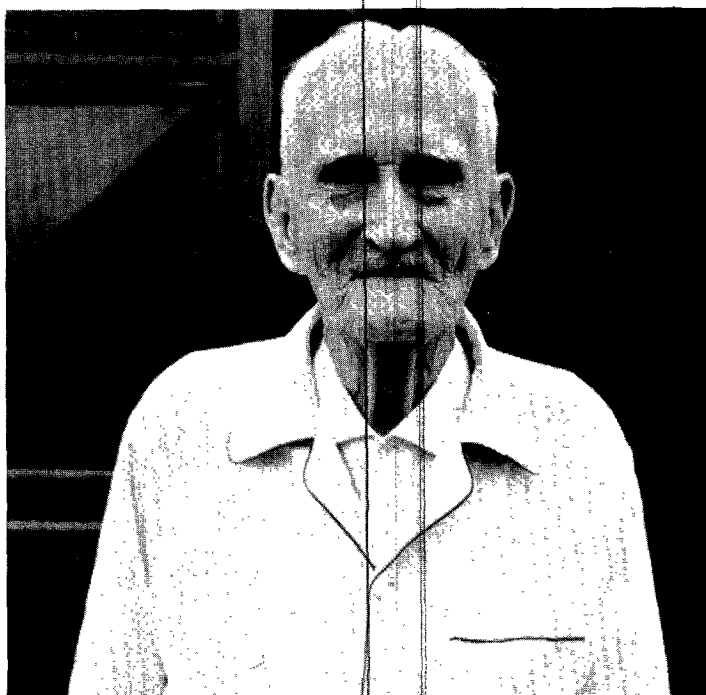
On January 1, 1963, on his one-hundredth birthday, he donated an ample lot for a church. Then from among non-Adventist friends the Freile family solicited the timbers for construction, gathered an encouraging sum of money for the building, and in faith ordered a piano for the new church.

The following year the Ecuador Mission committee laid plans for the opening of the work in Chone, and the church (right)

was built. In September, 1965, at the beginning of a successful series of evangelistic meetings, the building was inaugurated. Although public officials were present and participated in the ceremony, the emotional high light was Brother Freile's message of gratitude to God for His blessing in extending his years and permitting him to see a church established in Chone. This experience has encouraged the believers in the Ecuador Mission, showing what God can do when a noble conviction is linked with a consecrated, working life.

Standing in front of the church is the mission evangelistic team, with the writer at left.

N. M. MERKEL, *President*
Ecuador Mission



tor, G. W. Renton. In South Haven, Donald Jacobsen of Andrews University, with the assistance of college students, has been holding meetings in the airatorium. To date 21 have been baptized. Fordyce Detamore and his associates, R. G. Collar and O. H. Bentzinger, are on loan from the Florida Conference for three series of meetings in Illinois. To date 80 have been baptized from the meetings at Beverly Hills and West Central churches in Chicago.



North Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► H. F. Hannah, pastor of the church in Pendleton, Oregon, opened a 16-night series of evangelistic meetings November 6 in the church. The assistant pastor, Dwight G. Medlock, led out in the music. A special plan of visitation prior to the meetings was carried out by the laymen. Eighty decisions for Christ were made during the meetings, and already 30 new members have been added to the church by baptism. Between 700 and 800 people attended each meeting. Mrs. Don Wisbey and a corps of assistants held separate programs for children up to the age of seven, and report the attendance ranged from 90 to 130 each night.

► The Mount Tabor youth program in Portland, Oregon, has taken on a new emphasis under the leadership of Clyde Mundy, youth pastor. Joint Voice of Youth meetings were conducted with the Stone Tower church in October. Early in November a youth-young adult retreat was held at Camp Crestview in Corbett, Oregon. Youth and young adults have begun a church service apart from the main service once a month, with special emphasis placed on the role of youth in the church today. On January 5 a youth and young adult prayer meeting was inaugurated.

► A union-wide MV and Pathfinder officers' training course was held January 21 to 23 on the campus of Walla Walla College.

