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Among those who bore witness to their convictions in the dim light of medieval times were

The Albigenses of Southern France

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ITHIN the past 25 years a number of important documents written by the Albigenses have been found. Specialists in medieval history and many others seem fascinated by these discoveries, which have been mentioned in the daily press and over television.

For Seventh-day Adventists the Albigenses have a particular interest. They are referred to on several occasions in The Great Controversy, along with their contemporaries the Waldenses, though the two groups were not in doctrinal agreement. Waldenses and Albigenses often debated on basic concepts. Yet both belonged to the underground "church of the wilderness"; Rome accused both of heresy; both considered Rome as the foe of true Christianity. They were under constant scrutiny by the Inquisition, which flourished almost 800 years ago. The Albigenses were most conspicuous of the numerous sects of that time. The politically astute Pope Innocent III used various methods to meet the distressing and menacing onslaught of these heterodox groups.

In their first and most dramatic phase the Albigenses of southern France had a brief existence, from about 1160 to 1244. They were contemporaries of the famed troubadours, some of whom may have been at least sympathetic to Albigensian beliefs. The troubadours were the singing minstrels of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, who went from castle to castle to entertain the aristocracy. Several troubadours criticized the Catholic Church and were,

for that reason at least, considered in sympathy with unorthodox ideas.

The locale of the Albigensian episode was Occitania, in southwest France. Later on, this area was termed Languedoc, the "language of Oc" (oc meaning "yes"). The area, called Midi ("the south"), was graced by a charming civilization whose intellectual and political center was Toulouse. Incidentally, southwestern France was not part of the kingdom of France at that time.

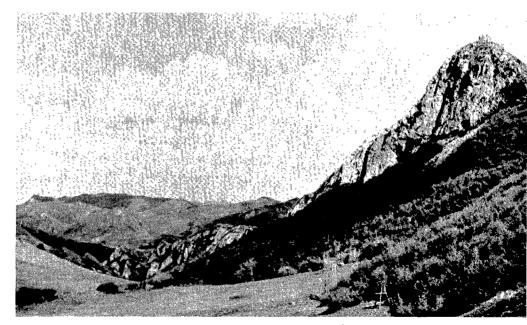
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Much of the information concerning the Albigenses came, of course,

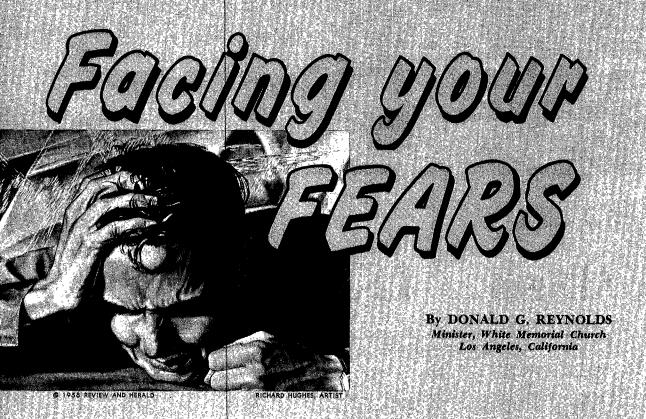
from their foes. Their views were often described by the Inquisition in a hostile manner, and some of their practices were presented in a distorted way. For this reason the reports of what they believed and practiced are not always reliable. Though many of their writings were destroyed by the Inquisition, some have been preserved.

In the nineteenth century only a few Albigensian documents were available. Some important fragments of their writings were published by Von Döllinger. We also have several apocryphal writings which they used

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Several hundred Albigenses held out in the castle of Montségur for nearly a year. Its eventual fall marked the end of effective resistance on the part of the Albigenses.



I'M AFRAID of my shadow, especially at night," confided a twelve-year-old girl in a hospital ward.

"Are there ever shadows at hight?" the doctor asked.

After a moment's thought she replied, "The night is one long shadow"

The long shadows of fear are everywhere, morning, noon, and night. Their penetrating darkness seeks to blanket love and light and man.

