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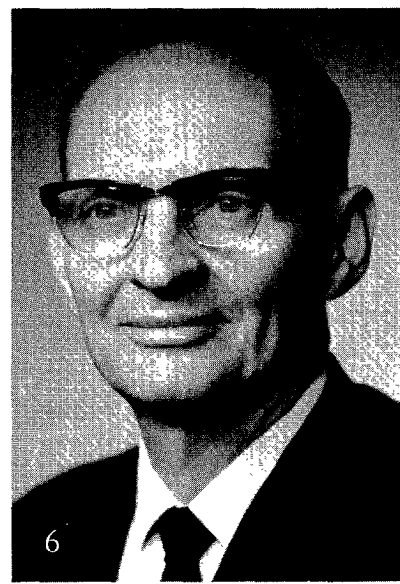


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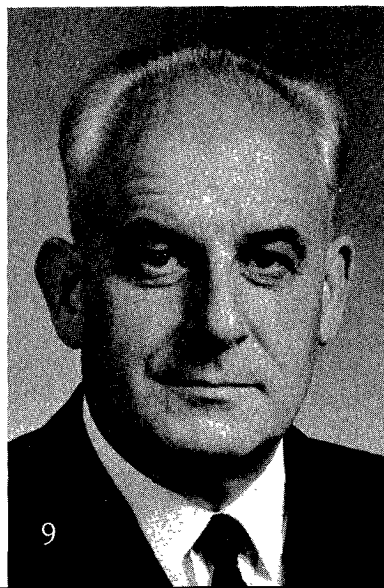
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The Wedding Garment— Righteousness by Faith

MORNING SERMON, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1966, 8:30 A.M.

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A tenderly loved blind girl who had never seen her father's face underwent a successful major eye operation at the age of 12. After the bandages were all removed she was thrilled to be able to see, and expectantly awaited her father's arrival. When she heard his familiar footsteps approaching she sat ready, watching, and for the first time in her life she saw his face. Emotionally moved, she wept. With his arm about her he said, "But why weep?" "O Father," she said looking into his face, "I knew you were good but I did not think it possible for you to look so good."

This touching incident dimly illustrates the experience awaiting the redeemed as recorded in Revelation 22:4: "They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." These words depict the very climax of our Advent hope. They certify that all those who have the name of God—His character—wrought into their lives shall see His face and shall "reign for ever and ever." Therefore, the true Adventist will sincerely "follow . . . holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Such a glorious and blessed hope, therefore, should inspire us to respond to the Lord's challenge, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12).

The Lord Jesus admonishes the church to prepare for His return from the "wedding," and graphically portrays the attitude and experience of those who will be ready in the following impressive words of Luke 12:35-37: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

Obviously, then, the Lord Jesus at His second coming returns from the "wedding," having already received His bride—His kingdom. Of this Sister White states in *The Great Controversy*, page 427: "Having received the kingdom, He will come in His glory, as King of kings, and Lord of lords, for the redemption of His people, who are to 'sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,' at His table in His kingdom, to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb." This marriage supper is the climax of the plan of salvation, for it celebrates the redemption of men and inaugurates the

everlasting kingdom of glory. No wonder the apostle John was told to write, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9). How tragic, however, that Jesus was constrained to say, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14).

"Many Are Called"

Jesus taught in a parable how it is that while many are called, few are chosen. He began by saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come" (Matt. 22:2, 3). The first call to the marriage supper went forth to those who had been bidden—"the lost sheep of the house of Israel." This call was voiced by John the Baptist, the twelve, the seventy, and by our Lord Jesus Himself. But "they would not come." Jesus continued by saying, "Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city" (Matt. 22:4-7).

This second call was also sent to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." It was proclaimed after the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross—after He had tasted death for every man. With Pentecostal power this call sounded forth, "Come unto the marriage." But some made light of it, caring only for selfish interests and money-making. Others persecuted the messengers of the king, slaying many. Finally, having rejected the gospel invitation, they were scattered as a nation, and in retribution their city was destroyed in A.D. 70. Jesus continued, "Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests" (Matt. 22:8-10). In this, the third call, the gospel messengers were sent forth to the highways of the Gentiles with the as-

surance, "The wedding is ready," and instructed them: "As many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." The messengers gathered together both "bad and good," and "the wedding was furnished with guests." The Christian church became a mixed company, for many had little appreciation of Christian values.

Many, like Ananias and Sapphira of old, planned to keep "back part of the price." They coveted the security of this world while seeking that of the church. Theirs was a life with an impure motive—a life both false and double. When getting becomes an end in the life, it always leads to a spiritual dead end. The church militant was not, and still is not, the church triumphant.

"But Few Are Chosen"

Jesus lived in times of expectation. Multitudes were looking for a Messiah who would come to set up a kingdom of glory. They gave little or no thought to the kingdom of grace, which Jesus declared must be set up within their hearts. Shunning the cross that Jesus offered them—a cross of self-denial and of daily dying to sin—they covetously sought for a crown of earthly glory.

We, too, are living in times of expectation. Many voices are heralding the coming kingdom of glory. Once again, many are being called. Why, then, will but few be chosen? Because so few realize that only those who daily die to sin and daily enthrone Jesus as the Lord of all in their lives can be chosen. The apostle Paul, who testified, "I am crucified with Christ," and "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20), wrote also, "For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Tim. 2:11). Let us meditate much upon these words:

"No cross, no crown; no loss, no gain.

They too must suffer who would reign.

He best can part with life without a sigh,

Whose daily living is to daily die."

In the law God's biddings stand revealed, but in the cross His enablings are magnified. All should realize that only men and women made new within by the grace of Christ will inherit a new heaven and a new earth. All of us, therefore, should accept the invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb by making a sincere and heartfelt preparation for our Lord's return.

An Investigative Judgment

Christ is represented in the parable by the king as providing for every guest a wedding garment. It was His gift, a costly royal gift, to every guest. To wear it to the marriage supper would do honor to the royal host and express appreciation for, and conformity to, His standards. Therefore, it was right that the king should both see and examine the guests before the supper, to see who were truly worthy. Commenting on this work of examination, Sister White states in *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 310: "By the king's examination of the guests at the feast is represented a work of judgment. The guests at the gospel feast are those who profess to serve God, those whose names are written in the book of

life. But not all who profess to be Christians are true disciples. Before the final reward is given, it must be decided who are fitted to share the inheritance of the righteous. This decision must be made prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven; for when He comes, His reward is with Him, 'to give every man according as his work shall be.' Rev. 22:12. Before His coming, then, the character of every man's work will have been determined, and to every one of Christ's followers the reward will have been apportioned according to his deeds.

"It is while men are still dwelling upon the earth that the work of investigative judgment takes place in the courts of heaven. The lives of all His professed followers pass in review before God. All are examined according to the record of the books of heaven, and according to his deeds the destiny of each is forever fixed."

The investigation revealed a man who was not prepared, and who was not wearing the wedding garment provided. Standing speechless and without excuse before the king, he was rejected and cast out into outer darkness. In all this the man typifies a large class in the church of God who are failing to prepare for their Lord's return, and who shall be cast out as unfit for the kingdom.

Righteousness Imputed

The prophet Isaiah declared that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Man's best is not good enough, because "everything that we ourselves can do is defiled by sin." On the other hand, the prophet Jeremiah tells of a people saved in the merits of "the Lord our righteousness."

Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character. This He imputes to those who receive Him. When a sinner turns with contrition in the heart, confession in the mouth, and amendment in the life to Jesus, accepting Him as his personal Saviour, his sins are forgiven and they are all taken away. Of this gracious experience Sister White says, "Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God's presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 311.

Thus the sinner is "justified by faith." In the merit of this *imputed* righteousness of Christ, God accepts him as if he had

never sinned. This imputed righteousness is his title to membership in God's family, and makes him an heir of an inheritance in the kingdom of God. Better indeed to be saved by our Lord in our weakness, than to be lost without Him in our strength. Truly "out of weakness" many are being made strong in the Lord!

Righteousness Imparted

This acceptance with God through faith in the imputed righteousness of Christ is a continuing experience in the Christian's life as he journeys on the straight and narrow way to the kingdom. The nearer we come to Jesus and the closer we walk with Him, the keener will be our sense of need. The atoning, cleansing blood of Jesus and the robe of His righteousness will ever be our sufficiency. Not only is Christ's righteousness to be imputed but it is also to be *imparted* by the inner working of the Holy Spirit in the life. This imparted righteousness of Jesus is our qualification and fitness for heaven. This is beautifully explained and emphasized by Sister White in the following words:

"The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. When Christ reigns in the soul, there is purity, freedom from sin. The glory, the fullness, the completeness of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life. The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ revealed in the life testifies that God has indeed sent His Son into the world to be its Saviour."—*Ibid.*, pp. 419, 420. "This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us."—*Ibid.*, p. 311.

This experience is "to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19).

The Wedding Garment

In the Gospel of John, chapter 1, verses 12 and 13, we read, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that

believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." To believe in and to receive Jesus into the life is to experience the spiritual power of regeneration or the new birth. The righteousness of Jesus is neither an indulgence to continue in sin nor a cloak to cover cherished sin. In accepting gospel promises the believer experiences Jesus as their fulfillment. In choosing to keep the commandments the believer experiences the power of God to obey. Thus the gospel is verily the "power of God unto salvation" and the transformation of life. This miracle of regeneration truly unites the believer to Christ, for He abides within, effecting a transformation of character.

"By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness."—*Ibid.*, p. 312.

Thus the very righteousness and character of Jesus are imparted to the believer and constitute the wedding garment of his fitness for heaven.

In all this we are lifted to the pinnacle of redeeming grace in which Jesus is made the "Lord our righteousness." Jesus has mediated and imparted His righteousness to the believer, who in turn appropriates it as His own. Sister White gives emphasis to this glorious truth in the following words:

"By the wedding garment in the parable is represented the pure, spotless character which Christ's true followers will possess. To the church it is given 'that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,' 'not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.' Rev. 19:8. The fine linen, says the Scripture, 'is the righteousness of saints.' Eph. 5:27. It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour."—*Ibid.*, p. 310.

Therefore, the evidence of true conversion is a changed life—a life in which the works of Christ's righteousness are revealed.

Truly the righteous character of Jesus wrought out in the daily life of the believer constitutes the wedding garment of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Those who render mere lip service to the truth but who do not practice it, will stand speechless and condemned in the day of final awards.

On the other hand, we are assured by the servant of the Lord that many will stand justified and sanctified in that great day. Sister White portrays the true Adventist in the following words:

"God has a people upon the earth who in faith and holy hope are tracing down the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy, and are seeking to purify their souls by obeying the truth, that they may not be found without the wedding garment when Christ shall appear."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 307.

"And they shall see his face and his name shall be in their foreheads."

Early Hours

By G. F. WILLIAMS

It's early in the morning before the rise of sun,
It's early in the morning before the day's begun,
It's early in the morning birds sing their very best,
It's early in the morning that my soul is blest.

It's early in the morning I like to take a walk,
It's early in the morning to my Lord I talk,
It's early in the morning He seems so very near,
It's early in the morning His voice I clearly hear.

It's early in the morning before the break of day,
It's early in the morning I always like to pray,
It's early in the morning when the dew is on the sod,
It's early in the morning I fellowship with God.

The Day in Detroit

By LAWRENCE MAXWELL

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1966

You would love it here!

If you are interested in clothes and fashions, you would be fascinated by the costumes people wear here!

If languages intrigue you, you would be delighted by the diversity of dialects spoken here!

If power and progress stir you, you would be excited here!

If music thrills you, you would be ecstatic here!

If well-thought-out Bible study and the evidence of God's presence are what you long for, you would be contented here!

The organ was playing as I joined the crowds flocking into the auditorium last night. Soon the song service began, with Richard Lange directing and Van Knauss at the console. Gerald Ferguson did a tremendous job with his solo, "Alleluia," and the General Conference laymen's choir did justice to "Onward, Christian Soldiers!" and "Almighty God."

Here and there near the platform I saw young men with red jackets and black bow ties. Would the choir of Japan Missionary College sing tonight? (The printed program said they would sing only on Thursday, but this was Wednesday.)

Soon the lights dimmed, four great spotlights jabbed long fingers through the darkness, and the organ began a haunting, ominous tune. Tension mounted as all eyes turned toward the side doors. Led by the flags of the nations they serve, the delegates and their families and present and former workers of the Southern Asia Division marched down the aisles.

What an aristocratic procession! The women in flowing saris, many of the men in white coats and fur topees—it is no wonder that the Nominating Committee chose a former president of Southern Asia to be our new General Conference president!

Justin Singh was there. I had talked to him a few moments before the program got under way. He is Bible teacher at our Roorkee High School. He was wearing a long black coat with seven buttons and four pockets such as that which the late Prime Minister Nehru used to wear, known as an *achcan*. His trousers were white, and his hat was a fur topee. Brother Singh is in America for the first time and plans to study at Andrews University before returning to India.

Winston McHenry was there too. I used to know him when we were students at Pacific Union College. He was wearing a garment known as a *maharashtrim*. His home is in Poona now, where he serves as division treasurer.

I also spoke to M. E. Cherian, principal of Spicer Memorial College. This is his second trip to a General Conference. He was wearing the long white coat and white trousers that most Indian men wear today. I asked him what most impressed him about Spicer Memorial College—what he would like everyone around the world to know. His eyes lighted up. "Two things I am proud of at our college—the tremendous interest among our students to enter the ministry, and their equally tremendous interest in lay evangelism, conducting branch Sabbath schools, giving Bible studies, and so forth."