► In a recent meeting of the Walla Walla College board of trustees, emeritus status was voted for Mrs. H. E. Weaver, assistant professor of secretarial science from 1949 to 1965.

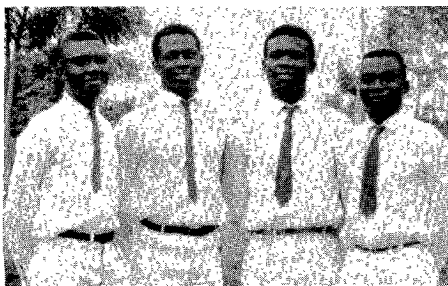


Northern Union

Reported by
L. H. Netteburg

► The first series of follow-up meetings in St. Paul for It Is Written was completed recently. E. R. Priebe, assisted by H. B. Sackett, conducted the meetings. Another series is planned early this year. A number of interested persons are regularly attending Sabbath services in both the St. Paul First and the Maryland Avenue churches.

► The Grassy Butte, North Dakota, church reports a total Investment of \$1,775.79, which is an average of \$65.77 per church member.



Male Quartet In Nigeria Takes Top Honors

Two male quartets from the Adventist Secondary School in East Nigeria participated in the finals of the annual Festival of Arts of Eastern Nigeria held at Enugu. Six quartets from throughout the region reached the finals.

Our quartet number one received the only award given in that section of the musical arts. They sang "Go tell it on the mountain, Jesus soon will come," as arranged and sung by the King's Heralds.

Immediately after the announcement of the award, television representatives who were covering the event approached the principal to obtain permission for the quartet to appear on TV that evening.

Much credit for this success goes to J. W. Wogu, vice-principal, and Mrs. E. Gooden for their untiring efforts in getting the young people ready to witness for the Lord in this manner.

Left to right: Obioma Ugoji, Macaulay Azuogu, Eric Ndukelo, Samuel Ogbonna.

SAMUEL E. GOODEN, Principal
Adventist Secondary School

► Nine people were baptized on November 20 as a result of the Boone, Iowa, evangelistic effort conducted by Don Houghton and A. H. Gerst.

► William Jones has been transferred from the treasury department of the Iowa Conference to the Book and Bible House, where he now serves as manager. Duane Lauer has accepted an invitation to take his place as assistant treasurer of the conference.



Pacific Union

Reported by
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► Thirteen baptisms and a number of new interests resulted from the recent Voice of Prophecy daily broadcast crusade conducted by H. M. S. Richards, Jr., in Oxnard, California.

► Isadore Evans, pastor of the Perris church in the Southeastern California Conference, has joined the Nevada-Utah Conference and is located in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is to pioneer the work for the 22,000 Negroes living there. Elder Evans is a 1947 graduate of Oakwood College and has been engaged in evangelistic work in Florida, Georgia, and the Northern California Conference.

► The Loma Linda Hill church com-

memorated its sixtieth anniversary January 8 with John Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president, speaking for the morning worship hour. F. D. Nichol, REVIEW AND HERALD editor and a charter member of the church, spoke at the afternoon meeting, which also included a musical program. A reception in the evening honored all who were members of the Hill church prior to 1916.

► John M. Haynal, a 1945 graduate of Andrews University, is the new administrator of the Tempe Community Hospital, Arizona. He has a Master's degree from George Washington University in business administration with special emphasis in hospital administration.

► H. James Hara, M.D., ear, nose, and throat specialist and a member of the Los Angeles Central Japanese-American church, was honored by the Japanese Government November 11 at the Emperor's Palace with the Award of Merit, Fourth Order—the highest award Japan bestows upon those of Japanese ancestry overseas for contribution toward international peace and good will.

► Olaf Locke, pastor of the Denver, Colorado, South church, has accepted the call of the Northern California Conference to serve as pastor of the Sanitarium church.

► New staff members at the Monument Valley Mission and Hospital are Roy Wesson, business manager; Mrs. Wesson, nurse in the clinic; Mrs. May Wright, helping in food service; Jeanine Purdy and Glee Canaday, nurses; Carl Rose, schoolteacher; and Robert Glass, laboratory technician.

