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*A prescription for buoyant Christian optimism  
in the midst of disappointment.*

ONE of the greatest and most comprehensive promises of the Bible is Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Yet, of hundreds of precious promises, this one is perhaps the hardest and most difficult to believe fully. The individual whose faith encompasses this text has learned a great truth in life. He walks in close fellowship with God.

A woman was once passing through a very difficult experience with her husband. As I quoted this verse to her, she looked me straight in the eye and said, "How can you say that, Elder Nash—that 'all things are good'? You know very well indeed that this thing my husband has done is bad, not good." If the text read, "Some things work together for good," or "Most things work together for good," then it would not be difficult to understand. It is that little word *all* that causes the problem. I explained to the woman that all things—good things, bad things, all things—work together for good to those who love God and who choose to be loyal to Him.

Heartaches, disappointments, sorrow and pain, tears and anguish, sadness and loneliness, come to all of us. Sometimes our all-wise and loving Father sees that suffering is necessary in order to prepare us for a place in His eternal kingdom. The Scripture plainly states that we should not think it a strange thing that fiery trials will try us (1 Peter 4:12), for all who "will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12).

"All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 489.

The promise is that, if we love God, the final result of "all things" will be good. Biblical truth is easier to pass on to others than it is to apply it to our own experience. I know this from personal experience. Many

## When Days Are Dark

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RUSSELL HARLAN, ARTIST

*In shaping our lives for future usefulness here and in the hereafter, the Master Craftsman often permits us to experience the fires of affliction and the blows of adversity, to make us strong.*

times we cannot see why we have been denied something we longed for, or have lost something dear to us, but the precious promise is that "all that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain" (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 286).

For years I have carried in my Bible a quotation from page 578 of *Prophets and Kings*: "He never leads them otherwise than they would choose to be led if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose that they are fulfilling."

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# The Work of the Ellen G. White Estate

By ARTHUR L. WHITE

Secretary

**T**O THE offices of the Ellen G. White Estate in the General Conference building there come, almost every working day, visitors from all parts of the United States and often from overseas. We count it a privilege to take these folks into the manuscript vault, showing them the Ellen G. White manuscript files, the original letters in her own handwriting, her diaries, and the many early publications of the church.

The visitors are then told of the recent developments in the work of the office as it is directed by a board of nine trustees. Inasmuch as only a relative few are able to come to Washington and spend a half hour with us, we would like to share some of these developments with REVIEW readers. The Spirit of Prophecy writings, we are sure, are close to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist.

## Three Basic Lines of Work

As Ellen White, three years before her death, devised the arrangement for the care and publication of her writings, she specified that a board of trustees of her appointment be responsible for the continuous publication of her books at our various denominational publishing houses. With justified satisfaction today we observe an ever-widening distribution of these books, and during the recent Spirit of Prophecy emphasis period just closed, we note a doubling of the number of such volumes going into the homes of Seventh-day Adventists.

A second line of work is the care of the E. G. White manuscripts and the compiling of books from these manuscripts, E. G. White periodical articles, pamphlets, et cetera. This has led to the issuing of a number of books since Mrs. White's death, greatly broadening the field of instruction available. A manuscript recently completed and passed to the publishers is the devotional book for 1968, *In Heavenly Places*. In a few months it will be on the presses of the Review and Herald

Publishing Association and ready for distribution this coming autumn.

The third line of work specified in Mrs. White's instructions to the trustees was that of arranging for the publication of her books in other languages. This has led to publication of *The Great Controversy* in more than 30 languages, and *Steps to Christ* in 85. The White trustees have voted approval of plans to issue this popular, helpful volume in language 86—Kerundi, the language of the African country of Burundi. Were we to list the E. G. White books published within the past few months in different parts of the world field, this report would become heavy. The overseas production of Sister White's books progresses steadily.

Of course, these three lines of work specifically designated by Ellen G. White in her will, have many ramifications and details, which call for a great deal of correspondence with the world field. Also, in interviews and in letters, members of our staff must answer an almost continuous stream of questions relating to Ellen G. White, her life and work and teachings. To handle these varied tasks calls for a staff of seven in our offices.

## Work Outside the Office

To the three main lines of work designated by Ellen G. White as the responsibility of the trustees, a fourth has naturally developed—that of contacts with the field at home and abroad in acquainting new members, young people, and the oncoming generation of denominational workers with the facts and experiences that provide a sound knowledge of, and establish a firm basis and confidence in, the Spirit of Prophecy. Members of our staff, on invitation, attend camp meetings, youth congresses, and workers' meetings in the United States and in other lands. The field work also involves teaching at Andrews University and in the extension schools overseas, and, as time permits, calling from time

to time at our colleges and academies.

The Prophetic Guidance Correspondence School, operated by the Voice of Prophecy, acquaints thousands of Seventh-day Adventists with Ellen White, her life and her work, in 24 interesting lessons. Recently there was inaugurated an annual Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week in each of our elementary schools and many of our academies. The White Estate cooperates with the Department of Education in furnishing the program materials for this work, presently based on a four-year cycle. The emphasis in the 1966-1967 school year is on the Ellen G. White human interest story.

These are some of the tasks that call for the close application of the White Estate staff and keep our typewriters humming.

## The Board of White Trustees

About once a month, the Board of Trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate meet to give direction to this work. Nine men constitute this group. A recent back-page REVIEW AND HERALD note announced some changes made in this board in the filling of vacancies. At the time of the 1966 Autumn Council the full board met. These men travel widely, and it is a rare occasion when all nine are in one place at one time! We took advantage of this and secured a picture of the entire group. These are the men who stand conscientiously before Ellen White's will of 1912, before the church, and before God in carrying their responsibilities as the ones selected to serve as custodians of the prophetic messages that mean so much to the church.

## A New Phase of Publishing

Ellen White began her public work in 1845, presenting messages in oral discourse as she met with companies of believers. To reach a wider group, these messages were put into print, first in articles and broadsides,

then in pamphlets and books. Down through the years, while she lived and for more than 50 years since her death, these have reached the church through the printed word.

With the refinements of the electronic age, the denomination is now entering upon a new phase of publishing the E. G. White books. This is in the form of the spoken word. The Spirit of Prophecy books are of the kind that are read and reread—and each reading brings out phases of truth not at first seen. They lend themselves favorably for publication in the form of tape recordings.

There are many whose “eye time” is largely used up, but who still have available considerable “ear time.” The minister, the physician, the businessman, as he travels by car, may well have his mind focused on the precious Spirit of Prophecy messages. The busy housewife, at a time when she most needs to be familiar with the counsel that will help her as a mother and wife, has the least time for visual reading. But as she washes the dishes, does the ironing, and works about the home she may well listen to the reading of the E. G. White books in the spoken word.

The invalid, with strength hardly sufficient to hold a book, and the person with impaired eyesight, will revel in hearing the repeated and pleasant reading of the enduring Spirit of Prophecy volumes.

With the development within the last few years of transistorized tape recorders and the refinements that make possible tapes played at slow speed, we are challenged by the opportunity to make available the E. G.

## Love's Treasure

By JOHN R. REAVES

Rest, ye weary;  
Know ye not that the gates swing wide?  
To you is the invitation,  
“Enter, in Me confide.”  
Have I not called you, yearning  
With a love finite minds cannot plumb,  
That I might bestow of love's treasure,  
Even the infinite sum?

White books in long-playing tapes. The demand and interest are not small.

Recognizing that to enter on this program would call for the denomination to undertake a new type of publishing, the General Conference at the Autumn Council of 1965 designated the Review and Herald Publishing Association as the publishers for the church of books in the spoken word.

Because the reproduction of materials on magnetic tape is more expensive than its production on the printed page, steps were taken from the outset to keep the sale price at the lowest possible figure. To accomplish this, several largehearted Adventists have stepped forward and subsidized the making of the master tapes. As compared with prices on comparable materials produced by other organizations, the Adventists will observe a very distinct financial advantage.

From the start we have known that our people would want the tapes to be made by Seventh-day Adventists who could appreciate the spirit of the books. The actual reading is done by Seventh-day Adventist ministers.

The tapes will be marketed as the *Adventist Audio Library, Enduring Books in the Spoken Word*. This library, presently, is comprised only of E. G. White books, because these books, coming to us from an inspired source, are of a type to be read and reread. In time, some other outstanding denominational works may be included.

*Tapes in Two Speeds:* This library is made available on double-track tapes in two speeds. Those playing at  $3\frac{3}{4}$  ips are on seven-inch reels. Those playing at  $1\frac{7}{8}$  ips are on five-inch reels. The material is identical, the difference being only in the speed and the size of the reels. Each tape provides from three to three and one-half hours of reading time.

The books available thus far are:

*Steps to Christ*—2 reels

*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*—2 reels

*The Impending Conflict*—2 reels—the last ten chapters of *The Great Controversy*

*The Adventist Home*—5 reels

*Life at Its Best* is in preparation. This is the missionary edition of *The Ministry of Healing*.

The tapes comprising the Adventist audio library are being made available through the Book and Bible Houses.

The busy Seventh-day Adventist, pressed for time, may now make use of the hours when the mind can be devoted to meditation and improvement through the reading and rereading of these Spirit-filled volumes that have ever been such a treasure to the church.

Visitors Welcome

And so the work of making the Spirit of Prophecy messages available around the world for an ever-wider reading goes on! We extend to the REVIEW readers who at some time may find themselves in Washington, D.C., an invitation to call at the office of the White Estate and to step into the vault and see the treasures there. Or, if at Andrews University, call at the White Estate office and vault in Seminary Hall. The assistant secretary of the White Estate at the Andrews University branch will welcome you and serve as your guide.

Cordial invitations are also extended to visit Elmhaven, the home of Ellen G. White near St. Helena, California, or Sunnyside, at Coorانبong, New South Wales, Australia, or the newly acquired Wood Street home in Battle Creek, Michigan. Informative and interesting exhibits will be found in these homes, and a half hour spent in these quiet environs will make Ellen G. White, her life, and work more real to you.



The trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate at the 1966 Autumn Council. From left, standing: D. A. McAdams, W. G. C. Murdoch, Theodore Carcich, Neal C. Wilson, Kenneth H. Wood. Seated: D. A. Delafield, Arthur L. White, W. P. Bradley, Ralph S. Watts.

God calls us to a deeper study of His Word, in order that we may be prepared to stand firm in days of test that lie ahead. This is the greatest need of the church today.

## Preparation for the Crisis Ahead—2

**C**HRIST pictured those who were to direct His church as shepherds. They were to lead and not drive, to encourage and not denounce. They were to feed the flock of God with the simple, soul-saving truths of the gospel. In this way only would the church be kept alive to its spiritual needs, and be receptive to that revival and reformation that should be a continuous work of grace.

On one of the last occasions that Christ met with His disciples, Peter seemed to be greatly concerned about the activities of John. He inquired of the Master, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" (John 21:21). To this question Christ replied, "What is that to thee? follow thou me" (verse 22).

Concerning this we read, "It is our work to look to Christ and follow Him. We shall see mistakes in the lives of others, and defects in their character. Humanity is encompassed with infirmity. But in Christ we shall find perfection. Beholding Him, we shall become transformed."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 816.

It was at this time that Jesus outlined Peter's future work in the church—"Feed my sheep." Years later Peter, writing to the churches to which he ministered, counseled the local elders, "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (1 Peter 5:2).

"Pastors are needed—faithful shepherds—who will not flatter God's people, nor treat them harshly, but who will feed them with the bread of life—men who in their lives feel daily the converting power of the Holy Spirit, and who cherish a strong, unselfish love toward those for whom they labor."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 526.

Paul, in a letter to youthful Timothy, expressed the duty of those who would be shepherds of the flock. "Preach the word," he wrote. He also counseled them to "reprove, rebuke," but added, "exhort with all longsuffering," meaning that Timothy should teach the flock with patience and sympathetic understanding (2 Tim. 4:2).

The messenger of the Lord states: "My message has ever been, Preach the Word in simplicity and all humility; present clear, unadulterated truth



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# Feeding the Flock

By FREDERICK LEE

to the people."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 28.

The flock of God must constantly be fed by the soul-saving truths of the gospel if a revival of true godliness is to be realized among us. We need not attempt to answer all questions concerning the miracle of redemption, nor give in detail just how sanctification is to be obtained.

## Strive for Simplicity

Ellen White wrote: "Present the gospel in its simplicity."—*Evangelism*, p. 175. "The teachings of Christ were marked with . . . simplicity."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 747. "His lessons of truth . . . were 'eloquent with simplicity.' . . . His lessons were impressive, beautiful and weighty with importance, and yet so simple that a child could understand them."—*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 266.

The basic truths of salvation can be clearly understood and appreciated by anyone, literate or otherwise, who is convicted of sin and sincerely desires to be delivered from its power. If it is necessary to understand, or to preach lofty discourses on, Bible subjects that have for centuries baffled the ablest minds, there would be little hope for the majority of people. They are seeking an answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?"

Thank God, the fundamental truths of His Word are so plain that untold millions throughout the world have

understood them and have been miraculously changed by them.

In the past some have attempted to explain mysteries the Bible does not clearly reveal. There are still those who are trying to do this, and become involved in discussions that are to no purpose. "The mystery of godliness" of which Paul writes is the incarnation—God taking upon Himself humanity. But there is a yet greater mystery in this expression. It is the mystery of sanctification—how sinful man may take on the holy attributes of divinity. The question Nicodemus raised, How can a man be born again? is still unanswered except by the simple act of faith in the Word of God. After 2,000 years of study who can explain it satisfactorily?

We are told, "There are mysteries in the plan of salvation that man cannot fathom. But the finite mind, strong in its desire to satisfy its curiosity and solve the problems of infinity, neglects to follow the plain course indicated by the revealed will of God and pries into the secrets hidden since the foundation of the world."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, pp. 163, 164.

"We are not to speculate regarding points upon which the Word of God is silent. All that is necessary for our salvation is given in the Word of God."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 228.

"Dwell upon the lessons that Christ



dwelt upon. . . . Dwell upon questions that concern our eternal welfare. . . . But those things that we cannot clearly comprehend are not a tenth as important to us as are the truths of God's Word that we can clearly comprehend and bring into our daily life."—*Ibid.*, p. 163.

### Searching for the Deeper Truths

We are not to think, however, that there is little need for a deeper understanding of the Bible. It is through continued study that we are rooted and grounded in the truths we have accepted, and grow in grace. The Spirit of Prophecy writings were given to encourage such study, not to take its place.

We are "not for a moment [to] think that there is no need of thorough and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 708). "Whenever the people of God are growing in grace, they will be constantly obtaining a clearer understanding of His word. They will discern new light and beauty in its sacred truths."—*Ibid.*, p. 706.

There are some who consider that such statements regarding new light refer to some new doctrine or new interpretation of an old doctrine that is important to our salvation. However, this cannot be the thought of the writer, for we are told: "God has spoken in the plainest language upon every subject that affects the salvation of the soul. . . . Cease all idle curiosity. . . . Study the truths that have been revealed."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on 2 Tim. 2:14-16, p. 917.

The new light that comes through a searching of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy writings is that which will illuminate and make more precious the truths already revealed to us. It will not "unsettle faith in the old landmarks" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 295). It will not be "contrary to the established faith of the body" (*ibid.*, p. 291). "We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 161.

There are those who, after spending much time searching the writings of the messenger of the Lord, believe they have found "new light" the acceptance of which they regard as "a life and death question" (*ibid.*, book 2, p. 15). But we are told that the Testimonies were not given for such a purpose. "The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 605.

Furthermore, we are warned against

a danger that seems to be manifesting itself more and more in our midst. We read: "We are in continual danger of getting above the simplicity of the gospel. There is an intense desire on the part of many to startle the world with something original, that shall lift the people into a state of spiritual ecstasy, and change the present order of experience."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 187.

