

## The Call to Reformation

By FREDERICK LEE

### Preparation for the Crisis Ahead—I

**T**HE messenger of the Lord has pointedly called for a revival and a reformation in our midst. "A revival of true godliness among us," she states, "is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 121. "God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. . . . Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life. . . . Reformation signifies . . . a change in . . . habits and practices."—*Ibid.*, p. 128.

Surely there are not many who in their sober moments do not realize that a great change must be brought about before we as a people are ready to meet the soul-testing times ahead of us. While this is so, there appear to be comparatively few who are much concerned about it.

The great question is, How should reform efforts be carried out? Some no doubt believe that the words of rebuke found in the Laodicean message should be emphasized, that someone should cry aloud and spare not. Others feel that the appeals which are just as much a part of this message should be given the greatest consideration.

We may approach the call to reformation from a negative viewpoint, which brings forth little more than warnings and denunciations. It may also be carried out in a positive, a more sympathetic and understanding spirit. We are told that the Laodicean message was given "to arouse a slumbering church" (*ibid.*, p. 196), to "work deep repentance" (*Early Writings*, p. 270) and "a putting away of . . . sins" (*Testimonies*,

vol. 3, p. 260), and that "ministers who are preaching present truth should not neglect the solemn message to the Laodiceans" (*ibid.*, p. 257).

However, in order to accomplish this work something more must be done than to reprove wrongs. We must be pointed to the Saviour, who stands at the heart's door and knocks, and who pleads with us to repent and turn from our sins. Reformation will only begin when we are touched by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

### Tearing Down or Building Up?

Some use the Laodicean message to "tear down that which God would restore" (*Testimonies to Ministers*,

p. 23). They seem to feel that they are heeding the call for "a revival of the straight testimony" by their work of criticism and faultfinding. They strike hard on the harsher notes of the message, and leave the church troubled.

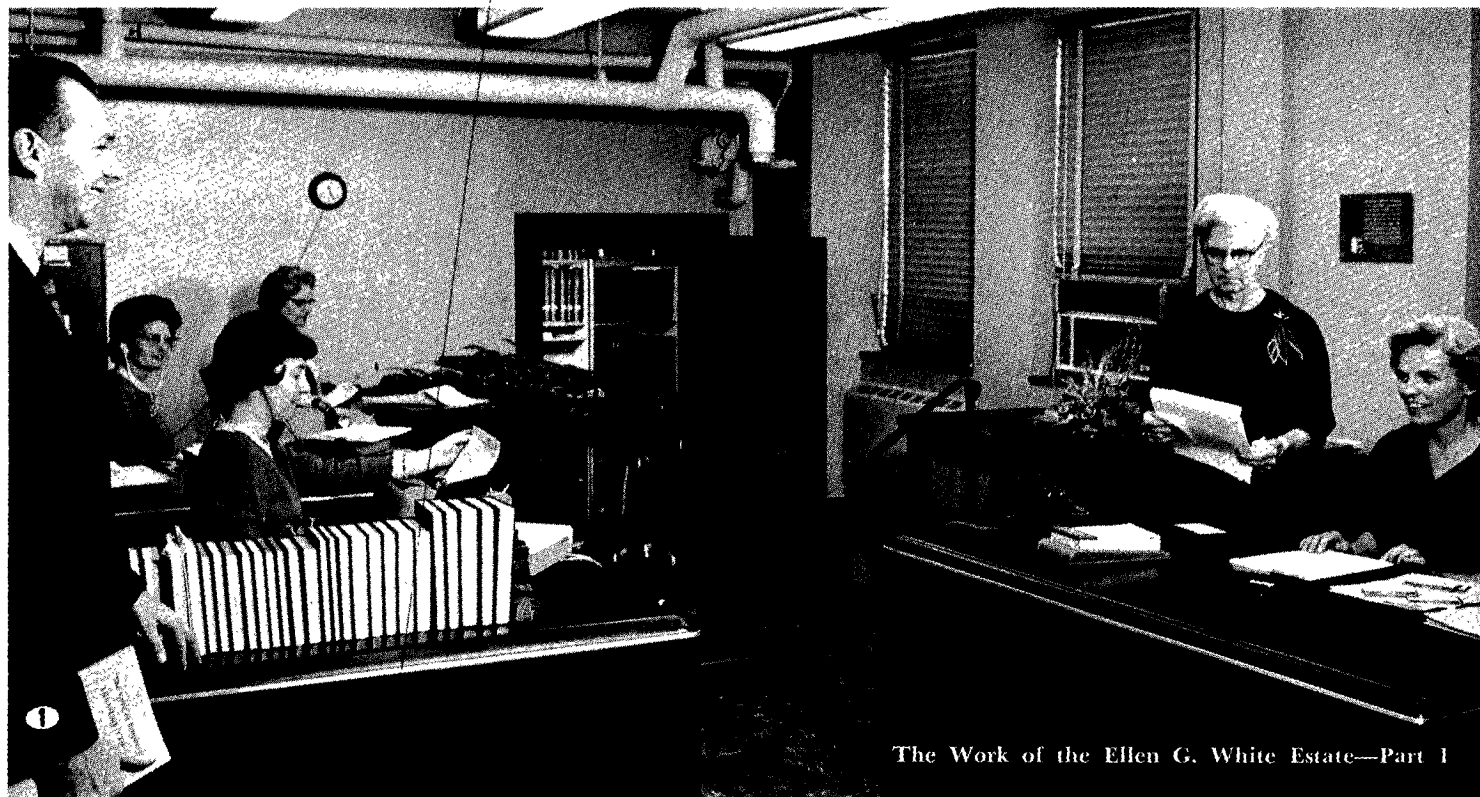
We read that "sharp, severe speech" will not "heal the wounded soul," and that by such an approach "erring ones are stirred to rebellion" rather than repentance (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 337). On the other hand, "mild measures, soft answers, and pleasant words are much better fitted to reform and save, than severity and harshness" (*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 65).

There are those who feel that they should do as Christ (To page 10)



GUSTAVE DORÉ, ARTIST

Elijah became a humble instrument of God calling the chosen people of that day back to Him. At the close of his ministry a flaming chariot escorted him to heaven. A similar call is going to the church today, and a similar heavenward journey awaits those who heed it.



The Work of the Ellen G. White Estate—Part 1

# *A Visit to* THE WHITE ESTATE

By ARTHUR L. WHITE, *Secretary*  
With J. Byron Logan at the Camera

[Adventists all over the world would be pleased to visit the offices of the Ellen G. White Estate in Washington, D.C. This photo story of the experience of a typical visitor will perhaps help every Review reader feel that he has personally enjoyed the privilege.—Editors.]

(1) IT IS 11:25 A.M. Thursday when E. H. Steed from Australia, recently appointed associate secretary of the General Conference Temperance Department, enters the central room of the White Estate offices to begin a long-anticipated tour. Mrs. Dixie Litten, receptionist, smiles a warm greeting while Mrs. Martha Odom, in the midst of a secretarial assignment, stands by. Elder Steed's visit does not seem to interrupt the activities of the three busy women to his left: June Sparrough (nearest), secretary to D. A. Delafield; Mrs. Dorothy Retzer, secretary to A. L. White; and Mrs. Alta Robinson (under the clock). Mrs. Robinson is busy with research projects and writing assignments. The door to the Ellen G. White vault stands open.

(2) "This way, please," Mrs. Litten beckons, and Elder Steed's smile of anticipation matches the receptionist's glowing invitation. Down into the vault now, where the big 18½ pound Bible by Sister White in vision is kept, and where the vast literary library of God's messenger is carefully filed away and safeguarded. The heavy, protecting metal door. The overhead pipes suggest the suite of White Publication offices is in the foundation of the General Conference building—a happy coincidence, for the Spirit of Prophecy is basic to the total life of the church. The black books on the shelves are made up of the issues of the REVIEW AND HERALD from the very first, bound in yearly volumes.



(3) In the library room of the vault Elder Steed finds D. A. Delafield, associate secretary of the White Estate board and a lifetime trustee, involved in a search for a REVIEW statement by Mrs. White. Two thousand articles from her pen appeared in the church paper over a period of about 65 years. All together, about 5,000 Ellen G. White articles can be found in these periodicals. With the aid of a card index the student is guided to this counsel.

(4) In the manuscript room of the vault Miss Bessie Mount, until her recent retirement assistant secretary of the board and compiler of such morning watch books as *Our High Calling* and *That I May Know Him*, is doing some final checking on the manuscript for the 1968 devotional book on which she has been working for many months. In the cabinets behind the receptionist and Elder Steed are 120 drawers holding 60,000 pages of manuscript material in typewritten form, as copied from the handwritten originals by Mrs. White's secretaries. Brother Steed is keenly interested.

(5) In the exhibit room Elder Steed signs the guest book. Against the backdrop of an enlarged painting of "The First Vision," Mrs. Litten tells Elder Steed of the influence of Mrs. White's work upon the world church. Spirit of Prophecy books in nearly 100 languages fill the bookcase on the left—a bookcase in the White home in the 1880's. On the table appear a Braille volume for the blind and the newest tape recordings of four Ellen G. White books which make the beginning of the "Adventist Audio Library—Enduring Books in the Spoken Word." *Steps to Christ*, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, *The Adventist Home*, and *The Impending Conflict* are represented in both five- and seven-inch tapes.

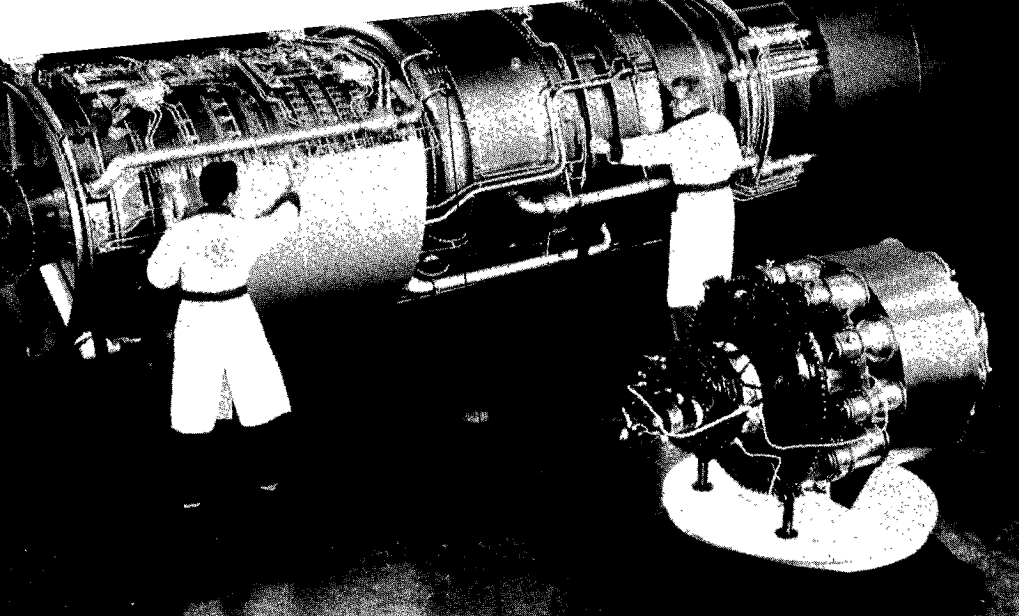


(6) "I'd like to meet Arthur White," Elder Steed whispers to Mrs. Litten as the tour comes to a close. So they step to the door of the office of the secretary of the White Estate, grandson of James and Ellen White. Elder White answers questions and points out historical and contextual surprises, to the delight of the engrossed visitor. Some of the recently published Ellen G. White books in other languages are on the table. An enlarged photograph of Ellen G. White hangs on the wall behind Elder White. Brother White has served in this important office most of his adult life. He and Elder Delafield share with the board of the White Estate a heavy load of responsibility in keeping ever fresh in the minds of Seventh-day Adventists the relevancy of the Spirit of Prophecy writings to the needs of the church today.

Mrs. Litten's sincere and gracious performance has spoken for the faith of all the White Estate staff and the confidence of the world church in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy. Elder Steed beams his grateful thanks and returns to his office.







GENERAL ELECTRIC PHOTO

Inspectors examine General Electric's 60,000-pound-thrust jet engine, four of which will whisk each of Boeing's supersonic transports through the sky at 1,800 miles per hour. It has 50 times the power of America's first jet engine, also by GE, beside it.

*For the church and  
for you personally there is*

# Power Unlimited

By **ROBERT H. PIERSON**  
*President of the General Conference*

**O**CCASIONALLY one hears a prophet of doom foretelling delay or defeat for the Advent Movement. "More people are being born each day than we are reaching," they lament. "How will the work ever be finished?"

It is true that we have before us a Herculean task that will challenge the dedicated best in every member of God's remnant church. But we should not subscribe to any philosophy of failure, so far as the work of God is concerned.

God brought this people into existence to preach a positive message of hope and victory. The prophecies of God's Word indicate that the Advent Movement is destined for glorious triumph in the near, very near, future. I do not minimize the magnitude of the task before us, nor do I underestimate the cunning determination of our foe. Before the crown there must be myriad crosses. Neither can we draw much satisfaction from the statisticians' assurance that now we can reach 98 per cent plus of the world's population with the Advent message. There still remains a great, unfinished task.

Vast areas in many parts of the world are unentered. Hundreds of

millions of heathen and followers of false religions present a challenge to the spiritual potency of the Advent message. The godless millions in so-called Christian lands must be confronted with a message that will stir them from their spiritual apathy and complacency and turn their eyes Zionward. We have a tremendous challenge before us in this generation.