The dilemma of fear began with Adam, the monarch of creation. Fear was sin's first consequence: therefore, with the genesis of fear came the first disease known on earth. The word "disease" is used here in its strictest sense, "dis-ease." A person who has fear is certainly not at ease.

When we face our fears we discover the fear of defeat, the fear of people, the fear of this ideology or that, the fear of self, the fear of nonacceptance, the fear of self-deception, the fear of conflict, the fear of forgiveness of self and others, and the fear of separation. When we speak of these fears we generally refer to them in the context of anxieties. Fears are not altogether a misfortune unless they end in the paralysis of perpetual anxiety.

Anxiety is a feeling of apprehension, of tension and uneasiness, that does not stem from logic or a reasonable cause, By contrast, fear is an emotional response which is consciously recognized and stimulated, usually by some real threat. Fear is external, anxiety is internal. This is where problems are converted into physical symptoms, and by this conversion-reaction people are half sick all the time and all sick half the time.

Anxiety is not like a sudden thundershower that departs as quickly as it came, but like a steady drizzle that dampens one's vitality continually.

What are the effects of anxiety? It does not empty tomorrow of its problems, but it does empty today of its power. It does not enable a person to escape evil, but it makes him unfit to cope with it when it comes. Worry and anxiety are thinking turned toxic. They are like jarring music that goes round and round and never comes to a climax or conclusion. Fear is going over the same ground endlessly, and coming out where you started.

To paraphrase Emerson, fear is a circle whose circumference is everywhere and whose center is nowhere. Thinking progresses from one place to another: anxiety remains static. The problem in life is to change worry into thinking and anxiety into creative action. Like the ancient god Janus, fear has many faces and wears different masks:

Release from fear comes when we face it. Men, women, and youth blindly grope and stumble down life's

busy treadmill of anxious moments, seeking to find themselves. One may seek freedom from slavery to himself by becoming absorbed in busy activities. Another may seek release through drink or by attending religious services. Yet all three miss what they really need.

A person who is lost doesn't know where home is.

The man who turns to mere activities or to drink or gluttony does so from a warped evaluation of life. The person who comes to church is headed in the right direction, but he will never experience release from his burden unless he does more than occupy a seat. If men could be freed from their anxieties, half of the hospitals in the United States would be emptied. Fear is as real as life and death. We may not be able to see it, weigh it, put it into a test tube, or analyze it. But it is there.

Most of all, we fear ourselves. The admonition to "love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 19:19) points out the value of self. We fear lack of acceptance by the group. We are anxious because we are unwilling to forgive ourselves, much less to forgive others.

Unfortunately, we fear sin, or the acts of sin, when we should fear the separation from God which is the result of sin. In the face of temptation Joseph declared, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Most of us do not think be-

yond the act of sin. We continue sinning, only half aware that in so doing we are separating ourselves from God.

A person in this state of religious conflict should heed the admonition:

"Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not

able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of

doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:24-31).

Fear is needless (verse 24). Fear is hopeless (verses 25, 26). Fear is faithless (verses 27, 28). Fear is useless (verses 29, 30). Fear is futile (verse

31).

Every normal life includes conflicts, fears, and anxieties. We become frustrated and unhappy, not because these everyday problems arise, but when we fail to solve them satisfactorily. "Every person's emotional history is a delicate thread of individuality woven around the common spool of humanity."

The Bible contains 365 "fear nots," one for every day of the year. It also contains the solution for fear. "Love contains no fear—indeed fully developed love expels every particle of fear, for fear always contains some of the torture of feeling guilty. This means that the man who lives in fear has not yet had his love perfected" (1 John 4:18, Phillips).*

Love has the power to change the world within you and to shape the reality around you, so that you can find the answer to life's greatest ques-

tions. Longfellow wrote:

'Ah, how skillful grows the hand That obeyeth love's command! It is the heart and not the brain That to the highest doth attain, And he who followeth Love's behest Far excelleth all the rest."

Only through the power of the love of God can a man attain to qualities and virtues that he does not possess. The fearful, frightened, guilty man is a loveless man, however diligently he may comply with the outward laws of good conduct. Men may present a brave front to the world, but they cannot conceal the emotional breakdowns that bring one out of every 12 persons in the United States to a mental institution for treatment at some point in their lives.