R. S. Lowry and C. R. Bonney, president and secretary, respectively, of the Southern Asia Division, gave the report. [Be sure to read it on page 9 of this Bulletin.]

You who are not here could not hear the costumed group of nationals singing India's new national anthem (while the audience stood in respect), you could not hear the lovely song by Mrs. Justin Singh and Mr. Hmingliana (accompanied by E. L. Sorensen on the guitar), nor could you see the six former division presidents (A. W. Cormack, N. C. Wilson, A. L. Ham, O. O. Mattison, R. H. Pierson, and E. L. Sorensen) being honored with leis.



A. H. Roth and Mrs. Roth with nostalgic memories join in the delightful program given Sunday night by the Inter-American Division, of which he was president for many years.

You could not participate in the special message that was sent to the widow of the seventh president, Gentry Lowry.

But you can read the report and hear the same tremendous experiences we heard last night—the church that doubled its membership while its pastor was away, then went on to treble it after he got back, all in one year! The discouraged colporteur who flopped down on the roadside, brokenhearted because he could not find anyone to give a Bible study to! The ten-year-old Gypsy boy dying of tuberculosis who learned of Christ in the hospital and who not only got well but started a church! The mob that was stopped at the hospital gate . . . the newspaper editor converted on a train . . . the would-be-murderer who asked for baptism . . . the ten murderers converted in jail.

And you can read, too, the story of the businessman who insisted he should pay tithe on the profits of the family business. Don't miss what happened to him! He was there last night, dressed in the white suit of the typical Indian businessman and with a red rose in his buttonhole, telling the story himself.

After Southern Asia would come the Far Eastern Division. I slipped out to see who might be on the program.

There was Alva Appel. Son of veteran missionaries, he was wearing a bold-looking Tibetan costume of thick silk brocade, complete with flint, flint box, prayer beads, and knife. "You don't buy these things in a store," he explained. "You must get them directly from the people themselves." His hat was of fox fur. I remember when Alva and I studied together at Pacific Union College. It is tremendously interesting to see how old friends have gone to the farthestmost outposts to carry Christ's gospel everywhere.

I talked for a few moments to a lovely young lady in a long blue dress and a conical straw hat typical of parts of Vietnam. Her name is Sandra Julius. She graduated from Union College, then went to Singapore, where for three years she has served as accountant for the division. She is returning to the States now, to work with the Christian Record in Lincoln, Nebraska. "It was a really difficult decision to leave Singapore," she said. "I loved working there."

Over in a corner I saw what looked like three long-time friends talking over the "old days." They were discussing something that had happened in a bakery years ago when they noticed me listening, and they said, "Oh, don't put that in!" I promised I wouldn't. They were F. E. Spiers, O. W. Lange, and our new world president, Robert H. Pierson, and they were talking about the late twenties and early thirties when they were workers together in what was at that time an extremely difficult part of the world to preach the gospel in.

The Far Eastern Division report had already begun and I had not realized it! I went back to my seat and listened. For as Paul Eldridge, ministerial, radio and TV secretary, gave the report, pictures were flashed onto the screen—148 of them

—giving a broad and impressive résumé of progress in the Far East.

And such progress it has been! The gain over the past four years equals the entire membership in 1948. Schools and colleges have prospered so much that one third of the entire budget goes to parochial education. Most impressive figure of all was the announcement that May 14 had been set aside as a day for all evangelists in the division to conduct a baptism. The number of people baptized came to a staggering 6,793.

The Japanese choir — more properly known as the Choral Arts Society of Japan Missionary College—did sing, under the amazing direction of Frank Araujo. That their song, "Lost in the Night," happens to be one of my favorites does not disqualify me from saying that listening to them was a spine-tingling thrill.

But there was sadness in the evening. C. P. Sorensen, who has served the cause of God so well for so many years, announced that he is retiring. As he passed the mantle to the new president, Paul Eldridge, there was an unmistakable catch in his voice that revealed the sorrow of a veteran warrior forced by the years to lay down his arms.

The choir sang again, and the meeting was over. It was 10:30, and my taxi driver, as I returned to the hotel, said he was surprised to see so many people on the streets so late. Then he added, "My sister belongs to your group." I invited him to attend some of the meetings. "She keeps pressuring me," he said. "Bible studies, things like that. I'll probably join one of these days." Let us pray he will!

Morning! And from the feel of the air it's going to be another hot day. A. W. Staples, president of the South African Union, has the morning devotional. All of the morning sermons are centered in Christ and His second coming. Elder Staples has chosen to discuss the importance of the wedding garment as part of the preparation for Christ's return.

His message centers, of course, in Christ's parable of the man who came to a wedding feast without putting on the special clothing the king provided. He quoted those very encouraging words in *Christ's Object Lessons*: "By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments."—Page 312. Read the inspiring talk beginning on page 2 of this Bulletin.

After the meeting I saw something else that really impressed me—the Public Relations office. If you live in the United States or Canada, you may have heard something of these meetings in your newspaper or on your radio or TV. Even if you live outside these two countries you may have seen or heard something about it. You may have thought this publicity just happened.

Nothing could be farther from the truth!

Never before in the history of our church have we received so much good publicity. This is the result—with God's blessing—of a tremendous amount of well-organized hard work.

The Public Relations Department has a suite of rooms right off the Arena. I entered from the main corridor to find



R. R. Figuhr, retiring president of the General Conference, greets Miss Anna Knight, 95, veteran missionary from India.

another narrower corridor, from which eight or nine rooms lead off. There was space for three darkrooms and several cubicles for taping interviews or editing films.

The place was a beehive. Meri Blost, who will be going to Singapore to serve the Far Eastern Division office, told me that the workers are divided into four groups. Marvin Reeder heads the "back-home news" department. Workers in this section interview delegates and photograph them, then send the pictures and news stories "back home"—to the city where the delegate lives, perhaps to the city where his parents live, and to any other place where he is known well enough so that the local papers might be interested in printing a story about him. If you saw a story about your conference president in your local paper—this is probably how that story got there! With 1,600 delegates, this represents a formidable task!

And that is only one phase of the PR work!

Another phase takes advantage of the fact that service clubs—Kiwanis, Rotary, Civitans, and such like—want interesting speakers at their meetings. The General Conference PR office in Washington, D.C., set up appointments before the session began. Now Oscar Heinrich, public relations secretary of the Southern Union, sees to it that the appointed speakers meet their engagements. Wellesley Muir of Peru and Dr. Ralph Waddell of the Far East (newly elected secretary of the General Conference Medical Department) have been two of the speakers the service clubs have really appreciated. "It's nothing for our men to have to stay an hour answering questions," Brother Heinrich told me.

A third phase of the work, I was told, is the radio broadcast that goes out every night. I met Bruce Wickwire, Jr., here. His father is the Northern European Division publishing secretary. And Gabe Romero was here too. What a pusher that young man is! These college students and others bear the brunt of this new project, working under the experienced leadership of Gordon Engen. They gather news of the convention and transmit it by land lines to Washington, D.C., and La Sierra, California. From La Sierra it is shunted, also by land line, to Pacific Union College and Walla Walla College. The four colleges (including Columbia Union College and La Sierra College) broadcast the programs over their FM broadcasting stations. Gabe told me that when it was time for the new president to be announced, folks who did not own FM radios and who could not, therefore, hear the broadcast at home, flocked to the college radio stations to hear the news.

The fourth phase is the traditional one, providing releases for newspapers, radio and television stations, and the wire services. Herbert Ford of the Pacific Union public relations department is in charge here.

I felt as I talked with him that he had a firm grip on his job, he knew where he was going, and how he was going to get there. And is he getting there!



The First Aid Clinic in Cobo Hall, where emergency treatment is given during the conference, is operated by Donald R. Ballard, M.D., a Detroit SDA physician who is providing his services free. He is assisted by nurses Audrey Mulney, Mary Yamazaki, and Bonnie Miller.



Mariano Pairo, an Aymara Indian Mission station supervisor of the Bolivian Mission, playing a *charrango*—ten strings built on the bony body of an armadillo—while his wife sings. Pairo's hat (a *chullo*) is made of homespun wool. Both men and women wear a felt hat on top of the *chullo* when it is cold—the *chullo* to keep out the cold, the felt hat to keep the sun out of the eyes at the high altitudes of Lake Titicaca.

"Are they using your stories?" I asked him.

Ask a new father to tell you about his son! Ask a girl to tell you about her boy friend! Ask Herb Ford to tell you what's happening to the news his department releases.

"Well," he said, "we've had about 20 hours of free time on radio and television."

"Twenty hours! You mean, of course," I suggested, "all around the country."

"Oh, no," he said. "I mean right here in Detroit and Windsor. Locally. That's besides whatever else we are getting around the country."

"Are the local papers using your stories?"

"Take a look on the bulletin board," he said.

I remembered. Two bulletin boards are covered with clippings.

"We get out a 'Newsbook' every morning," he went on, warming to his subject. "We send a messenger boy with copy to each of the local newspapers. Wayne Griffith here"—he introduced me to Wayne, just graduated from La Sierra College—"takes copy to the newspapers on his bicycle. He's sitting there right now only because his bike was missing a while ago."

"That article the other day on integration in the Adventist Church," I said, "was very fair and very favorable. Did you have anything to do with it? I noticed it was signed by one of the newspaper's regular columnists." Herb smiled. Herb doesn't allow himself to smile very often, but some accomplishments bring a slight widening of his lips. "That columnist sat right there at that typewriter and wrote the whole story here."

"Have you had any other breaks you'd like me to tell all our church members about?" I asked. "I'm writing up the Story

of the Day for the REVIEW AND HERALD."

Once more that brief smile, and I knew this would be a good one. "That report by H. S. Lo on conditions in China came as a surprise to all of us. It got on the wire services, and the New York *Times* picked it off the wires and printed it. That's not all. We had a man in here this morning from *Time*. He's very interested in it." There was no stopping Herb now.

"UPI liked the story on Jerry Furst. He arrived late because he was busy back in Topeka, Kansas, helping the victims of the tornado. And there was a feature editor in this morning getting another story for the Detroit *News*. The religious editor of the Toledo *Blade* dropped in to get something."

I had to go. I couldn't possibly put all this into my Story of the Day. But one more thing Herb told me before I left. "Two large Protestant denominations held conventions here during the past few months. We are getting more and better publicity than either of them."

I glanced around the office again. More than 20 men and women were hard at work, and at peak periods 40 or more may be sitting at those desks. It's no coincidence that we've been getting reams of publicity.

In the auditorium it was time for the morning business session. J. O. Iversen reported for the Radio-Television Department. "There are more than 500 million radios in the world," he said, "and more than 162 million television sets." The Voice of Prophecy is now on 692 stations, Faith for Today is on 240. More than 22 million persons have enrolled in one or another of the Bible correspondence courses the denomination offers. Read about the rapid growth of this work in the report beginning on page 12.

E. L. Folkenberg reported for the Temperance Department. What a spearhead this department has been in opening doors recently fast closed to the Advent message! He spoke of seminars the department has conducted, of the increase in youth activities, and of the immensely successful Five-Day Plan. Not content with the successes of the past, however, he assured us, "The greatest days are yet to come." He paid tribute to W. A. Scharffenberg, who did so much to strengthen the cause of temperance within the church. Elder Scharffenberg spoke briefly, in response.

It was nearly noon. Business was set aside to give time for a ten-minute devotional talk by S. P. Vitrano, who spoke on the certainties of the message. I thought how very significant it was that in the middle of business we should pause to pray.

Quite a bit of time at this session is devoted to Bible study. On both weekends the Friday night and Sabbath morning meetings are Bible centered. Throughout the week, an hour and a half is devoted every morning to Bible study. Even more than this, for three days before the session officially opened, the delegates gathered in presession meetings to study God's Word and the best ways to bring it to the public.

I have been speaking so far about what has been taking place in the Arena and in Cobo Hall. But while the delegates are working here, many of their children are having a wonderful time at camp. The Michigan Conference opened the facilities of its Camp Au Sable for the use of delegates' children for the duration of the session.

I drove up to Au Sable Tuesday afternoon. It is a 240-mile trip, but the road is good all the way. Michigan Conference
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The group of busy secretaries from the home office at Washington, at the table in front of the Arena platform. Here they record the business of the General Conference. Left to right: Betty Hendershot, Juanita Hodde, Laurell Peterson, Dolly Weber, Thelma Wellman, Nancy Daugherty, Irene Denny, and Edna Edeburn.

Far Eastern Division

By CHRIS P. SORENSEN, *President*

This year we are celebrating the seventieth anniversary of mission endeavor in the Far Eastern Division. It was in 1896 that Prof. W. C. Grainger and T. Okohira came to Japan, sent out by the General Conference. Abram La Rue had come on his own as a layman to Hong Kong seven years prior to this. We are thankful that for the past four years we can tabulate a number of advances statistically. In presenting this brief report, permit us to organize it under the following headings: (1) Baptisms, (2) Evangelism, (3) Organizational, (4) Developing Leadership, (5) Institutional Expansion, (6) Miscellaneous.

Baptisms

The main purpose of the church is to lead men and women into the family of God. Hence every effort of its ministry, and the efforts of its departments and institutions, should contribute to that end. We are happy to report a total of 55,753 baptisms for the past four years as compared with 43,803 for the previous four-year period. This is an increase of almost 12,000, and shows a net gain in membership of 40,698.