In this connection we are counseled: "The change we need is a change of heart, and can only be obtained by seeking God individually

for His blessing, by pleading with Him for His power, by fervently praying that His grace may come upon us, and that our characters may be transformed."—*Ibid.*

We are called to study the Bible in order to make ready for the testing days ahead. "A familiarity with the Word of God is our only hope."—*Ibid.*, p. 228. "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594.

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

### DISCIPLINE (SELF)

RECENTLY someone asked me what I considered the greatest single factor in successful living. This kind of question always gives my ego a real boost, for it infers that my opinion might be worth listening to! Accordingly, I assigned myself some periods of contemplative thought (any kind of activity where only my hands are engaged while my brain sits on a stump waiting for the tiresome chore to be completed provides "thought time").

First of all, I decided that an active, dynamic faith in God is so fundamental that it would always take first place. I am persuaded that this is basic to successful living. Having stated this categorically, I'll discuss what comes after it. After discarding one quality as too limited, and another as too vague, I'm going to nominate self-discipline as my candidate. Here's why.

Self-discipline can—

enable you to study that required, dry-as-dust assignment when you're "dying" to read a new magazine;

enable you to utter a firm, albeit reluctant "No, thank you!" when offered a hot-fudge sundae (if you're a bit on the bulgy side, that is!);

enable you to emerge purposefully from your warm bed at the first strident warning of the alarm clock, instead of rolling over and burying your head under the pillow;

enable you to reach your appointments on time, having taken the trouble previously to estimate driving time and all that;

enable you in the early morning (zero hour for Christians, young and old!) to be, if not chirpily cheerful, at least pleasant—or, at the very least, civil;

enable you to cope with rude, boorish behavior—when you're on the receiving end—with both dignity and self-restraint;

enable you to hold back those fatal words, "Now I promised I wouldn't tell a soul, but . . .";

enable you to spend the necessary time on personal grooming so that whenever you're seen by "the public" you're washed, brushed, shined, pressed, combed, and repaired;

enable you to realize that your friends should be those who share your Christian ideals, and then act accordingly;

enable you to turn your back—regretfully, maybe, but *turn* it—on all the attractive, smooth-tongued, and corrupt acquaintances who'll participate gleefully in your spiritual defeat;

enable you to get to bed at an appropriate hour—appropriate for your health and responsibilities;

enable you to listen with genuine politeness to the very young and the very old;

enable you to buy only what you can afford (No matter how great a bargain the full-length mink is, marked down from \$5,000 to \$4,000, it's still beyond my budget!);

enable you to turn off the television set firmly when the fare being presented bears a striking resemblance to garbage à la carte or merely a time-waster's casserole;

enable you to view both yourself and other people with the respect so necessary to any kind of lasting happiness.

For these and other reasons, self-discipline is my top candidate as the greatest single factor for successful living. I hope it gets your vote too.

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HERBERT RUDEEN, ARTIST

# "If the Lord Be God..."

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*The prophet Elijah  
summoned the people  
to renew their loyalty to God.*

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21.

**T**HE setting for this text is one of the most dramatic in the Old Testament. It was a day of decision. It was a day of destiny.

The kingdom was gripped by one of the darkest periods in its history. Ahab had bartered his soul for a wicked woman and became a veritable incarnation of evil. Together, he and Jezebel, his wife, had been blighting and spoiling everything.

Darkness covered the land. Everywhere, in the valleys and on the mountaintops, the idols and altars of Baal gleamed defiantly underneath the eastern sky. The altars of Jehovah lay crumbling and forgotten.

Then, suddenly, in the midst of this fearful darkness, like a falling thunderbolt there appeared upon the scene one of the most remarkable and fiery of all the prophets, Elijah! He came with a message that was forceful and timely. It was brief, it made no apology, it was without condition or compromise. "If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." It was a message of decision.

With three years of searing drought behind them, the people had now met on Mount Carmel. They knew why they were there; they were not ignorant of the issue involved. Theirs was a great heritage, for their fathers had come out of bondage into the wilderness, looking for a new land.

Their history spoke to them of great leaders, such as Moses, Aaron, and Joshua, men who had been led by God. They had set up a theocracy, a state governed by God. The true God and His holy law were blazoned on their constitution. The Ten Commandments became to them, not a

yoke, but a bill of rights, a declaration of dependence upon God as their leader and king. They demonstrated for all to see, that righteousness alone exalts a nation. They proved that obedience to God is the one supreme condition for national greatness and security.

## The Onset of Moral Decay

Something was happening in the life of the nation, however. The faith and vision of the founding fathers had faded, and moral decay had set in. The people became confused. They began to forget the principles that had made them a nation. They began to love things rather than principles.

Paganism, with its gods of the flesh, flourished around them, and its decaying influence was taking effect on the life of the nation. These gods aroused the lower nature, and their worship was expressed in lust, selfishness, and greed. No wonder it grew in popularity.

So the people took a little of Jehovah and a little of Baal. They became, by degrees, more and more "broad-minded." Morality became a relative thing, and the old absolutes were regarded as far too strict. So the worship of Jehovah and Baal was mixed, and the line of distinction between them was almost obliterated.

This was the situation when God called Elijah to summon the leaders of the nation to Mount Carmel, where they were to decide once and for all between the Lord and Baal. "If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him," Elijah challenged them. The time had come to decide. No more neutrality. No more standing on middle ground. It took a fearless man like Elijah to face those 450 prophets, the king, and the nation.

The people stood waiting, with the copper sky above them and the parched, sunbaked plains of Jezreel

at their feet. "We will offer sacrifices," he said. "The god that answers with fire is the god we will worship. You offer first. There are 450 of you, and with all of you praying you will have the advantage. Call upon your god, and if he answers he is the one to serve."

Then the strange pagan procedure began, with Elijah prodding at the priests of Baal with sarcasm. He taunted them all day long, until they were at the point of exhaustion, hoarse with their shouting, weary with their dancing, bleeding and wounded from cutting themselves, hoping that somehow Baal would see and answer. They did so until evening, but there was no answer.

Then Elijah moved in, confident and unhurried. He called the people closer, and going to an abandoned altar of Jehovah he placed a sacrifice upon it. After having drenched it three times with water, he knelt and prayed to Jehovah, calmly, confidently, sincerely. The answer came in fire that burned up the sacrifice and transformed the water into raging steam. The people fell on their faces crying, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

We are far removed from Mount Carmel, but not from the issue that confronted the great multitude that gathered there. We, too, need the voice of a prophet to call to us, "If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him."

## Our Experience Today

In many ways we today resemble that seething multitude on Mount Carmel. Like them, we have a great heritage. We have had our great leaders, men and women who were led by God. We have seen our Red seas and Jordan rivers give way to feet of faith. We have seen that righteousness is man's only safety.

The past has been proof that obedience to the laws of God will bring true success. We know that as long as we recognize God as supreme we can stand. But are there some who have begun to love things more than principles? Have some become confused by the opinions and philosophies of the day? Are some reluctant to face the light, preferring rather to move in a sort of spiritual twilight? How we need the voice of Elijah to call to us, "If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him."

The time has come when we must choose between conviction or compromise, dedication or disintegration. The matter has not been stated too strongly. The time has come to face the duties and obligations called for by our profession. The time has come for us to be true Christians in all our relationships and to stop pretending. We must decide, and decide quickly, who is to be chief, and whom we will serve.

In the world today many doors are open to the gospel of Jesus Christ. People are ready and waiting for the spiritual leadership that will rescue them from the rocks of destruction and the shoals of selfishness and greed. They are waiting; but we must decide.

Before us rise new heights to conquer. The future gleams bright with promise. God has promised to open for us the vault to the resources of heaven. Every man, every woman, will tap these fathomless resources when he takes his stand with the faithful men and women of old and replies, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

## A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Great-Grandpa's Way

By INEZ BRASIER

THERE WAS no doubt about it, father was keeping Larry and Lorna so busy they had no time to hunt for birds' nests in the orchard.

"I think he must have a secret," Lorna whispered. "We haven't had one since Tommy came to live here."

Just then mother called, "Dinnertime for all hard workers!"

They bowed their heads while father thanked Jesus for their home and for one another and for all they enjoyed each day. After dinner he said, "I know a boy and girl who have been most helpful, and mother has been very busy, and Jimmy, well, he's busy getting into things!"

The way father said that, Larry and Lorna were sure there was a secret, another really big one. They were positive when father said, "I must go to town very soon."

"Do give me time to wash Jimmy's face and put a fresh suit on him," laughed mother. "We want to look our very nicest."

Father looked for Larry and Lorna, but they were upstairs. "Do we look all right?" they asked when they came back.

"How did you change so quickly?"

"Come, Father," mother urged. "It is almost train time."

"Sh-h . . ." father said as he took Jimmy.

"Sh-h, yourself, Lawrence Connell," Aunt Frieda called as she opened the screen door. "Tommy could hardly pull weeds for wondering, and here he is, ready to go too. If you do not start at once you will never be on time. I will wash the dishes and have things ready when you get back."

Father drove to the railroad station. He looked about. Yes, there was the ambulance, and the doctor who always went with it.

"Please tell us, Mother. We can't wait another minute," Lorna coaxed, but mother shook her head.

The train puffed and stopped. A wide door opened and a stretcher was handed down. Larry and Lorna ran to the ambulance as the men stopped beside it.

"Didn't you tell the children I was coming?" grandpa asked.

"No," replied father.

"You and your surprises! Just the same as always. Take me home! I'm hungry. All Jim gave me was soup."

"Poor great-grandpa!"

Uncle Jim laughed. "Poor me, you mean. I'll never hear the end of that soup."

Father and Uncle Jim rode with great-grandpa in the ambulance. Mother drove the car, and soon they were home. Almost before he knew what was happening, great-grandpa was tucked into bed.

"I am a little tired," he said, and closed

his eyes. He opened them suddenly. "Who put hot-water bottles in my bed?"

Aunt Frieda smiled at him. "I did."

"Take them away! Who wants hot-water bottles on a summer day with the birds singing? And if you are thinking of soup, just bring me a dinner. Soup! That is all I've had for a month."

"I am sure grandpa will be out mowing hay before we know it. At least he will try," Uncle Jim told Aunt Frieda as they went home across the road, with Tommy between them.

Before he knew it, great-grandpa was sitting in a special chair that held him so he could not slide out. A tear rolled down his cheek as father asked Jesus especially to bless him.

No one watched as he tried to eat without spilling his breakfast. "Maybe if I eat real breakfasts and dinners and suppers every day my hands will not shake so, and maybe my feet will take me where I like to walk."

But his hands still shook and his feet would not walk, and he had to sit in his special chair, no matter how much he tried.

Every day Larry and Lorna picked up his papers for him, and held his glass so he could drink. They ran errands to the barn, and the shop, and to his room.

"Mother," Lorna said one day, "he tells the nicest stories."

"He taught me how to make things. Don't tell, but we have a big secret."

"I thought so, the way you and grandpa laugh and keep still when I come near! And cover things with the paper."

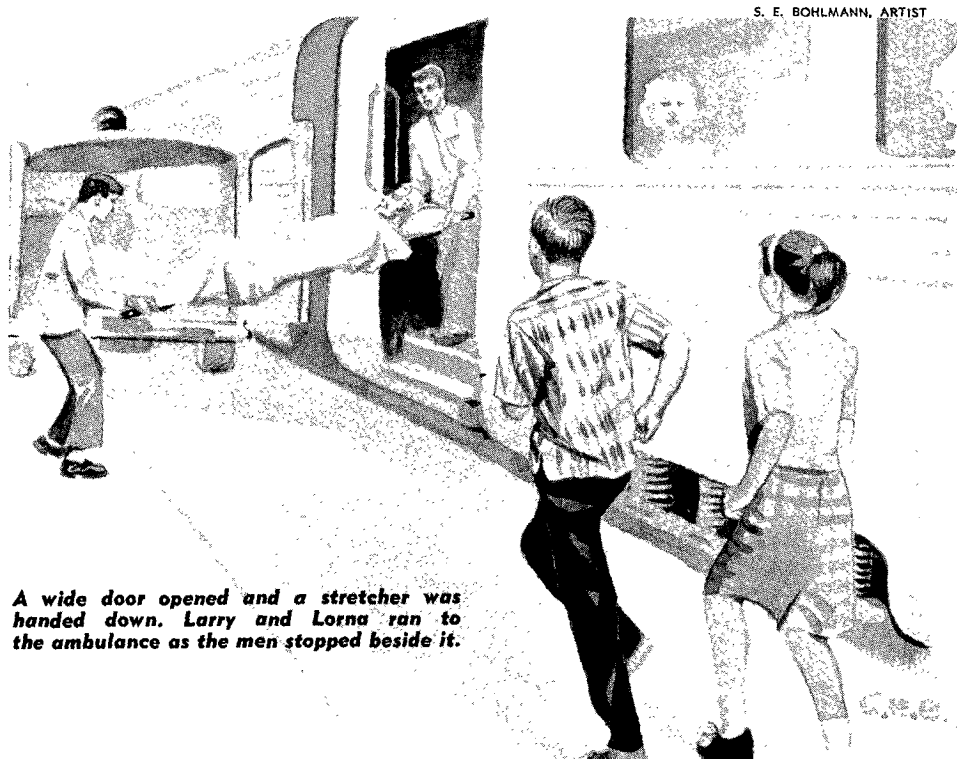
"I didn't like to do things for him when first he came. I wanted him to go places with me the way Bob's great-grandpa does. Then I asked Jesus to forgive me for feeling so mean."

"Now?"

"Now it is fun, and great-grandpa—I I don't know how to say it."

"Grandpa helps you to do things when you don't feel like it. He helps you keep trying and trying. Is that it?"

Lorna nodded, and then ran to work with great-grandpa.



A wide door opened and a stretcher was handed down. Larry and Lorna ran to the ambulance as the men stopped beside it.

## WHEN DAYS ARE DARK

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When sorrow, pain, problems, criticisms, disappointments, difficulties, and many other trials and tribulations come, we want to cry out, "Surely, Father, these bad things are not working for my good!" And back comes the answer, "Yes, My child, 'all things'—the bitter with the sweet—are working together for you. Believe Me, I am permitting no experience but that which will enrich your life, or make you a blessing to some of My other children. Trust Me to know what is best. I love you more than you can understand. All that concerns you, concerns Me too. He that touches you, touches the apple of My eye. But I seek to fit and prepare you to dwell with Me for eternity. I will hedge you about and will permit only what will do you good, to come to you. Never doubt My leading, never question My purpose, trust implicitly whether it be pain or health, sunshine or cold, flowers or thorns, uphill or downhill, bitter or sweet, just remember that 'all things' will 'work together for good to them that love God.'"

The Lord does not expect us to enjoy chastening, but He wants us to endure it patiently for the sake of its "afterward." When the apostle Paul said, "We glory in tribulation," he did not mean that he enjoyed being beaten on his bare back or that he enjoyed being stoned or having brethren whom he loved prove false. But he rejoiced because of its fruitage—righteousness. Chastening would do for his character that which nothing else could do. That is why King David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Ps. 119:71).

It is the usual thing for us to express our gratitude to God for His "many blessings"—such as health, home, and prosperity. But do we also thank Him for tribulation, which contributes more to our lives than the comfortable things?

- The sorrow that makes us sympathetic.
- The pain that leaves its deposit of patience in our lives.
- The perplexing problem that drives us to think.
- The criticism that compels us to check up on ourselves.
- The disappointments that keep us humble.
- The fears that engender righteousness.
- The difficulties that keep us dependent upon God.

All these and a thousand other things are worth more to us than many easy victories that produce no growth.