We seem to be living in a time when at every turn we require some thrill to keep us going. Society today has added the adrenalin "cocktail" to the menu of living dangerously. All



Paul's soul-consuming commitment to Christ banished the demon of feur from his life.

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human vitality and energy is basically aggressive energy. As Christians, our task is to see that the love of God directs this energy along noble lines.

Luther's friend and colleague, Melanchthon, fell desperately ill. He had grown despondent over a decision he and Luther had been forced to make. Upon visiting his friend, Luther found him in a semiconscious condition and unable to take food. It looked as if this were the end. After praying, Luther turned to his friend and taking his hand said, "Be of good cheer, Philip, you will not die. Give no place to the spirit of sorrow, and be not your own executioner, but trust in the Lord, who can slay and make alive again, can wound and bind up, can smite and heal again." From that point on, Melanchthon began to recover.

When we face our fears courageously we find protection against our frustrations. How often men stand starved and shamefully alone, and become their own executioners while they let the love of God pass by! Each of us is a candidate for God's help, but how often we go carelessly on without accepting His abundance of love and grace. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7).

When Christianity is the center of the life, it provides love, power, and a sound mind to help a person stand up under the wear and tear of everyday living. To conquer the fear of defeat and inner conflict, avail yourself of the positive force of love. It can eliminate the fear of rejection, ego collapse, or sense of guilt. Why struggle to conquer your fears one at a time? Wrote the psalmist, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps. 34:4).

The answer is simple, "Perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18). There is no room for it because love crowds it out.

Are there ever any shadows at night? The long shadows of fear are everywhere, but they are quickly dispelled by the light of love.

THE ALBIGENSES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

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and which have recently been re-examined. The most complete of the Albigensian sources available in the nineteenth century was a New Testament version in the local Provençal language. There was also a Ritual in the local language of Provence, published at the same time as the New Testament. This Ritual described basic church practices, such as the period of examination of conscience and the most important institution in Albigensian worship, the consolamentum. This consisted of a laying on of hands by means of which the Holy Spirit was presumably conferred upon a "perfect" one.

Basic sources contain the actual interrogations in court trials, questions the Inquisitors asked, and answers given by the suspects. One of these collections, containing 250 volumes, is in the manuscript division of the National Library in Paris.

Since 1939 a number of Albigensian writings have been discovered. By 1965, 14 basic documents had been published, and hundreds of essays written about them. The most important Albigensian document, written by one of their bishops and found in 1939, is entitled Book of Two Principles. The manuscript, which dates from about 1250, was

found in the library of Florence. It describes the basic teachings of the Albigenses, how they explained the origin of evil, why the Christian should reject this material world, and how they attempt to prove the existence of two eternal and opposing principles.

Soon after A.D. 1000, groups known as Cathari ("pure ones") appeared in various parts of Western Europe, notably in France. It was especially in southwestern France (the Languedoc) that the Cathari had their strongest roots. The Albigenses were the Cathari of southern France. They resided primarily in important cities such as Toulouse, Carcassonne, and Albi, which possibly gave its name to the Albigenses, the Cathari of that

Almost from its inception the movement found sympathetic endorsement by the nobility. The bons hommes ("good men" as they were often called) impressed also the masses. The rapid spread of the movement alarmed Pope Innocent III, who took every conceivable means to quell the rapid spread of the Albigenses and other sects.

He treated the Waldenses rather mildly, but the Albigenses, whom he considered most dangerous, were objects of his particular concern. Even with them, however, the pope at first used mild means, such as persuasion and preaching. Then he sent able legates, one of whom—Peter de Castelnau—was assassinated, allegedly by heretics or their sympathizers. Finally he ordered the crusade of 1209 against them.

At that time the south of France, with its brilliant Provençal civilization and prosperous economy, was independent of the king of France. It was mostly under the control of local counts of Toulouse and Carcassonne. The king of France, who for a long time had wanted to annex that region, sent a ruthless soldier, Simon de Montfort, allegedly to root out the heresy, but really to conquer the area. By 1229 the king of France had gained a victory of sorts, but the heresy was far from extinguished. It was the Inquisition, instituted at that time and entrusted to Dominic, that eventually liquidated the Albigenses.