Humanly speaking, the task confronting the church today is impossible. In man's strength it can never be done. But thank God this is not man's message, not man's movement. God did not expect the work to be done in man's strength alone. While God uses men to do His biddings, it is His movement, and there is no failure with God.

The prophet Zechariah has words of encouragement for us: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 8:6). The translation "marvellous" does not convey the primary meaning of the Hebrew word. In fact, no English word seems to be sufficiently all-inclusive to convey the thought. The marginal reading is "hard" or "difficult." The same

word appears in Jeremiah 32:17: "There is nothing too hard for thee." In verse 27 of the same chapter: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" Read in this light, our text provides no basis for any philosophy of failure in any phase of the Lord's work. Problems—yes! Failure—never!

## God Specializes in the Impossible

God specializes in the impossible. He knows no failure. "Is there any thing too hard for me?" His answer—"If it be hard or difficult in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be hard or difficult in Mine eyes?" "We do not understand the greatness and majesty of God nor remember the immeasurable distance between the Creator and the creatures formed by His hand. He who sitteth in the heavens, swaying the scepter of the universe, does not judge according to our finite standard, nor reckon according to our computation. We are in error if we think that that which is great to us must be great to God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 337.

God's ways are not always man's ways. When we begin laying plans for advance moves, the usual procedure is to call a committee, take inventory of our financial assets, ascertain personnel available, and evaluate conditions surrounding the area in which we hope to work. The committee decides how many colporteurs, evangelists, and teachers will be required, what budgets will be needed. All of the human factors are carefully considered. This is as it should be. But sometimes God steps in and works well ahead of His human agents. He does things marvelously, in His own way.

This was true in the opening of our work in one of the most fruitful sections of the Congo. Years before a committee sent mission workers into the Masisi area, the Lord inspired two Missionary Volunteers who had recently come to live there with their parents to share their faith. Soon there was a branch Sabbath school, then a full-fledged Sabbath school. Then there were many receiving Bible studies. After that the minister arrived. A large number were preparing for baptism. God had gone far ahead of the committee. Today we

have more than 7,000 baptized believers in this field.

Similarly the work opened in the Bas-Congo. Many months prior to the arrival of a paid mission worker the Lord heard the prayers of His exiled people in the heart of the Congo as they besought Him on behalf of their relatives in the southwestern part of the country. Marvelously He provided a way for these children of His to return to their homeland with the message of truth. Again God had gone ahead of His people. "We are in error if we think that which is great to us must be great to God."

The Lord has ways of doing things above and beyond our planning, and even beyond our comprehension. "Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfillment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable."—*Ibid.*, vol. 8, p. 10.

Ten years ago an African pastor moved into a community where there had been considerable trouble. He met a cold reception from the rough elements in the area. The pastor soon found himself the object of hostile attacks. All his household effects were stolen, his books were burned, his food taken, his chickens poisoned. In church one Sabbath morning he received a note threatening to kill him and his family before the end of the month.

Our faithful pastor refused to carry a weapon as did some of the ministers of other denominations. The situation in the community was tense. The outlook for the work of God seemed almost hopeless.

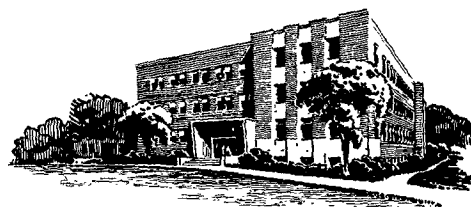
#### Progress Despite Fire and Sword

In yet another section of the same union one of our missionaries was encountering much difficulty. He wrote to me, "Terrorists have burned seven buildings on our mission stations. They have burned six Seventh-day Adventist outschools. They have dug ditches, piled the rights-of-way full of building bricks and stones. They have plowed up the only roads I could use. They boast that they have put us out of business."

Not far from this mission station  
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## DATELINE— WASHINGTON

By Arthur H. Roth



A monthly roundup of happenings at General Conference headquarters

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATE.** J. V. Scully has accepted the invitation to become a Religious Liberty associate secretary in the General Conference. He will be particularly interested in bringing the messages of *Liberty Magazine* to the attention of national, State, and municipal administrators and legislators in the North American Division. More than that, he will work toward making *Liberty* a regular guest in every home in the United States and Canada.

**NETHERLANDS ASTRONOMER.** It was a privilege to visit briefly with Dr. Mart de Groot, astronomer at the Observatory of the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, when he took time out to visit with leaders of his Advent faith while on a research trip to the United States which took him as far west as Arizona.

**NEW ZEALAND GUEST.** Several members of the staff were happy for the privilege of once more greeting Prof. and Mrs. William Idris Owen from Auckland, New Zealand. Professor Owen taught several of the staff members while they attended either *Seminaire Adventiste du Salève* in Collonges, France, or Stanborough School at Stanborough Park in Watford, England. The Owen family visited Washington during the last days of the past year. They also visited their homeland, England.

**CHURCH MANUAL.** W. P. Bradley and R. R. Frame have told us that the new (1967) English language edition of the *Church Manual* is now available. The *Church Manual* states denominational practice and policy for Seventh-day Adventist churches. This little volume is an indispensable aid to all church officers who desire to carry out their duties effectively and well. The new edition contains the revisions authorized by the fiftieth session of the General Conference held in Detroit, Michigan, in June, 1966.

**CHILDREN OF STAFF MEMBERS.** Many sons and daughters of General Conference staff members visited their parents during the past holiday season. Most of these young people attend denominational colleges and secondary schools away from Washington. Some teach, and others are engaged in sundry activities. The unmarried children who visited Washington included Linda Spangler, Nancy and Bob May from Blue Mountain Academy; Colleen Smith, Victor Peeke,

Marilyn and Charles Christensen from Shenandoah Valley Academy; Judi and Mike Folkenberg from Pioneer Valley Academy; Dottie Rasmussen and Harold Baasch from Forest Lake Academy; Linda Perez and Gordon Retzer from Southern Missionary College; Adney and Violet Schmidt from River Plate College; Jerry Iversen from Pacific Union College; Bob Holbrook from Union College; Gerald Retzer from Andrews University; Peggy Kemmerer from Loma Linda University; Walter Fordham from Missouri; Arthur Roth, Jr., from Nebraska; Ronnie Vandeman from Tennessee.

Quite a number of other children of staff members who have established homes of their own also became part of the scene for a few days toward the close of the year.

**TEMPERANCE COUNCIL.** During the second week in January, union temperance secretaries from the North American Division met with their world leaders in Washington for a three-day session. At this advisory council the temperance program and objectives for the coming months were outlined. E. J. Folkenberg presided over the gathering.

**MINIMUM WAGE LAW.** A group of Seventh-day Adventist educational administrators in the United States came to Washington on January 12 to join Department of Education leaders for the purpose of learning about and discussing with Government authorities the new requirements of the minimum wage law soon to go into effect. The discussions revolved on required hourly wages that will need to be paid to students and other workers in secondary schools and colleges. These laws are bound to affect the cost of education.

**PRAYER CIRCLE.** What happens to prayer requests made by those who correspond with the General Conference staff? These requests are not ignored. As the General Conference workers meet from morning to morning for a brief devotional service at the opening of the working day, such requests are presented before God's throne by the one who offers the morning prayer. Prior to the morning service names and requests have been listed on the prayer circle board in the chapel. Special situations that arise around the world field which may involve workers and the organizations as well as needs of individuals are presented to our Father in heaven.

## POWER UNLIMITED

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members of a secret society came to a home where two Seventh-day Adventist wives were living, searching for their unbelieving husbands. When they learned the husbands were away, they locked the wives and children in one hut and burned it. For many months, prospects for advance of the work in this area were dark indeed.

In still another nearby country there was even more confusion, bloodshed, and trouble. The leader of our work there was robbed, beaten, and

nearly killed as he sought to visit our people. The whole country was in turmoil. How could the work of God prosper under such conditions? Surely no growth could be expected.

In a fourth country hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist homes were burned. Scores of our people lost their lives. Our missionaries faced automatic weapons on the highway when they moved from place to place visiting church members or conducting other mission business. I sat for a whole day in a bungalow on one of our mission stations listening to the sad experiences of workers and laymen as they told of losing everything, of imprisonment, of beatings. Theirs

was a pitiable plight, indeed. Certainly from a human viewpoint Satan had gained a major victory against the cause of God in this troubled area.

But God has precious assurances for His people even in days of bloodshed and nights of terror. "The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way He will do this."—*Ibid.*

### Sequel to Turmoil and Trouble

What has been the sequel to all this turmoil and trouble in these four countries? In the little community

## A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Tommy Finds a Home

By INEZ BRASIER

TOMMY sat near the door as father opened his Bible for morning prayer. He looked at the calendar back of father. Then he picked up his crutches and went out of doors.

"Hey, Tommy!" Larry whispered loud enough for everyone to hear. "We haven't prayed yet."

Father stopped reading. "Let Tommy alone."

"He does not want to go back to the city," Lorna winked hard. "I don't know how to say it."

"You mean we are happy here. We are kind to one another. Is that it?"

"Yes, Mother."

"Tommy will be happy soon, I think. But we need to pray that everything will work out."

"Do you mean that somehow Tommy can stay?" Lorna asked.

"Do not say a word. It would be dreadful for Tommy to think perhaps he can stay, and then have to go back to the city next week. Promise me!" When father spoke that way and mother did not smile, Larry and Lorna knew it really was a serious matter.

"We promise."

"Good! Now we will have our prayer, and for Tommy. And pray as you did for this home in the country."

Half an hour later father said, "Uncle Jim and I will work near the house today, so if the telephone rings—"

"Then you think Tommy can stay?" asked Larry.

"I hope so. But mind you! Not one word to Tommy. I trust you and Lorna."

Uncle Jim came, and he and father went out to the big barn. "Where is Tommy?" asked Uncle Jim.

"He disappeared before we had

prayer. He will be so disappointed if he has to go back to the city now," father told him.

"We certainly should hear from Judge Landon today." Uncle Jim began to work as though it had to be done in one minute. Father laid down his hammer and went to the orchard in search of Tommy.

Just then Lorna dashed through the orchard. "Come quick! The telephone!"

Father took one long step to Lorna's three short steps. He picked up the receiver.

"Yes— Yes— We'll be there as soon as possible." Then he laid the receiver in its cradle. "Hurry, everyone! Lorna, call Uncle Jim. Aunt Freda, too. The biggest secret of all is about to burst."

Mother's eyes were shiny and happy. "I have Tommy's suit right here, ready for him to put on."

Uncle Jim and Aunt Freda almost ran home. It seemed like no time till they were back. Uncle Jim honked the horn of his big new car.

Father caught Tommy in his arms and set him between Uncle Jim and Aunt Freda.

Lorna leaned over to whisper to father. "That is where Tommy belongs."

"Now don't burst this secret." He whispered loudly too.

A few minutes later Uncle Jim parked his car near the courthouse in Laketon, and father handed Tommy's crutches to him.

"Where are we going?" asked Tommy.

"We are going to happiness." Aunt Freda smiled though she had to wipe her eyes.

"Come, everyone. We must not lose a minute," urged Uncle Jim.

Soon they were in the courthouse. Judge Landon asked questions. Uncle Jim answered them, and so did Aunt Freda. And then they signed papers.

Uncle Jim and Aunt Freda put their arms around Tommy. "Son, this paper says that you belong to us," Uncle Jim told him.

"You mean I am your boy now?"

Uncle Jim held Tommy tighter. "You are, for always and always. Here, let me wipe these tears. My handkerchief is larger than yours. Now, let's go home."

No one listened when Lorna said, "Larry and I prayed and prayed. Now you belong to us, really and truly."

Somehow, Tommy could not say a word as he sat in the car between Uncle Jim and Aunt Freda. He did not need to. He was Tommy Connell now, and he was going home.

(Concluded)



S. E. BOHLMANN, ARTIST

"You mean I am your boy now?" asked Tommy.  
"Yes, for always and always," replied Uncle Jim, signing the papers.

where the pastor was beset by thugs, ten of the troublemakers accepted the message and were baptized. The faith and confidence of the new believers and the pastor were strengthened. Our minister said he had learned four lessons from this experience: 1. Such experiences prepare the church for the time of trouble. 2. God can protect His servants during the worst of trouble. 3. The greatest need of God's people is consecration and self-denial. 4. If the church is strong, souls can be won despite adversity.

What of the missionary who found himself in trouble on every side? Later he wrote me again: "Instead of becoming discouraged by the threats and the burnings, we have risen from the ashes stronger in buildings and equipment. We have no reason to be dissatisfied with our lot when we find ourselves in the midst of great conflict. When we return from our next furlough we hope you will send us right back to this same station."

In the land where the union president and many of the workers suffered intensely, a few months later he and I visited two centers in his country where the trouble began. Here we found two new churches ready for dedication. A new school and a strong program of evangelistic advance had been planned for.

And what happened in the land beset by burnings and murder? More than 400 evangelistic efforts were held during the year the trouble was at its height. During the past four years more than 58,000 people have been baptized in these countries, and 95,000 more are in baptismal classes. They have more than 142,000 baptized members in these lands today!

#### Nothing Is Difficult for God

Things may be "hard or difficult" humanly speaking, but not with God. "Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear. . . . Nothing can stand in His way. His power is

absolute." This is God's work, and nothing can prevent its ultimate triumph. "He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty." The ultimate triumph of His work is certain.