It is of interest to note that the gain in membership this past four-year period equals the total membership of the division for the year 1948, following the war. These members are grouped into 1,905 organized churches, an increase in four years of 325 churches. This means that on the average every four and a half days one new church was organized. Another interesting point is that our churches are growing larger. The average membership per church in our division now is exactly double what it was at the close of World War II.

Evangelism

Every ministerial worker has been busy in the field of evangelism, and every institution and institutional worker has likewise made a contribution. For the past several years the division has set aside up to U.S.\$100,000 for regular, major, and short evangelistic efforts, most of which is granted only on a matching basis by the unions and missions. In addition to this another U.S.\$40,000 is being appropriated to the field yearly for new work. This last amount is now being granted on a four-year basis, in order to allow the fields concerned to develop the work to where it is self-supporting.

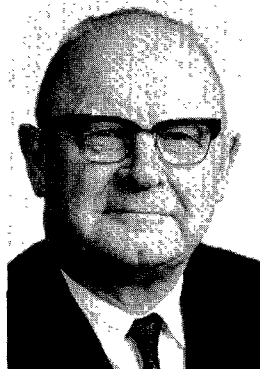
Another endeavor in the field of evangelism has been the building of evangelistic centers in our large cities. We have within our territory about 18 large cities, each with a million or more inhabitants. During the past four years we have completed the Djakarta, Java, Center, opened

to the public August 1 of last year. This brings our total number of active evangelistic centers to five. During the past year two more properties, one in Seoul, Korea, and the other in Hong Kong, have come into our possession, and these will need to be developed in the coming years.

Organizational

Union and Local Missions

After World War II the Far Eastern Division consisted of 23 local missions grouped into five union missions. In 1951 the Philippine Union was divided into



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the North and South Philippine unions. In 1954 the division was asked to include the South China Island Union, which increased our unions to a total of seven. During this past quadrennial period two new unions have been organized by dividing the South Philippine Union into the Central and South Philippine unions, and by dividing the Indonesia Union Mission into the East and West Indonesia unions. This increased our total number of unions to nine, with an average membership of 20,000 in each.

During the past four-year period 11 new local missions have been organized, thus increasing our total number of missions to 46, or just double that of 1946. Thus, while we have doubled the number of local missions, the average membership in each mission has increased from 1,500 to close to 4,000. In only ten of these missions is the president an overseas missionary.

Developing Leadership

Strengthening the Stakes

With the growth of the division in membership and organizations and institutions there has had to be a strengthening of the division stakes in the headquarters' division staff. In 1961 Nellie

Ferree was brought into the educational department to assist in the field of elementary education. While Boyd E. Olson is in the States doing graduate work, T. V. Zytoskee was called in from the field to be acting educational secretary.

In 1962 Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Waddell returned from furlough and graduate study, he to be full-time medical secretary and Mrs. Waddell to be the assistant, she to give special attention to the field of nursing education. We have seven schools of nursing, collegiate and non-collegiate, with an enrollment of more than 600 students. This represents about 40 per cent of all students in Adventist nursing schools outside of the North American Division. Another collegiate school of nursing has recently been started at Mountain View College.

Early in 1964 John Mason joined E. A. Brodeur in the publishing department as an assistant. With 1,600 literature evangelists in the field, led by 183 publishing leaders serving as union and local secretaries and book and periodical house managers, there was too much for one secretary to supervise. We have eight publishing houses. The last one to be added was the Thailand Publishing House, completed in 1963, and now under the management of E. A. Pender. Already some very fine books and periodicals are being produced.

The latest addition to our division staff has been Don A. Roth, as assistant secretary and public relations secretary. As part of his assigned duties he is editor of our division paper, the *Outlook*.

In May, 1963, E. L. Longway, continuously connected with mission work in the former Far Eastern Division, the China Division, and the present Far Eastern Division for the past 47 years, was appointed field secretary of the division. Since this appointment he has busied himself with developing our medical work in Hong Kong, the place to which Abram La Rue first came in 1888.

Associated with Elder Longway in Hong Kong in soliciting funds has been Dr. H. W. Miller, who came to Hong Kong and South China back in 1903, and whose fame and name are known far and wide all over the Orient. Our medical work is held in high esteem, and the two brethren have found it comparatively easy to solicit funds for new medical institutions and for enlarging old and well-established medical institutions.

We have in the Far Eastern Division a total of 165 overseas missionary families and 34 single missionary women, making a total overseas working force of 364. This figure has remained almost stationary during the past several years, while our national workers have increased tremendously in number with the growth in membership.

Training Schools

During the past four years we have had eight union training schools, with 82 senior and junior academies as feeders, furnishing the church with its field and institutional workers now numbering close to 6,000.

Ministerial Interns

Not many years ago the total allotment of ministerial interns was around 25 a

year. The requests from the field now will total three times that number, with a few less actually allocated.

Ordained Leadership

Since the previous General Conference session we have ordained a total of 154 men as compared with 150 in the previous like period. Since World War II and to the end of 1965 we have ordained a total of 529 workers. Many more have been added to this group during the early months of this year. These ordained ministerial workers are not distributed evenly, and this we regret. We have the fewest in the Philippines where we have the largest concentration of membership, with well over 550 members per ordained minister. The country having the largest number of ordained ministers is Japan, with one ordained minister for every 100 members. The other countries come in between: Indonesia, 234; Korea, 300; South China Island Union, 440; and the countries of Southeast Asia, 170.

Mission Leadership

We have previously called attention to the fact that only ten of our 46 missions have overseas leadership, leaving 36 headed by our national brethren. Ever since the war we have relied upon an older group of men to serve as mission presidents. However, we now find that these men are gradually retiring from active service, and younger men, trained since the war for the most part, must now shoulder the burden of leadership. During the past nine union biennial sessions no less than 15 new mission presidents were elected.

Seminary Extensions

It was our good fortune to have two Seminary extension schools just before the previous General Conference session. The first was held in the Philippines in 1956, and this served the entire division. In 1962 we had two shorter extension schools. One was held in Japan for the two northern unions of our fields and the second section in Manila, to serve mainly the Philippine unions.

To our happy surprise, we recently were again offered the privilege of having an extension school. The division committee decided to hold the 1965 school in Indonesia. For economic reasons few of our workers in Indonesia had previously been able to attend an extension school, so the two Indonesian unions went all out to send their field and institutional workers, and more than 200 were in attendance.

One of our unions, the Southeast Asia Union, because of its several countries and political and language barriers, has with division help, held several smaller extension schools on its own. These have helped materially to develop its workers.

Departmental and Administrative Councils

During the past four years division-wide departmental precouncils have been held for the following: Sabbath school, radio-TV, educational, hospital chaplains, ministerial, nurses' workshop, medical-administrative, Missionary Volunteer, home missionary, and publishing. We

have welcomed to these and to related union councils representatives from the General Conference, and for their help we are thankful.

While no division administrative council has been held this past quadrennial period, we have held sectional administrative councils that have served eight of the nine unions and their respective leadership, field as well as institutional.

Institutional Expansion

Not only has there been an increase in the organizations and membership but there has been a corresponding growth in the various institutions. One new publishing house has been built and another doubled in size, thus bringing the total number of publishing houses to eight. New hospitals have been built in Bandung, Java, Indonesia; Bacolod, Negros, Philippines; Bhuket, South Thailand; and Hong Kong. This brings our total number of medical institutions to 18.

A number of our other hospitals have materially increased in size by adding wings or floors or additional service buildings. Among these are the following: Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital, Adventist Medical Center (Okinawa), Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and Miller Sanitarium and Hospital (Cebu City, Philippines). Many others have increased their services. Most of the funds for medical expansion have been solicited. More of our medical institutions need rebuilding or enlarging as soon as funds can be provided.

In the educational field we perhaps have our greatest need, for with the addition of members come boys and girls and young people to be educated and saved. Several years ago we projected plans for a college to serve the eastern section of Indonesia. Last September the first year of college work was offered in Klabat College in the North Celebes. The college is named after a mountain in its front yard. Considerable acreage has been purchased and more is in process of being added. The master plan for the campus has been laid out, and construction is about to begin on the first buildings.

Several senior academies have recently been opened, of which we shall mention only two, Naga View Academy in the Philippines and the Taiwan Mountain Bible Training School. Land has been purchased for an academy on Oki-

nawa. Several of our middle schools are being upgraded to senior academies. More than one third of the funds made available to us is being invested in Christian education. Our schools are the source from which future workers will be supplied.

Miscellaneous

Mention must be made of our efforts in behalf of the temperance work and the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Under W. A. Scharffenberg's inspiration an Institute for the Prevention of Alcoholism has been conducted either yearly or biennially in the Philippines. While P. H. Eldridge, ministerial association secretary of the division, was on furlough we sent Dr. R. F. Waddell, our medical secretary, to the States so that together they might attend a few of the Five-Day Plan institutes. Since their return they have conducted these institutes in all the unions and countries of our division. Other leaders have promoted the program, and I'd be safe in saying that 20 of these institutes have been held during the past 18 months with the usual good results.

A little more than a year ago a National Religious Liberty Association was formed in the Philippines under the direction of the division and inter-union committee. P. C. Banaag is giving full time to this important work. A quarterly magazine called *Freedom* is issued, with a circulation of 20,000. Our people and the public have responded favorably, and the program gives promise of influencing public opinion to a great extent.

Conclusion

The Lord has blessed the efforts of our faithful workers and members. We thank Him for His guidance and leadership. In conclusion we also wish to thank the General Conference and our people the world over for their prayerful financial and moral support. We also wish to thank our faithful corps of workers in the Far Eastern Division for their loyal support. Their untiring efforts helped to make possible the results brought out in this report. We recognize that the task is not finished, and so this evening we stand here pledged to reconsecrate our lives to the finishing of the task, the hastening of the coming of the Prince of Peace, who will usher in that kingdom of which there will be no end.



At the Publishing Department pre-session meetings, trophies were presented to Nicolas Chaij of South America for the highest yearly division sales record outside of North America, \$2,181,000; to Eric Ristau of the Southern Union for the highest yearly union sales record, \$2,534,000; and to John Spiva of Michigan for the highest yearly conference sales record, \$704,000.

Southern Asia Division

By R. S. LOWRY, *President*

The Southern Asia Division includes India, Pakistan, Burma, Afghanistan, Nepal, Ceylon, Tibet, and certain independent coastal islands bordering India. In this area live more than 660 million people—21.5 per cent of the world's population!

Figures such as these are staggering, almost incomprehensible. In human terms they seem to limit the carrying out of the gospel commission, for even if the message should be given to one new person every minute, it would take well over a millennium to reach this number.

But God has promised that the gospel will be preached in all the world for a witness. Thus, during the past quadrennium our 140 missionaries and 1,700 national workers have united their efforts to finish the task, and we can report to this assembly success in the outreach of the Advent message.

During the period under review 10,057 were baptized in Southern Asia. This number represents an increase of 23 per cent over the number added during the previous quadrennium. But more than this, baptisms during the last year of the current period indicate an increasing crescendo, for the number exceeded that of the corresponding period of the past term by 30 per cent. One local mission, the Andhra Section, presents the outstanding record of an increase of 27 per cent in membership within the past two years—an addition of one for every 3.7 members!

During the past four years the work of God has gone forward in every phase of denominational endeavor. Despite the fact that our territory during this time has suffered the ravages of flood, drought, and famine, economic disturbance, riots, political upheavals, and the rise and fall of governments, progress has been steady.

Four years ago, following the last General Conference session, delegates from all parts of Southern Asia were called to meet in quadrennial council. At that time the membership was challenged to a greater consecration and a commitment to the concept of total evangelism in which every agency and every member of the church would participate.

The home missionary department, under the leadership of G. W. Maywald, and with assistance from the General Conference, has strengthened the work by conducting numerous conventions, congresses, and institutes for the training and encouragement of our people. More than 1,000 laymen received their "120" pin during the visit of A. A. Esteb to our field.

Numerous are the stories of persons who previously felt they could do little but who have contributed much in soul-saving endeavor. There is the outstanding example of the membership in the city

of Galle, Ceylon. Their missionary-pastor, soon to be away on a six-month furlough, proposed the goal of doubling their number while he was away. Taking this charge seriously, the group rallied to the task under the leadership of their elder, a man who only a year before had been steeped in drunkenness and worldly pleasure. Can you imagine the missionary's amazement when he returned to find his church company actually doubled? But the story does not end there. E. C. Beck, president of the Ceylon Union, informs me that this group within the year of its organization increased to three times its original size—from 22 to 65.



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The awakening among the laymen of the church has not eclipsed the activity of the evangelist, however. In 1962, at the beginning of this term, many of our evangelistic workers were privileged to attend a large school of evangelism organized and directed by E. E. Cleveland in the city of Bombay. This valuable contribution to the work has resulted in more and better-run evangelistic campaigns. We now find national evangelists baptizing 25, 35, and even 50 believers at the conclusion of their campaigns. As Weldon Mattison, ministerial association secretary, points out, this is something new in Southern Asia.

The efforts of one of our evangelists were so blessed of God last year that his meetings in Tiruvilla in Kerala resulted in a baptism of 84 persons. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that today in Southern Asia the major burden of evangelism is carried by national ministers. In the South India Union, for instance, where 50 per cent of the division membership resides, all evangelistic work is in the hands of our indigenous brethren, whose activities are coordinated by D. R. Watts, an overseas missionary.