The most dramatic event, which ended the first and most important phase, was the fall of the castle of Montségur. That castle, spectacularly situated on a high, rocky peak, belonged to the Count of Foix, a protector of the "heretics" whose daughter had recently been made "perfect." Several hundred of the leading Albigenses held out in that stronghold for almost a year. They were finally betrayed, and on March 16, 1244, these leaders-about 200 of themwere massacred in a huge fire. This episode has been described in scores of recently published essays.

After the fall of Montségur the Albigensian movement lost much of its momentum. Scattered groups here and there went underground and witnessed in the secrecy of their homes or workshops. There were local resurgences, especially at the beginning of the fourteenth century. That particular episode is recounted by a lengthy text now preserved in the Vatican library and published in three volumes in 1965.

Albigensian Teachings

The teachings of Catharism were mainly concerned with the problem of evil. Since its beginning the Christian church has endeavored to solve this distressing problem. To the orthodox Christian the existence of evil and its origin cannot easily be explained. One of the rational methods that has appealed to some is to solve the question of evil by a dualistic concept.

Dualism interprets the universe by postulating the existence of two prin-

ciples such as light and darkness, spirit and matter, good and evil, God and Satan. Philosophical dualism holds that mind and matter are distinct. Metaphysical dualism teaches that good and evil are the outcome of separate first causes. Theological dualists hold, as in the early church, that in the incarnate Christ there were not only two natures, but two persons.

Theological dualism was partly of non-Christian origin and infiltrated Christian thinking almost from its beginning. Its best-known form is found in the ancient Persian religion, especially in its later form known as Zoroastrianism. That system conceived of an eternal opposition between the principles of good, personified by Ormazd, and the principle of evil, by Ahriman.

Under the influence of Persian teaching some dualistic elements found their way into Jewish apocalyptic writing. The Qumrân texts refer to the "sons of light" as opposed to the "sons of darkness."

The best known of all dualistic systems that have appeared in the Christian church was Manicheism, one of the most persistent heresies. Early influential leaders, such as St. Augustine at first, were Manicheans. The Manicheans did not—any more the Persians—believe there were two separate gods. They believed, rather, in two basic principles irreconcilably opposed to each other. From the Manicheans of the third century, dualism went through successive phases until it reached the Albigenses of southern France, the Paulicians in the eighth century and the Bogomils of the tenth century forming two of the links.

All dualists agreed that the creation of this world could not have been the work of the good God, who is "spirit." The true God has revealed Himself through Jesus Christ, who was considered the principal link between the God of spirit and man. Dualism is not easy to define, even though numerous essays continue to be published about it. That the Albigenses were dualists is not in doubt; the question is, To what degree?

In an endeavor to unite the various schools of thought among the Albigenses a council was held at Toulouse in 1167. At that council a bishop who had come from the Balkans united the believers in teaching and organization.

The Albigenses were divided into two main groups, the *credentes*, or believers, and the *perfecti*, or perfect. In order to become "perfect" a believer had to remain under observation for some time and to receive instruction on the meaning of the basic rites. If acceptable, he was received among the "perfect" ones by the imposition of hands, the consolamentum, by which the Holy Spirit was imparted. From that moment on the "perfect" one had to abstain from eating flesh in all its forms, including eggs, milk, and cheese. Fish was not considered meat, and there was no prohibition to partaking of wine. The "perfect" ones had to live in absolute chastity. The disdain of the world was so great that some of them practiced suicide. The so-called endura consisted in prolonged fasting, which often caused death.

From a doctrinal standpoint the Albigenses were not considered orthodox either by Protestants or Catholics. Yet Protestants have often considered the Albigenses among their spiritual ancestors, as an important link in the "church in the wilderness."