The tender assurance of your Saviour is, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). What a blessed day in which to live! What a wonderful God we serve! The needs of the church may be great, but He has power to provide for every one of them. The needs in your life or mine may loom large on our horizons. They may seem almost impossible of accomplishment, but our God will not fail us. With Him there is *power unlimited*. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be hard or difficult [margin] in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be hard or difficult [margin] in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 8:6).



## The Art of Living....when you're young

### ON "LINE DRAWING"

THE necessity (decreed by those in authority) of "drawing the line" on various matters seems to be one of the most profound irritants when you're young. For that matter, many young people declare, on soapboxes and off soapboxes, in eloquent terms and in something less than eloquent, that there is no necessity for "line drawing." Each person must "decide for himself." Every situation must be "examined from all angles that relate to the participants." So they say.

Now, I agree that there are areas where individual judgment must prevail. A return to the old Puritan yardsticks for proper conduct, yardsticks that made no allowances for circumstances or for individual differences, is unthinkable—because this is a big, wide, broad, wonderful world we live in. Even such a natural thing as climate makes a difference in both activities and attitudes. (In the secular realm you can easily test this theory by attempting to construct a constitution that will work equally well for an imaginary nation on the equator and one at the South Pole.)

Having made this point, though, I must now defend proper and balanced "line drawing." Every government is forced to assume this responsibility for its citizens, lest anarchy prevail. There's the very simple matter, for instance, of speed limits. Who's to say that 25 miles an hour is a "safe" speed in a residential district? It's conceivable that some drivers

are "unsafe at any speed"! Another driver may be able to drive faster than the established legal limit and still maintain safety standards.

But there has to be a standard. There has to be a line drawn so that all citizens have a common denominator for conduct patterns. The "line" is a protection, really, to the driver. If there's an accident and someone is killed, the driver who has adhered to the "line" won't have to suffer agonies of self-reproach on top of all the other agonies, physical, emotional, and financial.

Probably, though, many young people who'll admit the simple necessity for speed limits ("line drawing") out of a desire for mere self-preservation, may find themselves balking mulishly at home and school "lines." An established hour for getting one's person back under the family or dormitory roof is a perennial and never-ending target for the protagonists of "non-lines." And the kind of places to which a Christian young person goes; and the people he goes *with*, regardless of his destination; and the type of clothes (non-clothes?) he wears; and the variety of language he uses; and the personal habits in which he indulges—in all these areas, plus innumerable others, those (often unhappy and persecuted) persons in authority must do careful "line drawing." They'd be shirking their responsibility if they refused this unpalatable assignment. Believe me,

I know from sad experience that it is unpalatable. No one enjoys the feeling that he's regarded as a spoil-fun ogre. Better to be that, though, than an evader of duty.

It's rather a shame that "lines" come in for so much vituperation, for this is a world where a mistake or an excess can be deadly serious. One can lose a life, a reputation, a future, a heart—and all for lack of proper respect for definitive "line drawing."

In case, though, that I haven't convinced you, let me advance this idea for your consideration; namely, that sooner than you think you'll likely find yourself in the position of drawing "lines" for a generation younger than yourself. There's a certain poetic justice about these awesome responsibilities that goes along with the much-longed-for maturity and freedom we all yearn for so impatiently when we're young. When that time comes, happy "line drawing" to you! In the meantime, remember, for future reference, that "with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

*Minnie Hood*



# For Homemakers

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## Perception

By ARDIS JAESCHKE KRANER

I did not know 'til now  
That songbirds sing at dawn  
When ground is white  
And mercury dips  
To freezing and below.

On winter mornings  
As the light breaks through,  
I've heard the tuneless chirp  
Of ever-present house sparrows;  
And in day's full light  
I've been aware of bluejays' raucous calls,  
The chickadee's *dee dee*,  
The cardinal's whistle,  
But I have heard no song.

Now February's come,  
The dawn begins to break before I rise;  
And through my open window I can hear,  
Each morning without fail,  
The bright and cheerful notes of song sparrow's song.

It could be it has been so all along,  
But dawn comes late in winter  
And for weeks  
We're up and busy with our daily tasks  
Before it's light,  
When we are occupied with temporal cares,  
Our ears are not attune  
To hear the still small voice, though it be there—  
Ours for the taking, when we are aware.

IT'S MATH class at our school in the Colombian *llanos*, or plains, and the students are busy learning a new formula when Judy notices the time. Quickly she slips out the door, runs down the path to the kitchen in time to add a few more sticks to the fire, rearrange the bricks, stir the rice, and hurry back to class before she misses something important that may appear in the test tomorrow. Perhaps it sounds like fun to be able to leave class two or three times every day, but to Judy it's not fun any more, especially when she's trying to earn top marks in the class.

You see, Judy was trying to finish the ninth grade, but like most of the other students she had to work to earn her way. Besides working in the laundry she worked in the kitchen, and this meant missing important parts of classes to be sure dinner was progressing on schedule. Finally the school year was over and Judy was ready to make plans for the tenth grade. She came from a large family, and her parents were unable to supply tuition money. Consequently, all that Judy had was what she managed to earn.

God seemed to have a place for Judy, however, and when it came time for the next school year to begin, new plans had been made. A married sister in Barranquilla needed a helper in her home, and it was arranged that Judy could go there. In the mornings she would go to school; in the afternoons wash, iron, and clean house; and in the evenings, study her lessons. But where would the tuition come from? Her sister could give her room and board in exchange for the help she gave, but didn't have the extra money for tuition.

Then it happened that the school needed another teacher. A second sister who had just graduated and needed a teaching job also came to live with the first sister, and with the added income from board and room the first sister was able to pay Judy's tuition.

This was where I met Judy. When we first arrived in Colombia, this fine family, who already had two extra sisters living with them, opened their home for our family of four until we could make other arrangements. We became good friends, and I took a special interest in Judy, as I noticed that whatever she did, she did well. I soon learned that she was 19 years old,

## JUDY NEEDS A Fifth Brother or Sister

By SANDRA J. LARSEN  
*Pastor's Wife, Barranquilla, Colombia*



*A young woman  
of Colombia  
looks forward to a  
life of service.*

a little beyond the age of most high school sophomores, but many students here get a late start or have to drop out for several years to work.

A little later I was asked to teach a second semester class of which Judy was a student, and I found that Judy was always at the top of her class. I wonder what Judy is planning to study when she finishes high school? I thought to myself. She's such a good student, she's so neat; she's pretty, industrious, and above all, dedicated. She ought to make a marvelous nurse! Here in Colombia we are in urgent need of nurses to help begin medical work. So I made myself a committee of one to look for good prospective nurses. I chose Judy as my number one target.

"Judy," I said one day, "what do you plan to study when you finish academy?"

"I'm not sure yet, señora, I just don't know what it will be."

"Well," I answered enthusiastically, "you should study nursing! Look at all the people here in Colombia that need help, and look at the tremendous need for medical work. We haven't any, anywhere, you know. We need dedicated young people like you, who will finish their education and come back to work for their own people. Yes, I'm a nurse and I can help, but I can't do it all alone, and we can't afford to bring enough nurses down from the United States to do the whole job. So, we must have more Colombian nurses who will give their service to God."

I don't think Judy was expecting me to tell her what I thought she should do, and so I said, "You'll have to think it over. You don't have to decide today."

Every time I saw Judy we talked about the nurse's course. We sent for brochures, and I could see that Judy was becoming enthusiastic over the idea.

The school year was almost over, and I was worried. Our school here doesn't offer the junior and senior year, and Judy would have to go to our junior college in Medellín to finish the academy. I urged her to send her application in soon for the coming year, but each time I saw her she hadn't mailed it yet.

"What's the matter, Judy, don't you want to go?" I asked. Oh, yes, she wanted to go, but even here in Co-

lombia an education calls for money. Actually, it would cost her only about \$25 a month for tuition, board, room, and everything. But that's a lot of money here. A fourth sister wrote and said that perhaps she could give \$5 a month. Judy thinks she can earn a similar amount during the school year. But that still leaves \$15 each month.

It's vacation time here now, and Judy has gone home to visit her parents. Before she left I persuaded her to send in her application, with the encouragement, "We'll have to have faith, and pray about it. Go ahead and send it in, and things will work out somehow." Judy's application is in Medellín, and we are praying and hoping.

## LETTERS TO THE

# *Fellowship of Prayer*

### A BACKSLIDER RECLAIMED

EDITORS: I thank God for your prayers. I requested prayer for my son who was a young minister, and his wife. He left the truth and she went so far as to get a divorce. But I am happy to report to you that they remarried a few years afterward, and both are faithful to the truth. I do thank all of you who prayed faithfully for them. Now I have much more to be prayed for. My oldest daughter is in the truth and her two younger girls. Will you please pray that they will remain faithful? I have five more children, all grown, who are out of the fold. Please pray for them to accept the Lord while probation lingers. I have a son-in-law who is ill. Please pray that he will be well enough to do his work if it is the Lord's will. I have a bad heart condition, and am not able to do much. I do need your prayers. I believe strongly in prayer, and if it is the Lord's will these requests will be granted. May the Lord's blessing be upon all of you.

NAME WITHHELD

### JESUS SAVES

EDITORS: A month ago I wrote about your praying for my three sons and their wives and my daughter and her husband. In September I gave them all literature. Two weeks ago one son-in-law came to see me. He told me that he believes in the true Sabbath and in Jesus as his personal Saviour. He is a changed man, and my daughter has changed too. God be praised! It is a miracle. I am so grateful to God for His wonderful love. Thank you for your prayers.

Ontario, Canada

Mrs. H.

EDITORS: Some months ago I wrote a request for prayer for the conversion of a young man. His wife felt she was ready for baptism but

My husband and I have decided that with some rearranging of the family budget we can help Judy a little. In part, this answers our prayers, although Judy doesn't know it yet.

A message came from Judy just the other day. It said, "Many greetings to Señora Larsen. If I can't go to Medellín I'll stay here and study nursing in one of the public schools."

Well, Judy, it would be so much better for you to finish your two years of academy in our own school and then take nursing in one of our schools where you won't lose the vision of service. We're still praying, so you keep on planning. God has a plan for your life, and surely He'll find a way to fulfill that plan—maybe a fifth sister or brother somewhere.

was waiting for her husband, hoping he would see and accept the truth. A number of ministers and lay members had studied with him, but his mind was not clearly made up on many doctrinal points. Thanks to the Holy Spirit and the united prayers of the faithful REVIEW readers, both this man and his wife have been baptized and are helping in the Sabbath school and MV services. How satisfying it is to join our prayers with others each Friday evening for all these dear souls. I wish to thank each one who prays. Now I have another request—this time for a backslidden couple.

California

Mrs. S.

### PRAYERS ANSWERED

EDITORS: I want to thank you for praying for my husband. My first request began in 1961, for him to quit smoking. Praise the dear Lord, he did quit that dreadful habit. Then I again asked prayers for his conversion and that he would be baptized and come into the church. Again, praise our blessed Lord, he did just this! Now again I ask for your prayers that he may find a steady, suitable job with Sabbaths off. . . . O for the blessed privilege and power of prayer, that we may join together at sundown on Friday and meet at the glorious throne of grace—what a privilege! . . . I found my request for my husband in your column and showed it to him after he was baptized. I think it gave him a better view of the power of prayer.

California

Mrs. V.

EDITORS: Some time ago when my daughter was very sick in the hospital, I wrote and asked for your prayers. I believe you prayed and that your prayers were answered. She is at home now and much better.

Virginia

Mr. G.

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

## THE CALL TO REFORMATION

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did when He hurled scathing denunciations at the Pharisees. But sinful human beings are not called to do such a work. Christ knew what was in the heart and mind of men. He was able to distinguish between the hardened hypocrite and the humble sinners who were sincerely struggling against inherited tendencies. He alone has the right to judge men. One who felt it was his duty to point out the sins of certain ones was warned, "The Lord does not give you or anyone else the office of saying who are tares and who are wheat" (*ibid.*, vol. 5, pp. 333, 334).

### God's Program for Reformation

How, then, should the work of reform be done? To begin with, any person with such a burden should first remember the words of Paul, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1). There must be no taint of a "holier than thou" spirit manifested by one who seeks to do this work of revival and reformation.

To one such person this word was given: "You have been inclined to look with a sort of contempt upon your brethren who were faulty. . . . You do wrong to shut yourself up in a self-righteous spirit."—*Ibid.*, vol. 4, p. 131. Another was told, "Do not try too hard to mold your brethren. . . . You see many things which appear wrong in others, and you want to correct these wrongs. . . . But you do not go about it in the right way."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 347.

The messenger of the Lord spoke against the "false zeal" that "passes for jealousy for the cause of God," and said that the errors and mistakes in others "are not nearly so grievous in the sight of God as is the harsh and unforgiving spirit of those who are criticizers and censors" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 186).

Christ always was tenderhearted toward the struggling sinner. We read that the Son of God came not to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3:17). It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin (chap. 16:8). The same prophet who said, "Cry aloud, and spare not," also said, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people." All those who have a burden to bring a revival to the church should follow the example of the compassionate Saviour, not that of the accuser of the brethren.

We must look upon the church as Christ did. "Enfeebled and defective,

needing constantly to be warned and counseled," yet it was the object of Christ's supreme regard (*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 16). In this church Christ is looking for His hopes to be fulfilled. He looks upon the church as a company of individuals. He sees those who are striving against wrong habits, often repenting of their sins. He knows those who are sincere in this work. He sees those who finally will make up the number of His people. It is because of this "little flock" that He delays His coming, waiting for them to be fully ready. Yes, Christ has a church on earth that will triumph. He will have a people prepared for His kingdom.