► One hundred and fifty students participated in Orangewood Academy's first In-gathering field day December 8. Working in Garden Grove, they received more than \$500 in cash and nearly \$200 worth of food.



Southern Union

Reported by
Oscar L. Heinrich

► The Wood Dale Nursing Home and Convalescent Center in Dalton, Georgia, held dedication and open house on January 2, and began admitting residents on January 3. This modern 70-bed institution is owned by an Adventist group, Geriatrics, Inc., composed of Drs. Earl T. McGhee, Robert Raitz, and Robert Bowers. The administrator is Edwin Martin, and the director of nurses is Mrs. Edwin Martin. It opened with approximately 50 per cent occupancy.

► The new Hollywood, Florida, church building was officially opened with services on November 20. The church was organized in 1961 and has grown from a membership of 39 to 72. R. A. Kurth is pastor of the district.

► More than 50 students and faculty members from Highland Academy completed the civil defense medical self-help course conducted at the school. The course, designed to prepare qualified persons to assist in any emergency, was directed by W. E. Peeke, conference home missionary secretary.

► The new church at Fletcher, North Carolina, was dedicated on Sabbath, January 8. Cost of this structure, which seats 800, was \$67,500. It was necessary for this congregation to borrow \$26,000 to complete the construction. This has been paid off during the past two years at the rate of \$1,105 per month. Not a payment was missed, and during this period \$125,000 was given by the church for other offerings. Hugh V. Leggett is pastor.



Southwestern Union

Reported by
J. N. Morgan

► Elder and Mrs. D. C. Prenier have accepted a call to connect with the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. Brother Prenier will act as chaplain and will be associated with the Ardmore district. Mrs. Prenier will serve as director of nurses at the hospital.

► The Oklahoma City Central church, through caroling, received its largest Ingathering total for one night. More than 100 carolers participated in the Ingathering work on a recent Saturday night that netted \$1,025.

► The Deming, New Mexico, church reports an average of 27 attending Vacation Bible School. In this daily program only five of the children come from Adventist homes.

► The Hayes Memorial Hospital, in San Marcus, Texas, has raised \$2,500 to purchase new equipment for medical treatment and rehabilitation of cardiac patients.

► L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union, directed services of dedication for the Menard, Texas, church, November 20.

► On December 11 several hundred friends of the Alpha Seventh-day Adventist church gathered in their newly remodeled church and sanctuary to praise the Lord for His goodness and providences. V. L. Roberts, president of the Southwest Region Conference, was the main speaker for the occasion. He was assisted by G. M. Schram, lay activities director for the Southwestern Union.



Andrews University

Reported by
Donald Lee

► Under the leadership of Karl Anatol, Student Association president, and Glenn Coe, campaign manager, the swimming pool campaign was brought to a successful conclusion. A total of \$31,500 was raised through cash and pledges.

► Seven Andrews University graduates have been included in the 1965 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*, an annual biographical compilation of approximately 6,000 outstanding women between the ages of 21 and 36. Andrews University graduates selected are: Mrs. Joanne Mize Roberts, assistant dean of women at Andrews University; Barbara

Doris Stickle, future assistant editor of the Lake Union Herald; Grieta Susanna DeWind, dean of women at Broadway Academy; Josephine Elizabeth Clayburn, director of nurses at Mountain Sanitarium, Fletcher, North Carolina; Mrs. Barbara Jemison-Meyers, studying for a Master's degree in dietetics and nutrition at Loma Linda University; Sharon LaVerne Culpepper, a dietitian at the White Memorial Hospital; and Florence Ann Sangerloo, voice teacher at Canadian Union College.

► Dyre Dyresen, registrar and director of admissions at Andrews University, is currently serving as president of MACRO, the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

► A Latin Bible and commentary in use during the early Reformation period has been acquired by the James White Library. The Commentary, written by Nicholas de Lyra, 1270-1340, was one forerunner of the modern exegetical commentary. Published November 3, 1492, by Johann Reinhold Gruninger in Strausburg, Germany, the four-volume set, of which the library has volumes 1, 2, and 4, was found last summer by Daniel Walther, chairman of the Department of Church History, in Frankfurt, Germany.