The radio-TV department, although limited to broadcasting the program Your Radio Doctor featuring Dr. Clifford

Anderson, has been greatly blessed in the success that has attended its subsidiary, the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. Twice during the period under review the million mark in applications has been passed. A new health course has recently been introduced and its popularity has surpassed all expectations.

Numerous and thrilling are the letters of appreciation received at the Voice of Prophecy headquarters office in Poona. The account of ten convicts, all serving life sentences for murder, illustrates the value placed upon our Bible lessons. These men, in order to pay the postal charges for returning their lessons, sacrificed a number of meals each month and gave up their entire quota of cigarettes. Today we rejoice that all ten are reported to have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

The Sabbath school department also serves as an agency of evangelism and is today reaching out beyond its traditional precincts. With the encouragement of W. J. Harris from the General Conference, V. P. Muthiah, national leader of this department of our work, has placed increased emphasis upon branch Sabbath schools and child evangelism. To this end, more than 128 training institutes have been conducted in the past four years. Results accruing from these activities are such as we have never witnessed before in our area. There has been an increase of 50 per cent in the number of branch Sabbath schools. Vacation Bible Schools, something almost unknown in this part of the world until a couple of years ago, have now exceeded 32 in number. That this is just a beginning is indicated by the goal the department has set of conducting 200 such schools during 1966.

Our literature evangelists serve in the forefront of the battle for souls. As I. M. Chand, leader of our work in unorganized Central India, says, "Literature evangelists have entered every town and city in this territory. Sales have been rising rapidly until during 1964 the one-million-rupee mark was exceeded."

The experience of literature evangelist D. Verghese illustrates the guiding hand of God in this ministry. With a desire to do some special missionary work, our brother set out one day with his Bible to find someone with whom to study. However, having failed to find such a one, he sat by the roadside at the end of the day in utter discouragement. A passerby noticed his obvious dejection and inquired as to the reason. Upon being informed, he replied, "Brother, I'm your man." The sequel to this meeting was that in 1964, after a few months of instruction, 47 persons were baptized and a new church was organized.

Our youth have also joined in the spirit of evangelism. Challenged at a youth congress in 1964, 994 delegates from all parts of the division accepted as an MV Target 1,000 souls. Reports indicate 958 were won during the period set apart. The consecration of our youth is exemplified by blind Missionary Volunteer Abraham, who faithfully supported the local Voice of Youth effort by his regular attendance, while many won-

dered what his contribution might be. One night, when two Hindu schoolteachers remained after the meeting and were heard to inquire of an usher what they should do to learn more of the truth, blind Abraham rose to the occasion and volunteered to show the way. With the assistance of a friend he studied with these two inquirers until he had the joy of witnessing their decision to follow their new-found Saviour. Under the direction of G. J. Christo, our youth in Southern Asia have been led through 400 special Weeks of Prayer into a closer walk with their Master and into a greater participation in the work of the church.

The youth of the church constitute its future hope. Realizing this, Southern Asia has invested heavily in its educational program. Under the leadership of R. E. Rice, the education department has sought to consolidate and expand its training facilities. It is now possible to report that all our secondary school units have obtained accreditation. Spicer Memorial College, which recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, is the chief training center for our working force. Since 1962, under the leadership of M. E. Cherian, the staff of this institution has doubled in number. Of the 68 on the teaching faculty, five hold doctorate degrees and 35 master degrees. Degree programs are offered in 16 areas of study.

Accreditation of Spicer Memorial College under a system of government control of higher education has for years seemed unlikely. But due largely to its unique Christian character, Spicer Memorial College has received wide recognition during the past four years. Many have been the dignitaries and university officials who have visited our campus and been favorably impressed. Furthermore, the University of Poona, in whose territorial jurisdiction the college is situated, recently appointed a commission which, subsequent to its inspection, has recommended that the graduates of our college be permitted to seek regular admission for postgraduate studies, beginning with the coming academic year.

God has led marvelously in giving us favor in the eyes of the public. For example, our Roorkee Secondary School had long been without officialization of its academic program. Naturally, there were apprehensions when a few months ago application was again made for its recognition by the India School Certificate Board. But one day, unannounced and earlier than expected, an inspector of schools arrived on campus. Upon completing his inspection, and in reply to Principal Streeter's inquiry as to whether recognition might be forthcoming, the man confided, "It can't be otherwise. I am under orders. You must be recognized. You certainly have some very influential friends." Today our school has its accreditation, but we cannot explain why we were so favorably treated, except to say it was the result of the hand of God in the matter.

Under the direction of S. James, public relations and temperance department secretary, the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism and the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking have been combined, with the presentation of

favorable press releases that have resulted in much advantage to the cause. Our temperance work has opened doors for our evangelists as these activities have been more and more tied in with the name of Seventh-day Adventists. For instance, it was because of the film *One in 20,000* that our evangelist in the city of Kolar, Mysore, was permitted by the local authorities to utilize a favorable property earlier denied him. Similarly, it was the influence of *Alert* magazine that caused the registrar of the Ranchi University to arrange the public examination schedule so that our young people would not have to take examinations on Saturdays.

To present Seventh-day Adventists in a favorable light before government and the public is not always a simple matter, but we are pleased to report that God has prospered our brethren who carry the responsibility of negotiating with government in matters of conscientious objection. J. F. Ashlock, veteran missionary and general field secretary for our division, has also cared for the religious liberty interests of our field. Although many factors militated against favorable consideration, he was successful in negotiating an arrangement with the government of India whereby orders were issued to the various states in the union to exempt Seventh-day Adventists from military service and to use them as needed in civil defense work. Similarly, with the introduction in 1962 of compulsory military training throughout India, successful representation was made to the Prime Minister on behalf of our students studying in 35 public colleges and universities, which resulted in special orders being issued to all government colleges to grant Seventh-day Adventists the right of conscientious objection.

The spiritual prosperity of the church is revealed at least partially by the liberality and support of its members. An increased sense of financial responsibility is being exhibited by members and institutions alike as each contributes toward the goal of self-support. Laymen's tithe has increased 86 per cent in the South India Union during the past four years. In the North India mission there is reported an increase of 100 per cent. Many are receiving outstanding blessings for their faithfulness.

For example, T. K. Murthi accepted the truth under very trying circumstances, resulting in being ostracized by his non-Christian parents and the community in which he lived. He furthermore lost the proprietorship of the family plastics business. However, when it became apparent that the business could not flourish without him, the relatives bargained for his return. At this point Brother Murthi established his intentions of going all the way in his new-found faith. He said, "If I am to manage the business, it must close from Friday afternoon to sunset Saturday. Furthermore, I must pay to the church one tenth of all the increase."

The family considered these demands for some time and finally accepted the proposal. In consequence of the blessing of God and as a result of the faithfulness of this brother, the business improved until everyone in the family was better

off than before. Today Brother Murthi is here in attendance at this General Conference session, having met his own expenses all the way from far-off India.

Our institutions, both medical and educational, are working in the direction of increased self-support. In this connection we are proud to be able to state that the Lakpahana Training Institute, our secondary boarding school in the island of Ceylon, with an enrollment of more than 200 students, is the first of its kind to become self-supporting. In its 1966 budget Principal A. W. Robinson presented no request for an appropriation. This outstanding achievement has set a goal toward which other institutions are now striving.

For many years Southern Asia has had a program of building churches as fast as possible. Sixty-one houses of worship were constructed during the past four years. Toward the cost of these constructions, one third has come from local contributions. Some of these churches have had an unusual beginning, as in the case of the one at Gandiganamula. The story begins with a ten-year-old gypsy boy by the name of Sriramalu who was afflicted with tuberculosis in the last stages. As he sought help from doctor to doctor, he met an Adventist, Dr. Samuel. While undergoing treatment he heard the story of Jesus from Mrs. Samuel. As a result, upon leaving the hospital he said, "My people at Gandiganamula must know of this story too." In the course of time, by the witness of this lad who had now regained his health, and with the assistance of Mrs. Samuel, an interest developed that ultimately resulted in a goodly number accepting the message. Today Sriramalu has finished high school and is a medical student preparing for a place in the work. On October 30, 1965, Gandiganamula became the proud possessor of a dedicated house of worship.

We pause to pay tribute to Dr. Philip Nelson for his leadership in our medical work, and to his lovely wife who died tragically at the hands of murderers in 1964. We thank God for our devoted medical workers whose faithful service makes possible a report of progress despite apparent loss and setback. In Nepal our hospital has gained favor with the people, and we are now requested to expand our facilities. Plans are afoot to add another doctor family and increase the number of beds. The influence of the Giffard Memorial Hospital in Nuzvid, South India, is widespread. In consequence of its witness seven church companies have been established within a radius of ten miles.

Dr. I. R. Bazliel, working out of our Simla Sanitarium and Hospital situated in the northern Himalaya Mountains, runs a mobile clinic for the benefit of Tibetan refugees who have been given asylum in these hills. His contacts have led to meetings with the Dalai Lama himself, who has expressed his appreciation of our work for his people. While agitators burned down the American Information Center in Karachi a few months ago, the mob that attempted to enter our hospital grounds just across the street was stayed, we believe, by none other than the hand of the Lord. By the blessing of

God this institution has erected a 60-bed addition within the past four years.

Unfortunately, we have to report the loss of our fine hospital in Rangoon since the Burma Government chose to nationalize most institutions. However, severe as this blow was, we are cheered to note that the presence of the Lord has been with our people in Burma. We can report that not one of our schools has been taken over, that our evangelistic program continues apace, and that there has been an increase in membership of 50 per cent during this quadrennium. Our people in this union have been somewhat isolated, yet, as they have been separated from us they have drawn closer to the Lord, who is their strength.

As we look to the future in Southern Asia we are not daunted by such statements as K. M. Munshi, a secular Indian scholar, has made indicating that "since freedom there has been a resurgence of Hinduism, which will make it impossible for Christianity to make any headway in India." On the contrary, our believers hold to the promise of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." With God's help, we expect to witness such achievements as will surpass our wildest imagination. Our plans for the work, in keeping with our faith, are toward greater exploits for the Master. At present, construction has either started or will soon be under way which will establish three additional hospitals, a new boarding school, a health food factory, and many a house of worship. Remodeling and expansion of existing institutions, the addition of new departments, takes place here and there throughout our division field.

As time draws to its end and as opposition becomes greater, the evangelistic zeal of the membership of the church is intensified. Our workers and believers throughout Southern Asia are full of courage in the Lord. Thousands of interested people are attending our meetings and studying our Bible lessons. Daily there appear evidences of a great breakthrough in the offing. Ordained ministers of other denominations, Buddhist priests, Brahmans, and others who previously

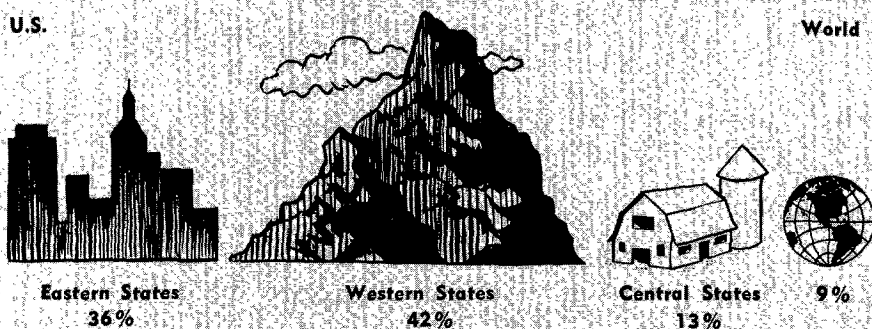
were unapproachable are now accepting the message in increasing numbers. Even a Moslem mosque has recently been converted into a Seventh-day Adventist church.

When persons who normally are beyond our reach and not usually concerned with religious matters miraculously are drawn from their former ways to join the remnant church, we may know that God is with us and that His work will end in triumph as predicted. How else could it be when an educated Brahman, a sub-editor of the notable *Times of India* newspaper, is casually drawn into conversation with an Adventist worker who sits across the aisle of the train and is ultimately led to renounce Hinduism and accept the message? How else could it be when a junior engineering student in the University of Ceylon is moved by sev-

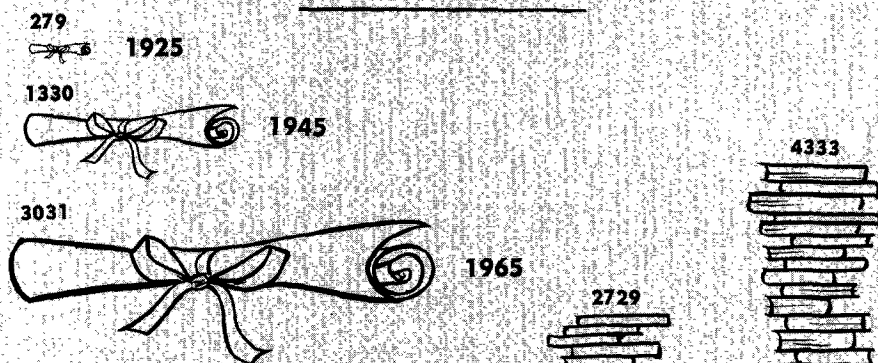
eral dreams concerning the second coming of Christ, which lead to a search that results in his joining the remnant church that teaches this doctrine? How else could it be when a rough and ill-reputed man is hired to kill one of our members conducting Bible studies in a certain home, but who, upon encountering his victim, is captivated by his good spirit, and later joins the Advent people?