Sorrow, pain, problems, criticism, disappointments, difficulties—all contribute to develop in us patience, the first-mentioned grace of redemption. "Here is the patience of the saints," declared John the revelator. Only those who "let patience have her perfect work" in their lives will become "perfect and entire, wanting nothing." They are the only ones who will live forever where nothing will annoy or harass the soul. Do we allow the little trials of life to make us impatient? If so, is it not an indication that we are not living close to the Lord, that we are neglecting to "draw nigh to God" by daily prayer and study of His Word?

### Thank God for Tribulation

Today let us thank God for tribulation, which is His chosen agency for making us like Himself. "The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character. Their hewing, squaring, and chiseling, their burnishing and polishing, is a painful process. . . . But the stone is brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 10.

Only those who are tried—thoroughly tested and proved by temptation—can receive the crown of life. Every temptation resisted strengthens character. It is said that corals that grow in sheltered waters are very fragile, but those that fight the waves, are formed like solid rock. Temptation reveals our weak points; it should drive us to the Lord in prayer, and thereby we shall be greatly blessed and strengthened to endure.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). How personal is God's message, I "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able"! He who is our Creator knows how much temptation we can stand. Wherever we may be, and however strong the temptation, Jesus is by our side.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

"He suffers no affliction to come upon His children but such as is essential for their present and eternal good."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 524.

How then are we to relate ourselves to the bread of adversity and the water of affliction? Certainly not by feeling hard and disgruntled. When the great

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"And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" (Mal. 3:3). Anxious to understand the true import of this statement, a lady once called on a silversmith. Without telling him the object of her errand, she begged to know from him the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. "But," she said, "do you sit while the work of refining is going on?" "Oh, yes," replied the silversmith. "I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining is exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver is sure to be injured. When I see my own image reflected in the silver, I know that the refining is completed."

Not for one moment longer than is necessary for our purification does the divine Refiner subject us to the crucible of suffering. Christ permits the fire to come into our lives not to destroy, but to refine, to ennoble, to sanctify. He yearns to see His image restored in us.

"God in His great love is seeking to develop in us the precious graces of His Spirit. He permits us to encounter obstacles, persecution, and hardships, not as a curse, but as the greatest blessing of our lives." — *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 117.

In the State of Georgia a young man and his wife pooled all their earthly resources and purchased a small farm. They borrowed money from friends and relatives and purchased peach trees. Then there was a patient wait for the time when the trees would bear their first crop. The year arrived. The husband was beginning to figure how much he might pay on his debts, the wife dreaming of what she might get for herself and the child. Then one night a freak frost came and nipped all their hopes for that year. They were both very discouraged. The husband said to his wife, "I don't think I'll go to Sabbath school this week." "I don't blame you," she answered. "I don't think I'll go either."

However, in the Sabbath school class when the record was taken and this couple did not respond to their names, the teacher, being a teacher-evangelist at heart, made notation. That afternoon immediately after lunch she called at the home of this

## Clearer Vision

"The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your vision will be clearer, and your imperfections will be seen in broad and distinct contrast to His perfect nature. This is evidence that Satan's delusions have lost their power; that the vivifying influence of the Spirit of God is arousing you."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 64, 65.

discouraged couple. She greeted them with a smile. "We missed you at Sabbath school today."

The man said, "Yes, and you are going to miss me some more."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked.

"Haven't you heard?"

"Heard what?"

"Heard about the destruction of my peach crop."

"Well, yes, but what's that got to do with Sabbath school attendance?"

"Well, do you think I can love a God who doesn't love me any more than to allow my peach crop to be destroyed?"

With a prayer in her heart, the teacher smiled and said, "I will agree with you—" (and it is always good psychology to agree with others whenever it is possible without sacrificing principle) "that peaches will do better without frost. But I am sure you will agree with me that man will do better with frost." Then quickly she added, "By this I mean, with the trials and the tribulations that come to hew us and square us and prepare us for a place in His everlasting kingdom." She paused, pointed up to heaven, and said, "You know, God's most important business is to raise men, not peaches."

### Nothing "Just Happens"

Nothing just happens to us if we are Christians. Trials, disappointments, testings, outrageous misfortunes, broken hopes, wrecked plans—all of these, and all other things that touch our lives are to prepare us for a place in His coming kingdom. Whatever comes is permitted by an all-wise loving Father to bring us closer to Himself. His ways are mysterious; but He never makes mistakes. He is infinitely wise and infinitely loving. In humble submission let us bow to His better judgment. There are some things we cannot know until we go beyond them and look back.

When Mrs. Nash and I stopped in London on our way to the mission field, we visited St. Paul's Cathedral. We climbed the winding stairs to the dome. It is 102 feet across. You can whisper ever so softly and be heard on the opposite side. When the famous artist Sir James Thornhill was

painting the inside of this dome, he stepped back one day to see the effects of his work, bringing himself, without knowing it, so near to the edge of the scaffolding that another step would have sent him hurtling down to certain death. His assistant, seeing the danger but not daring to shout lest the shock should make the other lose his balance and his life, rushed forward and snatching up a brush, he rubbed it straight over the painting. Overcome with rage, Sir James sprang forward to save his work, only to be pacified with these words: "I spoiled your painting, Sir James, that I might save your life."

God will, on occasion, touch our dearest interests, in order to draw us away from danger. Sometimes He snatches away our greatest treasure. Illness may fall upon one near and dear; death may carry off the pride of man's heart. But, having gazed into the pale face of death, he turns around to value the realities of life with sane and altered eyes.

Christians do not always ask the question "Why?" In the face of calamity no relief is obtained by asking that question; indeed, it sometimes aggravates the problem. How much better simply to accept the fact and then to set about gathering all the resources of God to meet it? Though you cannot see the definite outcome of affairs, or discern the purpose of God's providences, you are not to cast away your confidence. You should cast your care upon Him, and with patience wait for His salvation.

Some years ago there was taken from the Kimberley diamond mines of Africa one of the most costly and beautiful diamonds in the world. It was presented to the king of England, who sent it to an expert diamond cutter. The skilled workman took this priceless gem, made a notch in it, struck it a hard blow with an instrument, and the jewel lay in his hand in two pieces. Was the blow a mistake? Far from it. It produced two magnificent gems for the royal crown. For days and weeks the diamond had been studied with greatest care, and the blow carefully planned.

Sometimes God allows a stinging blow to fall upon us. It may be sickness; it may be failure of some cherished plan. Whatever it is, do we feel that it is all a mistake? No, it is not a mistake. God holds our lives in His hands, and He has a purpose for each blow that He permits to fall. Each one is permitted in love, and is in harmony with His divine purpose. He does not grieve us willingly, for He knows that the winds of adversity will cause us to become more firmly grounded in the depths of His love.

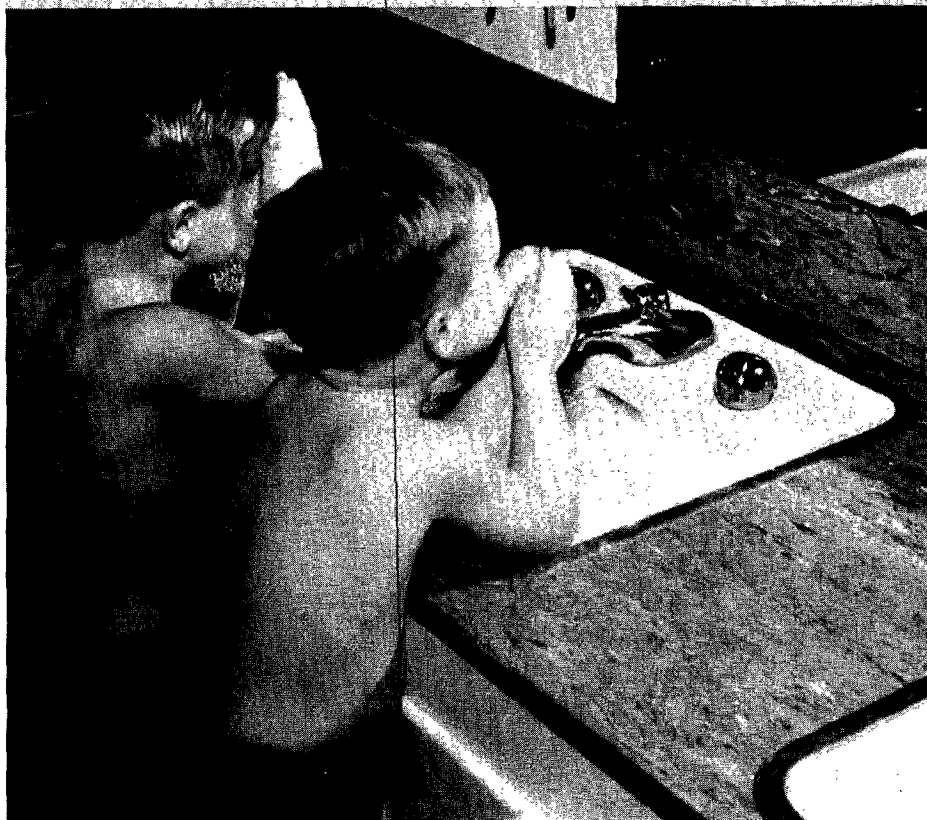


# For Homemakers

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## MINOR MATTERS



*Training two lively boys and making a comfortable home are not minor matters.*



By **THELMA BEEM**

MRS. NOLAND strained as she leaned over her exquisite three-layer cake. She looked at it critically for any spot she might have missed with the cake decorator. She mended the stem of a leaf and added another petal to a rosebud.

She was also conscious of trouble in the back yard. The twins were screaming at each other. Something was surely amiss, but she must finish this cake for the church supper. Mrs. Noland was noted for her baked creations, and she felt very happy over this distinction.

Under the shelter of the big oak tree in the back yard all was not well. A small matter of ownership, kindness, respect for another's property, and integrity were all in question. A neighbor, two years older than the twins, was adding fuel to the flames

and rejoicing in the melee he was so artfully creating.

When Mrs. Noland finally appeared on the scene with firm and certain steps, each of the three boys took a deep breath and began presenting his case simultaneously. She sent the neighbor boy home, took a twin by each hand, and started toward the house. After a quick bath, each boy was on his own bunk bed ready for a nap. Mother then proceeded to find out what had actually taken place.

Phil told a sad story of how Bill had taken his car off the track just as it was winning in the race over Bill's car. Rube, next door, heard Phil's protests and came over. He encouraged Bill not only to stop Phil's car but to tear up the track. Phil was surprised and heartbroken over the unsportsmanlike conduct of his brother.

Bill feebly defended his position by saying it was not a fair race because one of his wheels was loose.

Ruth Noland was a mixture of conflicting feelings. She was provoked at herself for permitting such a situation to develop while she spent so long on the cake. She didn't like Rube playing there a great deal anyway, especially without supervision. This was not the first time Bill had started or promoted trouble. He could play, oh, so nicely when mother and daddy were there, but remove adult supervision and trouble was quick to arise. Usually the trouble was not serious at the start, but such occasions were becoming far too frequent.

Bill delighted in causing discomfort to a playmate. His cup seemed to overflow if he could cause someone to scream out in pain, anger, or alarm. He was skillful in covering his tracks so another might be blamed for his conduct. This doubled his pleasure.

Bill could not stand to lose in a game. Rules meant little to him. He would readily twist them to his own advantage, which naturally caused much contention on the playground.

It is in play that a child is likely to present himself as he really is, or is becoming. A child is not likely to pose here. What happens in the back yard and on the playground is not to be

ignored. Cruelty, dishonesty, bullying, vulgarity, and similar conduct should be spotted and dealt with. On the other hand, kindness, fair play, honesty, and dependability should be appreciated and often publicly recognized. All these things Ruth knew.

The Sabbath school teacher had once complained to Ruth about Bill's conduct, and last week the school-teacher had written a note to the same effect.

Ruth had excused these contacts as probably a lack of understanding on the part of the teachers. She had talked with Bill, and with wide-eyed innocence and surprise he swore he knew nothing of any trouble.

It was today that Ruth began really to become alarmed. Had she been wrong? Was Bill becoming a problem right under her own nose and she had been too blind to see it? She began to review several instances of recent weeks: How Mrs. Miller had refused to let her little boy come play with Bill; how Mrs. Ruf had refused to let her two boys sit beside Bill during church; Phil's mild but repeated complaints of the unkind behavior of Bill. All of this was beginning to add up.

Ruth decided she would first have a talk with her husband. She was now embarrassed to think of the times she had complained to her husband for being too hard on Bill when he had corrected him.

Now that the home team was pulling together they unearthed some other unsavory incidents about Bill that kind neighbors and friends had kept from them. Bill had no success now in turning on the wide-eyed innocent act. His hand was called on all fronts—home, school, church, and playground. He was forced by public opinion and correct discipline to toe the line. His miniature reign of terror was shortlived.

Bill was fundamentally a good boy. He was also smart enough to see what the situation was. He adjusted his way of doing in short order. He found it a pleasure to regain the confidence of his parents, teachers, and friends.

Ruth sometimes shudders when she thinks of all the things she considered to be minor matters, especially when she looks into the future and sees what kind of person Bill undoubtedly would have become had his conduct been unchecked. She thought of her inclination to spend much time on unnecessary frills that might better have been spent with her boys. These extra things were the minor matters now. Her boys were the major matters. She found that training her boys and making a comfortable home for her family left very little time for inconsequential.

## Keeping House

IN FEBRUARY



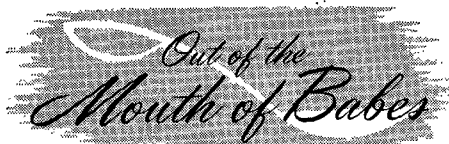
By CAROLYN E. KEELER

THERE are so many encouraging things about February. It has only 28 days, which seems to make March—and springtime—come so much quicker. It is also the month of valentines and the spring thaw. The mail brings colorful seed and nursery catalogs to peruse on wintry nights. They are dream books. I always grow such beautiful flowers in February, and I can almost see myself taking big bouquets to sick people, and breath-taking displays to church. Oh, I can really grow flowers in February.

While you are planning your summer garden, think of collards. We tried them last summer and found that they make delicious greens. We found, too, that the leaves on Brussels sprouts also make delicious greens. You can eat both collards and sprouts, even after a frost. In fact, I thought they tasted better after our first frost had touched them.

It seems that the furnace just eats up wood these winter days, and it takes Orin quite a bit of time just to get the wood in. He has a chain saw and a small tractorlike piece of equipment. When there is snow on the ground he uses this to pull his sled (made from the hood of an old car). When there is no snow he uses a two-wheeled cart.

Sometimes when he has to be away, it is my chore to fix the furnace. I've learned a good bit doing this. You don't just plunk the pieces of wood in close together in solid formation. You must place them so there is breathing space. An occasional poke when the fire is low, to rearrange the sticks or chunks, gives new vim and vigor to the fire. (How like us mortals. Don't we all need an occasional poke or nudge to do better? Many a successful man was once unaware of his ability—until someone poked him into doing something.)



### Chains Around Her Neck

My four-year-old daughter, Glynda, noticing a woman wearing much jewelry, asked in a sad little voice, "Mummy, why's that lady got chains round her neck?"

DOROTHY PARFITT

Speaking of the woods, I must have baffled the editors when I wrote my December copy telling how Orin and Merton one day snaked the treetops up the gently sloping hill so they would be nearer the house. I did not mention that these treetops were on the ground, leftovers from a bit of tree-felling for lumber early in the year.

I berate myself every day for saving so much stuff. Every time we move I think, Well, the next time there won't be all these boxes. And when I begin to sort them I think, Well, I might want that someday. You know how it is if you are a hoarder. I don't keep bits of string too short to use. Now I am going to get after those boxes.

When I get tired of going over the boxes I can sit down and sew on those lovely pieces of material and sewing aids that Mae Kriley gave me last fall. I have made 14 dresses for Carolyn Elizabeth.