Korean Believers on the March for God

On a recent Sabbath the members of the Korean Union participated enthusiastically in a campaign to distribute 1.5 million tracts entitled, *Christ's Soon Return*. It was estimated that approximately 25 per cent of the homes in South Korea were contacted on this one day!

Our objective within the next three years is to visit every home in South Korea and leave a message tract with the basic scriptural beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

R. S. WATTS, JR.
Departmental Secretary
Korean Union Mission



► An \$80,000 Casavant pipe organ is being installed in the Pioneer Memorial church. It will be acoustically adjusted to the sanctuary of the church.

► To alleviate crowded conditions in Lamson Hall, women's residence, a new addition is to be completed by the fall of 1966 at a cost of \$700,000 to \$800,000. At present 472 women are living in four buildings on campus.

► Andrews University recently received a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation under a continuing program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities.

► Andrews University's physics department has received a check for \$3,000 from the Research Corporation to support the research of Dr. W. Bruce Zimmerman, associate professor of physics.

► An unsolicited grant of equipment totaling \$2,000 worth of retail merchandise was given to the Education Department of Andrews University for the training of future teachers, by the 3-M Corporation.

Church Calendar

Stewardship Sabbath	January 29
Bible Evangelism Crusade	February 5
Church Missionary Offering	February 5
Faith for Today Offering	February 12
Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 19
Christian Home Week	February 19-26
Temperance Commitment Day	February 26

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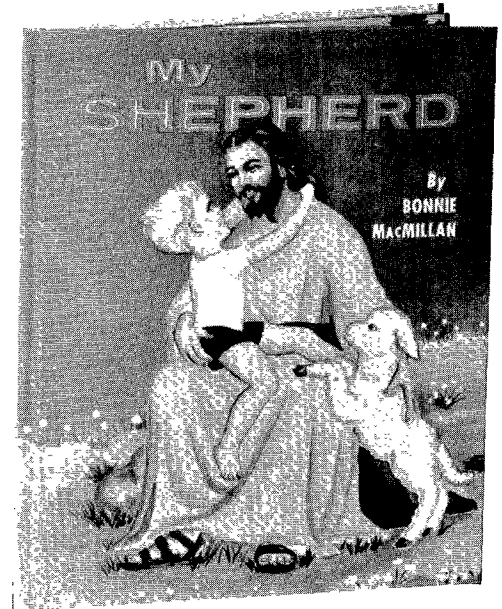
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News of Note

Ingathering Tops Six Million

The January 8 Ingathering report from the churches and conferences in North America indicates that for the first time in denominational history here in North America we have reached and passed the \$6 million mark. This is a notable victory for God's cause. All ten unions have broken former records with an increase over last year of \$265,966.95.

These twelve conferences lead with Silver Vanguard honors: New York, Southern New England, Newfoundland, Chesapeake, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Alabama-Mississippi, Arkansas-Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Mexico. Fifty-three conferences have surpassed last year's record at this time.

More than 11,000 Ingathering coupons for the Bible correspondence courses have been received. Families contacted during the present Ingathering campaign have now joined the baptismal class in a number of conferences. Twenty million families have been visited. The Ingathering total in this history-making first stands at \$6,100,218.99. This represents a per capita that is nearing \$16.50.

God has blessed dedicated second-mile service in accomplishing so much for so many.

J. E. EDWARDS

GC President Commends Church

The magnificent sum of more than \$6.1 million has been raised through Ingathering. This remarkable achievement could only have been realized through the united efforts of many loyal people. In behalf, therefore, of our church, whose activities extend around the world, we express our deep gratitude to conference presidents, departmental secretaries, church pastors, and, last but by no means least, to our faithful church members. Many of these have labored long hours, often in inclement weather, to help swell the figure to what it is. May Heaven's blessing rest upon these faithful laborers and may the funds gathered help to hasten the glad day of our Lord's return.