Yes, God is with His people, and through them we expect He will perform wonders for the finishing of His work. Like Job, the workers and believers in Southern Asia "would seek unto God . . . : which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number" (Job 5:8, 9). They look forward with keen expectation to the soon finishing of the task and to entering into the joy of their Lord.

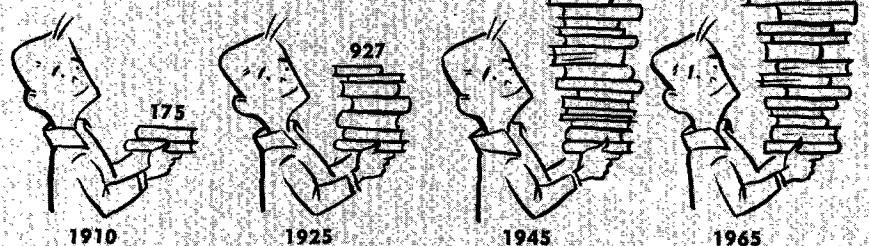
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I Am So Busy, Lord

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There is so much that must be done—
It seems I'm always on the run.
I'm busy here, I'm busy there—
So little time for needed prayer.

While all the things I do are good,
I cannot spend the time I should
In full release from pressing care
In quiet thought, in earnest prayer.

My burdens grow, my cares increase,
O Lord, where is Thy calm and peace?
I dash, I rush, I worry so—
There's so much bustle—so much show.

Lord, slow me down and stand me still;
Make clear to me Thy holy will.
O help me see I've lost the day
When I'm too rushed to watch and pray.

These graphic illustrations of the growth of the Home Study Institute accompanied the interesting report given by its president, D. W. Holbrook, Wednesday afternoon.

Radio-Television Department

By J. O. IVERSEN, Acting Secretary

Much of the success story of this department during the past quadrennium is due to the devoted leadership of E. R. Walde, who left during these years to become president of the Central California Conference.

For 13 years, during the crucial, strategic, and challenging time in which mass communication was coming into its own, both in the world community and in the church, Elder Walde was wisely planning, working untiringly, dreaming creatively, and carrying the weighty burden of getting the Advent message to all the world in this generation by way of the airwaves.

God in an outstanding way blessed his leadership, rewarded his labors, and brought reality out of dreams. The name of Elmer Walde will long be identified with radio and television. It cannot be otherwise. He has given unselfishly of himself. He has thrown his love into it. We, the church, are richer for his ministry.

When Queen Victoria died, news flashed across Africa by means of talking drums. When President Kennedy's assassination took place, news once more flashed across the Dark Continent, but this time by means of transistor radios. The chain reaction cry from one New Guinea tribe to another has been supplanted by 21 radio stations in that isolated part of the world. Smoke signals are a thing of the past among the Navahos, who now tune in their little radios in their hogans.

An African chief recently said that "without radio you are a dead man." But there is a voice in every palm tree and a box beneath to catch the voice. In this age of civilization, survival depends on communication. Radio and television in their present context are in the ultimate.

We are in a battle for the minds of men. Three major forces—political, commercial, and religious—are engaged in a power struggle for the human soul, each endeavoring to make inroads and plant the flag of conquest in the human heart. These forces are motivated by an obsession that time is closing in on them. Today they must make up for yesterday, for there may not be a tomorrow. This obsession is driving them to use the fastest means possible—mass media.

There are more than 500 million radios in the world, and more than 162 million television sets. More radios are being sold behind the Iron Curtain than in the free world. Shepherd boys watching their flocks in the fields near Bethlehem no longer while away the hours playing their flutes. Instead, they are listening to transistors. The camels walking from Jericho to Jerusalem keep step to

the rhythm from the transistor in the hand of the camel rider. The Kanakas from New Guinea, while owning practically nothing of this world's material goods, do have radios. There are 13 million TV sets in Japan alone. Catholics, Protestants, and Moslems alike are appropriating unprecedented budgets for the construction of stations and the purchase of time to communicate their philosophies of religion.

God has never presented a challenge without making available means of accomplishing the task. To the remnant church has been committed the awesome responsibility of communicating the ever-



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lasting gospel in the midst of an exploding population, with the penetrating words of the gospel commission and the promise "Behold, I come quickly" ringing in their ears! How else could a small group—less than 2 million—fulfill this responsibility to an affluent society, honeycombed behind brick, stone, and mortar in the complex society of today? How are those people going to be reached unless it be through radio, television, and Bible school evangelism?

Radio

Thank God, when the fullness of time had come, His church seized upon these tools of mass media. The story of putting the Word in the air is a miracle of modern times. Let us look back for a moment to thrill again with the story of the beginnings of Adventist radio and television. In the late twenties and early thirties local pastors such as Robert Fries, John Mitchell, H. M. S. Richards, and others, thinking ahead of their time, seized upon radio as a means of expanding their audience potential. Out of this has come the oldest continuous, and now largest, broadcast—the Voice of Prophecy. As mass media came into their own, our church leadership organized the Radio Bureau, under the direction of W. P.

Bradley, to help expand our program of gospel communication. Then came Paul Wickman, the first secretary after the department had been organized. Then followed Elmer Walde and James Chase. Much continued to happen during the time of their service. This was a period of growth.

The tremendous contribution made by these men has made this report a chapter from the modern Book of Acts. Within these four years our number of station releases rose from 1,574 to 2,908. We are seeing the workings of God. In the Congo our full-message program is heard on five stations each week. In England, where for years we have been barred by the restrictions of state radio, we have been broadcasting twice daily the Voice of Prophecy program as well as Your Radio Doctor. And now we are on every day with the message of Victor Cooper. Millions are listening; thousands are enrolling; and many are being baptized.

Just about a year ago the Australasian Division began their own production of their broadcast Faith for These Times with the voice of Roy C. Naden. In just a few months they will have completed their new building to house both production studios and Bible school. Less than six months ago we began a broadcast every Saturday night from Lourenço Marques, Mozambique, into South Africa, which up to this time had been closed to us.

Studios have been constructed in Taiwan.

We have an ever-growing number of local microphone ministers—a total of 106 in all—who through five-, 15-, and 30-minute programs break down the walls of their churches to make entire cities their parishes.

New opportunities have come to this church to produce programs for special occasion days. The 25-minute Christmas broadcast *Christmas Beneath the Southern Cross* was carried free by more than 200 stations, promoting attendance at the local Seventh-day Adventist church in each community.

Another milestone within the past quadrennium was the transferring of the production of the Portuguese programs from Glendale, California, to our new studio at Rio de Janeiro. The Portuguese program is heard on 326 stations in Brazil. This installation, along with that in Australia, is an index of growth as more and more areas of the world are thinking in terms of producing programs in their own languages and vernaculars.

Our Spanish broadcast, *La Voz de la Esperanza*, is now being heard on 212 stations each week, reaching an all-time high.

The Voice of Prophecy is about to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary of coast-to-coast broadcasting in North America. 1965 represented 35 years of radio evangelism. The total coverage of the English Voice of Prophecy broadcast is now 692 stations, an increase of 118 over four years ago. During the past four years 7,748 have been baptized as a result of contact with the Voice of Prophecy. A significant development of the Voice of Prophecy has been the growth of daily broadcasts where evangelistic

messages are being presented on 61 stations in North America. These programs are designed for follow-up evangelism, and many have been baptized.

In many instances the laymen have personally sponsored the program. The daily broadcast calls for follow-up with public meetings. Oftentimes the Voice of Prophecy groups A and B have personally appeared. In other areas union and local conference evangelists and radio-TV secretaries have conducted Voice of Prophecy crusades. More than 500 have been baptized as a result of these follow-up campaigns to the daily broadcast.

Another facet of denominational radio that has emerged is the development of eight college FM stations. These stations not only provide a laboratory for training in this growing and productive field, but with increased power these stations are serving as denominational program stations for an ever-growing market.

Last year marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of the denomination's only AM station—in St. John's, Newfoundland. Within the near future, VOAR will increase its power tenfold.

Television

Television, the growing giant of today, is casting its lengthening shadow of influence around the globe. During 1964 Faith for Today, America's oldest religious telecast, observed its fifteenth anniversary. Today it is being carried by more than 240 stations, most of these as a public service, which is a tremendous tribute to its acceptance by television stations. Significant during the quadrennium was the move by Faith for Today to its new headquarters at Carle Place, Long Island, which contains not only executive offices but Bible school and studios as well.

Faith for Today has expanded beyond the shores of North America to such places as Korea, Nigeria, Liberia, and Australia. Plans are currently being explored to make the program available in Spanish-language countries. The Bible school has been growing so that it is proving a strong evangelistic source for baptisms—6,711 in the past four years.

Along with utilizing the force of the Bible correspondence courses as a means of follow-up evangelism, Faith for Today has personally gone into areas to follow up interests created by the telecast. Meetings have been held in Canada, New Hampshire, and in Washington, D.C. The campaign in Washington, D.C., brought a number of viewers and students to a point of decision, with 125 requesting baptism as a result of this follow-up evangelism.

Along with Faith for Today, It Is Written has been wonderfully blessed of God during this period. During the past four years the two major English-speaking divisions—North America and Australia and certain islands of the sea—have felt the influence of It Is Written television evangelism. More than a hundred television crusades have deeply involved thousands of pastors, churches, and ranks of eager laymen in a program of coordinated soul winning.

Other television windows have been opened by a number of local pastors and conferences in both North and South

America, presenting the message and mission of the church to thousands more who would not normally view Faith for Today or It Is Written. We thank God for these new programs and what they are accomplishing.

Seventh-day Adventist broadcasts and telecasts were the first to offer a Bible correspondence course. This has been imitated by other church programs. God has used this method of listening and studying the message in a remarkable way. Since the inception of the Bible correspondence school more than 22,126,000 have applied for one of our Bible courses. We now have 129 Bible schools scattered around the world, offering lessons in 71 languages. Twenty schools and three new languages have been added within the past four years.

Significant in the history of the Bible correspondence school growth is what is happening in war-torn Southern Asia, where the Voice of Prophecy Bible school is the dominant religious evangelistic feature. Just this month they have reached their goal of 3 million applications since the school was first founded in Poona. The Middle East has added three schools within the past three years with a tenfold enrollment increase.

During the past four years 1,942,350 have enrolled through our radio-TV Bible schools, making an all-time total of 7,240,050, and an increase of 379,458 over four years ago. During this past quadrennium 53,157 have been baptized—an increase of 17,222 over the previous four years. More than 177,155 have been baptized since the Bible school plan was conceived. This is based on a 60 per cent report. Of the total accessions to the church nearly 20 per cent are influenced to a large extent by this form of mass evangelism.

Organization

The past period has seen the Department grow to where we have a competent staff of radio-television personnel on division, union, and local levels, and in most areas on the church level. During this period a manual of instruction for church secretaries called *Guidelines* has been made available to the field, as well as a kit of sample supplies. The Department has had the privilege of being represented in seven overseas divisions during this time, surveying Bible schools, making contacts for new outlets for programs, conducting radio-TV rallies and local broadcasters' workshops, meeting with workers' groups—emphasizing the potential of this form of evangelism.

In North America alone in regular appointments we have had the privilege of meeting with advisory committees in eight out of ten union conferences, conducting radio-TV advisory councils, attending workers' meetings, conducting radio-TV workshops, and serving in advisory capacity for the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and a number of other programs.

Yet there is much to do to reach the inhabitants of the gigantic world community in these sophisticated sixties. It has been estimated that by A.D. 2000, if time were to last, the world population would reach 9 billion. Someone has stated that the birth rate is far exceeding the rebirth rate. The challenge of the teeming masses in apartment homes, tenement sections, and sophisticated suburbs in a densely populated world poses a tremendous challenge to a people that have been commissioned, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15). This problem has been compounded by the shortness of time in which we have to do our work.

A section of the Inter-American Division representatives in the missions parade Sabbath afternoon.



Bureau of Public Relations

By E. WILLMORE TARR, *Secretary*

In today's tangled world the swift and powerful momentum of change is producing ways of life that are strikingly different from what man has known in the past. The so-called population explosion, the growth of metropolitan society, the shock of scientific discoveries, the new morality in religion, the surge toward ecumenism and church unity—all these and many other developments call for a constant re-evaluation and updating of the church's methods in communicating with the world.

Some tend to resist new ideas and new methods, sometimes simply because they are new, but most often because they involve new patterns of thought and activity. Ellen G. White warned of this many years ago when she said: "Some of the methods used in this work will be different from the methods used in the work in the past; but let no one, because of this, block the way by criticism."—*Evangelism*, p. 105.

There is a need to re-emphasize our beliefs by every means of communication. Competition for the human mind is keen, and understanding and support can come only to those causes which are imaginative enough to communicate effectively with the public through every legitimate channel—the press, radio, television, preaching, teaching, personal contacts, and many others perhaps too new to mention here.

The Bureau of Public Relations is organized to accept this challenge of a new world by meeting the need for more effective communication both within and without the church organization. It works cooperatively with all departments of the church as well as with church administration in helping to ensure that all the soul-winning resources of the church are better mobilized to meet the responsibilities of this great hour. It aims to foster a spirit of urgency, of personal involvement and responsibility on the part of every member in the life and work of the church. It seeks to help in the establishment of a program of policies and conduct that will build public confidence in what we are doing, and public understanding of what we are trying to do. Some of the practical outworkings of these concepts will be noted throughout this report.