When men start to cook, they turn out some really delectable dishes. Our roast last Thanksgiving was made up of a sort of hodgepodge of ingredients. I shelled a small bowlful of black walnut meats. Orin got out the food grinder and into this we put a few carrots, some dried bread crumbs, an onion, a couple of green tomatoes, an apple or two, and the nuts. Then we mixed this up together and added eggs and poultry seasoning, et cetera. We placed the mixture in two small bread tins and baked it. Then Orin decorated the platter with slices of unpeeled, red-skinned apples and bits of dark green collard leaves. With the roast in the middle, and scattered nutmeats on top, it was attractive and yummy!

Here is a recipe for soy cheese croquettes that came with some cooking lessons. I don't recall just where I obtained this, but I am sure you will enjoy it. I am fond of soy cheese.

- 1 14-ounce can Cheze-o-Soy (Madison), or
- 1 14-ounce can VegeChee (Loma Linda), or
- 1 pound steamed tofu
- 1 4-ounce can mushrooms, chopped
- 1 cup bean sprouts, chopped
- 1 hard-cooked egg
- 1 raw egg
- 1 tablespoon food yeast
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon Ac'cent
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- ½ cup corn meal

Sauté mushrooms in oil. Add chopped sprouts to flaked soy cheese and chopped hard-cooked egg. Fold in mushrooms, seasonings, and raw egg. Form into croquettes and roll in mixture of corn meal and onion powder. Bake in uncovered oiled pan at 350° for half an hour or more, until golden brown and hot. Serves six.



## Bible Treasures—2

### THE NEW BIRTH, AND GROWTH

In our editorial last week we reported the astonishing results of a simple test on Bible facts given to 150 freshmen at a Christian college. The test revealed almost total ignorance of God's Book. We also pointed up the need for parents and church leaders to make earnest efforts to steep today's younger generation in Bible knowledge.

This week we shall call attention to two of the numerous treasures to be found in the Word. Next week, in our concluding editorial, we shall list three more. But first we should like to make a brief statement about the way to approach the Bible.

We believe that if young and old alike are to receive maximum benefit from God's Word, they must study it somewhat differently from other books. They must do more than memorize its dates and events as they would those of secular history. They must do more than study objectively the stories and lessons recorded in the Bible.

Too many people look upon the Bible as they would an amulet or good-luck charm. They place it on a bedside table, or between book ends in the living room, glancing in its direction occasionally as if the mere sight of the Book would give them a blessing. Or they memorize the dates and events involved in sacred history, feeling that somehow the possession of this knowledge will assure them of spirituality and salvation. Others look upon the Bible merely as an arsenal from which to draw weapons to put to rout the advocates of unorthodox teachings.

We are not saying that Bible texts should not be memorized. We believe they should. We are not saying that dates and places and events in sacred history should not be stored in the mind. We think they should. We are not saying that the Bible should not be displayed in the home where it may often be seen. We think it should. We are not saying that Bible truth should not be brought forth to expose false teachings. We think it should.

What we are saying is that we believe that young and old alike should not be satisfied with a superficial approach to the Bible. They should recognize that the greatest treasures in the Scriptures lie beneath the surface. Further, every Bible student should make a more personal approach to the Scriptures, asking questions such as, What is God saying to *me* in this verse? What practical lessons may *I* learn from this story? What principle is involved in this experience?

This will make the pages of the Bible come alive. The Spirit of the Lord will draw near. The very presence of Christ will be felt—almost as in a face-to-face confrontation. Further, if there is a willingness to act upon the will of the Lord as it is revealed through His Word, the life will gradually be transformed into the divine likeness.

#### Parable of Hidden Treasure

Christ emphasized the importance of deep Bible study in His parable of the Hidden Treasure: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field" (Matt. 13:44).

In the parable a farmer presumably unearthed a strong-box or some other kind of buried treasure. Instantly he

recognized that fabulous wealth was within his grasp. Come what may, he must buy the field, to obtain the right to the treasure.

His friends and his immediate family, looking merely on the surface of the land, were mystified by the farmer's single-minded determination to make it his. But though ridiculed, he transferred all his assets into cash, and obtained a clear title to the farm. At last he began a systematic search of the land to obtain not merely the treasure that originally created his desire for the property, but for other valuables he felt sure the field contained.

"This parable illustrates the value of the heavenly treasure, and the effort that should be made to secure it. The finder of the treasure in the field was ready to part with all that he had, ready to put forth untiring labor, in order to secure the hidden riches. So the finder of heavenly treasure will count no labor too great and no sacrifice too dear, in order to gain the treasures of truth.

"In the parable the field containing the treasure represents the Holy Scriptures. And the gospel is the treasure. The earth itself is not so interlaced with golden veins and filled with precious things as is the word of God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 104.

What are some of the treasures of the gospel hidden in God's Word? We shall note five.

#### The Treasure of Conversion

*Conversion.* When Jesus was discussing eternal values with Nicodemus, He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Nicodemus, like many since his time, wanted to know how the new birth is to be accomplished. Jesus explained that some aspects of the process are mysterious, even as is the activity of the wind. He explained, however, that the change is supernatural. It is "of the Spirit" (verse 8). Not by human effort is a person who is dead in sin raised to spiritual life. It is divine action that changes a secular, world-oriented person into a being with a sensitive spiritual nature, whose interests center in eternal things.

Now, it is true, as Jesus said, that the Spirit is the active agent in the new-birth process. But let us keep in mind that the Spirit often works through other agencies to accomplish His purposes. One of these is the Word. Thus the apostle Peter declared: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). The Word of God is the incorruptible seed that produces a new being in Christ, a being who can "enter into the kingdom of God," as Jesus expressed it to Nicodemus.

This Word has power to convert, whether it is received through reading or preaching. Those to whom Peter was addressing his first Epistle apparently had been converted under preaching, for he wrote: "This is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25).

In our own day we have abundant evidence that men and women are born again by the Word. To some this experience comes as they listen to an evangelist preach night after night. To others it comes through reading God's Word in a tract, a magazine, or a book. At times it may come as the result of hearing a passage of Scripture quoted by a friend in conversation.

But whether the Word is spoken or written, it has



power to convert. Speaking of his own experience and those to whom he was addressing his Epistle, the apostle James declared: "Of his own will begat he us *with the word of truth*" (James 1:18).

The lesson is clear. The new-birth experience is one of the great treasures obtainable through God's Word. Those who lack this experience may obtain it by studying the Bible with an open heart and mind. If we want our friends, dear ones, or even strangers to experience the new birth, we should bring them into contact with the Word.

Of all the treasures hidden in Scripture, surely the new birth is of surpassing value, for without it no man can "enter into the kingdom of God."

### The Treasure of Growth

*Growth.* But having been born again, we must grow. As in the physical world, so in the spiritual. We either grow or die.

What does it mean to grow spiritually? Basically, it means that a person becomes more Christlike in thought, in word, in deed.

This change is not accomplished in a moment. Growth is a gradual process. "Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 560.

What is the spiritual food that makes this growth possible? God's Word. Declares the apostle Peter, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). No one can hope to grow in grace if he separates himself from the source of spiritual strength, the Word of God. The experience of conversion is important, but to grow after being born again is equally important.

"The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character. Christ prayed, 'Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth' (John 17:17). If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 100.

How foolish are born-again Christians who hope to grow up "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13), yet neglect His Word. If every Christian realized how important is God's Word in the growth process, how earnestly he would plow the field of truth to obtain this rich treasure.

K. H. W.

(Concluded next week)

## SOWING DRAGON'S TEETH

At Plum Point and Scientists' Cliffs in the so-called "land of pleasant living, on the shores of Chesapeake Bay," the breakers deposit fossil sharks' teeth on the beach by the thousands. With these teeth as a text we advert to an ancient Greek legend in which Cadmus, son of the king of Phoenicia and founder of the city of Thebes, slew the dragon he found guarding the fountain of Ares in Boeotia. Dismembering the monster, he flung its teeth to the winds somewhat as ancient farmers scattered seed grain. Instantly, for every tooth, up sprang a man fully armed, and soon Cadmus found himself surrounded by a band of warriors intent on killing him.

For the past half century and more, Protestant theologians have been sowing the dragon's teeth of modernism—teeth that are springing up to haunt our generation and that threaten to destroy society. We do not imply that popular Protestant theology is responsible, either directly or solely, for the moral collapse that has overtaken Western civilization, but we do affirm that in former years the Protestant evangel was the moral salt of the earth and the principal conditioning factor of the moral tone of the Western world.

In recent years the capital of the United States, long famed for its broad, tree-lined avenues, magnificent vistas, and impressive architectural structures, has also, in a sense, become the crime capital of the country. One Sunday a few weeks ago the *Washington Post* presented a chronological account of acts of violence committed in the city over a 24-hour period on a typical day. Among these crimes were 45 robberies, all involving the use of force. The number of crimes in one recent month was more than 50 per cent higher than a year ago. In one police precinct adult crime is up 110 per cent in three years, and juvenile felonies up 135 per cent. Arrests and convictions are now only half of what they were.

In two sections of the city, owners of stores are moving out because unrestrained gangs of teen-age hoodlums persistently raid their stores and destroy property. One unwary traveler, pausing to make a purchase, returned to find his car looted and the gang waiting to beat him up and take his money. In another area, merchants on the Maryland side of the District of Columbia line are suffering from hit-and-run gangs that stage raids and then skip back into the District, where they know that lenient juvenile authorities will, at worst, reprimand and release them. D.C. Police Chief John B. Layton laments that "there is too much momentum in the wrong direction" for the police to be able to halt the trend.

There is no point in the protest that Washington, D.C., is no worse than Sodom and Gomorrah, Capernaum, Corinth, Pompeii, or Los Angeles. The malady is nationwide, worldwide. The F.B.I. *Law Enforcement Bulletin* for December reports that police chiefs across the country see no omen of leveling off or reduction in crime in the near future. A majority of them feel that the most crucial problem facing law enforcement in the United States today is that of public apathy—people who do not care because they have lost their own moral sensitivity.

### Cause of the Morality Gap

The basic cause of the morality gap in the Western world is that our generation has repudiated the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount as norms of conduct. Dr. Joseph F. Fletcher, professor of ethics at Cambridge Episcopal Theological School, proposes that the time has come to amend the Ten Commandments to read: "Thou shalt not covet, ordinarily. Thou shalt not kill, ordinarily. Thou shalt not commit adultery, ordinarily." The highly ethical professor—America's leading exponent of "situation ethics"—justifies his revised version of the Decalogue with the explanation, "for me there are no rules—none at all." He says that he has nothing but disdain for "people who like to wallow or cower in the security of the law" and who "want to maintain absolutes of good and evil." In other words, morality is no longer a matter of transcendent principles but of animal impulse. We find ourselves in agreement with the professor on one point: that we are caught in the vortex of what he calls "a revolution in morals."

It is noteworthy that the new morality, modernism, neo-Orthodoxy, religious existentialism, the notion that God is dead, and similar ideologies have originated in the popular Protestant seminaries of the land. In a new book entitled *The Seminary*, Walter D. Wagoner, executive director of the Fund for Theological Education in Princeton, New Jersey, makes a shrewd analysis of Catholic and Protestant seminaries in the United States. He comments that many scholars in Protestant seminaries "have been so quick to flee the excesses of old Protestant pietism . . . that they have suddenly discovered that most of their spiritual baggage was lost in flight. . . . More Protestant seminaries than one would like to count are gnostic communities, little concerned with Christ's body."

Comparing Catholic and Protestant seminaries, the author observes that the future priest "probably spends five times as much of his daily schedule on spiritual exercises" as his Protestant counterpart. Dr. Wagoner is a graduate of both Yale Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary, and while preparing his book spent 18 months living in and studying dozens of Catholic seminaries.

### A "Chaotic Diversity"

In the *Christian Century* for October 5 William R. Farmer, Jr., professor of New Testament at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, writes: "A survey of the most recent theological developments impresses one with the chaotic diversity that characterizes contemporary theology." How far to the left this "chaotic diversity" goes was demonstrated last November at the University Hill United church in Vancouver, B.C., where an experimental liturgy for "psychedelic worship" combined electronic music, swirling lights, go-go girls, and the reading of poetry in an attempt to duplicate the lights, sounds, and verbal images

of a psychedelic experience. Gyration, multicolored patterns were played over the ceiling and walls of the sanctuary for a congregation of 300, mostly teen-agers.

Two or three generations ago Protestantism jettisoned its motive power—the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the power of God to change men's lives—and ever since then it has been drifting aimlessly on the shoreless sea of speculation and human philosophy, in a vain endeavor to maintain the form of godliness without the power thereof.

Let us not fall into the delusion that Paul's warning in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 applies exclusively to non-Adventists. Like us, other great religious bodies set out on their journey to the kingdom under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. But somewhere along the way they lost their spiritual baggage, and parted company with their Guide. Individually, and corporately as a church, we too are in danger of losing *our* spiritual baggage. If we have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today we will take seriously the admonition of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. We will not be found sowing dragon's teeth.

R. F. C.

## LETTERS

### From Readers

### COVER COMMENT

EDITORS: The new REVIEW is excellent. I could not, however, fully respond to the cover picture of December 8 as I did to the older picture of Christ knocking at the door. This new picture has a door handle on the outside, whereas the old one did not. The door had to be opened from within. Perhaps the artist of this new picture had some other meaning that I do not grasp. The poem with the picture helps a person to realize the wonderful promises of God. EDITH CORNELL

Ann Arbor, Michigan

### RECIPE OFFERED

EDITORS: In the December 8 REVIEW AND HERALD, Grandma Carolyn E. Keeler made mention in her column, Keeping House, of her experience with black walnuts. . . .

The black walnut has been called the "king of the forest" and its nut the "queen of the kitchen." It is one of the few nuts which retains its flavor and aroma through the cooking process, if not the only one. One of our favorite nut dishes is a variation of a recipe which appeared in *Today's Food* some time ago. Put through food mill 2 cups gluten (VegeCuts or Dinner Cuts), and 1 or 2 cups black walnuts. Add 2 tablespoons soy sauce; 1/2 teaspoon each of celery salt, onion salt, and sweet basil; 1/4 teaspoon marjoram. Mix thoroughly, put in oiled baking dish, with small amount of oil, and bake one hour at 300° Fahrenheit. Fresh chopped celery and onion can be used instead of the celery and onion salt to reduce the saltiness of this nut loaf which is good served hot with mushroom or other gravy, or cold on dry toast. Only freshly cracked nuts should be used to obtain the full measure of aroma and flavor of the black walnut.

FRANK A. MATUSZAK

Purcellville, Virginia

### PLAUDITS FOR THIS FEATURE

EDITORS: The new section, "Letters From Readers" has been one great big hit!

ROBERT L. OSMUNSON

La Sierra, California

EDITORS: May I express my appreciation of your department devoted to the opinions of readers. I have been a REVIEW reader for some 50 years. I was particularly appreciative of the article by J. Eric Saunders of Elma, Washington (Dec. 8), regarding "Self-control and Reverence." If anything is lacking in our churches, it is reverence—particularly in the smaller churches in the rural areas. It would seem to me, our denomination would grow in winning others both in membership and in respect if this were emphasized more.

ANNALYNN MARIE VAN DE VELDE

Carlsbad, California

EDITORS: I am a perpetual subscriber to the REVIEW. Each week I read it from cover to cover. I appreciate the timely articles that bring so many things to our attention that the sermons we hear today fail to do. I especially appreciate your kindness in printing letters from readers. I noticed in the latest issue a whole page was devoted to these letters. While it is a little late to say so, I marveled at the patience Elder Nichol used to exhibit when answering the sometimes seemingly rather unkind letters he received and went to quite some trouble to answer in the columns of the REVIEW. May the Lord continually bless you with wisdom, patience, and stamina equal to your task.