## The Crystal Sea

By W. A. DESSAIN

With wistful heart I walked the sandy beach  
And watched the whitecaps beat upon the shore;

I asked, "Why do they rage thus fitfully;  
Why does the wind disturb them more and more?"

And from the caverns of the restless deep  
I thought I heard an echo pierce the roar—  
"Eternity will know an everglassy sea,  
The better land will hear the waves no more."

The crystal sea will show untroubled calm  
For the redeemed and all the saved and blest.  
There in that country made for God's elect,  
Unending peace will spell eternal rest.  
And there, serene beside that mirrored main,  
God's heritage will tell His love and grace,  
Content through time and all eternity  
To sing His praise, and ever see His face!

### A Right Attitude Toward the Erring

As we look at the church today we see many who, to outward appearances, seem indifferent to their spiritual needs. But because of this we are not to climb "upon the judgment seat to pronounce sentence upon those who do not conform" to what we may think is right or wrong (*ibid.*, vol. 8, p. 298). "He [Christ] has not committed to us the work of judging character and motive."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 71.

No doubt, by the way some in the church are now conducting themselves, we might feel well able to judge their spiritual experience or lack of it. But we must remember that no one's case is settled until probation ends. So long as Christ sits as mediator men may repent and be cleansed. Who can know the ones who finally will be among the lost or saved? By a miracle of God's grace that we are not able to comprehend, those who today are tares in the church may become wheat tomorrow. The reverse likewise is true. Did not Christ say,

"Many that are first shall be last; and the last first" (Mark 10:31)?

We may despair of the church when we see much that is wrong in it. In a moment of discouragement or perhaps self-righteousness we may cry with Elijah, "I, even I only, am left" (1 Kings 19:10). But let us not forget that God's answer to him was, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal" (verse 18).

"Then let no man attempt to number Israel today, but let every one have a heart of flesh, a heart of tender sympathy, a heart that, like the heart of Christ, reaches out for the salvation of a lost world."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 189.

Let us, then, pray and work for the revival and reformation that the church so much needs. The Holy Spirit will attend our efforts when we work as Christ did to bring people to repentance. We are to preach the Word in the spirit of love and compassion for the erring and indifferent ones. Sin must be pointed out, to be sure, but it must be done in the setting of the gospel message of mercy, pardon, and saving grace. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

Ponder carefully these inspired words of counsel:

"Whenever you see . . . something that needs to be corrected, seek the Lord for wisdom and grace, that in trying to be faithful you may not be severe. . . . My brethren, prevail by love rather than by severity."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 265.

"To deal with human minds is the greatest work ever given to man."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 121. "In treating the wounds of the soul, there is need of the most delicate touch."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 440.

"If you work for souls with humble, trustful dependence upon God, . . . if sympathy, kindness, forbearance, and love are abiding principles in your life, you will be a blessing to all around you. You will not criticize others or manifest a harsh, denunciatory spirit toward them."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 650.

"Sanctified lips will speak words that reform, but do not exasperate."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 159. "We are to work as did Christ—to draw, to build up, not to tear down."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 223.

"The churches need education more than censure. Instead of blaming them too severely for their want of spirituality and neglect of duty, the minister should, by precept and example, teach them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 269.

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# From the Editors



## DIVINE ORDERS AT THE RED SEA, ANCIENT AND MODERN



THOMAS DUNBEBIN, ARTIST

**"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they  
GO FORWARD." Exodus 14:15.**

### Bible Treasures—I

## BIBLICAL ILLITERACY—WHY?

If the results of a test given to 150 freshmen at a Christian college reveal anything, they reveal that many young people—even those reared in Christian homes—are woefully lacking in Bible knowledge. The average freshman scored only 10 per cent on the test. The highest grade was 34.

Judged by almost any standard, the questions in the test were elementary. For example, Who was the successor to Moses? Where was Jesus born? Where do you find the account of the Last Supper? Which was the earliest of the four Gospels?

Professor Richard Lyon Morgan, of Peace College, Raleigh, North Carolina, who reported on the test, offered the following informational monstrosities as examples of the confused answers given by the students: "The story of Abraham was found in the Book of Ruth. The Roman persecutions were the great event of the Old Testament. The Exodus was the return of the Jews to Palestine after World War II. The Ten Commandments were given by Jesus from the Mount of Olives, and some of the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament were: Acts, Paradise Lost, and Lord of the Flies. Jesus was born in Rome; His mother's name was Gabriel, and He was baptized at Pentecost by John

the Baptist in the Red Sea. The earliest of the four Gospels was Genesis, Moses turned the Red Sea blue during the Exodus, and Joan of Arc was the Hebrew heroine who saved her people from the hatred of Haman. The mother-in-law of Ruth was Mary Magdalene; her famous great-grandson was Noah. Jesus was betrayed by Samson and died at Bethlehem."

### Beyond Belief

The Biblical illiteracy revealed by these answers is almost beyond belief. If the test had been given during the Dark Ages, when few Bibles were available, the results might have been predictable, but to think that the test was given in the enlightened twentieth century, in the midst of a professedly Christian culture, where the Bible is readily available! Apparently the older generation has failed to acquaint its offspring with sacred history. As a result many young people know almost nothing about the Bible.

This is the age group that soon will be taking charge of society, not only in the United States but around the world. *Time* magazine picked this youthful generation as its Man of the Year for 1966, and reported in its issue of January 6, 1967, that "in the U.S., citizens of 25 and under in 1966 nearly outnumbered their elders; by 1970, there will be 100 million Americans in that age bracket. In other big, highly industrialized nations, notably Russia and Canada, the young also constitute half the population. If the statistics imply change, the credentials of the younger generation guarantee it. . . . This is not just a new generation, but a new kind of generation."

If this Man of the Year is as devoid of Bible knowledge as the aforementioned test reveals, he is indeed "a new kind of generation." He is an unbeliever. As *Time* points out, "he remains a vociferous skeptic. Never have the young been left more completely to their own devices. No adult can or will tell them what earlier generations were told: this is God, that is Good, this is Art, that is Not Done. . . . One thing is certain. From Bombay to Berkeley, Vinh Long to Volgograd, he has clearly signaled his determination to live according to his own lights and rights. His convictions and actions, once defined, will shape the course and character of nations. . . . For better or for worse, the world today is committed to accelerating change: radical, wrenching, erosive of both traditions and old values."

### Parental Failure

One cannot but be apprehensive as he speculates on the kind of world that a Biblically illiterate generation may create. Neither can one escape the conviction that the older generation is largely responsible for making the young what they are. The under-25 generation has been treated shabbily by its elders in the matter of faith and morals. By foolishly expressing doubts about God and inspiration, the older generation has produced a youthful harvest of agnosticism and atheism. By undercutting the authority of the Bible and the moral law, it has opened the way for rebellion and crime. By disputing the story of Creation, it has destroyed the concept that man is a son of God, and has made it easy for the young to think of themselves merely as animals, to live by animal codes.

Given the opportunity to think and choose, unguided

by tested moral, ethical, and Biblical principles, the young have tasted forbidden fruit as disappointing as that eaten by Eve in the Garden of Eden. Instead of opening up bright vistas of knowledge and wisdom, this has resulted in darkness, and has closed the door to true knowledge, the knowledge that centers in God.

Why has the older generation failed its young so signally? The answer is not easy to come by, but we cannot believe that the failure has been willful. Parents usually go to great pains to provide for their children those things that they think are worth while. Thus, believing that material benefits would be of greatest advantage to their young, parents during the past quarter of a century have worked almost feverishly to provide these benefits. When, in spite of material advantages, the young have engaged in criminal activities and become involved with the law, parents have seemed bewildered. "How could John [or Mary] have done this to me? I gave him everything!"

### False Standards

Since most fathers and mothers want to do right by their young people, the present "new kind of generation" probably results from the fact that parents have been operating by a false set of standards. They have placed emphasis on unworthy goals. They have failed to see the importance of imparting to their children that knowledge which is above price—the knowledge of God's Word and its teachings. Had they sensed the importance of Biblical knowledge and faith, many would have made earnest efforts to impart these gifts to their children.

Doubtless parents who sense the mistake they have made can, in some cases, rectify it. By earnest efforts they can gain the confidence of their upper-teen and early-20's youth, and give them a foundation on which to build. They can impart a perspective that will help them see the present life in right relationship to both the past and the future.

Parents of younger children will, of course, be thankful for the priceless opportunity they have to bring up their little ones "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). They will spend the time and make the financial sacrifices necessary to impart to their children a love for God and His Word. They will give of their best to this task, knowing that someday soon they must answer the question, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" (Jer. 13:20).

Next week we shall examine a few of the treasures of God's Word. As we do so, perhaps this will provide us with increased motivation not only for personal Bible study but for acquainting our youth with the world's greatest Book.

K. H. W.

(To be continued)

## THE NAME OF GOD

Occasionally a reader inquires about literature he has received advocating the use of one particular name of God to the exclusion of all others, the name Yahweh usually being the one selected. This, let it be clear, is not Seventh-day Adventist literature. The Bible facts in the matter are as follows.

In the Bible the term "god" is commonly applied to any deity or object of worship. When used of the one true God it appears with a capital initial letter, as a mark of reverence and to distinguish between Him and false gods. This distinction, we might add, applies only to the English and other modern translations, inasmuch as the ancient Hebrew alphabet did not have distinctive capital and lower case letter forms as we do today. The Hebrew

word translated "god" or "God" appears variously as 'el, 'Elah, 'Eloah, but most commonly in the plural 'Elohim, upwards of 3,000 times. Cognate terms were used by other ancient Semitic peoples to refer to their tribal deities. For this reason 'Elohim was not, in and of itself, distinctive, and to avoid ambiguity the Bible writers often use it in combinations, such as "God of Israel" and "Lord God," especially where it would not otherwise be clear that reference is to the true God.

The fact that 'Elohim is in the plural does not imply that the Hebrew people were polytheists. They were decidedly monotheists. When it applies to the true God, the plural form 'Elohim is therefore always translated in the singular, as "God." The plural form in Hebrew was probably a plural of majesty attributing to the one true God all the honor and reverence that the heathen ascribed to all of their gods, perhaps similar in sense to the expressions "God of gods" and "Lord of lords." A number of Hebrew words are consistently plural in form but singular in meaning.

### The Sacred Name Yahweh

The distinctive Old Testament name for the one true God is translated in our English Bibles as "LORD," in capital letters. The Hebrew form of the word is YHWH (often abbreviated as YH), which occurs, always of the true God, some 6,000 times, alone or in combination with other divine names, especially 'Elohim. Ancient Hebrew writing consisted of consonants only, though some consonants sometimes doubled as vowels. A person reading the ancient Hebrew consonantal text would add the vowels as he vocalized what he read. For centuries, however, the name YHWH was considered too sacred to utter. Coming to the sacred name as he read the Bible aloud, a devout Jew would, instead, pronounce the word 'Adonai, translated into English as "Lord" and printed with a capital and lower case letters, or omit it altogether.

Several centuries after Christ, when Hebrew had ceased to be a spoken language, Jewish scholars known as Masoretes added vowels to the consonantal Hebrew text of the Bible in an endeavor to preserve what they thought to be the correct pronunciation. In keeping with traditional Hebrew custom, they added the vowels of 'Adonai ("Lord") to the consonants YHWH ("LORD"), as a reminder to read YHWH as 'Adonai. This hybrid way of writing the sacred name for God was transliterated as "Jehovah" by earlier English translators, who did not understand its hybrid nature. The Jews themselves have never vocalized it in this hybrid form.

It is thought that the sacred tetragrammaton (four-letter word) YHWH is a form of the root *hayah*, which means "to be" or "to become." On the basis of ancient Phoenician usage, the form *Yahweh* has been understood to represent a verb form that may be translated "Causer to be" or "Sustainer." This would designate the true God as the first cause of existence, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. The distinction between 'Elohim as used of gods in general, and YHWH to designate the one true God, is clearly stated in Psalm 96:5: "All the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens" (compare Ps. 83:18).

The English spelling *Yahweh* is now almost universally believed to reflect accurately the ancient, original pronunciation of YHWH. In keeping with the common practice today of pronouncing proper names translated from a foreign language with as nearly the original vocalization as possible, it would be altogether correct and proper for us to use the name *Yahweh* wherever the word YHWH ("LORD") occurs in the Old Testament, and also whenever we are speaking of the true God in Old Testament times. This practice is becoming more and more common among Bible scholars and informed Christians.



In view of the facts we have been considering, and also because the Lord told Moses to introduce Him to the Hebrew people as the great "I AM" (Ex. 3:14; 6:3), some advocate using Yahweh exclusively when referring to the true God. (To our personal knowledge, however, no Seventh-day Adventists do so.) One man felt such a burden on the matter that he published a special edition of the Bible—with the title, *Holy Name Bible*—in which the Hebrew equivalents of "God" and "Lord" are always transliterated into English as Elohim and Yahweh.

If the inspired writers themselves had used the name Yahweh exclusively, those today who advocate this practice would have a strong point in their favor. But in view of the fact that the Old Testament uses 'Elohim along with YHWH and numerous other divine names and appellations quite indiscriminately, that the New Testament writers never refer to God as Yahweh, and that nowhere in Scripture is there record of divine instruction to do so, we conclude that there is no Biblical basis whatever for advocating its exclusive use today either. Accordingly, Seventh-day Adventists take the position that while it is right and proper to use the name Yahweh upon

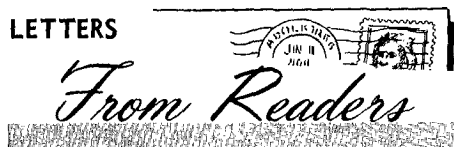
occasion as just suggested, to do so exclusively or to maintain that this should be done, is a purely human invention that reflects zeal without Biblical knowledge.