Golden Anniversary

During this quadrennial period the Bureau of Public Relations reached and passed the fiftieth, or golden, anniversary of the beginning of organized public relations work in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. W. L. Burgan, C. B. Haynes, J. R. Ferren, and their successors, Donn H. Thomas and Howard B. Weeks, built well and solidly, not only in giving form and substance to church

public relations in North America but also in helping to shape similar programs throughout the world.

The current *Yearbook* reveals that it is now the exception to find a church organization without a designated public relations secretary. Some 300 men and women have been named to public relations responsibilities in Seventh-day Adventist conferences and institutions. The number of full-time men in union and local conferences and institutions is steadily increasing as more trained people become available. To these should be added more than 3,000 volunteer workers elected by their churches to serve as



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church press or public relations secretaries. In North America alone, press relations secretaries in local churches reported an average of 106 stories and 20 pictures appearing in newspapers every day over the four-year period.

By any standard of measurement all this is no mean achievement. It not only constitutes a foundation upon which to build in the future but also leaves us with a responsibility we may neglect only at peril to our honor and the work of God to which we have dedicated our lives and talents.

The quadrennium began with the dissolution of the short-lived merger between religious liberty and public relations. The Bureau did not emerge unscathed. Whereas two or three years previously its staff had consisted of five elected or appointed personnel, it now has only three. Within the resources of this small staff the Bureau has endeavored to cope with the exigencies of a growing public relations program everywhere.

In connection with the developing public relations program, members of the Bureau staff have participated in workshops, seminars, and other public relations activities in the Central European, Southern European, Northern European, South American, Australasian, Southern

Asia, and North American divisions. Requests from other divisions call for similar visits in the near future. This all points up the increasing emphasis on the public relations aspects of the denomination's program around the world, an emphasis that is increasingly taxing the slender manpower resources of the Bureau of Public Relations.

Highlighting this period were three full-fledged, graduate-credit-bearing public relations seminars at Southwestern Union College, Walla Walla College, and Southern Missionary College. Other training programs included similar seminars at Avondale College in Australia and Spicer Memorial College in India, as well as the regular public relations course taught at Andrews University, and participation in hundreds of workshops held in North America since 1962.

Important Meetings

Of great significance in the work of the Bureau have been the meetings of the Public Relations Advisory Committee held in Dallas in March, 1963, and the Public Relations Council in Atlantic City in May, 1965. These meetings enabled public relations workers not only to study and re-evaluate collectively the public relations program but also to recommend advance steps in many areas of public relations activity. Some of these had to do with the production of evangelistic advertising materials consisting of paid advertisements or news messages, the production of training films and other new materials, and suggestions on professional improvement and the development of public relations personnel.

As already noted, a large part of the work of the Bureau of Public Relations touches on the activities of other departments of the church as well as those of administrative personnel. During the past quadrennium well over 2,000 pictures and thumbnail biographies have been sent out to help provide coverage of speaking engagements of itinerating General Conference personnel. A new tour book was produced, and this, with a copy of the compact information folder "A Quick Look at Seventh-day Adventists," has been given each visitor to world headquarters by the Bureau representative who served as guide through the General Conference building.

More than 4,000 people have been made welcome and shown through the church offices since the last General Conference session. Many of these were not Seventh-day Adventists. Many more were visiting church members or young people from our schools. A speakers' bureau service offers to civic clubs and other organizations in the D.C. metropolitan area speakers with a world story or discourses on such subjects as temperance and health.

When other departments schedule special events or programs, the Bureau cooperates. A few examples are a special kit of suggested releases for the M.V. Department's Target 30,000, the preparation of a public relations kit for the Five-Day Plan, the current information kit giving recognition to the centennial of Adventist medical work, the PR guide to good Ingathering prepared for the use of churches during the Ingathering sea-

son, revised annually to match current Ingathering materials.

Other interdepartmental cooperation during the quadrennium included the preparation of such things as bulletin headings, brochures, letterheads, and leaflets, assistance with scripts for departmental films and filmstrips, as well as help in the production of such visual aids. The Bureau also has cooperated in the production of much of the offering-promotion material—brochures, special envelopes, posters, church bulletins, advertisements, and news releases for use on the local church level.

The preparation of exhibits is also a part of the Bureau's business. Nearly 600 exhibits have been sponsored by Adventist churches and institutions during the past four years. This period also encompassed two world fairs—Seattle in 1962 and New York in 1964 and 1965. Seventh-day Adventist exhibits at both fairs were well attended.

One of the most difficult and time-consuming assignments for the quadrennium was the Adventist Illumidrama exhibit in the Protestant and Orthodox Center at the New York World's Fair. During the two six-month seasons more than 3 million people walked through the Center. Without exception, participants of all denominations at the Center declared the Adventist exhibit the most popular and meaningful. It is estimated that about 60 per cent of all who entered the pavilion stopped at the Illumidrama exhibit, and of this number 125,498 registered. Nearly 31,000 requested the Bible correspondence course, and another 31,000 asked for more information about the church.

Participation in this fair demanded an immense amount of detailed work by Bureau personnel from the first investigation of exhibit possibilities up to the present, with requests for the Bible course and information still coming in daily. The World's Fair Illumidrama presentation is here at the General Conference session just as it appeared at the Fair.

The General Conference session itself has added immeasurably to the work of the Bureau, with Bureau personnel carrying heavy responsibilities for such projects as the special Sabbath afternoon programs, the session's theme center with its exhibition of religious art open to the public, and, of course, session coverage, which began way back in February with the preparation of a press kit of information for press, radio, television, and civic organizations.

A Continuous Process

The business of releasing news to the communications media of the world is a continuous process. In addition the Bureau is frequently called upon to provide both Adventist and non-Adventist writers with information touching on the beliefs and work of the church. This may be for magazines or for books, such as the article on Adventists by William Whalen appearing in the *Catholic Encyclopedia* or in his book *Separated Brethren*. A copy of the *Information File on Seventh-day Adventists* is usually included with such information.

Many projects have helped to improve the image of the church during the quadrennium, and in these, public relations personnel have been happily involved, for they have done much to develop understanding and good will among the church's public. In Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and other places in the Far East, in Southern Asia, Africa, Europe, and indeed around the world, the Five-Day Plan has provided the key to open hitherto closed columns in the newspapers. Public relations men have worked closely with sponsors of the Plan in the preparation and presentation of releases and other publicity material.

Other projects included sidewalk surveys; Dial-a-Prayer, Smokers Dial, Drinkers Dial; new billboard-type highway signs; heart surgery performed by the Loma Linda University team in Pakistan, India, and the Far East; all-male choir from Jones Missionary College performing in the cities of Australia; rebuilding of Ghezel Gheslagh, an Iranian village destroyed by earthquake; distribution of clothing, blankets, and other urgently needed supplies in disaster areas; dedication of Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, Ohio; a program for more complete identification of Seventh-day Adventist churches, pioneered by the Southern Union Conference in 1965, as a result of which, among other things, thousands of signs will be placed along the highways pointing the way to local Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The Bureau of Public Relations continues to produce its monthly journal *Tell*, carrying material designed to share ideas, inspire to action, and report latest techniques in the field of public relations. To this service has recently been added a monthly news alert, *Action*, planned especially for public relations men in local conferences and for church press relations secretaries. Other publications and services include the bimonthly public relations newsletter for Adventist institutions, *PR Tabulator*, and *On the Air*, a weekly news service for Seventh-day Adventist pastors who wish to conduct a weekly church newscast on the air. The Bureau's new community relations training film *A Church Is for People* has pointed up many ways in which a church can reach out to its community.

In this context a significant contribution to Adventist public relations should

not be overlooked. Early in the quadrennial period the book *Breakthrough*, by Howard B. Weeks, former director of the Bureau, was published. This guide to good public relations is being increasingly appreciated by ministers and other public relations people both within and without the church.

We in the Bureau of Public Relations wish to pay special tribute to the division public relations leaders. Some have been instrumental in organizing public relations programs second to none. Others are working for greater impact through public relations activities. Other programs are still in the embryonic stage. We look forward to greatly strengthened public relations programs in the divisions during the coming quadrennium.

We also wish to acknowledge the splendid contributions made by union and local conference public relations men in North America and in many of the overseas divisions. Without their loyal leadership little could be accomplished.

This report would not be complete without alluding to the significant contributions made to the over-all public relations program by the two associate secretaries on the Bureau staff in Washington. Miss M. Carol Hetzell, whose creative genius is well known, gives the work of the Bureau much of its distinctive character. Marvin H. Reeder has brought to the Bureau a dedication and enthusiasm for public relations that has been contagious. He has given of himself unstintingly in the development of the public relations program in churches and communities, through workshops, seminars, institutes, and in many other ways. We also appreciate the work of faithful assistants and secretaries who have contributed much to the success of our work.

As we look to the challenge of the future we realize that our task as public relations people has in reality only just begun. Mountains of opportunity lie ahead all ready for the scaling. While owing to the lack of human and other resources much of our work will remain in the foothills, we feel sure that with the help of our colleagues we can, under God, scale some of these mountains of opportunity that seem so often to remain tantalizingly beyond our reach. We pledge ourselves to continued faithful service for God and His cause.



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Temperance Department

By E. J. FOLKENBERG, *Secretary*

To this denomination God has revealed the true dimensions of the word "temperance." A few strokes of Paul's inspired pen declared, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (1 Cor. 9:25). This wide-screen Biblical view of temperance was shown to Ellen G. White when she wrote, "Intemperance, in the true sense of the word, is at the foundation of the larger share of the ills of life."—*Signs of the Times*, Nov. 17, 1890, p. 557.

Addressing herself to those who held a narrow view of temperance work, she wrote, "The advocates of temperance should place their standard on a broader platform. They would then be laborers together with God."—*Temperance*, p. 141. Placing its standard on a "broader platform" of temperance work, our denomination launched into a comprehensive temperance program to educate people in the great principles of better living. And as a result, we stand in a position of undeniable leadership in temperance activities.

Advance in Publications

Widely acknowledged as the finest temperance journal in print today, *Listen* magazine has been doubled in frequency from six to 12 color issues a year. In thousands of homes and classrooms across America, *Listen* magazine is viewed as one of the most authoritative voices in the field of alcohol, narcotics, and traffic safety problems. In harmony with Fall Council actions, intensive promotion now in progress promises to thrust *Listen* magazine into the consciousness of leaders in every community. Likewise enjoying a steady growth rate, *Smoke Signals* has proved to be a timely and effective tool as the scientific world has awakened to the causal relationship of smoking and ill health.

Action Units for Better Living

In order to offer a wider range of community services in the temperance field, interested church members are being organized into Action Units for Better Living. First adopted at the Denver Temperance Advisory Council of 1959 and later approved by the General Conference Committee, an expanded Action program enables church members to make positive contributions to the community by helping with Five-Day Plans and showing temperance films. An array of new single-concept films are becoming available to Action Units, such as the film series *Weighing What You Want to Weigh*, for use by laymen as a Five-Day Plan follow-up program that reveals a step-by-step program for basic weight control.

Utilizing a new type of inexpensive,

instant-load movie projector, these single-concept motion pictures lend themselves to worldwide use because they can be readily adapted to other languages and can be shown in projectors with built-in electrical current selectors for use anywhere in the world. Other single-concept film series such as the *Five-Day Plan* and *Recognizing the Symptoms of Alcoholism* will soon be available for use in neighborhood homes by Action Unit members, thus opening up new opportunities for service. Printed instructions for organizing church Action Units have been prepared, along with training pamphlets describing in detail how to proceed with service projects in each



E. J. Folkenberg

community. We are confident that the new Action Unit concept will do much to deliver multitudes who are slaves to defiling habits, and will also improve the image of our denomination.

Film Seminar on Alcoholism

Among thousands of clergymen only a few have had the opportunity of attending lectures where recognized authorities give instruction on how to counsel the alcoholic. Yet the enslaving curse of alcoholism is resting like a pall on every civilized land.

After careful study the following significant plan was voted and is now being implemented whereby the denomination will provide a unique service to the world by offering clergymen of all denominations the opportunity of attending a film seminar on counseling the alcoholic. Carefully chosen experts in the field of alcoholic counseling have been asked to condense their lectures into suitable lengths for filming, with accompanying syllabus material for group discussion following the film presentations. Local clergymen will be able to attend a film seminar on counseling the alcoholic, sitting at the feet of recognized authorities in this field.

An array of teaching films will be interspersed between film lectures, along with discussion groups plus presentations by local experts from the community. At key points in the film program our own array of denominational films and printed literature will be shown as important pastoral aids in helping people with their drinking problem. The entire program will be offered by the denomination as a "film package," available for a modest rental sum and of great value to the local clergymen who are faced with the growing problem of how to counsel both the alcoholic and his family.

Five-Day Plan

In ever-widening circles throughout the world the Five-Day Plan is helping unnumbered thousands of people break free from the smoking habit. The Five-Day Plan was never designed to be a clinic for smokers; rather, it was designed to offer health education in the field of smoking, offering people suggestions on how they can break free from the defiling habit. As the plan has spread into such areas as Australia, the Middle East, Europe, the Far East, and islands of the sea, it has given this denomination a volume of publicity unparalleled in the history of the movement, while enabling us to come close to community leaders in thousands of areas across the world. By means of single-concept films we envision that the Five-Day Plan can now increase its impact by thousands of times in many languages around the world. To God we would ascribe all honor and glory for what He has done through this plan.