The question is sometimes asked, How can we accord the Albigenses a place among evangelical Christians since they were dualists? It should be remembered that many persons and movements of the past whom we honor as heroes of the faith were not theologically correct on every point. This is true even of the great leaders of the Protestant Reformation. We honor them because in a time of relative darkness they found and were loyal to certain great principles of truth. No, the Albigenses did not teach what we believe. But they carried out their God-appointed task at a time when the Church of Rome was endeavoring ruthlessly to impose its system of error. Like the Waldenses, the Albigenses opposed Rome by espousing a way of life they believed to be right.

In spite of their erroneous views with regard to Creation and the problem of evil, the Albigenses deserve a place in God's great "cloud of witnesses" who gave their lives so that the Word of God might shine forth in liberty and glory.



The Unfinished Ride

Part 2

By HELEN KELLY

WHEN THE motor of the car began to hum, Jim studied the dashboard, planning his next move. At a safe distance from the automobile, Jim's classmates were lined up like a row of spectators at a parade.

He would probably have time to go around the block before mom came out. That would prove the point he was trying to make anyway, even if he didn't come back with the bread. He knew how to handle a car. Nothing to it.

Placing his foot hard on the brake pedal, Jim released the emergency brake. Now into "drive," he reminded himself. He didn't dare check to see whether the boys were still gawking. He must think only of his driving.

He pulled himself up so his back was as straight as a rod. Then he could see over the steering wheel. His foot came off the brake pedal and pressed down on the accelerator. Easy now, he steadied himself.

The car pulled away from the curb and started slowly down Arlis Drive. Jim smiled as he pushed down harder on the gas. Like a horse that had been spurred, the car quickly responded, picking up speed. Those fellows will really have something to talk about now, he thought.

Grasping the steering wheel tightly with both hands, Jim moved it back and forth, trying to keep the car on a straight course. Houses and trees whizzed by. Lakewood Avenue was just ahead. This was where he wanted to turn.

He jerked the wheel harder. Obedient to his steering directions, the vehicle veered toward the curb and headed for a tree near the corner of Arlis and Lakewood.

"The brakes! The brakes!" Jim screamed, slamming his foot on the pedal. The car came to a jarring halt with the frightening sound of crushing metal and shattering glass.

"Just lie still, boy; you'll be all right." The man who leaned over him patted his arm lightly. Jim moaned. His head and chest ached so. Where was he anyway?

From where he lay on the sidewalk he could see flames licking up from the horribly smashed front end of what must be the car. Then he realized what had happened.

He heard a siren's wail coming closer. His lips felt as puffy as grapefruit halves. No one had to tell him what the salty-flavored substance in his mouth was.

Within minutes he was on a stretcher in the back of a police ambulance. At the hospital his banged-up face was cleaned and stitched. His head and chest were X-rayed. Later in the day the doctor said that after a few days in the hospital and a few more resting at home, Jim should be able to return to school.

"He's lucky to be alive," was the traffic officer's comment.

Mom made an appointment with the dentist, for now Jim had several missing teeth. And then there was the matter of the tickets charging him with reckless driving and driving without a license.

Meanwhile, the demolished car had been towed to the junkyard. Never again would it take Jim to school—or to the store for a loaf of bread.

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This life is a training period during which the Christian must learn to exercise a high degree of self-control in all things.

MEEKNESS and SELF-CONTROL

By TAYLOR G. BUNCH

BLESSED are the meek" (Matt. 5:5). What a shocking idea this must have seemed to the rulers of Christ's day. Their position in life demanded a dignified aloofness. Pomp and ceremony proved them to be the leaders of Israel.

So it has ever been, and so it is to-day—in the confused thinking of all who know not the majestic greatness of the meek and lowly One. Many equate meekness with weakness. But there is a weakness that is strong (2 Cor. 12:10), for it draws strength from the One who spoke the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

This meekness is resilient, for it is genuine in all its attitudes and relationships. In gracious courtesy it yields to high and low alike. The meekness and lowliness of Christ is the Christian's power. Of Moses it is said that he was the meekest of men; yet see him boldly entering the court of Pharaoh to deliver God's message. Or we might learn from Abraham in his relationship with Lot, or study the life of Daniel at the court of Babylon. Strength in meekness is seen also in the lives of Daniel's three companions as in quiet courtesy they defy the edict of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Jesus places meekness among the first qualifications for His kingdom. To the truly meek is given the promise of the lost inheritance restored: "They shall inherit the earth." Throughout His life on earth He manifested the beauty of this precious grace. He is the Lamb of God as well as the Lion of the tribe of

Judah. In Revelation, Satan, the "great red dragon," is vanquished by the Lamb of God and His followers.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). Pride in our own wisdom, love of our own opinions, blinds us to the truth as it is in Jesus (Eph. 4:21). This was true of Lucifer, who in admiration of his own wisdom and beauty aspired to be equal with God.