We might add that the reason the Bible writers use so many different names when speaking of the true God is that, anciently, proper names were commonly chosen because their meaning was thought to be appropriate to a person or place, and that no single name is adequate to reflect perfectly the greatness and goodness of God. Each of the many different names the inspired writers use when speaking of the true God reflects some facet of His infinite majesty, perfection, and power, and it takes all of them together to begin to give us a reasonably full appreciation of His character.

Those who may wish to pursue the subject further will find, on page 1066 of volume 7 of the *SDA Bible Commentary*, a number of index entries under the heading "God—Names, Titles, and Appellations," and on page 1086 a similar list of references to comment on the various names applied to Christ. Volume 1 of the *Commentary* (pages 170-173) has an article on the names of God in the Old Testament.

R. F. C.

## LETTERS



### "IN TUNE WITH GOD"

EDITORS: I have just finished reading for the second time the beautiful, timely, seemingly almost inspired article, "In Tune With God" (Dec. 22), written by M. V. Campbell, vice-president of the General Conference. As I read this wonderful sermon and realized the deep need in each Christian's heart and life to really be in tune with God, I earnestly prayed that all who read this beautifully expressed and vividly explained method of transformation from the worldly to the heavenly, might by God's Holy Spirit be constrained to seek it with their whole heart. Almost everything around us is so materialistic that the Christian can only by deep consecration and dedication through prayer attain this transformation. Prayer changes things.

FLORENCE KIRTLEY

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### DIFFERENCE ON MISSIONS

EDITORS: Manila reader Gottfried Oosterwal could not have expressed any better the pitiful and distorted concept of missions (From Readers, December 8, 1966) so prevalent here at home. One particular tendency needs to be pointed out—the tendency to exaggerate and paint a stone-age picture of the mission field in order to achieve the excellent end of a good Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow. Recently I heard one of our pastors describe the poverty in a large Oriental city. Quoting one of his friends, he said that each morning municipal trucks carry away hundreds of bodies of homeless people who died on the sidewalks the previous day. Having had some acquaintance with that city, I know the story is quite untrue. Too often, this type of offering promotion is carried on. Perhaps the best way to promote our offerings is by telling our people about the worldwide family that this Advent Movement represents—a

family that should keep growing in preparation for the truly interuniversal brotherhood so soon to dawn upon us.

Syracuse, New York JOHN M. FOWLER

EDITORS: We have enjoyed the REVIEW AND HERALD for many years and feel like it is an old friend. I especially like to have it for Friday evening reading. I was rather disturbed by the letter that was sent in from the Philippines by Gottfried Oosterwal (From Readers, December 8, 1966). He said it is about time our people were informed that missionaries today are not facing the same kind of conditions that missionaries did in 1910. Many people seeing such an article would curtail their mission giving. I am sure, too, that there are missionaries in some of the mission fields today who would resent such an article. There won't be the incentive to give to missions after some people read an article like that. We always enjoy reading the REVIEW AND HERALD and hope the good articles will continue to be printed.

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► *Why do we give to missions? To carry the gospel to the unsaved millions. Whether the lost are living under primitive conditions or in highly civilized societies is unimportant. If they are without Christ, we must reach them. Living standards and political conditions change, but the need for salvation does not; hence the continuing need for an expanded missions program.*

### LIKES THE REVIEW

EDITORS: This morning early I enjoyed reading the November 3 color number. Had read some of it before, especially the book ads. I always enjoy the advertisements for books. This morning I read it more thoroughly. The articles were very inspiring. I like the REVIEW AND HERALD very much—I have had it ever since I was baptized in November, 1950. One thing that attracted me to the Seventh-day Adventist teachings was their belief in victorious living through faith in Christ. The reports from the mission fields around the world are very thrilling to me. Just one thing

—I wish we could hear more news about our orphanages. I agree with the people who have written in condemning the extremely short skirts. Of all the tyrants it seems as if the fashion bosses are the most powerful. Nothing seems too silly or too immodest if it is the fashion.

BLANCHE N. BACHELDER

Ludlow, Vermont

EDITORS: We always have enjoyed reading the REVIEW AND HERALD. But the added features, "Dateline—Washington" and "Letters From Readers," are much appreciated. We have always wondered why the REVIEW did not have a readers' forum. It gives us a chance to find out what other readers think and say.

JEREMIA FLOREA

Flint, Michigan

### NEW MORALITY

EDITORS: Once more I want to commend the REVIEW for coming out on topics that are so much in need of clarification. The time has come to "call a spade a spade" and you are surely doing it. Especially is that true in the series of editorials on the new morality. Our parents and youth need to be warned of the dangers connected with the new moral code. I think of one of your quotations, "We didn't know that teen-agers could have babies." My daughter works in the children's ward at a State institution, and of all the wrecks of society even among children ranging from 10 to 13! Then in your warning against the results of "going steady" and your further statement, "In today's sex-oriented culture, parents are not doing right by their children when they permit them to 'pair off' too young." How timely!

In one academy a boy wanted to go to a school social function, but he was told he had to have a date. He was not old enough to have a driver's license, so his mother took him to pick up the girl and then on to the party. I am reminded of a thought that Elder William Loveless (Sligo church pastor) expressed in one of his good articles: "Young people going to some of their socials look like the animals going into Noah's ark."

W. S. McCULLY

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# Reports From Far and Near

## A Visit to Trans-Africa

By M. V. CAMPBELL

*Vice-President of the General Conference*

The past few weeks spent in the Trans-Africa Division have been unusually interesting, informative, and inspirational. During the past four years this great field, surpassed in membership only by North America, welcomed 101,314 new members into the church, a larger number than any other division. The membership during this period reached 245,101, a gain of 28.3 per cent, or an average increase of 7 per cent per year. Robert H. Pierson, Trans-Africa Division president for eight years, was elected president of the General Conference at the Detroit session.

Before attending the division quadrennial council at Salisbury, Rhodesia, there was opportunity to visit several areas of the field. In company with C. O. Franz, associate secretary of the General Conference, and O. Bremer, treasurer of the Central European Division, I first visited our missions in the East African Union.

The Republic of Kenya was particularly interesting to me because the field in its early days was almost exclusively manned by college friends of mine from England. The Kisii area of this nation brought to my mind the days, about 45 years ago, when my brother-in-law and and sister, Elder and Mrs. E. A. Beavon, went there to pioneer the work, remaining for ten years. Elder Beavon reduced the Kisii language to writing, and translated the Gospel of John into that language for the British and Foreign Bible Society. The son of his first convert to Christianity is now president of the nearby field of Ranen. God has greatly blessed the work among the Kisii people, and their small area now has one of the greatest concentrations of Adventists on the African continent.

Kenya has a first-class publishing house on Kendu Bay, and nearby is the Kendu Hospital and the Kenya Lake Field office. Though they are only a few miles from the equator, the climate is agreeable because of the altitude. In the city of Nairobi, where the East African Union office is located, the children of missionaries are educated at the Maxwell School. It is housed in newly constructed buildings with excellent classroom, boarding, and rooming facilities.

Leaving the East African Union, Elder Bremer and I spent some time in the South-East Africa Union. What interested us most, of course, was the great Malamulo Mission with its college, its hospital, and its large leper colony.

At the mission church Elder Bremer took particular note of the excellent elec-

tric organ, which his division had donated. That evening we listened with appreciation to the rendition of Handel's *Messiah* by the choir, with organ accompaniment.

The following morning we spent considerable time at the leper colony. Though I had previously visited other leper groups, never before had I seen so large a number of these afflicted people being cared for, nor such efficient care given. The lepers are housed in a village of 195 homes on the mission property. This village has its own Adventist church, its own school, and a large, well-equipped hospital for their exclusive use.

Though much is heard of the leprosarium, Malamulo has other important institutions a short distance from the leper village. There is a rather large general hospital, a college, and a publishing house. In this area is the mission church and attractive housing for our missionaries.

On leaving Malamulo and Blantyre, the headquarters of the union, Elder Bremer and I parted company for about a week, meeting later at the division council. My itinerary took me to the South African Union. Five days were spent at the Cape, one of the most beautiful areas of earth. There I visited Helderberg College and attended its graduation exercises. Near Cape Town, Good Hope Col-

lege, an institution serving our Coloured members, greatly interested me. This school is being built on a new location, and several buildings have already been erected. Others will soon be built. It is a boarding college with excellent dormitories.

At Johannesburg it was of interest to visit a property that had been purchased only a few weeks earlier. It would seem that the Lord had held this land particularly for our denominational needs. It was secured at a modest cost, though situated only two miles from the center of that great city. It consists of 20 acres of parklike land on which there are twelve commodious dwellings. One of these, with a few alterations, has been converted into a suitable office for the Transvaal Conference. The remaining buildings have become the homes of the conference officials and staff.

The itinerary of H. E. Rice, associate secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, and mine merged at Johannesburg. From there we traveled to Bulawayo, Rhodesia, headquarters of the Zambesi Union.

Solusi Mission, so well-known among Adventists, is situated about 30 miles from Bulawayo. Here we visited Solusi College, which is the African training school for the division. There it was in-

### Walla Walla Student Nurses Capped

Forty-eight Walla Walla College sophomore students in the school of nursing were capped recently in the College church, with Wilma L. Leazer, dean of the school of nursing, in charge of presentation of caps.

A significant service for all 48, the ceremony had special significance for five students who were capped by their mothers, themselves graduate nurses.

Eight senior nurses chosen for high scholarship capped the other sophomore students.

MRS. WM. LAY



teresting to see on the walls of the library photographs of the pioneers who opened the work at Solusi so many years ago.

Because of the publicity given to the recent severe drought at Solusi, we were, of course, interested in the water situation. We were glad to notice water sprinklers in operation, keeping the lawns green. This gave visual proof that lack of water is no longer a problem.

In the past, however, water has been a periodic problem. The most recent experience was by far the worst, and led our people to wonder whether the college could continue at that location. By 1965 there had been three years of drought. The water on which the mission and its institutions had for years depended, and which had been impounded behind a dam, had completely disappeared, leaving only a bed of parched ground. Of the five drilled wells, all but one were dry. This one gave 140 gallons per hour, which was pitifully inadequate. However, one and one-half miles of pipe were laid to this well, and the water was pumped day and night.

By August the situation was at its worst, and rain in August in that area was unheard of. However, on the first Sabbath of that month, in answer to the united prayers of the church, a very heavy rain came. Three inches fell in half an hour. This built up considerable water behind the dam. The rain covered only a very narrow strip, which included Solusi Mission.

Toward the end of 1965, as the drought continued, the Salvation Army decided not to accept any students for 1966 in its school at nearby Usher Mission. Solusi, however, decided to act in faith, and made all plans for the new school year, which was scheduled to open January 25. The faculty and church members engaged in earnest prayer for rain. Elder Blanco, the head of the religion department, asked his former congregation in America to join them in prayer. In response to pleas from faculty members, churches in other parts of the world prayed that before the students arrived there would be water at Solusi.

On the day before college was to open, the staff held a meeting and spent considerable time appealing to God for rain. The rain came in such a downpour that there was an abundance of water behind the dam, and water even flowed into the houses on the mission. Following that heavy downpour the rain continued for two weeks. In those 15 days there were 19 inches of rain!

Water shortage at Solusi is now a thing of the past. The government is in the process of building a new dam costing \$750,000, which will impound three billion gallons of water drained from 140 square miles. The only cost to the mission will be that of laying water pipe from this great reservoir nearly seven miles away. A seven-inch pipe will be needed for the first 8,000 feet and a five-inch pipe for the remaining 26,000 feet. This will be costly but will guarantee an abundance of water in the future.

Our next stop was Salisbury, the division headquarters. There we again met Elders Franz and Bremer. T. S. Geraty, associate secretary of the General Confer-



### A New Mission Launch for British Columbia, Canada

The British Columbia Conference has signed the contract for a new mission launch, which is now being built in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

The launch is 50 feet long with a beam 14 feet 8 inches, powered by a Diesel. It will cruise at 11½ knots.

There are two staterooms, plus a large salon amidships suitable for small gatherings. The boat is also equipped with a galley, refrigeration, navigational aids, and safety equipment.

When completed the boat will be skippered by Clyde Gildersleeve, accompanied by his faithful wife, Nancy. They will ply the waters of the British Columbia coast from Vancouver north to the Queen Charlotte Islands. An extensive ministerial and welfare work is sponsored by the *Northern Light*, and this will be enlarged and enhanced with the new vessel.

We appreciate the gifts that have been contributed toward the construction of the *Northern Light*. We particularly thank all our Sabbath school members for the overflow offering contributed on June 27, 1964. Let us continue to pray for the work of the *Northern Light* as it extends the gospel along the British Columbia coast.

G. O. ADAMS

ence Educational Department, was also there, having just completed a survey of the educational institutions throughout the division. With Elder Bremer was his fellow officer of the Central European Division, O. Gmehling, the division president. Central Europe takes a particular interest in the Trans-Africa Division; it supplies quite a number of missionaries and furnishes funds, both for the division budget and for special projects.