Increased Youth Activities

The bright visions of our youth, with their energy for accomplishment, are being harnessed in an expanded temperance youth program. Catching a vision of how they can utilize new Action Unit tools in communities surrounding their schools, both college and academy students are rapidly banding themselves into units for service. In youth-to-youth programs with young people of other churches they are sharing our principles of service and better living through speech contests, film showings, and many other service projects. This same spirit of service is showing itself in our grade schools across the country, as thousands of children avidly read *The Winner*, a magazine specifically designed to give them easily understood facts about temperance, revealing how they can serve even in their tender years. Because the hope of this movement is in its youth, steadily enlarging plans for our young people are being laid, to challenge them to become active workers in the great cause of temperance.

Greatest Days Ahead

At any point of our onward progress toward the kingdom we should be able to declare, "The greatest days are yet ahead." Yet much is owed to those who laid the foundation upon which we now build. We would pay tribute to W. A. Scharffenberg for his years of dedicated leadership in the cause of temperance.

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General Conference Insurance Service

By J. W. PEEKE, *Manager*

Through the years the denominational administrators at Autumn Council have transacted business items in the interest of more efficiency and economy in running our various organizations and institutions. An important step forward was made at the 1935 Autumn Council session when a resolution was adopted setting up the General Conference Insurance Department to operate an insurance service, including our own denominationally owned mutual fire insurance company.

William A. Benjamin was called to head up this new department, with an appropriation of \$25,000.

Although this was a small beginning, with the services of Brother Benjamin and one secretary, the department was successful from the beginning, and it is estimated that as of the end of December, 1965, our denominational organizations have saved an estimated \$4,780,000. This figure is the estimated savings in premiums alone, and does not include the savings that have been made by the counseling, property appraisals, and loss prevention activities.

The premium income of the company and agencies during 1965 amounted to \$2,736,868.88 and the total consolidated assets as of December 31, 1965, amounted to \$5,407,930.85.

The total denominational insurance at risk as of December 31, 1965, amounted to \$562,995,560.

Our department appreciates the consecrated denominational administrators throughout North America and abroad who are genuinely interested in the adequate protection of denominational assets.

Since its inception 30 years ago, the General Conference Insurance Service has been dedicated to the finding, developing, and sharing of information and management techniques pertinent to the protection of denominational assets against risk of accidental and other types of loss.

Competent Staff

The analysis, measurement, and treatment of the many loss possibilities that exist in the denomination today have brought forth the demand for technically and professionally competent personnel in the Insurance Department. We have such a staff of employees distributed in our two offices—one in Washington and the other in California.

J. W. Peeke is the general manager of the Washington office and president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Insurance Service, Inc. (California), which is incorporated in California.

Harry R. House, Jr., is the assistant

manager in Washington and has charge of underwriting and reinsurance. Assisting Mr. House in underwriting are L. G. Small, Henry Brummett, Joe Laughlin, and Kenneth Stewart. All these men have had a wide background of denominational experience.

Richard Hill heads up the technical service section of the Insurance Department and has able assistants in Harold Messenger and Melvin Harris in Washington and Dan Wuerstlin in California. Mr. Hill and his assistants render valuable service to the denomination in preparing property appraisals and inspection reports to the underwriters, who in turn check them and pass them on to



J. W. Peeke

the administrators in the North American Division with suggestions and recommendations.

Arthur Edeburn, the accountant, is responsible for the IBM data processing equipment, which has proved to be an important tool of management. Mr. Edeburn handles coverages on overseas denominational properties. Assisting him in his responsibilities are Lowell Tripp and Jonah Kumalae.

John Roth is the claims manager and is in charge of obtaining legal counsel when needed.

Stanton Parker is manager of the Western Branch Office of the General Conference Insurance Service, in Riverside, California. Charles Frederick is the assistant manager there and insurance counselor for the North Pacific Union. Other underwriters and counselors assisting Mr. Parker are Calvin Hanson and Gene Marsh.

Mr. Parker is expected to complete this summer all the requirements for the professional certification known as C.P.C.U. (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter). This designation is respected by the general public and by the insurance and educational world as the highest professional certification in this area. In other words, the C.P.C.U. designation is to the insurance industry what C.P.A. is to the accounting profession.

Insurance Boards

The officers of our insurance board in Washington are C. L. Torrey, president; M. V. Campbell, vice-president; O. A. Blake, treasurer; J. C. Kozel, assistant treasurer; J. W. Peeke, secretary and manager; Harry R. House, Jr., assistant secretary and assistant manager; W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, C. D. Forshee, T. R. Gardner, T. S. Geraty.

The West Coast Insurance Board includes J. W. Peeke, president; Harry R. House, Jr., vice-president and secretary; Stanton Parker, treasurer; C. O. Frederick, assistant treasurer; Calvin Hanson, assistant secretary; H. A. Brummett, A. L. Edeburn, J. S. Laughlin, Jr.

Management and workers of the General Conference Insurance Service consider it a privilege to render service to the Seventh-day Adventist organizations and institutions throughout the world.

Temperance Department

(Continued from page 17)

his tireless efforts to build a barrier against the onrushing tides of intemperance. We would pay tribute to denominational leaders, pastors, and laymen who have caught the vision of working for intemperate people right where they are. Let us realize anew that Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the soul is the true interpretation of the gospel.

It is our purpose, then, to move forward in the spirit of Christ, the great Medical Missionary who went about delivering the captives of Satan and thus preparing hearts for the seed of truth.

Great Peace (Psalm 119:165)

By ESTHER NEURNBERGER

My heart is filled with peace, O Lord,
And nothing shall offend me.
Because I love Thy holy law,
Thy promises defend me.
Thy law is true and just and good,
Thy word shall stand forever.
Tho' heaven and earth shall pass away,
Thou wilt forsake me never.

And tho' I walk in the shadows, Lord,
And enemies oppress me,
My heart is full of love and peace,
And fear will not obsess me,
For Thou wilt make mine enemies,
To dwell in peace beside me.
I will not be offended, Lord,
Whatever shall betide me.

Proceedings of the General Conference

Fiftieth Session, June 16-25, 1966

Twelfth Business Meeting

June 23, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: F. L. Peterson.

HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal."

PRAYER: J. C. Kozel.

F. L. PETERSON: The first act of business at this session will be a General Conference Corporation meeting. Elder Figuhr is the chairman of this corporation. I shall ask him to take the chair.

R. R. FIGUHR: We adjourned our legal meetings the other day at the call of the chair to give opportunity for the Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws to work, and also the Nominating Committee. We are now calling a meeting of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

W. P. BRADLEY: Brother Chairman, your Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, having carefully considered the bylaws of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, recommends the following revision in the bylaws of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists:

1. That in "Article V—Trustees," section 1 be revised to read:

"Sec. 1. The members of this corporation shall elect quadrennially *eleven* persons to serve as trustees for this corporation, who shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and appear to enter upon their duties."

2. That in "Article V—Trustees," section 3 be revised to read:

"Sec. 3. A quorum to do business shall consist of not less than *five* trustees, one of whom shall be an officer of the Board."

3. That in "Article VIII—Meetings," section 1 be revised to read:

"Sec. 1. Every regular and special meeting of the members of this corporation shall be called by the Board of Trustees. Notice of any such meeting shall be published in three successive issues preceding the time of the meeting, in the *Review and Herald*, a weekly paper published at Washington, D.C." [Moved by W. P. Bradley, seconded by E. W. Dunbar. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: Now we'll call for a report of the Nominating Committee for the corporation.

F. R. MILLARD: Brother Chairman, the Nominating Committee of the General Conference session serves as the Nominating Committee for the legal organizations within the General Conference, and our committee is prepared to bring you nominations for the trustees. Alfredo Aeschlimann is the secretary.

ALFREDO AESCHLIMANN: The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following list of names as trustees for the General Conference Corporation: R. H. Pierson, R. E. Osborn, W. P. Bradley, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Emmerson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland,

K. F. Ambs, J. C. Kozel, Boardman Noland.

[Moved by A. Aeschlimann, seconded by W. A. Nelson. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: This is the final meeting of our corporation. We should approve the minutes. The secretary can briefly review them for us.

[J. C. Kozel read the minutes of the above actions. E. Humann moved their acceptance, W. E. Murray seconded the motion. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: Now a motion to adjourn is in order. [Moved by W. P. Bradley, seconded by C. E. Guenther. Voted.]

Now, at the call of the chair, we will call our other legal association, the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists. We are to receive another report from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Brother Bradley is the secretary.

W. P. BRADLEY: Your committee recommends the following revisions in the bylaws of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists:

1. That in Article I, section 3 be revised to read:

"Sec. 3. Such members shall elect at each regular session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Unin-

corporated, *eleven* persons as a board of trustees, who shall hold their offices four years, and until others are chosen in their stead and appear to enter upon their duties.

"A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than *five* trustees, one of whom shall be an officer of the board."

2. That in Article II, section 2 be revised to read:

"Sec. 2. Every regular and special meeting of the members of this corporation shall be called by the board of trustees. Notice of any such meetings shall be published in three successive issues preceding the time of the meeting, of the *Review and Herald*, a weekly paper published at Washington, D.C."

[Moved by W. P. Bradley, seconded by J. C. Kozel. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: We shall now have the nominating committee report of the association, by A. Aeschlimann, secretary.

[The following names were read: R. H. Pierson, R. E. Osborn, W. P. Bradley, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Emmerson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, K. F. Ambs, J. C. Kozel, Boardman Noland. Adoption was moved by A. Aeschlimann, seconded by E. Humann. Voted. J. C. Kozel presented the minutes of the meeting for approval. Their adoption was moved by G. A. Lindsay and seconded by Charles Nagele. Voted. Adjournment motion was moved by R. L. Odom and seconded by H. E. McClure. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: Now we call for a meeting of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists which has no recommendations for any change of articles. I think we will simply



One of the popular booths, that of the Regional Department. Shown here are (left to right) H. T. Sautler, assistant business manager of Oakwood College; Mrs. Sautler; Ruby Jones, an office secretary at the General Conference; F. L. Bland, newly elected vice-president of the General Conference.

receive a report of the Nominating Committee.

A. AESCHLIMANN: The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following names as trustees for the North American Conference Corporation: R. H. Pierson, W. P. Bradley, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Emmerson, O. A. Blake, K. F. Ambs, J. C. Kozel.

[Moved by A. Aeschlimann, seconded by W. G. C. Murdoch. Voted.]

R. R. FIGUHR: A motion to adjourn is in order. [Moved by C. J. Nagele, seconded by W. C. Moffett. Voted.]

F. L. PETERSON: We shall now have the report of the Radio and Television Department.

[The report of this department appears on page 12 of this Bulletin.]

F. L. PETERSON: I'm sure we're very happy for this fine report that has come from the Radio and Television Department. While these men are leaving the platform we are bringing on the Temperance Department. Our next report will come from this department.

[For the report of the Temperance Department, see page 17 of this Bulletin.]

DEVOTIONAL: Steve Vitrano.

BENEDICTION: E. W. Dunbar.

F. L. PETERSON, *Chairman*

W. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary*

A. F. TARR, *Recording Secretary*

Thirteenth Business Meeting

June 23, 1966, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: R. S. Watts.

O. O. MATTISON: We are to receive reports from two departments this afternoon, Public Relations and Insurance. Chairman of this meeting will be R. S. Watts, and D. W. Hunter will be the secretary.

OPENING SONG: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

PRAYER: Howard Weeks.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Virginia Gene Shankel Rittenhouse, violin solo, "Nocturne in B Major" (Kessner Robertson, concert pianist from Jamaica, accompanying on the piano).

R. S. WATTS: We will dispense with any preliminaries other than to say that this afternoon we have two departments to report. The first is that of the Bureau of Public Relations, and we are giving them just 25 minutes. It has been a pleasure to work closely with the Bureau of Public Relations in an advisory capacity.

[This report appears on page 14 of this Bulletin.]

R. S. WATTS: The report of the International Insurance Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will now be given by J. W. Peeke.

[This report appears on page 18 of this Bulletin.]

R. S. WATTS: Now we have a report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor. Brother Dunbar is secretary of the committee, and I understand that Elder Beach would like to make a statement just before this report is rendered to you.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, this, of course, is a very partial report, but impartial, as the chairman of the Nominating Committee said to you a few days ago. There aren't many items on the report, only six, but I did want to make a state-

ment with regard to the sixth item. For some months and years now, a large program of mass communication and evangelism has been planned for the Greater New York area. It involves not only New York City, but areas of New Jersey and Connecticut, as we understand it. The General Conference, from evangelistic funds, is extremely interested in this, and a very sizable budget has been set up to provide the financing of this program, in addition to what, of course, local conferences and unions and churches would provide. This mass communication effort will require the services of a person who is skilled in mass communication, radio and television, and this is the background for the sixth item that will come in in the secretary's report.

R. S. WATTS: All right, Brother Dunbar, let us listen to your report now.

E. W. DUNBAR: Brother Chairman, the Committee on the Distribution of Labor recommends six calls. I move that we approve these calls by calling question on each one and voting on them as a whole.

1. That V. A. Fenn, returning from the Middle East Division, be invited to serve as association secretary of the Ohio Conference in the Columbia Union.

2. That B. A. Carr, returning from the South American Division, be invited to serve as Bible teacher in the Gem State Academy of the Idaho Conference, North Pacific Union.