Pride caused many to reject the lowly teacher from Nazareth. Confident in their own knowledge and wisdom, they were blind to His teaching and the beauty of His character. The same is true today.

The Climactic Fruit—Self-control

The final fruit of the Spirit named in Galatians 5:23 is temperance, literally "self-control." The loss of self-control was one deplorable result of the original apostasy in Eden. Not many generations passed until, according to God's own record, "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and . . . every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). The inference is that men loved evil. They abused God's gifts. They indulged appetite without restraint.

In their pursuit of self-indulgence and pleasure, men wandered far away from God. They refused to heed His call to repentance. They mocked His warning of coming disaster, "until the flood came, and took them all away" (Matt. 24:39). In these words the Master reminded His hearers of that great tragedy as a warning of the results of rebellion. Down through the ages His words come to a focus on our day—"so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Self-control is not inherent in human nature. This principle is most

readily learned in early childhood, when the foundation of character is laid. It is then that we begin to grasp the lessons of cause and effect, sowing and reaping. Self-control touches every phase of life—physical, mental, and spiritual. A healthy body, a sound mind, and a noble character are the greatest inheritance parents can bestow on their children.

The will is the governing factor and power in the development of character. Paul sets forth this principle in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Here he likens growth in Christian character to an athlete's preparation for a contest. The athlete must practice temperance in all areas of training. Every hour is regulated. He is not permitted to indulge any desire that will in the least lessen his agility or strength.

An athlete in training eats and drinks, sleeps and exercises, at regular hours. He submits to this strenuous training and control in the hope of winning a temporary crown. But victory for the Christian is certain.

Soldiers of the cross have ever been in the world but "not of the world" (John 17:15, 16). Their strength of character, their loyalty to the principles of the kingdom of heaven and to their King should inspire us to stand firm in defense of truth and righteousness. The Saviour warned the church of our time: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34).

Let Us Examine Ourselves

As we conclude this series of meditations on the character of our Lord and His followers as pictured by the fruits of the Spirit, let us individually

examine ourselves whether we be in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5). Let us grasp the fact that salvation is a very personal work, and that its goal is to reproduce in us a character like His glorious character. Our lives will bear witness to the power that worketh in us mightily (Col. 1:29).

This fuller life in Christ can be ours, it must be ours, in these final days of earth's history. He "hath begun a good work in" us (Phil. 1:6), and He can, and will, finish it on

time. Perhaps the first lesson we need to learn is to live His life a day at a time. Christ warned us not to be anxious about the needs of tomorrow (Matt. 6:34, R.S.V.). He bestows strength and wisdom for each day. If today we surrender our lives to His keeping, gladly trusting that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28), then we shall know by experience that it is not by might or power, but by the quiet working of the Holy

Spirit in our hearts and minds that we are prepared to meet Him in peace.

Today, let us earnestly pray that this power may be in complete possession of our lives. Today may our hearts be flooded with light and love toward God and man. Then our attributes of character will testify that we live and walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25), and the "beauty of Jesus" will be seen in us.

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

ON GIFTS AND MOTHERS

I'VE NEVER been particularly enthusiastic over the idea of formalized days assigned to honor specific individuals. I've tended to regard this plan as very likely a diabolical merchandising scheme to trap the unwary. In Western civilization, at least, we seem to go from one "honor" day to another, from one holiday to another in rapid succession, each new occasion necessitating a gift. (A rhinestone-studded collar to improve my nonexistent dog's self-image, to make him feel cherished on his "day"? Hardly!)