At Salisbury we attended meetings for three weeks, including departmental

meetings, a presidents' council, the division quadrennial council, and the division committee and institutional boards. In addition to the division officers and departmental leaders, all union presidents, treasurers, local presidents, and institutional managers were present.

Merle Mills, the newly elected division president, had been in the field for several weeks and already seemed familiar with its problems. As chairman of the meetings he gave able leadership. This is not his first contact with Trans-Africa, as he made quite an extensive visit to the field seven years ago. His fellow officers have demonstrated their ability and capacity. R. M. Reinhard has been treasurer of the division for several years and is well acquainted with the whole field. M. E. Lind more recently became secretary, succeeding W. Duncan Eva when he was called to the General Conference. Elder Lind previously served as a union president.

The departments of the division, as well as the union fields, have strong leaders and the division institutions have capable managers. There was a spirit of courage throughout all the meetings. Plans were laid for still greater soul-winning efforts. In earnest prayer, petitions were offered for a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit with its accompanying power. Still greater tasks are to be attempted for God. There is every reason to believe that the immediate future holds great promise for the Trans-Africa Division.

### Temperance and Health Exhibit in Cyprus

By J. SHERWOOD JONES  
President  
Cyprus Mission

More than 10,000 Cypriots saw the film *One in 20,000* during the 22-day Cyprus International Fair exhibition in Nicosia, the capital city of Cyprus. The film, which was shown eight or nine times each evening, seemed to be the main attraction at the fair.

Nearly every one of the 600,000 Cypriots from the other cities and villages throughout the island visit the fair at least once during the annual exhibition. The occasion was thus an excellent opportunity for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to introduce its temperance and health work.

Throughout Nicosia people were talking about the cigarette-and-cancer film at the fair, and the work our organization is doing to help people stop smoking. Even the cigarette companies were informed. They, of course, sent their representatives to investigate. One man called the mission office and asked for all the literature we had on smoking. Later we found out that he was a leading cigarette manufacturer.

From the beginning the theater of the Adventist pavilion was filled to capacity and overflowing. What a thrill to see the crowds waiting at both the front and the back door, hoping to get in for a seat at the next showing. This created some problems, especially when the entrance door was opened and those waiting rushed in to get a seat. People also blocked





**The Adventist temperance exhibit at the Cyprus International Fair in Nicosia, Cyprus.**

the main entrance to the pavilion, so that those who did not want to see the film could not come in to see the displays. The issuing of tickets proved to be the answer. The side wall of the theater was made of louvers, and this enabled many to see the film from outside. The theater was constructed so that people coming in the main gate would see the film and be attracted to our building.

Besides the crowd waiting to see the film, the slogan "Walk-in Health" and a poster with a big hand crushing cigarettes helped to attract people inside. Once inside, they were handed three leaflets in Greek: one advertising the new medical book, another giving ten rules to stop smoking, and a health course enrollment coupon. Of the first two leaflets, 13,000 were given away and of the 11,000 health coupons handed out, almost 5,000 were filled out on the spot, and applications are still coming in the mail.

Many letters are coming from people who express their appreciation for the health course. The health course in the Greek language was introduced in Cyprus for the first time at the fair. Friends of the enrollees see them taking the course and ask to enroll.

When President Makarios visited the Adventist exhibit he was cordially welcomed and presented with a copy of the Greek medical book. Through the advertising and display of this medical book at the fair, some \$400 worth were sold, along with our health magazines.

What are the results of the exhibit? Many people have stopped smoking. The Five-Day Plan was advertised. Educators have invited us to show temperance films in their schools. Thousands of Cypriots were introduced to our temperance and health literature. Thousands more will receive a knowledge of healthful living. The Cypriot people are getting a new concept of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The hundreds of names and addresses received will be followed up in an appropriate way, with another phase of the work of the church.

## **Santo Domingo Evangelistic Campaign**

By **B. L. ROBERTS**  
*Teacher*  
*Antillian Union College*

Extensive plans had been made to have an evangelistic crusade in Santo Domingo, beginning early in June, 1965, but the revolution, which erupted in May, made it necessary to postpone the campaign for a year.

A year later there were still many obstacles to the carrying forward of a strong program. Elections were to be held the first of June, 1966. Rumors said that whichever candidate for the presidency won, there would be a bloody reprisal.

Furthermore, a number of key men in this crusade, including the associate evangelist, would be out of the field for a

month or more, attending the General Conference session in Detroit. Almost everything seemed to militate against having the campaign. However, after due consideration it was decided to go ahead, confident that the Lord would be with us.

The San Carlos Theater had been one of the key spots in the past fighting, and still was frequented by revolutionary elements. From the first night we found that we were going to have a struggle all the way. But all the difficulties seem insignificant now.

The day the police found machine guns, revolvers, and ammunition hidden in the ceiling of the theater, the night that a gang of hoodlums rushed into the auditorium in a free-for-all while we were in the midst of the Bible class, the nights that different members of an insurgent group threatened one of the associate evangelists—all are in the past; and hundreds of people have gained a new understanding of the purpose of life as a direct result of the Lord's inspiring us to go ahead in spite of perilous conditions.

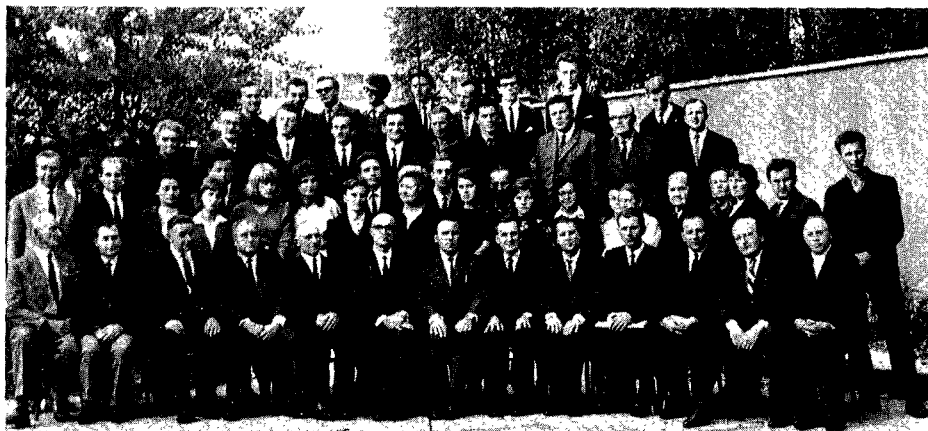
More than 200 people have been baptized thus far, and several hundred more continue to study in preparation for baptism.

One young man lost his brother in the recent fighting. He himself was a derelict, and only in his early 20's. One night he went to sleep, a drunkard accustomed to all kinds of vice. He awoke the next morning, having had a remarkable dream, a transformed person. He became a nightly visitor at the meetings and soon made his public decision to unite with the church.

I was impressed with the number of people who took their stand after they had impressive dreams. One woman who decided for baptism, together with her husband, told of seeing in a dream the words written in the sky, *Es hora de buscar a Dios* ("It's time to seek God"). Soon after, she accepted an invitation to our meetings. She seemed to be so hungry for the truth that she did not hesitate when a call for a decision was made.

**Members of the Santo Domingo evangelistic team. Efraín Murillo, pastor of the Central church, is standing, second right, and B. L. Roberts of Antillian Union College, second left.**





Literature evangelists of Poland at their institute in Warsaw, October, 1966. For the first time in 17 years it is now possible to carry on door-to-door literature evangelism.

One young man who had participated in the fighting seemed to be living without any definite purpose in life after his side lost out in the struggle and in the elections. But one night he responded to the call at our meeting. He accepted Jesus as his Saviour and immediately began reading his Bible and attending church. He was eager to be baptized as soon as possible in order to seal his decision.

Efrain Murillo, pastor of the Central district in Santo Domingo, has continued the evangelistic activity, which will probably result in at least 400 new Adventists in the capital city. Pray that the Lord will send more workers into His vineyard. The harvest is truly ripe in the "land that Columbus best loved."

## Polish Literature Evangelists Hold Historic Institute

By **BRUCE M. WICKWIRE**  
Departmental Secretary  
Northern European Division

Bringing 17 years of silence by the bookmen of Poland to a close, M. Kot, newly appointed Polish Union publishing department secretary, opened the union-wide literature evangelist institute in Warsaw on October 17. He introduced the union president, S. Dabrowski, who has been guiding the activities of the church in Poland to the moment when literature evangelism could be resumed. During this time he has had many Spirit of Prophecy books published, demonstrating faith that the gospel-selling door would open again. When the moment came, a substantial selection of books and journals was already available.

Fifty persons were present for this historic institute in a city that was 90 per cent destroyed during World War II, and where 850,000 perished. The need for Christ's return seemed to cry out from the very ground. Each person present at the institute could tell chapters of war-time sorrow, of friends or relatives who perished in the furnaces of concentration camps, or were used as medical guinea pigs. All this was left unsaid. The future was the one concern, to help men prepare for the day when suffering and war would be forever in the past. With the greatest freedom in years, enthusiasm and gratitude were apparent.

It was appropriate that the literature evangelist institute followed the 150th anniversary celebration of the British and Foreign Bible Society. At that celebration the Warsaw Seventh-day Adventist church choir, whose director is now a literature evangelist, provided the principal music. A representative of the International Bible Society said of the literature evangelist institute, "This is the best news I've heard since I arrived in Poland." It is good news! Now that the institute is over, the "good news" is again on its way from door to door in Poland.

Our denominational literature is approved by a government reading committee and printed on government presses. In recent years such books as *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, *The Acts of the Apostles*, *Steps to Christ*, *The Ministry of Healing*, and *The Adventist Home* (under the title of *The Christian Home*) have been produced in Poland.

To close this historic institute the new literature evangelist army of Poland gathered around the carefully prepared bundles of books and magazines as the leaders offered prayers of consecration and dedication, their hands on the bundles of precious literature. These packages, bearing the names of respective literature evangelists, contained 1,500 books and 4,500 *Signs of the Times*.

Our leaders and bookmen are grateful for the freedoms enjoyed under their government. They have again joined hands with the worldwide family of literature evangelists, and ask to be remembered to their fellow bookmen around the world.

*From Home Base  
to Front Line*

Mrs. Erna Steinmann Kruger left New York City on August 21, for Frankfurt, Germany. She planned to spend a part of her furlough there, and then return to Cairo, Egypt. Mrs. Kruger is orphanage matron at the Adventist Mercy Home in Heliopolis.

Elder Bert Elkins left Los Angeles, California, December 26, for Guayaquil, Ecuador. He is returning after furlough. Mrs. Elkins and daughter Nancy plan to leave in February, and another daughter,

Darleen, is to leave at the close of the school year. Elder Elkins is president of the Ecuador Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Roger Bothwell, of Waterloo, Iowa, left New York City on January 1 for Uganda. Mrs. Bothwell's name before marriage was Ian Ann Nielsen. Mr. Bothwell is to teach Bible and history at Bugema Missionary College, Namulonge. **W. R. BEACH**

## Columbia Union College Dedicates Theology Majors

By **GEORGE STEVENS**  
Assistant Professor of Religion  
Columbia Union College

"This is the first time in the history of Columbia Union College that such a service has been held," said M. K. Eckenroth, chairman of the department of religion, as he introduced the chapel program in which 40 theology majors were dedicated to their chosen profession.

November 14, at 11:30 A.M., in the Sligo church 40 theology majors, juniors and seniors, received recognition of their call to the ministry in a special service of consecration and dedication. As a token of their accomplishments and purpose they were presented with an attractive pin inscribed with the word *Theology*, the initials CUC, and the abbreviation for the Greek name of Christ.

Winton H. Beaven, president of Columbia Union College, gave the consecration sermon. "You have not chosen an easy task," Dr. Beaven reminded them. "The call to service is a call to endure hardness, to be in many instances unpopular. But it is doing what the world needs more than anything else today. May God richly bless you."

C. C. Cleveland, business manager, offered the consecration prayer, and Elder



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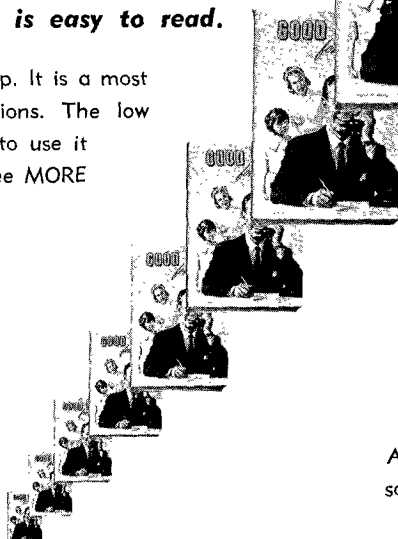
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## Condensed News

### Western India Reorganized

At the biennial constituency session of the Western India Union, held in Bombay from December 6 to 10, V. P. Muthiah, the president, presented a plan to divide the states of Maharashtra and Goa into two local sections, which was approved. This plan adds two districts to the North Maharashtra Section and organizes a South Maharashtra Section consisting of the nine southern districts of Maharashtra and Goa. The state of Gujarat will be administered as before from the union office, with H. Jump as district leader.

E. A. Hetke was elected president and D. L. Gaikwad secretary-treasurer of the South Maharashtra Section. Headquarters will be at Hatkanagale in the Kolhapur District on a property donated years ago by the Maharajah of Kolhapur. The Southern Asia Division headquarters, Spicer Memorial College, and the Oriental Watchman Publishing House are all at Poona in South Maharashtra. There are 20 ministerial workers and 1,200 members in this newly organized section.