R. R. FIGUHR

Large Moslem Baptism in Indonesia

A letter received from W. L. Wilcox, president of the West Indonesia Union Mission, contains the following heartening report:

"Every year we have a steady flow of young workers going out into the field who are doing a tremendous work for the Lord. To show you what these young workers are doing, let me quote a few statistics. In 1960 we were baptizing between 500 and 600 persons a year in

the West Indonesia Union. However with the blessing of God, 1965 should see at least 1,500 baptisms here in the same territory. We believe that this is due largely to the well-trained workers graduating from our college, and to the spirit of evangelism that has taken hold of our people and workers.

"Recently we conducted the largest baptism we ever had in our union, which also included the largest number of Moslems in history. This took place in the West Java Mission, on the southern coast of the island. On November 21, 113 souls were baptized here, 105 of whom were former Moslems. Another 30 are studying the truth and are already keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism shortly."

New Hospital for Addis Ababa

Thirty-three years ago, Dr. George Bergman opened the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It has continued in service to the present time with the exception of a short period in connection with the Italian occupation. The opening ceremony at the time was graced by the presence of His Majesty, Emperor Haile Selassie I.

Many dedicated physicians, nurses, business people, and paramedical personnel have served in the present hospital buildings. This earliest hospital plant has changed little in 33 years, while Addis Ababa has grown into a busy, modern city. We have felt for several years that this older plant could not long continue to represent Seventh-day Adventist medical work in this large and important center.

We are glad to report that with the necessary funds in hand the Ethiopian Union Mission is proceeding with the building of a fine new hospital in this capital city of Ethiopia. The Royal family graced the occasion of the official foundation-stone laying, the Emperor himself laying the foundation stone in appropriate services January 17.

The multistoried hospital will be modern in every respect and will enable our staff to go on to even greater achievements in clinical work and in the training of our Ethiopian young people for responsibility in the medical institutions of this rapidly developing country of North Africa.

T. R. FLAIZ

Advances in South America

The South American Division is making exciting news with its evangelistic advances. In a recent letter F. C. Webster, the laymen's activities secretary of the division, reports that "a total of 72 lay instructors' training schools have been held on a conference-wide basis since the

program was begun in December, 1963. During 1965 alone, 49 leadership courses for better and stronger lay evangelism have been conducted. A total of 8,003 laymen have finished these studies, which provide not only training on a near-academic level but technical know-how in the art of winning souls. These two factors have endowed our laymen with a new confidence that has proved a great stimulus in actual soul winning." Elder Webster adds, "This specialized laymen's program has penetrated to the remote corners of our division."

We are confident that this new advance will result in thousands of souls won to Jesus Christ.

V. W. SCHOEN

Death of Pearl L. Rees

Pearl L. Rees, dean emeritus of women at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, died January 11 at the age of 80. Dean Rees was in active denominational service for fifty years, from 1898 to her retirement in 1948. Among her contributions to denominational educational work were a textbook on the work of a dean, and the journal *Dean's Window*, organ of Seventh-day Adventist deans. An obituary will appear later.

Death of Mrs. O. Montgomery

Many friends and fellow workers will learn with sorrow of the death in Takoma Park of Mrs. O. Montgomery, on January 13, 1966. The death of Elder O. Montgomery, who during his life had carried many heavy responsibilities of leadership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, occurred in 1944, and in recent years Sister Montgomery had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Odom.

Mrs. Montgomery had given service to the church as a colporteur in her early years, and later as departmental leader in several conferences. She stood by and assisted her husband in his ministerial and administrative labors as a Bible worker and as his companion in traveling and visiting.

We extend to the family and friends our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

W. P. BRADLEY

Good Report From Southern Europe

According to a recent letter from E. Naenny, publishing department secretary of the Southern European Division, the book evangelists, as they are called in that part of the world, are having unusually good success in the Iberian Peninsula. For the first three quarters of 1965 Portugal reported a gain in sales of 64 per cent over the corresponding period of 1964, and Spain reported a gain of 35 per cent for the same period.

In Austria, another section of Southern Europe, 235 souls who have been won to the church during a period of ten years, were first contacted by book evangelists. God is richly blessing the literature ministry in the great countries of Southern Europe.

D. A. McADAMS