R. S. NORMAN

Huntsville, Alabama

### COUNSEL THROUGH PERIODICALS

EDITORS: Thank you so much for your articles. I appreciate them so much. We are not so fortunate as to be able to afford the REVIEW AND HERALD, even though the price is small; but some good friends in the church give their old copies to us, which we increasingly appreciate. Especially I thank God for Arthur L. White's articles on race relationships.

This year I am working with some colored people with the Go Tell Texas Bible Plan, and many questions had arisen in my mind as to

how I should proceed. My three years of experience in the great Advent Movement did not help me, except to pray and to wait patiently for counsel in one of our publications. I know it is better to wait and know what to do in the light of Sister White's counsel rather than to forge ahead in my own sometimes-mistaken judgment and do something that would hinder God's work. These articles helped me know how to proceed.

Many questions come to my mind about other things also, and I pray about them, and the Lord often graciously sends me the counsel needed in one of our publications. I thank God for establishing the REVIEW AND HERALD, and our other publications. We pray for you.

JOY WIMBERLY

Austin, Texas

### "NEW REVIEW"

EDITORS: Our elderly people often speak of the "good old REVIEW," which expression is good and true. I remember some 70 years ago how my father used to praise the articles that were written by some of our pioneers, such as Ellen G. White, F. M. Wilcox, George I. Butler, J. N. Loughborough, E. W. Farnsworth, Uriah Smith, and others. So the "good old REVIEW" has been in our family ever since that time. My father, mother, brother, and sister all have died as believers in this blessed great Second Advent Movement. I am the last one of my family and am 85 years of age. But when I take my paper from the mailbox I like to think of it in another way; while it is still the "good old REVIEW," it is also the "glorious new REVIEW." I know that I will have a spiritual feast from reading articles I have never read before, which will help me to be faithful in pressing on toward the better land. God bless the editors of the "good old REVIEW" and also the writers of the "glorious new REVIEW."

JOHN CRISP

Rogersville, Missouri

► Eighty-five-year-old reader Crisp is obviously young in spirit. We like his concept of the "new REVIEW," and hope that everyone—young and old alike—will consider that the REVIEW is beamed to his own special age level.

# Reports From Far and Near

## Central and Southern European Annual Councils

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

Brass-band evangelism, visions and dreams, "reformers" reclaimed, and many other interesting subjects occupied the attention of the Central European Division committee members who met in Hanover, West Germany, December 5-9.

Trumpets play an important place in both evangelism and Ingathering in Germany. "Choirs working with trumpets have become of great importance in evangelizing the people of our area," E. Denkert, president of the West German Union, said in his report to the committee. The musical instruments are used in outdoor places in the cities that are being worked.

In the Ingathering, the trumpets are also used to attract and entertain people while solicitors are going from home to home. The story was told of one woman with cancer who heard the trumpets and asked the Ingatherers to visit her. During the visit messages of comfort and hope were read from the Scriptures, an interest was developed, and Bible studies were arranged. The woman may be baptized soon.

In Germany are several hundred people who belong to the "reformed" Adventists. In one small town the pastor established contact with a group of about 25 members of the "reformed" group. During the visits and the studies that followed, the Spirit of God led more than half of this group back into the remnant church, and others are thinking seriously of taking the same step.

For some years it was very difficult, if not impossible, to establish church schools in Germany. But more recently the situation is changing. In some areas the government is not only willing but favorable toward the establishment of Seventh-day Adventist church schools. Now two of the unions are studying carefully the possibility of opening at least a few schools. It is hoped that at the 1967 winter council of the Central European Division committee it will be reported that one or two church schools have been opened.

Central Europe has rendered great help to the church in Trans-Africa. Seventeen missionaries from Germany are now serving in the mission fields of that division. Some 345 welfare boxes of clothes have been sent by Dorcas Societies in Germany to needy members in Africa. African leper colonies have also benefited from the loving care of the church in Germany. Trans-Africa has deeply appreciated the help received in missionaries, means, and parcels from Central Europe. In turn, the program of direct contact with a needy mission field has been a blessing to the members in Germany.

The leaders in Central Europe have faced perplexing problems. Because of the lack of a program for ministerial training during World War II, the church in Germany today faces a real shortage of ministerial workers. In a recent year the conferences in one union

lost 13 ministers through death or retirement, and only five replacements were available. Thus there was a shortage of eight workers in this one field.

During a weekend spent in Hamburg, I witnessed an impressive baptismal service. Early in 1966 a young teacher, who was an avowed atheist, and three of his students, who were either atheists or backslidden Christians, were brought to a knowledge of the truth in a most unusual manner. While in the classroom a bright being appeared before the four and directed them to find God's true church that taught the keeping of the Ten Commandments and the observance of His true holy day. They were instructed to repent, to put their lives in order, and to be baptized.

After some weeks they got in touch with our leaders in Hamburg. Bible studies were arranged, and step by step they have accepted the full truth, and having demonstrated their preparation, were baptized by E. Bartz, president of the local conference, who had given them most of the studies.

It was a pleasure to spend time with the leaders of Central Europe. These men have many problems before them, but they are moving ahead by faith, and we believe that under God's blessing the days ahead in Germany are bright indeed. What a wonderful thing it would be if a last-day reformation would sweep over this great land, bringing mighty impetus to the work of God as it did cen-

*Leaders attending the annual council of the Southern European Division. Sixth left is Marius Fridlin, division president. To his right is W. A. Wild, secretary, B. J. Kohler, the treasurer, is fifth right. Despite a variety of problems, the work is moving steadily forward.*

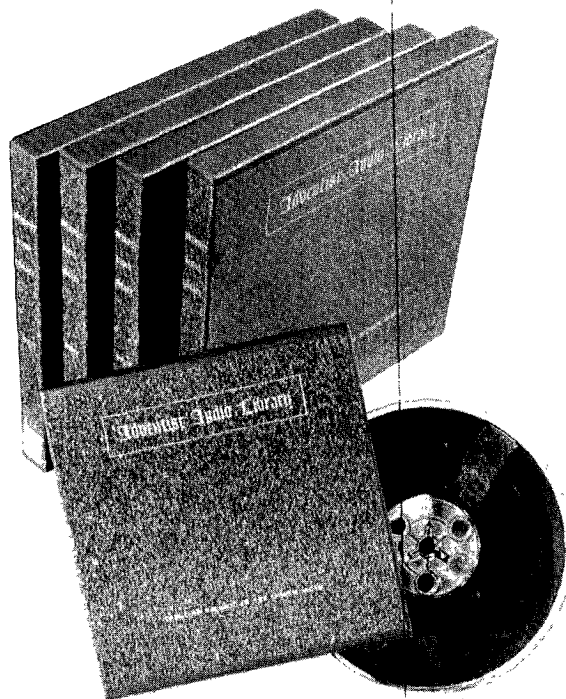


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### New Chapel Dedicated in Bregenz, Austria

On October 8, 1966, a new chapel with a seating capacity of 250 was dedicated in Bregenz, the capital of Vorarlberg, Austria. The building also has two workers' apartments on the second floor. The Bregenz church is now 40 years old and has so far met in rented quarters. H. Schnoetzinger, union evangelist, has begun an evangelistic effort. The interest is very good, and we hope a large harvest of souls may be garnered in.

**MARIUS FRIDLIN, President**  
*Southern European Division*

tures ago in Martin Luther's day. Our leaders are praying for great things ahead.

#### In Southern Europe

When a layman prays for a state church priest and the cleric returns building materials he had stolen from the Seventh-day Adventist church building project, that's news. This is what happened recently in one country in the Southern European Division. Our members in this place had gathered building materials on a newly acquired plot of ground in preparation for construction. An irate local priest came one night with his followers and took the materials away.

Furthermore, the clergyman brought a policeman the next day to arrest our Seventh-day Adventist layman. "It is all right," the leader of our church said. "You may arrest me, but before you take us away let us pray together." Strange as it may seem, the priest and his companions agreed. After an earnest prayer by our leader the clergyman said rather sheepishly, "All right, you may go ahead and build, and we will bring back your building materials."

Two priests—one Roman Catholic and one Greek Orthodox—and one woman preacher from an evangelical church have been baptized in this great division, where miracles can—and rather frequently do—happen. For a week recently K. H. Emerson and I enjoyed listening to these thrilling reports and taking part in the discussions of the annual winter council of the division committee in Basel, Switzerland.

Marius Fridlin opened the meetings in the Basel church Sunday night, November 27, with a ringing call for revival and a great forward thrust in evangelism. All

through the week these two subjects of godly living and soul winning were given repeated emphasis. Fifteen unentered political divisions in the Southern European territory occupied the attention of the leaders as they laid plans to open work in several of the territories, both in Europe and in the mission fields.

The Italian Union plans to send a literature evangelist to unentered Malta. A missionary family is on their way to open work in the Canary Islands, off the coast of Western Africa. A colporteur will be proceeding shortly to Spanish Guinea, and initial endeavors in Portuguese Guinea have yielded 45 new members. An African missionary was sent to Congo (Brazzaville), but he was not granted the necessary residence permit. The brethren are making a second attempt to secure his entrance, and it is hoped that he will be back in the Congo by July, 1967. The Indian Ocean Union is planning to begin work in an unentered island group in their territory. There are still large unentered areas in countries where our work is already established, and the various unions in the division have given special study to the opening of work in these areas.

Do you think you are having problems in your field? Listen! In one country the conference leaders have owned property for a desperately needed training school for more than five years, and as yet the government, influenced by the state church, refuses to give them permission to open the school. In another country 17 of our ministers were sent into exile because they refused to send their children to school on the Sabbath. In yet a third land we cannot hold meetings except in our own church, but when a building is ready for use it takes two or three more years

to get permission to hold the meetings. Our members in one land need some 8,000 Sabbath school quarterlies. The government will give permission to print only 2,000. Many members copy the lessons by hand.

In another place several ministers have been imprisoned, and at least one has died behind the bars. One of our mission presidents is never certain from one week to another that he will be permitted to remain in the country to carry on his work. More than once he has been ordered to leave, and at the time of the council he was expected to be out of the country by December 31.

Despite the problems, the work moves on. In a land where we are legally prohibited to own a publishing house or have literature evangelists sell our literature, the church members went out and sold more than 200,000 books last year and gave away thousands of tracts. They sold the books at cost as missionary work. One elderly woman well up in her seventies sold more than 90 books in one day. "What can you do with an old lady like that?" a policeman asked, shrugging his shoulders, when some people complained to him.

In one of our churches in Greece we have about 30 members, mostly women, either widows or women whose husbands are not Seventh-day Adventists. None of them have large incomes. When the Week of Sacrifice Offering was taken a total of more than \$300 was given. One sister who ekes out an existence on \$20 a month gave \$10 for the offering.

The business of the council was carried on in two main languages—German and French. Translations into English and one or two other languages were arranged as needed. Despite the time-delaying inconvenience of such procedure, the work of the council moved ahead smoothly, and broad plans for the next quadrennium were laid. When a division president sets the pace by holding an evangelistic effort himself, it augers well for the soul-winning plans of the field. Elder Fridlin was the first to make such an offer. We predict a great forward thrust in soul winning all over Southern Europe and the mission fields during the months ahead. The leaders throughout the division are in earnest about finishing the work!

As of September 30, 1966, there were 123,829 baptized members in the Southern European Division. This number would doubtless be substantially increased if recent statistical reports were available from some of the more fruitful countries. The leaders are determined that by God's grace this number will be greatly increased by the end of this quadrennium.

The daily program of the council provided for interesting reports from the unions and detached missions each evening. These reports from the leaders were interesting and challenging. W. A. Wild, division secretary, B. J. Kohler, division treasurer, and the whole division staff all worked untiringly to make the council a most enjoyable and comfortable experience for all. We believe the Lord has great days ahead for both the home field and the work in the mission lands in Southern Europe in the years ahead!

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# Upper Amazon Adventist Youth in Action

By DWIGHT TAYLOR  
*MV Secretary Upper Amazon Mission*



1. Dwight Taylor, Upper Amazon Mission secretary, conducts the first baptism at the Pucallpa, Peru, SDA air base MV youth camp. Five were baptized. 2. Group of the campers at morning inspection. 3. Voice of Youth speakers use an oil drum for a pulpit. 4. Dwight Taylor conducting a youth Leaderscraft Course. 5. Emphasis of the MV camp was the preparation of youth of the Upper Amazon basin to reach the 35 jungle tribes with the message of a soon-coming Saviour. The air program is doing much to make this goal a reality.

## Loma Linda Foods Sales Convention

By WERNER E. CARLSON

The annual sales convention for Western Division sales personnel of Loma Linda Foods was held at the company's headquarters in Riverside on December 28 and 29. A meeting of the Medical Products Division personnel convened a day earlier on the campus of Loma Linda University.

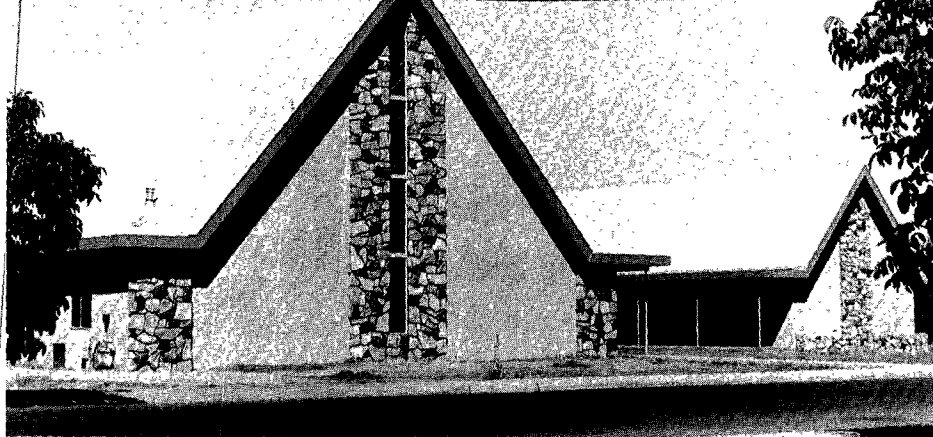
The convention was under the direction of Robert MacGowan, sales manager, and the Medical Products Division meetings were under the direction of Clifford Harrison. The 70 administrative and sales personnel present during the meetings heard reports of past sales accomplishments and set goals for 1967, which should far surpass any sales records of previous years.

The Pacific Union Conference was represented by its administrative personnel: R. R. Bietz, who serves as chairman of the board of Loma Linda Foods; A. G. Munson; and W. D. Walton. Devotional studies beginning each day's activities were conducted by E. R. Walde, president of the Central California Conference; Paul Heubach, of Loma Linda University; and Eric Ward, San Diego pastor.

The featured speaker was Dick Richards, of Newport Beach, California. Mr. Richards, operator of one of the largest supermarkets in the nation, is one of the outstanding spokesmen for the grocery industry. His inspirational and practical message demonstrated what faith in God, coupled with determination, can accomplish in the lives of men.

MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., of Los Angeles, advertising consultants for Loma Linda Foods, outlined advertising plans for 1967, which will include colorful advertising to appear in leading magazines and an extensive radio schedule to be released on major radio outlets throughout the West.

In concluding the convention on the afternoon of December 28, C. P. Miles, general manager, challenged all to work toward the goals set for the year. This denominationally owned enterprise is an active and growing organization.



## Oakdale, California, Church Dedication

After ten years of faithful planning, giving, and working, members of the Oakdale church dedicated their new sanctuary December 10. Taking part were R. R. Bietz, Pacific Union Conference president; E. R. Walde, Central California Conference president; R. L. Stretter, conference treasurer; and the pastor, Don E. Duncan. The sanctuary seats 350. The entire plant was built for \$77,000 cash, plus much donated labor. This is one of some 30 building projects under way or recently finished in central California.