W. M. HILLOCK  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Western India Union



► A report from O. E. Torkelson, principal of Union Springs Academy, tells of a successful Ingathering field day—with a total of \$1,044 brought in. This exceeds by almost 25 per cent the amount brought in during the field day last year. Approximately 90 students participated in the program. Some students, who had to remain on campus because of work schedules, gave their day's wages, which amounted to more than \$180. David Prest, Union Springs pastor, was in charge.

► The Associated Student Body of Pioneer Valley Academy demonstrated the true spirit of giving during their annual Christmas supper, December 18, when a

needy family, represented by a mother and three young boys, were presented gifts of food, clothing, and toys.

## It Is Written— in New York City

By DON HAWLEY  
Acting Coordinator

The more than 4,000 persons who have written or telephoned as a result of the *It Is Written-Voice of Prophecy* evangelistic thrust in the Greater New York area represent a broad spectrum of the millions living there. Interested individuals come from varied religious persuasions, numerous ethnic backgrounds, and all types of professions and employment.

Here are a few typical responses:

Sunday school teacher: "One of my Sunday school students asked me to read his copy of the book *Planet in Rebellion* and tell him what I thought about it. I enjoyed it so much I could hardly put it down. I must have a copy of my own."

Catholic seminarian: "I am a seminarian of the Catholic faith and must say your television program of last evening

was one of the best religious programs I have seen in my life, if not *the* best. Keep up the wonderful work of God."

Episcopalian minister: "I was impressed by the cheerfulness of the people answering the telephones on behalf of the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast, and the lack of pressure applied. I believe in Ellen White, your health message, and the Sabbath, but I have not stepped out as yet."

Jewish viewer: "I saw your television program last Sunday, and it got me thinking. Although I am of the Jewish faith, I want to learn more about the gospel."

Italian youth leader: "Last Saturday I was privileged to view your telecast entitled, 'Teen-age Dilemma.' As chairman of the Youth Committee of Alessandro Manzoni Lodge, Order of the Sons of Italy in America, I would deeply appreciate your consideration in lending us the film for a special showing."

Some hundreds of the above-mentioned interests have also asked to be enrolled in the Bible in the Hand course. Trained laymen are now visiting these homes to leave the first two lessons along with the free Bible being offered. Many, many more thrilling face-to-face contacts are envisioned.

## AVENUES TO Reading Pleasure

By H. M. TIPPETT

I am indebted to Jessie Wilmore Murton for these lilting lines that provide just the right introduction to this week's column.

"Books are the golden keys  
To all time's legacies—  
Bright argosies that glide  
Seaward on every tide—  
And wings that bear one far  
Where fabled cities are!

"The locks of place and time,  
The bonds of creed, and clime—  
All these, and more than these—  
Yield to their gracious keys."

Books are not only keys to doors of privilege, they are also sometimes tools with which to uncover treasure trove in the form of wisdom, practical instruction, and methods of procedure. I'm thinking right now of a very practical "How to Do It" book, *Sabbath School Special Days*, by Gerald R. Nash. No organization of the church offers more opportunities for the promotion of special mission activities than does the Sabbath school. Here in this volume plans for "Decision Day," "Mother's Day," "Children's Day," "Visitors' Day," and other similar accented periods in the calendar are offered. Much program material, such as suitable poetry, stories, devotional thoughts, and even prayers are presented in keeping with the

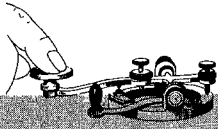
purpose of these special days. A section on questions and answers is useful. 180 pages. Pacific Press. \$3.95.

What is good Adventist thinking on the perplexing question of courtship among our youth? Surely no better counsel has been assembled than that brought together in Dr. Harold Shryock's new book *On Being Sweethearts*. The author has devoted years of his medical experience to counseling youth on the matter of association between the sexes. Here he points out how parents can help, gives keynotes for happy courting, tells how to discipline the procreative urges, discusses the meaning and manifestations of true love, and altogether draws a clear picture of acceptable Christian conduct between young people who acknowledge their relationship to be that of sweethearts. 192 pages. Review and Herald. \$4.95.

Are your juniors joining the Junior Book Club for 1967? If not, why not begin with *Steve's Night of Silence* by Ernie Holyer? That theme picture of Steve standing in the shadow of a huge forest of redwood trees will whet your interest in the first story, a nerve-tingling account of a lost boy saved by a helicopter. Seventeen other stories just as fascinating follow this one from which the title of the book was taken.

In the second chapter young Sebastian becomes herdsman to frozen deer in Bavaria. Ever have a "lavender dream"? Ruthie had one. But read on—there's more. Don't miss the story about the boat in distress. Decorated end sheets, dramatic line drawings, and an artistic type style make this a book to be treasured. 128 pages. Review and Herald. \$3.95.





# Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



## Inter-American Division

Reported by  
Evelyn Platt

► Dr. William Wagner, of Turlock, California, has accepted an appointment as medical and temperance secretary of the Inter-American Division. Dr. Wagner formerly was at the Benghazi Hospital, Libya, in the Middle East Division.

► After serving for ten years as director of elementary education and teacher training at Antillian College in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Dorita Lessard has joined the staff of Colombia-Venezuela Union College in Medellín, Colombia, where she will assume the same responsibilities.

► The Voice of Prophecy radio group consisting of H. M. S. Richards, Jr., Braulio F. Pérez, the King's Heralds quartet, and the organist met church and public appointments in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Dominican Republic during October and November. Tulio Haylock, division radio and television secretary, accompanied the group on their tour. Programs were presented to overflow gatherings, one numbering 3,000, as well as to small special audiences such as the Bahama Islands governor and his wife, and the president of the Dominican Republic.

► On August 28 the evangelistic effort held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, by B. L. Roberts, head of the department of theology at Antillian College, terminated with a baptism of 111 persons at the Dominican Academy. As a result of these meetings a total of 208 new members was added to the church by baptism. Among those who received this sacred rite was Maria Eugenia, who is 103 years old.

► Connecting with the Mexican Union as evangelist is Carlos E. Aeschlimann, who previously served as a union evangelist in the South American Division.



## Atlantic Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► J. M. Davis, MV, educational, temperance, and public relations secretary of the Northern New England Conference, has accepted a call to the Wisconsin Conference to serve as educational and religious liberty secretary. Kenneth Hutchins, educational and MV secretary of the Kansas Conference, will fill the vacancy.

► H. Reese Jenkins, stewardship counselor of the Southern New England Conference, has taken up similar duties in the Atlantic Union Conference. Frank Jacobs, who has served as assistant treasurer of the Southern New England Conference since December, 1962, has been appointed assistant auditor of the At-

lantic Union Conference. Donald Russell, assistant treasurer of the Greater New York Conference, has accepted a call to replace Mr. Jacobs.

► Inaugural services were held recently for the Spanish Washington church congregation in Bronx, New York, in their new sanctuary. The congregation was originally housed in rented quarters, but the facilities were not suitable. The present church home was a Jewish synagogue, built in 1892. A complete renovation was done under the supervision of Jerry Little, Greater New York Conference builder. The church pastor, Arthur Santos, led out in the afternoon inaugural services. Principal speaker for the occasion was L. L. Reile, conference president.

► Carl W. Clark, controller at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, has been recently advanced to Member in the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

## Philippine Dietitian Appointed to Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital

C. B. Miller, South China Island Union Mission president, welcomes Thelma Fernandez, a Filipino dietitian under appointment to the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan. The appointment was made at the 1966 council of the Far Eastern Division at Baguio City, Philippines. The message and charge were given by Duane S. Johnson, associate secretary of the General Conference, and Ezra Longway, field secretary of the Far Eastern Division, gave the dedication prayer. Miss Fernandez has served as a dietitian at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

D. A. ROTH  
Departmental Secretary  
Far Eastern Division



## Central Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Clara Anderson

► Ronald E. Whitney has moved to Chadron, Nebraska, from Angwin, California, to be pastor of the district.

► The publishing secretaries with the literature evangelists met in the Clarke Hotel in Hastings, Nebraska, for the annual publishing institute. J. F. Kent, Central Union publishing secretary, reported a good meeting with progressive plans for 1967.

► Four employees from the Porter Memorial Hospital were honored for 110 combined years of service. Those honored were Mrs. Olivia Moore and Mrs. Lillian Haug, with 30 years of service, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koke and Ival Yardley, with 25 years of service. Other awards were given to those with lesser years of service.

► The 1967 Ingathering goal for the Missouri Conference is \$81,500 and has been exceeded by just over \$12,000. A. V. McClure, conference president, reports that this is the highest amount ever raised in the conference. H. R. Coats, lay activities secretary, says that this amount was raised in the shortest length of time in the history of the conference.

► D. E. Wright and his family have moved from Kansas City, Missouri, to Sunnysdale Academy, Centralia, Missouri, where he will serve on the teaching staff for the balance of the school year.



## Columbia Union

Reported by  
Morten Juberg

► Chesapeake churches have added 500 new members by baptism during 1966. This is an average of 25 for each district pastor and represents the largest number of baptisms in the history of the conference.

► Howard Bankes is the new assistant Book and Bible House manager for the Chesapeake Conference. He has been a pastor for ten years in this conference and has also been a church school teacher in the West Virginia Conference.

► A nine-week course in medical self-help training was conducted by Samuel Darby at the Walnut Street church, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Nine members completed the course.

► More than 300 literature evangelists and publishing department personnel attended the annual institute held at Natural Bridge, Virginia, January 8 to 11. Literature sales for 1966 hit an all-time high mark of \$2,129,000. The institute program was directed by Irving W. Young, publishing secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

► William Bloom, who has been an assistant publishing secretary in the Chesapeake Conference, has accepted a call to a similar position in the Potomac Conference. David Turner, a student at Andrews University, has been invited to become an assistant publishing secretary following his graduation this spring.

► Capping ceremonies were held at the Washington Sanitarium church, Takoma Park, Maryland, for the first class in practical nursing at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. Fourteen prospective practical nurses were capped. Mrs. Geraldine Lundstrom is in charge of the department of practical nursing.



## Lake Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Mildred Wade

► For outstanding achievement 11 nursing students at the Hinsdale Sanitarium were presented scholarship awards by Mrs. J. A. Schoenberger, president of the Medical Distaff. Four of the girls had maintained a GPA of 3.4: Jorine Saufl and Mrs. Patricia Soha, of Illinois; Nancy Little, of Indiana; and Judy Breen, of Michigan.

► The new Midland, Michigan, church was dedicated December 17. Morning speakers were D. B. Myers, former pastor, and R. D. Moon, president of the conference. W. J. Hubert, church development director for the conference, was the afternoon speaker.

► The official opening of the new school in Madison, Wisconsin, was Sunday night, December 18. In connection with the open house an Ingathering victory was celebrated, with a nearly \$1,000 gain over their goal. Speakers included R. E. Finney, conference president; L. D. Jaacks, the pastor; Lee Steele, the principal; Marvin Ruskjer, the school board chairman; and Lester Rilea and H. J. Harris from the conference office.

► Elder and Mrs. Jamile Jacobs and their children, Douglas and Lucille, recently returned from Pakistan, visited the Peoria, Illinois, church and spoke at the Friday evening MV meeting, December 9. They also spoke at the Peoria and Wyoming church services the next day.

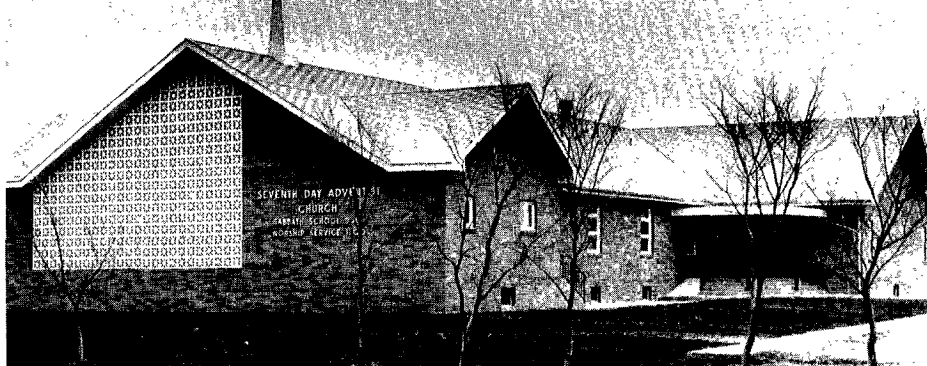
► The Spotlight on the Bible series of evangelistic meetings, conducted at Shelbyville, Indiana, has recently been completed, resulting in the baptism of 17 new members in two services. The young people in the church greatly assisted the pastor, R. L. Mummert, and W. A. Geary, MV leader of the Indiana Conference, in conducting this campaign.



## North Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► Because those who dwell at The Village Retirement Home in Portland are of different beliefs, a regular Seventh-day Adventist church has been organized and a Bible class is being conducted weekly



## Ellendale, North Dakota, Dedication

The Ellendale, North Dakota, church was dedicated on Sabbath, November 5, 1966. J. L. Dittberner, president of the Northern Union, gave the dedicatory address, and Ben Trout, president of the North Dakota Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer. The Act of Dedication was read by Clifford Haffner, pastor. Lyol Netteburg, secretary-treasurer of the Northern Union, read the Scripture; Mayor Redlin, of Ellendale, made appropriate remarks; and R. L. Kretz, lay activities leader of the North Dakota Conference, offered the benediction.

**BEN TROUT, President**  
*North Dakota Conference*

by J. W. Rowland about nine months of each year. Attendance has averaged 28 to 30, usually one fourth being non-Adventists. So far one has been baptized.