However, I think I'll have to make an exception where Mother's Day (soon to arrive) is concerned, and that exception will include Father's Day also. Because if ever people qualified for gifts, for hymns of praise, for laurel wreaths entwined around furrowed brows, it's faithful parents. By the time people have lived through bottles and diapers, tantrums and bruises, report cards and puppy love, family car wrecks and sleepless nights, well—they've lived, that's all, granted this is the stuff life is made of.

But I don't really intend to eulogize parents, tempted though I am to do so. What I'd like to talk about is your philosophy of family gift giving—a facet of the art of living often ignored or overlooked.

One rather brisk way of handling the problem of gift giving is to make this sort of smooth declaration, delivered in tones of the utmost sincerity (?):

"My mother doesn't want anything for herself. She'd much prefer that I spend the money for something I want. She's so sweet and unselfish—she'll just love seeing me in that new 'poor boy' sweater and skirt. She's a wonderful person." This statement must be accompanied by appropriate head wagging, and just a suspicion of moisture in the eyes. A moment of silence might further contribute to the

desired impression. Then, of course, the speaker is duty bound to embark upon her shopping expedition immediately so as to provide mother the opportunity to be (a) happy and (b) unselfish.

The natural result of this continued course of conduct is, I suppose, for mother to become quite deliriously happy and monumentally unselfish. Incidentally, the speaker will, I feel sure, become very unhappy and very selfish. It just works that way.

But let me tell you something. Mother won't be all that happy, no matter how convincing a performance she gives, and past a certain point, unselfishness can resemble "door-matishness." If your mother has fallen into the patient Griselda syndrome, it's plainly your responsibility to snap her out of it. She needs to learn how to receive as well as give. You've already mastered this skill!

In case there's any lingering doubt in your mind, mothers are human and they are women and they are feminine. They derive great pleasure from objects that smell good, feel soft, sparkle, enhance their appearance, and can be displayed to friends ("My son/daughter gave me this for Mother's Day! He shouldn't have . . . but how I love it!").

Probably there's no particular point in discussing the price of your gift, except to say that you'd better not lean too hard on that too-often-tried and very-often-untrue cliche that "it's the thought that counts." It does, but not entirely. By which I mean that if you do your own buying in the most expensive store in town it's downright degrading (to you) to visit a bargain basement for your mother's gift.

The real significance of the "thought," I believe, is that you'll give real consideration to what your mother wants and needs and likes. You'll care enough to find out.

And if it's something beyond your financial resources, here's an opportunity to use your organizational skills and "round up" the cash from the entire "tribe." If she needs a new spring coat, and has needed it for years, you could obtain a large suit box, cut out a picture of a pretty coat, attach the delightfully green (such an attractive color!) bills to it, then wrap the whole thing up artistically and present it with a flourish at the appropriate time.

One word of caution, though. If your paternal parent contributes \$39.50 on a \$40 enterprise you're hardly entitled to beam with such an obvious feeling of generosity when mother can't find words to express her gratitude.

Gift giving really is a part of civilized, adult living. (Maybe it's quite the thing in uncivilized societies also, but my knowledge of anthropology is extremely limited.) And it really is "more blessed to give than to receive." But it takes practice to become skillful at this art, just as it does with anything else. It takes a dawning maturity. The red roses do not obligate your mother to be your galley slave for the next year, you know.

Any kind of giving, I should think, helps prevent a certain deformity whereby the fingernails grow right through the palm of the hand. Mother's Day will soon be here—and there's a solid Biblical injunction to "Honour thy . . . mother." Giving a gift is only one way to honor her, but it is a way.

Minim Hood

Church institutions are urgently calling for workers skilled in many lines of service.

GOD NEEDS Your Talent and Skill

By FRANK PHILLIPS
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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

EVER have these words been more meaningful than now. With the power struggle for class recognition, the status of a man being determined by the kind of automobile or automobiles he drives, the cost of his home, or the cut of his clothing, we may well consider again that which Heaven values most highly.