REUBEN W. ENGSTROM

*Departmental Secretary, Central California Conference*

## Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis in Orlando, Florida

By S. L. DOMBROSKY

*Pastor, Orlando Central Church*

Little did we realize the great hungering and thirsting there was in our church for the knowledge that is available to us as a people through the Spirit of Prophecy writings.

A great awakening took place recently in the Orlando, Florida, area when D. A. Delafield, associate secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate, conducted classes during the day at the Florida Sanitarium church and evening meetings at the Orlando Central church. The morning classes were well attended, and many folks completed the Spirit of Prophecy course offered by the Voice of Prophecy.

In the evening all the area churches were invited to attend the lectures held in the Central church. Simply and effectively Elder Delafield presented the early history of the life and work of Ellen G.

White. Many of our members who thought they knew and understood the work of Ellen G. White were thrilled to learn how God used this humble person in leading His people to this present day.

The question-and-answer period was thrilling, especially for members who had been puzzling over one question or another for many years. Now they had the privilege of having those questions answered.

One member of Central church brought a Protestant friend to all of the meetings. This woman had never been inside an Adventist church before, but after attending the morning and evening sessions she is now preparing for baptism. She said, "Never before have I heard such a wonderful message."

The Spirit of God led out in all the meetings. This was especially true during the last Sabbath morning meeting, when Elder Delafield reviewed God's standard for His remnant church, in the light of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. When the call was made for complete surrender to God's high standard, many victories were won. A definite transformation

*Personnel in attendance at the Western Division sales convention of Loma Linda Foods, which was held in Riverside, California.*





in many lives was evident the following Sabbath.

The churches in this area will never be the same again. For the first time many had opportunity to drink at the spiritual fountain of life as presented through the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy as a guide for Bible study and teaching. We who have experienced this enlightening and vibrant course of study can say without hesitancy that a Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week was surely needed and appreciated in the Orlando area. We hope that our people all over the world will take advantage of this wonderful spiritual guide to the church.



*An evangelistic service in progress in Port of Spain. Closing-night attendance was 7,000.*

## 820 Baptized in Port of Spain Effort

By R. L. HOYTE  
Departmental Secretary  
East Caribbean Conference

Trinidad witnessed a revival of Pentecostal proportions when 820 persons became baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a direct result of the E. E. Cleveland crusade conducted in the capital city of Port of Spain.

On the last night of the crusade the crowd of more than 7,000 persons was almost twice as large as that of the opening night, and the offering of \$2,100 was ten times larger.

In 11 weeks Pastor Cleveland preached 81 Christ-centered, Bible-based sermons.

The average attendance was about 3,400 persons a night. The crowd in this cosmopolitan city was made up of almost every race under the sun and represented all the strata of society.

Forty-six ministers and Bible instructors made up the evangelistic team. They came from six of the seven unions of the Inter-American Division, speaking four languages, and representing 15 countries. Each carried a specific assignment, and the success of the crusade was in a large way due to their untiring labors.

Four large baptisms were conducted. The first on November 5 was the biggest ever held in the Caribbean Union, with 480 new believers being baptized. On the three successive Sabbaths a total of 340 persons were baptized.

The most thrilling aspect of these conversions was the large number of young people baptized. More than 500 of those baptized were 30 years and under, with the largest number in the age groupings of 13 and 21. Surely, under God, the future of the church in Port of Spain is well assured.

A novel feature of the crusade was the food-distribution program. Beginning with the second week, the congregation was asked to bring nonperishable items of food each Wednesday night. The contribution over the weeks amounted to more than two and one half tons and was distributed to more than 400 needy families.

There were several factors contributing to the success of this crusade. The most outstanding of these was the power of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The crusade was held during the hurricane season, when tropical rains pour

for long periods almost every day. The rains fell each day for several weeks, flooding the streets and grounds. It was remarkable, however, that they always ceased not later than 5:30 p.m. After the first two weeks no one worried about the rains any more, for faith declared that God would withhold them. There was no rain on any night for the 11 weeks of the crusade. This was an exhibition of divine power.

The manifestation of the Holy Spirit was observable in the power, content, and appeal of the sermons. Everyone who listened remarked that never before had such preaching been heard in these islands. One got the impression that he was

listening to a voice from God preaching with power and compelling authority.

Seventh-day Adventists in the city area completely identified themselves with the crusade and actively supported it. Six months before the beginning of the campaign they were given the feeling that this was their crusade and under God they were responsible in part for its success.

The area churches were completely organized for work and prayer, and a pre-effort preparation drive was launched in the month of April. The purpose of this drive was to acquaint the public with Seventh-day Adventists.

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## Madison Academy Sets Ingathering Record

The 16 young women pictured above, all students at Madison Academy, Madison, Tennessee, have set what is thought to be a world record in a single Ingathering field day. The three cars represented by these students had separate totals of \$556, \$547, and \$536, or a grand total of \$1,639 for the one day's work. This represents a per capita of \$102.44. The entire Madison Academy student body raised \$4,062, an all-time high for the school.

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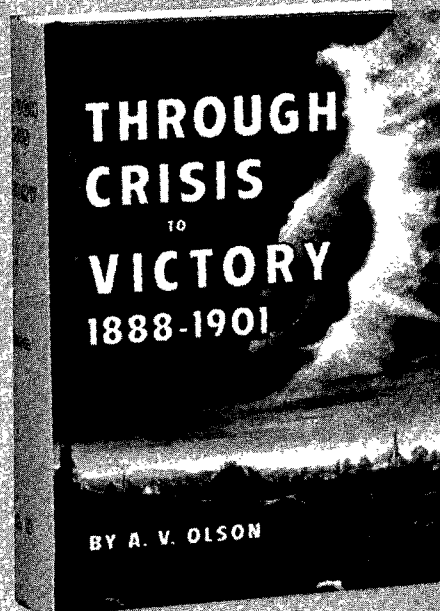
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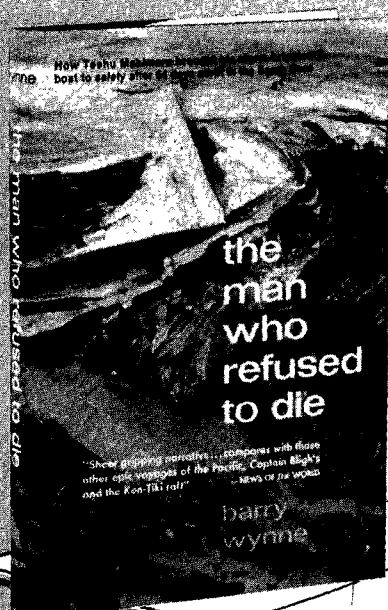
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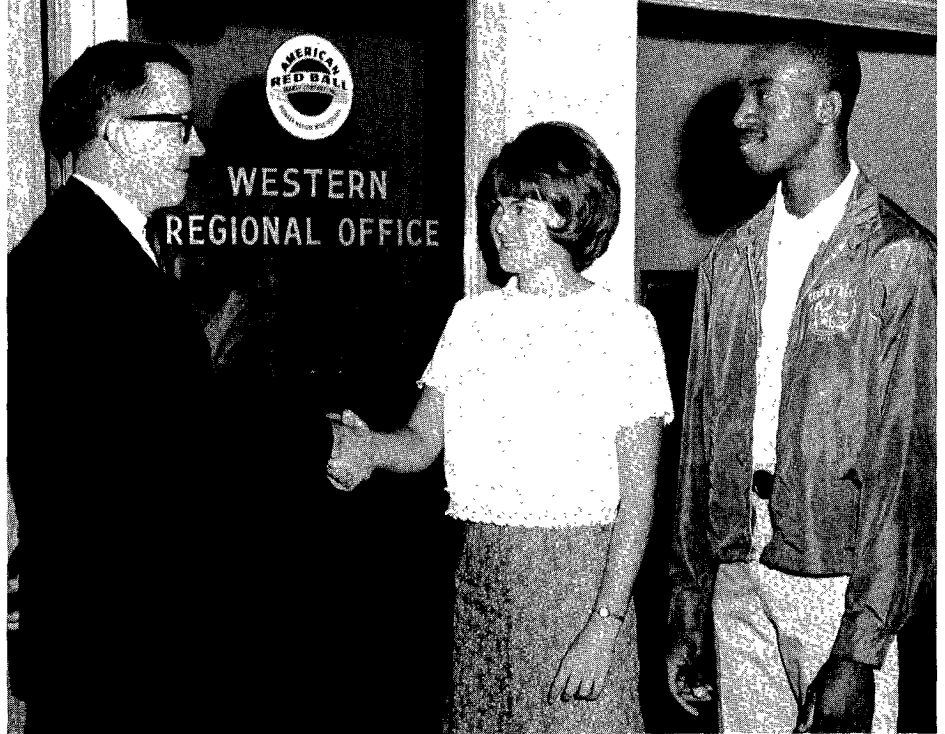
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Operation Total Contact was launched on Sabbath, June 20. The members went out and enrolled 11,400 persons in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School on two Sabbath afternoons.

Persons who had previously shown an interest in the church were contacted weekly for several weeks, and former members were also visited. Besides all this, 55,000 pieces of literature were distributed over the five-week period preceding the start of the campaign. Members visited the same homes each week, becoming well acquainted with those whom they met. The 46 ministers and Bible instructors, working in teams of two, made more than 14,000 visits during the campaign, meeting the people in their homes, studying and praying with them. On the three days before the preaching of the Sabbath truth they prayed in more than 2,000 homes.

A field school of evangelism was conducted in connection with the crusade. For 11 weeks Elder Cleveland taught evangelistic methods and techniques. The class was given the opportunity of immediately putting theory into practice.

We say thanks be to God, who revealed Himself mighty to save.



**H. Russ Seeks, western operations manager for American Red Ball Transit Company, congratulates Carol Smith, of Glendale Academy, and Clifton Clue, of San Gabriel Academy, on the successful completion of the Navaho project. The academy and Pathfinder youth of Southern California raised more than 15 tons of food and clothing for the Monument Valley Hospital in Utah and the Holbrook Navaho mission school in Arizona.**

## Food for the Navahos

By **JOE ENGELKEMIER**  
*Bible Teacher*  
*Glendale Union Academy*

Beginning on Halloween eve, 1966, the academy and Pathfinder youth of southern California launched a drive to raise 15 tons of canned goods, dried foods, and clothing for the Navahos at Monument Valley and at the Navaho mission school at Holbrook. On that first evening nearly half the student body at Glendale Academy turned out to help, and collected from their neighbors in Glendale nearly 4,000 cans of food, or almost two tons.

While visiting from door to door, Elizabeth Specht, a ninth-grade student at Glendale Academy, met B. B. Whitehead, western manager for the American Red Ball Transit Company. Mr. Whitehead volunteered to arrange for his company to provide a van, or two vans if needed, to transport the materials to Monument Valley, without charge. Mr. Whitehead also called Glendale Academy several times, making arrangements with various Los Angeles firms for cardboard packing boxes, and suggesting contacts for possible contributions.

An associate of Mr. Whitehead, Tennis Transfer and Storage at Oxnard, California, volunteered to gather clothing in the Oxnard area. Then on Monday, November 28, the Red Ball truck, along with three company officials, went to Lynwood Academy to load the tons of food and clothing. Students from several academies were present to help with the loading. Two television channels filmed the loading operation, which was shown four different times in telecasts covering the Los Angeles area. Several radio newscasts also mentioned the project.

The Red Ball truck delivered the load to Monument Valley on December 1. Student groups from three academies were

present to help unload the 11-ton shipment, which included a piano, paid for by the youth of the North Hollywood church.

A few days later an air-mail letter from a Campbell Soup Company official in New Jersey indicated the possibility of a contribution from them. A telephone call to the Campbell Soup Company plant in Ohio finalized this contribution, which is being delivered to the Navaho mission school at Holbrook, Arizona. This contribution, amounting to 500 cases, pushed the total raised in this drive to well above the goal of 15 tons. The Campbell Soup donation consisted of a dozen different kinds of their vegetarian preparations.

To the Campbell Soup Company and to the American Red Ball Transit Company, the Seventh-day Adventist young people of southern California express their sincere appreciation for helping this project.

## Adventist Servicemen in Ankhe, Vietnam

By **RALPH E. NEALL**  
*President, Viet Nam Mission*

"Good soldiers; they do their duty wherever they're asked"—this would be a good description of the 14 Adventist soldiers I visited in Ankhe, South Vietnam, on a recent Sabbath.

I landed at Quinhon, where Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Keplinger is situated, on Friday afternoon. Sabbath morning he gathered several of the nearby Adventist men, and we all rode to Ankhe in a three-quarter-ton truck. Chaplain Keplinger visits Ankhe once a month. The road is good, as military roads go. It crosses green rice fields for about 25 kilometers, then rises about 1,500 feet to the

**Adventist soldiers as they met for church services in Ankhe. Pastor Ralph Neall is standing fourth from the left and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Keplinger is at the extreme right.**





plateau, to Ankhe. Many of the hills near the road are topped with military posts of the Korean Tiger Division. We have 15 Adventists in this division, but it was not possible to meet them on this trip.

In Ankhe we found our men just beginning their Sabbath school lesson in a military chapel. Those who are on base meet every week, and have sent their offerings faithfully to the mission. Those we met were Sp/4 Richard Gonzalez, Sp/4 Jonathan D. Zanes, Sp/4 George L. Scott, Sp/6 Charles Parker, Pfc. Samuel Castillo, Sp/4 Junior Lipps, Pfc. Dennis Mix, Sp/4 Jerry D. Rasco, Sp/4 Dave Clarneau, Sp/4 Jimmy L. Files, Pfc. Earle Knowles, Sp/4 Walter Burkamp, Sp/4 Dennis Renner, and Chaplain Keplinger.

Although two Adventist men had Sabbath problems more than a year ago in Ankhe, I found most of these men serving their country in useful jobs with no particular problems at all. One is a line medic, which means that he goes out on operations in the field, but others have been construction workers and hospital corpsmen at the Ankhe base. Six of them have nearly completed their tour of duty and are due to go home soon.

After visiting several men who could not attend the service, we went back to Quinhon in the afternoon, marveling at the beautiful mountain scenery in this part of Vietnam. I flew back to Saigon the next day.

This week a chaplain from Pleiku, which is west of Ankhe, visited us in Saigon and said 14 new Adventist men have just arrived at his base. "They're good men; we're glad to have them with us," he said. "By the way," he continued, "if these men should get leaves to come to Saigon, could they stay on your compound?" When we assured him they could, he answered, "Well, I'll see if we can't arrange for them to get down here once in a while." Since Saigon is off limits for many units, we were very grateful for this word.

## Publishing Work in Ghana

By **EDGAR A. WARREN**  
*Editor, Advent Press*

The group of literature evangelists in West Africa, largest union group in the Northern European Division, is led by W. B. Ackah. During the 12 months ending last May this group worked 14,000 hours out of the total of 34,000 in the entire division. Deliveries during that period were up by 19 per cent over the preceding 12 months.

The publishing house is equipped with some up-to-date machinery. Besides this, the Advent Press has seen two commendable "firsts" this year. A record edition of a million tracts for distribution by our church members was printed in eight local languages.

Also celebrated about this same time was the completion of the printing of 100,000 of this year's Ingathering magazine—the largest such printing that has been made thus far.

## Two Blind Men Baptized at Bekwai

By **J. O. DORLAND**  
*Headmaster  
Bekwai Secondary School*

Ghana's only Adventist secondary school and the oldest of her three Adventist teacher training colleges share the same campus on the outskirts of the town of Bekwai, 180 miles north from the coast, in the forests of Ashanti. Here, on Sabbath, June 18, 1966, J. D. Johnson, Bible teacher and church pastor, baptized 37 candidates. Twenty of these were from the secondary school, five from the training college, and 12 from the surrounding area. Two of the candidates were blind and one was a cripple.