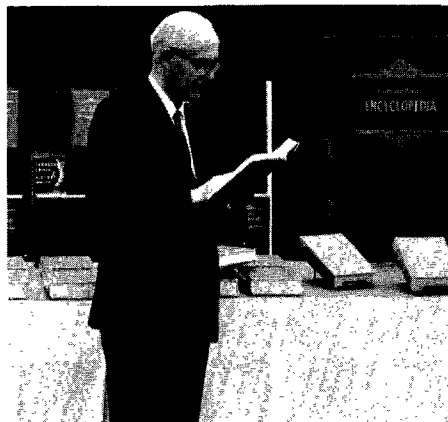
3. That G. Herman Guy, returning from the South American Division, be invited to serve as teacher of Bible and history, San Diego Academy, Southeastern California Conference, Pacific Union.

4. That the Columbia Union and the Pennsylvania Conference be requested to release William L. Woodruff, and that he be invited to connect with the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference as pastor-evangelist.

5. That the Atlantic Union Conference and the New York Conference be requested to release L. W. Taylor, and that he be invited to connect with the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference as pastor-evangelist.

6. That the call of the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conference be passed on for J. O. Iversen to connect with the Greater New York Conference for a special radio and television assignment.

[Question was called on each name and the report was voted.]



H. M. S. Richards, director of the Voice of Prophecy, shows an appreciative interest in the new SDA Encyclopedia at the bookstand.

R. S. WATTS: Now we have a report from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. It is just a small item, and Brother Bradley is here to present it to us.

W. P. BRADLEY: Brother Chairman, your committee respectfully recommends the following amendment in "Article V—Election," section 1. b. *We recommend that this read as follows: "b. Other persons not to exceed 35 in number to serve as members of the Executive Committee."*

You see, the Executive Committee is made up of those elected to office plus other persons not to exceed 25, and the recommendation of the committee is that this be changed to 35 to serve as members of the Executive Committee. I move that we adopt this report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. [Voted.]

R. S. WATTS: Now we have on the platform another group of hard-working men who will render a report. They told me it would take just about eight minutes. We are indeed happy to have Brother Cross here. He represents the Christian Record.

[This report will appear in the next issue of this Bulletin.]

R. S. WATTS: Thank you, Brother Cross. At this time I would like to introduce to you those who are leading out in the Ellen G. White Publications. The Board of Trustees had a meeting this morning and has elected the officers for this particular phase of our work. At this time I would like to introduce those who have just been chosen as members of the Board of Trustees. Brother W. P. Bradley has been chosen as the chairman. Would you please stand, Brother Bradley. Brother White is the secretary of the Board of Trustees. With him is working Brother D. A. Delafield. Brother White, would you like to make just a brief statement as to the other members of this board?

A. L. WHITE: Our board is made up of nine men, seven of whom are life members and two who serve for four years. G. A. Huse and W. P. Bradley have been serving for two years. Brother Huse is retiring, and this morning our board chose D. A. McAdams from the Publishing Department to serve on the Board of Trustees during the coming four-year period. We have not yet filled the vacancy created by the death of Elder Nichol. Brother Watts did not tell you that Brother Bradley was chosen president of the Ellen G. White Publications and chairman of the board. Elder Watts is the vice-president and vice-chairman of the board, and so our work is now well organized for the ensuing four years. We thought you'd be interested in knowing the arrangements which were made for the carrying on of this branch of the work.

[At this point the chairman invited to the platform all the men who are retiring from active service at this General Conference, with their wives, for a special ceremony in tribute to their years of service. This service will be reported in a later issue of the Bulletin.]

[R. R. Bietz announced that the Nominating Committee hoped to render its final report tomorrow morning.]

BENEDICTION: W. E. Murray.

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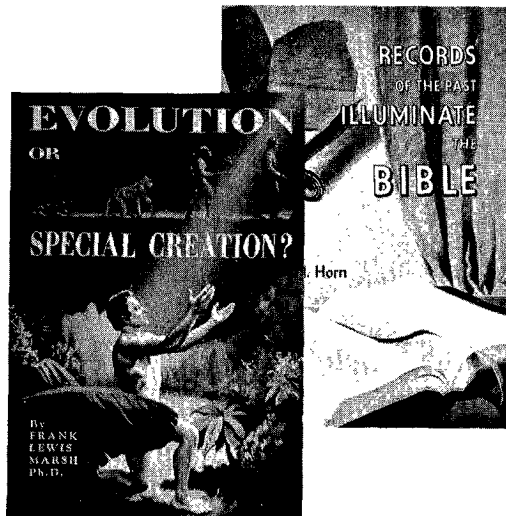
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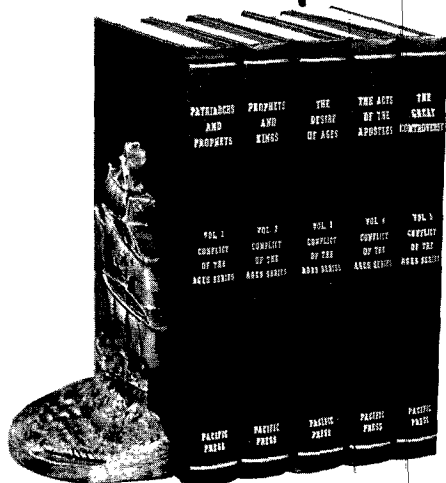
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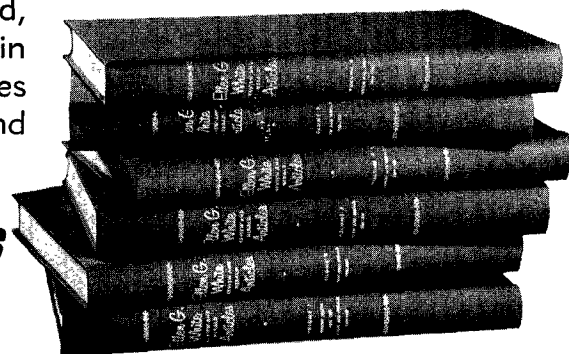
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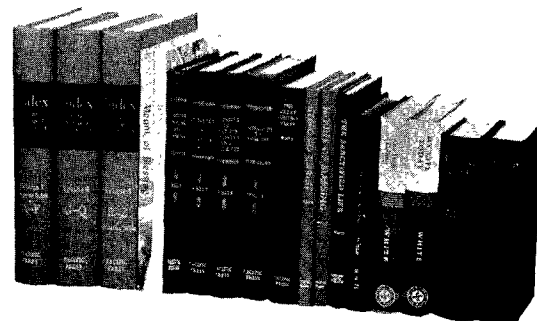
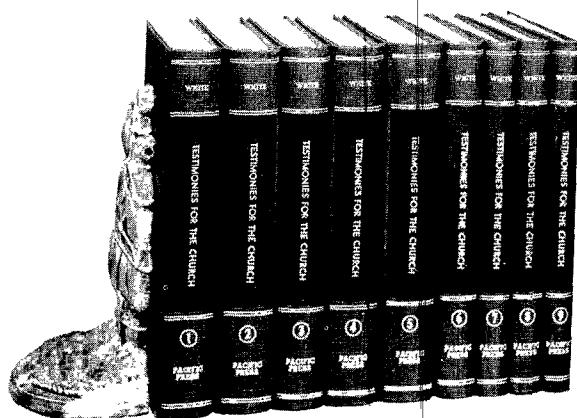
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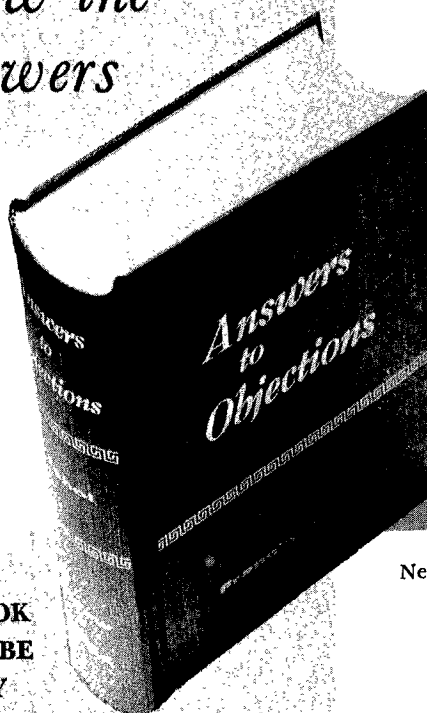
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The Grand Ledge, Michigan, Academy choir, singing under the direction of Rudolf Strukoff.

The Day in Detroit

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MV secretary Lawrence Caviness made me welcome.

The camp consists of 840 acres that completely surround a large lake. And there were something like 170 campers, about half of whom were from overseas. There were swimming and canoeing and crafts and campfires. It was nearly suppertime when I arrived, and Karen Lickey, student at Union College, set me right down and told me I had to eat. Across the table I met William and Maxine Tol. These two have spent nearly 19 years in mission service, four of them in Dutch Guiana and nine in British Guiana [now Guyana] with the Davis Indians. They are helping in the crafts and other activities. William told me that at one time in the tropical jungles, Maxine had gone 13 months without seeing a white woman; she had gone nearly 30 months without being able to go to a store. They taught their own children for 12 years. They are back on permanent return. "But we may go back to the mission field later," they explained.

I met Mary Wells and Judy Villeneuve from Ontario, James Russell Moor from Nicaragua, Danny Thovaldson from Nigeria. These children were feeding the camp's four baby raccoons.

Erica Nikkels, down by the canoes, told me he was from Colombia, and Carl Bartlett, his new friend, was from Indonesia. Jimmy Donaldson of Puerto Rico was paddling a canoe with Kenny Mattison of Australia. That camp was a veritable United Nations. Friendships were being formed that will help keep the church leadership together through the years ahead.

It seemed drab to return to Cobo Hall after campfire by the lake. But work must go on!

Today two more films were shown after lunch, *Gospel Outreach in Brazil* and *Narcotics: The Decision*. Ask your conference leadership to have them shown in your church.

There was just time for the afternoon business session. But I must tell you about the sign-language section. Down near the platform, in the lower balcony on the right, several seats are reserved for those who cannot hear, as has been mentioned before. Watching them from day to day, my curiosity mounted. Last night I walked

up the steps and talked to their leader. She is Betty Hamlin, assisted by Rex Rolls. She speaks perfect English, and I wondered what had led her to learn sign language. She certainly didn't need it for herself. She told me a fascinating story.

Several years ago in Oregon she and her husband had hired a deaf workman. They grew tired of writing out everything they wanted to say to him, so Mrs. Hamlin decided to learn sign language. Besides, she hoped she might be able to convert him. She achieved both goals. She mastered the language and saw the man baptized. When deaf people heard there was a woman at the Adventist church who would translate for them, they began to attend. Rex Rolls was one of them. The Hamlins moved to California, and from there to Florida. At each stop along the way they left a group of deaf but grateful converts.

"My husband is in Florida tonight," she told me. "We have a nursery business. But he likes me to come to these meetings."

"Did the conference pay you?" I asked. "Oh, no," she smiled. "My husband always pays my way."

She waved her hands to some of the 23 in her special group, and then told me that one of them had joined the church through reading *Why I Became a Seventh-day Adventist*. Then he had converted his brother, who was not deaf. Others had come into the truth through reading the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons.

It is late Thursday afternoon now. E. Willmore Tarr brought the report of the Public Relations Department and J. W. Peeke reported for the General Conference Insurance Service.

A heart-warming ceremony climaxed the meeting. Robert H. Pierson, the new General Conference president, called to the platform 17 men and their wives. All were retiring after serving God's cause with distinction and success.

To the platform came Elder and Mrs. R. R. Fighur, Elder and Mrs. C. L. Torrey, Elder and Mrs. W. E. Murray, Elder and Mrs. F. L. Peterson, Elder and Mrs. N. W. Dunn, Elder and Mrs. E. W. Dunbar, Elder and Mrs. A. F. Tarr, Elder and Mrs. E. E. Cossentine, Elder and Mrs. G. M. Mathews, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Flaiz, Elder and Mrs. R. A. Anderson, Elder and Mrs. W. J. Harris, Elder and Mrs. George A. Huse, Elder and Mrs. C. P. Sorensen, Elder E. J. Johanson, Elder and Mrs. O. O. Mattison, and Elder H. W. Lowe.

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Watts, and F. L. Bland paid tribute to these veteran workers, and Mrs. Robert H. Pierson, Mrs. W. R. Beach, Mrs. W. P. Bradley, Mrs. R. S. Watts, Mrs. M. V. Campbell, and Mrs. K. H. Emmerson pinned a corsage of Cymbidium orchids on the wives. You can read those tributes in a later issue of the Bulletin.

F. L. Peterson summed up the response of the veterans with a statement that brought a chuckle from the delegates. "I didn't know that retiring would be so glorious for me. I am so happy to be listed with this array of fine people, and as I sat and noticed the contour of your faces, I simply wanted to say to you, if you're faithful and live long enough, this will come to you."

R. R. Bietz, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that because the hour was so late, he would not bring the final report of his committee until tomorrow morning.

Most of the work of this fiftieth session has been done. The cashier's office is increasingly busy as delegates draw funds for homeward trips. But there are still good things in store.

For instance, tonight the choir from Japan Missionary College is going to present a full program of hymns beginning a half hour earlier than the usual time for the song service. No one here wants to miss that! Their singing gives one a feeling of what it will be like when the work will be finished and we hear the angels singing around the throne.

As I said at the beginning, you'd love it here!

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