► Reo Clyde is the new camp pastor for the Fort Lewis area. His address is 8320 Bellwood Drive SW, Tacoma, Washington 98498. His telephone number is JUniper 8-5095.

► The student Week of Prayer at Walla Walla College was held January 16 through 21. The theme was "This Is the Life." Tim Gallagher, spiritual vice-president of the ASWWC and a senior theology major, was the coordinator. Student speakers were Fred Christensen, Ron Turner, Yvonne Reoch, Paul Johnson, Don Scriven, Dianne Swetnam, Juanita Newman, Paul Jensen, Robin Lacey, Mike Osborne, and Tony Henneberg.

► Inspired by their teachers, Floyd and Margaret White, the students of the new Gallatin Valley church school in Montana raised more than enough to provide a concrete floor for their gymnasium. At the Christmas program on December 19 Mr. White presented awards to seven students who raised the highest amounts: Floyd Ashbaugh, Cathy Boucher, Laurie Crandall, Larry King, Bill Kirkpatrick, Jerry White, and Ronnie Jorgenson. These seven raised more than \$400.



## Northern Union

Reported by  
L. H. Netteburg

► R. E. Janssen is conducting a weekly radio program on station KGCA, Rugby, North Dakota. This is a 15-minute program heard every Sunday at 12:15.

► The evangelistic meetings in Edgeley, North Dakota, conducted by the Heitzmann-Stanger team came to a close on December 18. Thirteen took their stand when the final call was made.

► Malcolm Gordon, pastor of the Wahpeton district, reports well over 100 Bible studies as a result of the Bible in the Hand program.

► E. R. Gienger, of Bismarck, North Dakota, reports more than 70 Bibles given out, with many taking the advanced Bible study course.



## Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► Nearly every church in the Hawaiian Mission sent its representative to a public relations workshop held in Honolulu, January 28. Public relations leaders present to serve as teachers at the workshop were E. Willmore Tarr, of the General Conference; Horace J. Shaw, of Andrews University; Howard B. Weeks, of Loma Linda University; and Herbert Ford, of the Pacific Union public relations department. These teachers also conducted a public relations seminar on the campus of the University of Hawaii January 16 to 26 as an extension course by Andrews University.

► Sixty-eight students, several teachers from the religion department, and a few guests participated in the first Pacific Union College Bible Conference held at Hoberg's Resort over a December weekend. The event was sponsored by the Missionary Volunteers on Campus organization through the auspices of the Student Association. Robert Ramsey, student MV leader, was chairman of the event. Guest speaker at the Sabbath morning worship hour was H. B. Ramsey, pastor of the Soquel, California, church.

► Richard W. Simons, formerly principal of the Los Angeles Union School, has been invited to serve as the auditor of the Southern California Conference, to succeed O. G. Erich, who has gone into pastoral work. Elder Simons, a graduate of Oakwood College, has had a wide experience in business administration in the mission field, as well as the homeland.

► "Conducting the fall Week of Prayer at San Diego Academy was a refreshing experience," reports John DuNesme, pastor of the North Sacramento church. "The students were bright and receptive;

their interests as voiced in counseling, classroom, and informal situations were concerned with vibrant Christian living."

► The Barron-Turner evangelistic team, consisting of Elder and Mrs. Dick Barron, Elder and Mrs. Raymond Turner, and Barbara Oliver, is now serving in the Northern California Conference and began its first crusade January 21 in the Hayward church.



## Southern Union

Reported by  
Oscar L. Heinrich

► A Christmas float sponsored by the Dyersburg, Tennessee, district won first-place awards in several surrounding cities. The float featured a large painting of the second coming of Christ and a life-size scene of the nativity. It created good will for the Adventist Church and was a success wherever it was displayed.

► The Student Association of Madison Academy sponsored a party for the less fortunate, bringing happiness to 24 children, with music, games, refreshments, and a gift for each child. Bobby Peeke is president of the Student Association.

► Literature evangelists and conference leaders of the Southern Union met at Daytona Beach, Florida, December 29-31, for their annual convention. Total deliveries for the union in 1966 amounted to \$2,394,246.55. The Carolina Conference held top place, with total deliveries of \$436,722.10.

► Clay Grice, of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, led the literature evangelists of the Southern Union in deliveries for 1966, with a sales total of \$29,369.32. Mrs. Edith Cain, from the Carolina Conference, was the high-delivery lady, with \$22,293.15.



## Southwestern Union

Reported by  
J. N. Morgan

► A new church with seating capacity of 140 has officially opened for services in San Marcos, Texas. A modern church school facility is included.

► Approximately 100 non-Adventists recently joined church members of the Houston area for a fascinating nutrition program entitled "How to Live and Enjoy It." The training program was guided by Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy Jones and supported by the Women's Association of the Houston church and the Loma Linda Food Company. Food editors in both large city newspapers gave excellent coverage with radio interviews, one of which lasted for one hour. Among those attending were the head cook of Teen Liberators, an organization that gives assistance to dope addicts; the warden of the county prison, who reached the conclusion that proper diet could be a deterrent to crime; and an owner of a large Houston restaurant.

► Pastor Isaac Lara, of the Santa Fe

## Computer Helps Distribute Millions of Bibles

The American Bible Society has announced the installation of an IBM System 360 at its headquarters to handle the complex logistical problems involved in the task of speeding millions of Bibles to people throughout the world. The society is the world's largest publisher and distributor of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture—75 million copies to 150 countries in 1966.

The computer will keep track of the more than one million copies of the Scriptures which are mailed out each week from the society's world distribution center in Wayne, New Jersey. The total supply of Bibles and selections from it at the Wayne warehouse is maintained at about 27 million. If a person wants a Bible in English, Tshiluba, or Iroquois, the computer will help find it in the society's huge inventory.

The System 360 Model 30 will automatically notify the society's management when the stock level of any version in any language has dropped below a certain point, and handle all administrative details, such as the preparation of invoices, packing slips, and shipping labels. Linked to the computer is an optical scanner, which can read both alphabetic and numeric information and send this information to the computer for processing.

E. M. EWING

district in New Mexico, reports the baptism of 12 persons. A good interest still exists, with approximately as many more planning on baptism in the near future.



## Loma Linda University

Reported by  
Sandra Craig

► Gary G. Gregory and Raymond D. Rawson, senior dental students, won first prize in the clinical application and techniques category at the American Dental Association's 107th annual session in Dallas, Texas, in November. The award was for a "table clinic," or scientific exhibit, they constructed early last year for the alumni-student convention at Loma Linda. The prize-winning table clinic showed the first high-speed filming of molten gold entering a dental casting mold.

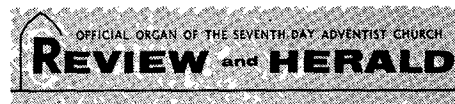
► The first Loma Linda University donor recognition reception was held in Campus Chapel on October 4, 1966, the sixtieth anniversary of the start of formal instruction at Loma Linda. Certificates and plaques appropriate to the various levels of giving, beginning at \$1,000, were presented to the guests as they registered. The gift mementos represented a record of accumulated contributions since the inauguration of a central gift record office in 1949. Such a reception is planned as an annual event in the future. Persons whose contributions total \$100,000 or more are given the title University Associate at the special events in connec-

tion with commencement Sunday or founders' day.

► Senior dental and medical students now have the opportunity to serve elective work-study tours among the Indians in Monument Valley, Utah. Medical students spend approximately 12 weeks at the Monument Valley Hospital, supervised by two physicians who are permanent residents at the Seventh-day Adventist mission there. Two dental students serve six-week periods in the newly remodeled, five-operatory dental clinic operated by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Some 10,000 residents of this vast Arizona-Utah desert region—mostly Navaho and Paiute Indians—are eligible to receive dental care under this program.

## Church Calendar

Faith for Today Offering	February 11
Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 18
Christian Home Week	February 18-25
Listen Campaign	February 25
Visitation Evangelism	March 4
Church Missionary Offering	March 4
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 11
Spring Mission Offering	March 11
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 18
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 18-25
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	
(Far Eastern Division)	March 25
Winning Souls With Missionary Magazines	April 1-8



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# News of Note

## Record Baptisms in Western Indonesia

A cable from D. A. Roth, assistant secretary of the Far Eastern Division, brings the following good news from Singapore: "West Indonesia Union baptisms 1966 total 4,289, including 1,273 former Moslems. Thirty per cent gain membership one year. Goal baptisms 1967 is 6,000."

We rejoice in this added evidence that God's Spirit is working mightily in Indonesia.

## Week of Sacrifice Offering

At the Fall Council a call was made for a renewed dedication to world evangelism, and sacrificial devotion to the finishing of the work the Lord has given His church in these closing hours of earth's history. The General Conference staff took the lead in making the 1966 Week of Sacrifice a truly sacrificial week for evangelism, with everyone pledging one week's salary. All present at the council joined wholeheartedly in taking the same pledge.

God has surely inspired and blessed His faithful children. The full report from the world field has now been received, and new highs have been attained in sacrificial giving, both in North America and in the overseas fields. The total Week of Sacrifice offering was \$1,054,364.23. The North American Division total was \$629,283.13, or an increase of \$318,510.75 over that of 1965. The overseas fields gave \$425,081.10 which represents an increase of \$42,890.09.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . ; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." Surely when our hearts are imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, God will bless and provide the necessary funds for the home and foreign missions so that His glorious coming will be hastened. May God's blessing be abundantly poured out on each participant in this fine offering.

K. H. EMMERSON

## Brazilian Youth Receive Honors

When I was in Brazil recently I met several representatives of the Brazilian Bible Society, who told me that Seventh-day Adventist youth are the best Bible students in all of Brazil. These Bible-loving Missionary Volunteers have done it again!

Francisco Siqueira, South American Division MV secretary, reports that in 1966, eleven of the twenty-two winners from the states in Brazil who participated in the nationwide Bible contest sponsored by the Brazilian Bible Society were Seventh-day Adventist youth. In the contest conducted at Rio de Janeiro, they took four of the five first-place awards, and also captured second-, third-, and fifth-place honors in the finals.

Sponsors of the contest commented that in the future they would have to organize two contests: one only for Adventist youth and another for the public in general. If they had only one contest, they said the Adventists would always win, as Adventist youth have no competitors as far as the knowledge of the Bible is concerned.

The Brazilian Ministry of Education scheduled a nationwide choir contest in December, and here again our young people witnessed for God. The choir from our college in São Paulo received first honors among choirs competing from all of Brazil, another triumph for Christian education and a reflection of the talents, dedication, and enthusiasm of Brazilian Missionary Volunteers. Congratulations to each of them and to the leaders and teachers who trained them!

JOHN HANCOCK

## Education Department Report for 1965-66

During this current school year there are 977 elementary and intermediate schools being operated by our believers in the North American Division. This represents an enrollment of 50,362 students under the guidance of 2,893 teachers.

The value of these school plants and their equipment at the close of the past school year was \$52,125,887; \$3,449,617 was spent for new buildings and equipment.

The actual operating expenditures for salaries and teacher benefits for last year totaled \$14,305,774. These figures certainly indicate the sacrifice and zeal of our church members in behalf of Christian education.

I. V. STONEBROOK

## Evangelism Planning in South America

The South American Division, under the leadership of R. A. Wilcox, has formulated soul-winning plans for the coming quadrennium, with the entire staff throughout the field involved in implementing the plan. Arturo Schmidt, ministerial association secretary of the South American Division, and the writer are making an extensive tour of the entire division. We have just finished meetings in both the Upper and Lower Amazon missions.

In this area money is not plentiful. The financial goal for public evangelism set for these two missions was 10.5 million cruzeiros, but with only four churches reporting, the total received in cash and pledges was 15 million. The Upper Amazon Mission set a goal of 850 baptisms for 1967, or 250 more than that set for them by the division. Last year they baptized 554. The Lower Amazon Mission set a goal of 1,400 baptisms, which was 600 more than the goal set by the union. W. J.

Streithorst, North Brazil Union president, led the way by personally pledging to win 50 souls for Christ during the coming year.

The worldwide revival and evangelism program voted at the last Autumn Council is having an impact upon the workers in the North Brazil Union. They ask the prayers of our believers around the world for reaching their objectives.

J. R. SPANGLER

## Puerto Rico Holds Lay Evangelist Institute

A. H. Riffel, the lay activities secretary of the Inter-American Division, in a recent dispatch informs us of "a very profitable lay institute in Puerto Rico with 170 lay preachers. In the first eleven months of 1966 these laymen have already won more than 1,000 souls." He further states that "in the Dominican Republic we have evidence of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fourteen hundred were baptized in the first eleven months of 1966. We have never seen anything like this before in Inter-America!"

These are outstanding soul-winning records and we salute these workers and laymen for their enthusiastic and devoted service.

J. ERNEST EDWARDS



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MADANG, NEW GUINEA — Lutheran Press here has recently produced more than 50,000 copies of portions of Scriptures in Pidgin English.

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists gave a record total of nearly \$43 million for all missions and benevolence causes during 1966, according to a year-end financial report from the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee here. The Convention's Foreign Mission Board received the largest amount—\$26.5 million.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—One of the first bills Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.) announced his intention to introduce in the new Congress is a measure which would seek to amend the Constitution to restore the right of corporate prayer in public schools. An aid to the Senate Minority leader described the measure as "substantially the same" as one offered last year, when, in a show-down vote, Sen. Dirksen's measure fell nine ballots short of the two thirds necessary for passage, but did receive a majority of the votes cast.