Samuel Obeng Nuamah had almost completed his elementary education when he lost his sight. For some time our student home missionary band had been conducting meetings and a home visitation program at his village, about 12 miles from Bekwai, and Samuel's interest was aroused. Even though he is blind, he will be of great assistance to the new church that has now been established in his village.

Elijah Kwasi Dwina has been paralyzed from the waist down since early childhood. Until January, 1966, he could move around only by swinging himself along on his hands. Pastor Johnson had noticed him many times, so when he went on furlough he procured a wheel chair for him. Elijah and his mother, Madam Akua Serwaah, were so grateful for this unexpected gift that they began to visit Pastor Johnson frequently. They were interested in a religion that could make a man so thoughtful of the needs of others. Madam Serwaah had not previously shown much interest in spiritual matters, and had not so much as entered a church for the past eight years. Bible studies were given both by the pastor and by the students. Madam Serwaah died suddenly two weeks after she was baptized.

Joseph Maman Issifa comes from the north of Ghana, an area where we do not have many members. An attack of measles cost him his sight at the age of four. When he was ten he was sent to Ghana's



**Pastor J. D. Johnson (center), pastor and Bible teacher at Bekwai, Ghana, secondary school, with Samuel Nuamah (left) and Joseph Issifa (right), who are blind. Elijah Kwasi Dwina (seated in wheel chair) and his mother (standing) were also among the group of candidates recently baptized.**

school for the blind at Akropong. One of the magazines that came to the school library was the Braille edition of *Life and Health*, and Joseph replied to an ad it carried for a free Bible correspondence course.

In time, Joseph took all the courses offered by the Christian Record Association. After completing elementary school, he gained admission to the government secondary school in Tamale, but when he arrived there and found that religious knowledge was not taught, he refused to stay. He returned to his home in Salaga, a town on the main road to the north, and it was here that Johannes Onjukka met him while he was engaged in Ingathering.

When Pastor Onjukka heard Joseph's story, he asked if the young man would like to attend an Adventist secondary school. Naturally Joseph would, and so he was admitted to our Bekwai school in January, 1966, the first blind student to attend this school. Shortly after his admission he asked for baptism.

**E. A. Warren (left), editor of the Advent Press, and A. C. Bergen, manager, watch the last case of literature being loaded onto a truck. The consignment consisted of more than a million pieces of literature, tracts in seven West African languages and in English.**



## A New Hospital for Kerala, India

By IVAN R. TOEWS  
Treasurer, South India Union

The state of Kerala, India, is perhaps the jewel of Indian states. Such names as the Malabar Coast and Travancore have always inspired thoughts of faraway, tropical, mystical lands. Its coconut-fringed paddy fields are a sparkling green; inland waterways connected to the nearby ocean make for cameos of natural beauty; rolling hills are covered with dark-green teakwood or with rows of slender rubber trees.

It is in this country that the South India Union, after 40 years of wishing, has established permanent medical work with a hospital at Ottappalam, about 65 miles inland from the port city of Cochin. Building was begun early in 1966, and by the end of the year was about 80 per cent completed, thanks to the hard work of W. F. Easterbrook and S. Alayam, supervisors, and about 200 Indian workmen. We have our own stone quarry, make our own gunpowder for blasting, and saw our own lumber right on the building site. In this way we are able to cut costs considerably.

This 75-bed hospital will probably be the most complete service unit for many miles, and should function in the tradition of Seventh-day Adventist hospitals the world around. Our only limitations at present are due to staff shortages, and we hope mission-minded doctors and profes-



## College View Academy Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking exercises for stage B of the College View Academy building program were conducted on December 11 at Lincoln, Nebraska. This new building will provide a gymnasium-auditorium, offices and lockers for a physical education program, and facilities for the music department. The building will be 75 feet by 182 feet, with a brick veneer to match the present building.

F. O. Sanders, Nebraska Conference president, gave the keynote address.

Those assisting in the ceremony were, left to right: Dave DeBooy, an academy senior; G. E. Thompson, academy principal; Charles Henkelman, building superintendent; LeRoy Wasemiller, building committee chairman; R. W. Fowler, president of Union College; F. O. Sanders, president of Nebraska Conference; Steve Cook, architect; M. D. Hannah, pastor of College View church; M. M. Voegelé, pastor of Northside church; and Gwenne Herr, representing the elementary school.

Building began immediately after the ceremony. The cost will be approximately \$162,000 plus \$12,000 for equipment. The building is to be ready for use at the beginning of the next school year. Students and faculty of both the elementary school and the academy eagerly await the use of this much-needed facility.

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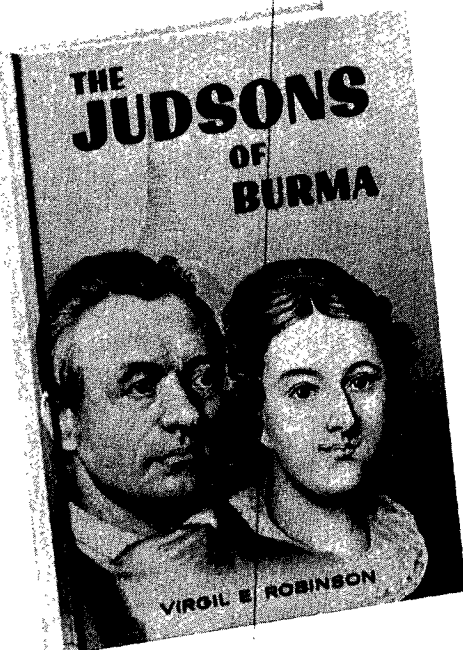


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Front view of the main building, Kerala Adventist hospital. Parts of two additional blocks are visible at the rear of this building.

sional personnel will respond to the call.

The hospital will serve a populous Hindu community and the opportunities for Christian service are extensive.

## Condensed News

### New England Hospital Hosts Dietitians

The twelfth annual convention of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association was recently hosted by the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts. Mrs. D. D. Carr, director of food service at the hospital, was hostess.

Among the worth-while projects for 1966-1967 are programs for internships for dietitians at Andrews University, Michigan, video tapes on nutrition, career guidance for schools and colleges, and booklets for use by the chaplain's department.

The group toured parts of New England to visit points of denominational and historical interest. Included was a church service in the Washington, New Hampshire, church.

JOHN M. LEW, PR Director  
New England Sanitarium and Hospital

### Sierra Leone Academy Elects National as Principal

T. K. Kagbo has been elected the first African principal of the SDA secondary school at Yele. Mr. Kagbo, who was born in Yele, received his first training in an SDA primary school, and later at Bekwai Training School in Ghana. He has been working for several years as evangelist, teacher, and headmaster for the Sierra Leone Mission. He succeeds L. Read, who is on study leave. This coeducational boarding school opened in September, 1965. Today it has 86 students from all parts of Sierra Leone.

B. S. CHRISTENSEN  
President, Sierra Leone Mission

### National Association Accepts Walla Walla Music Department

Walla Walla has become the first SDA college to receive full membership in the National Association of Schools of Music

and to have a chapter in the honorary music association, Pi Kappa Lambda, reports Melvin K. West, chairman of WWC's department of music.

Dr. Leslie P. Spelman, examiner for NASM, was on the Walla Walla College campus in November to visit classes, confer with administrators and teachers, and audit performances in all areas of music instruction. Upon Dr. Spelman's recommendation, the Commission of Curricula approved full membership for the music department and for programs leading to the degrees Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and Bachelor of Arts in Music History and Literature.

MRS. WM. LAY

### Portland, Oregon, Retirement Home Baptism

A retirement home has been open to the public in Portland, Oregon, for a little more than three years, and the residents are of different beliefs. However, a regular Seventh-day Adventist church has been organized and a Bible class has been conducted weekly by the writer for nine months of each year. The attendance has averaged between 28 and 30, one fourth of whom have usually not been of our faith. Through these studies and the cooperation of the members, the first baptism was held December 10, 1966.

The woman baptized upon this occasion is now happy in her new-found faith. Others are studying.

J. W. ROWLAND  
Associate Pastor



### Australasian Division

C. M. Winch interrupted his furlough on December 6 to fly to New Guinea to meet an emergency situation. Len H. Barnard had been doing double duty as a pilot while Mr. Winch enjoyed a furlough. Unfortunately, Elder Barnard suffered an accident, resulting in his hospitalization. Mr. Winch has returned to handle the necessary flying for the Coral Sea

Union Mission. It is hoped that at a later stage he can return to join his family and continue his furlough.

R. L. Aveling left Sydney on December 12 for Lae, New Guinea, returning after furlough. He will continue as publishing, Sabbath school, and lay activities secretary of the Coral Sea Union Mission.

Primrose Makila, a nurse who holds general nursing, obstetric, and infant welfare nursing certificates, joined the staff of the Coral Sea Union Mission on December 13, for infant welfare work from the M.V. *Pathfinder*, on the Sepik River in New Guinea. Miss Makila has previously served for a term in nursing work in the Trans-Africa Division.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Paynter and two children left from Sydney for Santo, New Hebrides, on December 28, returning after a furlough. Mr. Paynter is secretary-treasurer of the New Hebrides Mission.

A. A. Godfrey, the president of the Manus Mission in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission, returned from furlough on December 29.

### North American Division

Maye Fee left Vancouver, British Columbia, July 27, 1966, en route to India. She returned after a furlough and is continuing as an office secretary in the Southern Asia Division headquarters.

Clarence H. Hamel, of Baker, Oregon, left Portland on January 11 for West Pakistan. Elder Hamel has responded to an invitation to assist for a few weeks with Ingathering work. He previously served approximately 25 years in the Southern Asia Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Jones and three children left Portland, Oregon, January 9, for India, returning after furlough. Mrs. Jones's name before marriage was Viola Marie Kendall. Mr. Jones is a teacher in the Vincent Hill School at Mussoorie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Benfield and four children left Miami, Florida, January 10, returning to São Paulo, Brazil, after furlough. Mrs. Benfield's maiden name was Phyllis Darleen Wical. Mr. Benfield is a music teacher in São Paulo Academy.

W. R. BEACH



# Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



## Southern Asia Division

Reported by  
I. Kanagarayan Moses

- D. Gnanasundram, of Pollachi, in the Tamil Field, reports the baptism of 25 at Devanoorpudur by December 12, 1966.
- Thirty-nine persons were baptized as a result of A. Dhason's labors in the Nagercoil area in 1966.
- Fifteen persons were baptized at Cuddalore at the conclusion of an effort conducted by Rajan Wessel. Six of these were from Pondicherry.
- During November and December, 40 public efforts were in progress in the Tamilnad. This includes lay efforts and VOP group studies.
- Twenty-two persons were baptized at the conclusion of an effort by S. Anbaiah and G. Monickam at Survandai.
- V. Joseph reports 12 young people baptized on December 3 at Prakasapuram church. They had studied Bible Made Plain lessons for three months.
- There were 430 persons baptized in the Kerala Section at the end of November. Twenty-one were baptized from an

effort conducted by M. A. James three miles from Trivandrum. A number of backsliders were also reclaimed.

► At the conclusion of an effort conducted at Rajahmundry by O. B. Jonathan, 11 persons were baptized on December 3. Seven more were baptized on December 10. Brother Samuel, a faithful member of Rajahmundry church, had a large part in preparing these people for baptism.

► On December 3, 17 persons were baptized by D. R. Watts and O. B. Jonathan on behalf of L. S. Philip, the worker in Mirthipadu village. The pastor had directed two lay preachers, N. Moses and K. Krupanandam, who conducted a lay effort and prepared these 17 people for baptism. Three additional persons were baptized from this effort on December 10.

► K. Prasada Rao reports that 18 were baptized on December 18 by P. S. Prasada Rao in the village of Badvel. Some of these are teachers and exert a wide influence in the village.

► M. Jeevaratnam reports 22 baptized recently in his district in Nuzvid in the Andhra Section.

► A total of 51 persons were baptized by P. Devaprasad at the village of Chinarnapalli in 1966.

► On December 4, O. B. Jonathan baptized 12 persons in the village of Mulakalanka near Rajahmundry. These persons were prepared for baptism by lay preacher Brother Solomon. Work was opened up in this new village a year ago by L. S. Philip and T. Prakasam, and a large church is developing there.



## Atlantic Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Emma Kirk

► Arthur Moyer, pastor of the Springfield, Massachusetts, church, has utilized the Smoker's Dial and the Dial-a-Prayer services. These have helped to develop an interest in the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking conducted in the area. As a result Elder Moyer was able to speak about the work of the church on two one-hour television interviews.

► There are 18 pupils in attendance at the Stanwix church school. This new school in the New York Conference is being operated by the Rome church. Mrs. Calvin Dodge is the teacher.

► D. C. Burgeson is the new pastor of the Niagara Falls district. He comes to the New York Conference from the Minnesota Conference, where he was a district pastor. J. O. Carey, the former pastor, is now the educational superintendent of the New York Conference.

► Two Seventh-day Adventist doctors have established practices in Randolph, Vermont. Dr. W. M. Westermeyer, a specialist in anesthesiology, is serving the Gifford Memorial Hospital in Randolph and the Barre and Montpelier hospitals. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University. Dr. Romulo C. Valdez, from Canada, is a general practitioner. Born in the Philippines, he received most of his medical education there, but has taken work in major hospitals in this country and received his Vermont State license in 1965.



## Central Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Clara Anderson

► K. W. Hutchins, MV and temperance secretary and educational superintendent of the Kansas Conference, has accepted a call to the Northern New England Conference to serve in the same capacity.

► Forty persons took their stand for the Adventist message at the close of the meetings held in Fort Collins, Colorado, by Gunnar Nelson. Of these 40 there have been 35 baptized and the other five will be baptized later. J. D. Bolejack, pastor, directed the meetings and Darrell and Ruth Leach were in charge of the music.

► Groundbreaking was held for a new wing of the College View Academy re-



## Japan Missionary College on TV

Japan Missionary College is on the air. This group is watching a premade film of the school just prior to the live interview on TV station TBS in Tokyo.

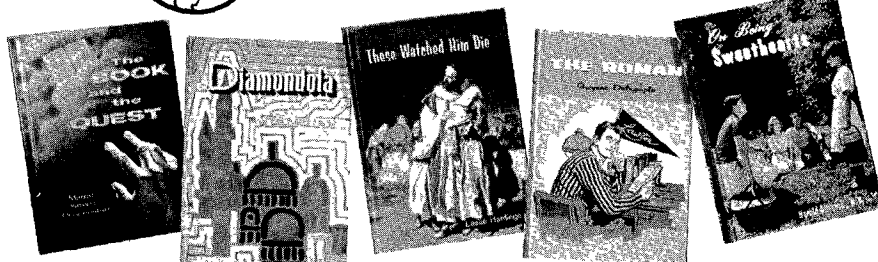
Persons in picture are from left to right, back row: Mr. Matoi, college student; Miss Nishimura, college student; Mr. Minami, senior high student. Front row: Mr. Takano, announcer; Miss Uchiumi, senior high student; Mr. Somekawa, junior high student; Mrs. Nemoto, college dietitian; T. Yamagata, college president; Mr. Kobayashi, host of the program; Mrs. Ono, an Olympic champion in gymnastics, hostess of the program.

NORMAN R. GULLEY

Instructor in Bible and Evangelism, Japan Missionary College

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cently. This wing, which will house the music and physical educational departments and two classrooms for the junior high level, is expected to be completed by the end of August.

► A district meeting for the Pittsburg, Kansas, area was held January 21, 1967, with all the conference departmental men participating. The activities were held as a one-day service and included the launching of the 1967 evangelistic plans.



## Columbia Union

Reported by  
Morten Juberg

► This week an outstanding Ingathering record was compiled by the Jesse Merrell family of Charlottesville, Virginia. The five children and the parents raised \$1,654.38. Carolyn, age 10, earned a triple Jasper Wayne award by raising \$390.57. The Merrells were baptized last May. Mr. Merrell is State editor for the Charlottesville *Daily Progress*.

► Eighteen youth of the Takoma Park, Maryland, church are the speakers of Profiles of Truth, a five-week evangelistic crusade directed by Paul E. Cannon, assistant Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Potomac Conference.

► The Capital Memorial church (SDA) in Washington, D.C., was the site for the annual Presbyterian communion service preceding the opening of Congress. More than 500 people, including Senators, Representatives, and Government officials, attended the ceremonies. The new National Presbyterian church is under construction, and its congregation is temporarily using the Capital Memorial church.



## Lake Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Mildred Wade

► Robert Dale has accepted an invitation to be evangelism coordinator for the Indiana Conference. A pastor for the last 12 years, in Nevada-Utah before he came to Indiana, Elder Dale has a real burden for soul winning. In the three years he has served as pastor of the Anderson and Gary districts in Indiana he has baptized 75 persons.

► The youth of Battle Creek have seen their dream of their own chapel come true. Recently T. E. Lucas, guest speaker from the General Conference, led a procession from the old meeting place in the basement of the Tabernacle to the new chapel. Six years ago the bank building next to the Tabernacle was purchased. The youth, under the direction of Don Wildman, youth Sabbath school leader, James Wilson, youth pastor, Orville Dunlap, head deacon, and Dr. Ralph Howard, a local optometrist, put in long hours doing most of the work themselves. The building also houses offices, choir rooms, and the welfare center for the church. There is a passageway connecting it with the Tabernacle.

► W. L. Fitch and six Broadview Academy students, with Alden Hunt, witnessed for their beliefs recently in a group meeting of teen-age Presbyterian youth at Byron, Illinois. This group has been studying various religions and chose to learn about Seventh-day Adventists in an informal discussion. Pointed questions were asked about the Sabbath, social activities, et cetera, and the observers attending from

the academy reported that all questions were amply answered by the students, and doctrinal questions were quickly answered with direct Bible quotations.

► Ingathering in the Lake Union this year showed a gain in every conference. With a goal of \$804,625.00, they raised \$815,908.42, which is a per capita of \$18.98. Illinois had the highest per capita—\$26.95, and Indiana next, with \$22.70. Three churches in Illinois reached a double Silver Vanguard goal—Bloomington, Broadview Academy, and Brookfield. Bloomington, with a goal of \$975, brought in \$2,276.84, which is a per capita of \$58.33.



## North Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► Edward J. Wyman, who has been working in British Columbia since 1957, is now serving as pastor in Ashland, Oregon.

► Paul Nystrom has returned to the Northwest and is settled in the McMinnville-Hopewell district of the Oregon Conference as pastor. He last served in the Nebraska Conference.

► The Words of Life TV program coupled with the Friendship Bible Study Guide has opened the door to an expanded missionary program throughout the Washington Conference. To date, 482 requests for Bibles, with study guides, have been received. Last summer the members at Kent participated in a series of classes in lay evangelism conducted by Charles Lott, of the Tahoma church, followed by additional instruction by the pastor, Robert Skinner, and lay activities leader, Bill Morgan. To date, the church of 85 members has more than 50 non-Adventist homes studying the Bible.

► The Portland Associated MV Societies recently purchased a lodge and 3.72 acres, 45 miles from Portland near the town of Rhododendron. The lodge, which is intended primarily for use by Portland-area youth, who maintain and operate it, has an overnight capacity of 40. Bordering on 500 feet of Zigzag River, it is ideally situated for summer picnicking and camping as well as for winter sports.



## Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► Mrs. La Rena Walters, an Adventist of Ridgecrest, California, planned a rummage sale for the benefit of the Korean war orphans. First one and then another of her friends and neighbors, representing several denominations, caught the enthusiasm and entered into the project, with even the radio station advertising the event. The result was a check for \$1,106.20, which Sister Walters presented to W. A. Fagal for the orphans in Korea.

► The Japanese church junior and sanctuary choirs, under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Akamine, presented a Japanese Christmas program over Hawaii's large



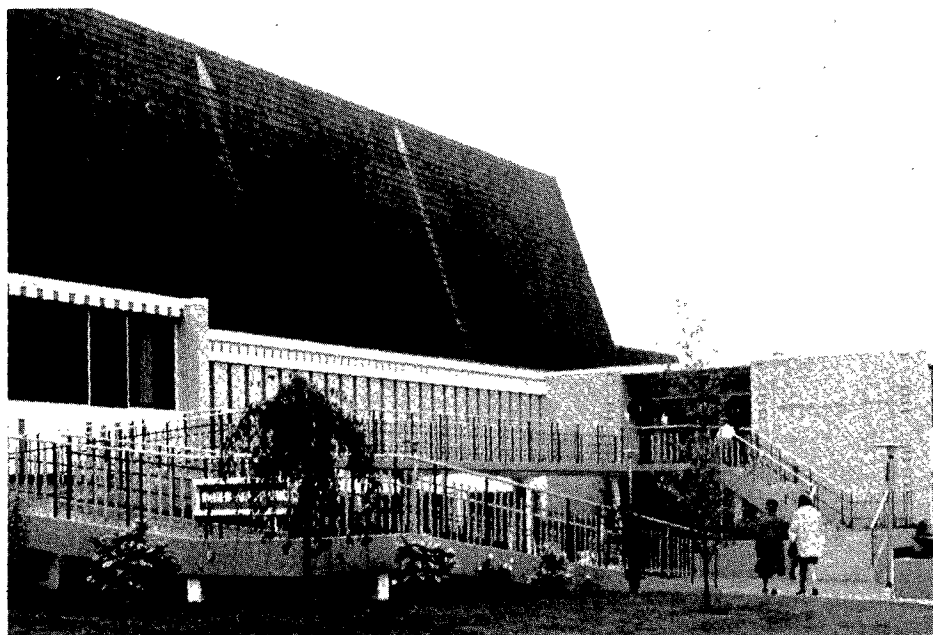
## Thailand Mission's Literature Army

In a beautiful seaside resort in southern Thailand literature evangelists and their leaders gathered for what turned out to be one of the most enjoyable institutes of the year. Reports given, goals set, and plans for 1967 indicate an even greater emphasis of spiritual advance than has already been seen.

Thailand's Buddhists are going to receive visits from these workers that will change their way of living. These literature evangelists have a mind to work, and they are dedicated to the task of helping to finish the work in their area of responsibility.

V. L. BRETSCH, *Departmental Secretary*  
*Southeast Asia Union*





## Vancouver, British Columbia, Dedication

Neal C. Wilson, president of the North American Division, and J. W. Bothe, president of the Canadian Union Conference, were the principal speakers during the dedication ceremony of the Vancouver, British Columbia, church, October 1, 1966. Tom Alsbury, mayor of the city of Vancouver, who assisted in the groundbreaking ceremony, was also present to bring greetings from the city council.

The beautiful sanctuary, together with its ample Sabbath school facilities and committee rooms, was constructed during the ministry of W. R. Archbold, who is now serving in Chehalis, Washington. The present pastor of the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist church is Ted Andrews.

G. O. ADAMS

radio station on Christmas morning, by request of the station as a public service. Narrator was Seichi Yokoyama, soloists were Mrs. Betty Lawson and Mrs. Mildred Akamine, and coordinator was Mrs. Kay Kimura.

► Speakers at the Southeastern California Conference health and welfare workshop, held at Pine Springs Ranch the first weekend in February, were John Osborn, D. L. Olsen, H. C. Clasing, and William C. Hatch. Visitors from Monument Valley Hospital, Utah, and the Navajo Mission School at Holbrook, Arizona, were also present.

► A. S. Maxwell, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, was the featured speaker for the San Diego County colporteur rally held February 4 in the Paradise Valley church. Music was presented by the Voice of Prophecy King's Heralds and the Madrigal Singers from San Pasqual Academy.

► The Southern California Conference held a literature evangelism district meeting in the Temple City church on January 28, with R. R. Bietz as the featured speaker.



## Southern Union

Reported by  
Oscar L. Heinrich

► W. N. Wittenberg, formerly of the Daytona-New Smyrna Beach district in the Florida Conference, has been asked to take

up the leadership of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park.

► George N. Wilson is the new district leader for the Daytona-New Smyrna Beach district of the Florida Conference.

► The Nashville Bordeaux Sabbath school members raised \$17,000 for Investment in 1966—\$450 over the conference goal. Membership of the Sabbath school is 250. The program was directed by Mrs. Jo Wilmot, Investment leader.

► With a goal of 400 baptisms for 1967, the Alabama-Mississippi Conference is enlisting every department in evangelism. W. D. Wampler, conference president, has challenged each pastor to hold some type of evangelistic meetings. Meetings are scheduled in 13 cities throughout the conference for the first quarter of the year.



## Southwestern Union

Reported by  
J. N. Morgan

► Students of Sandia View Academy in 11 nights of caroling and two field days raised a total of \$3,400 for Ingathering during 1966.

► The Texico Conference membership reached 2,701 by the close of 1966. During the past four years 618 people have been added by profession of faith and baptism and nine new churches have been built or acquired to house new congregations. These new churches are at Abilene, San

Angelo, Clayton, El Paso (Spanish and English), Albuquerque, Tres Piedras, and Columbus.

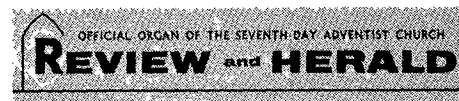
► Lynn Baerg, former pastor of the Clovis-Portales district in the Texico Conference, has accepted a call to the mission field to serve as mission president of Guatemala.

► K. O. Cox, pastor in the Texico Conference for the past seven and one-half years, has accepted the invitation to become lay activities and Sabbath school secretary of the Chesapeake Conference.

► The home missionary department of the Southwestern Union reports an Ingathering per capita of \$24.11 for 1966. This is the highest amount ever raised by the union and is only 89 cents per capita away from a Vanguard union.

## Church Calendar

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



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## Southern Union Raises \$1 Million for Ingathering

For the first time in its history the Southern Union has passed the \$1 million Ingathering mark. It thus becomes the second million-dollar union in the world. For the past two years, and again this year, the Columbia Union has raised \$1 million.

In the Southern Union 485 churches had raised \$1,000,115 by the third week of January. This is an increase of \$57,506 over last year's final report. This notable attainment inspires all missionaries and flashes the message around the world, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and . . . lengthen thy cords."

We honor Alabama-Mississippi and Florida as Silver Vanguard conferences, and salute each of the seven conferences for sizable gains. We commend the presidents, pastors, lay activities secretaries, leaders, members, and youth for their second-mile service and wholehearted devotion.

ROBERT H. PIERSON

## With Our Servicemen in Vietnam and Korea

According to A. E. Zytoskee, union MV secretary, a successful retreat was recently held, January 13-15, at the Eighth Army Retreat Center in Seoul, for Seventh-day Adventist U.S. servicemen stationed in Korea. Thirty young men attended. Numerous expressions of appreciation indicated its effectiveness.

In a letter Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John E. Keplinger, in Vietnam, tells of a recent visit with Adventist medics at Pleiku. He indicated there are 41 of them in this area, and on this trip he visited 16 whom he had not seen in Vietnam before. In previous visits he has been able to reach our men at Cam Rahn Bay, An Khê, Nha-Trang, and other areas. His letter closed by saying, "We are of good courage here."

Chaplain Keplinger is our only military chaplain now stationed in Vietnam, and is doing a fine work for our men located there. He requests parents and others to keep him informed about men coming to Vietnam, giving at least their general location, so that he can find them more quickly. Address him:

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John E. Keplinger  
85th Evacuation Hospital  
APO San Francisco 96238

C. D. MARTIN

## Gift Bible Success in the Atlantic Union

H. W. Peterson, lay activities secretary for the Atlantic Union, informs us that as a direct result of the Gift Bible Plan personal involvements for Christ by our church members have greatly increased and brought spiritual revival to entire

churches. This is a new day in soul winning. He writes:

"At our secretarial council we took a summary of the number of Gift Bibles given out during 1966. We had a total of more than 21,000. The Gift Bible evangelism project has been well received in our union, and our people have taken hold of it in a very earnest way. Where it is systematically carried out and well planned, results do follow.

"In a little church at Milltown, Maine, we went out one Sabbath afternoon to introduce the Gift Bible Plan in the community. That afternoon, in a short time, we gave out seventeen Bibles. We encouraged the people to continue doing this, and when they had developed a considerable interest, to ask the conference president for an evangelist. This actually worked out. C. P. Anderson responded and sent their conference evangelist, Joel Tompkins, to assist the local pastor. The effort was not a long one, but 13 baptisms resulted and most of these were the result of the Gift Bible program."

The Gift Bible evangelism program now used throughout North America is swelling to one of the greatest missionary endeavors ever undertaken by the churches and individual members. Let us unite in prayer and ask the Lord to bless this great crusade for 1967.

V. W. SCHOEN



The following news items are taken from Religious News Service, and do not necessarily express the viewpoint of the Review editors.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The World Presbyterian Alliance's North American Area Council proposed here that clergymen and seminarians no longer be automatically exempted from military service, as they are under the present Selective Service Act.

LONDON—Sheed and Ward Limited, a Roman Catholic publishing firm here, has published a new book on birth control in defiance of an "absolute" refusal by church authorities to grant an imprimatur, a director of the firm revealed. Neil Middleton, a director, disclosed the details in the ecumenical fortnightly, *New Christian*. In it he called for an end to the "abominable practice" of church censorship. The author of *Birth Regulation and Catholic Belief* is listed as "G. Egner," but Mr. Middleton said this is a pseudonym because the writer "is more susceptible, by virtue of his function, to hierarchical pressure." He is reported to be a priest.

## 1,500 Attend Meetings in Cairo, Egypt

C. D. Brooks, field secretary of the Columbia Union, is on loan to the Middle East Division for an evangelistic effort in Cairo, Egypt. F. C. Webster, the division president, sends the following cable:

"New day public evangelism in Middle East. 1,500 people attended Brooks's opening meeting in Cairo Center. Evangelistic crusade attendance continues near 1,000 week nights. We rejoice and ask your prayers."

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## Looking Forward in Wales

This year the Welsh Mission is celebrating its sixty-fifth anniversary. Amos H. Cooper, the mission president, writes, "You will be interested to know that during the past twelve months we have given greater emphasis to the 20th Century filmstrips, and that many people are receiving systematic Bible studies through this means. Several are approaching baptism, which we hope to record during the first quarter of our anniversary year."

"We have also taken another step forward by recently appointing one of our workers to study the Welsh language and to begin work among the 30,000 people who speak only Welsh, and among 650,000 others who are bilingual. This is truly a pioneer project among these people."

May God bless the plans that are now being carried forward to reach every family with our message.

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

NEW YORK—Fordham University, a Roman Catholic school operated by the Jesuits, has announced appointment of Lutheran Theologian Dr. Robert L. Wilken as a full professor. He will teach patristic theology.

YONKERS, N.Y.—A Catholic-Lutheran Biblical Day was held at Concordia College Institute in Bronxville, New York, January 22. Topic for the day's discussion was "The Hermeneutical Principles of Biblical Interpretation."

ROME—At a wedding in Assisi, Italy, the American bride, Barbara Olson, a Presbyterian, received holy communion as a part of the Catholic service, upon her own request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith granted the concession on condition that the bride make an express act of belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and an act of obedience to the Pope.

ST. LOUIS—Webster College, founded and directed by the Sisters of Loretto for 51 years, plans to become a secular institution owned and operated by a lay board of trustees, Sister Jacqueline Grennan, S.L., president, announced here. Sister Jacqueline, a nationally prominent educator, also announced that she has applied to Rome for dispensation from her vows as a nun and plans to remain president of Webster College as a laywoman.