Materialism has become the order of the day, and materialistic man, both within and without the church, has built a society quite contrary to God's plan. When God led His people from Egypt and established them as a nation under a theocratic form of government, He gave explicit directions to Moses. He instructed Moses to set apart the tribe of Levi for the service of the Lord. Some—the sons of Aaron—were to be priests; the others were to be their assistants. Their assigned task was to move, set up, tear down, clean, and provide many other services. It was their career, and they were not relieved of these duties until they reached fifty years of age.

These workers were the janitors, truck drivers, and laborers—skilled and semiskilled—of their day; yet their labors were essential, and they themselves were dedicated to the service of the Lord even as were their brethren, the sons of Aaron. The church today is composed largely of faithful workers such as these, many of whom, however, have never felt that God really needs their particular talents.

The Levites were also assigned the task of religious instruction among the people. On certain feast days the people were to invite the poor and unfortunate, the priests and the Levites, to eat with them. At such times the latter were to teach and instruct the people in the way of the Lord.

In God's plan for operating the

sanctuary and later the Temple, manual labor was respectable and dignified. It was performed by a special group, chosen by God Himself. Jesus, Paul, and a host of others have left us worthy examples of the dignity of labor.

The "Services of the Lord"

Today the "services of the Lord" include not only the activities of the church proper, but the work in our schools, hospitals, food factories, book binderies, and other institutions, many of them privately operated organizations. All are working together to bring glory to His name. These organizations, however, are facing a real problem. Where can they find the dedicated men and women needed to staff these "services of the Lord"?

Our schools are training medical doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, ministers, and secretaries, but where are the janitors, maids, food service workers, laundry workers, and a host of other practical workers for our institutions? Seventh-day Adventist maintenance workers, clerks, typists, technicians, billing clerks, insurance clerks, cashiers, licensed vocational nurses, and many others are urgently needed today. We believe that the time has come for these most important positions in our institutions to be filled with willing, dedicated Seventh-day Adventists.

We urge parents to encourage their young people to prepare themselves to fit into some position in the "services of the Lord." Many young people with talent or skill in a particular line have been urged by well-meaning parents to pursue a course of study and training for a position in God's cause for which they are, in fact, ill-qualified. Many who have completed such a course turn away from the Lord's work to find positions in the world, never realizing that God has need in His service for their talent also. The time has come when many who are now working in institutions of the world should join "the services of the Lord" even if, in some cases, it may mean some financial loss.

Labor laws, government controls, labor union activities, and pressures unknown a few short years ago, all point to the fact that we have but a short time until God's work will be finished. What part will you have had in carrying on "the services of the Lord" in these last days? You may not belong to the tribe of Levi, but God has a place for you in His service. Why not get in touch with the personnel office in the institution nearest you and offer your services while there is yet time? "The night cometh, when no man can work."

LETTERS TO THE

Fellowship of Prayer

THINGS ARE WORSENING

EDITORS: Several years ago I asked prayer for my two sons who have turned away from God. Things are worsening regarding their experience and the grandchildren are being influenced adversely. The devil is nearly winning. Please continue to pray for these dear ones.

—Mrs. C., London, England.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

EDITORS: It is with thankful heart that I write about the gradual answer to our prayers. The Lord has done great things

for me, whereof I am glad. . . . May God richly bless you in this good work of encouraging the brethren to have faith in God.

-Mrs. C., of Guiana,

EDITORS: Several years ago I sent in the names of several of my family. I am happy to tell you that this year a granddaughter came back into the church, where she met a fine young man. They were married during the summer and have established a Christian home. Thank you all from the depths of my heart for your prayers.

-Mrs. W., of California.

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



Part 1

God's Delightful Lesson Book

By HELEN L. LUND

NE day a young mother called her little son to her with this request, "I want you to make an effort to get me the stem of that lily as near the root as possible. I want you to understand something about it." The lily was growing in a shallow pond full of muck and debris, and yet it was spotless, perfectly beautiful.

The little boy pulled up a handful of lilies, and the mother showed him how the stems were all full of channels, through which they drew properties from the pure sands beneath and developed the pure and spotless flowers, refusing every unsightly thing along the way. "This is . . . the way," explained the mother, "that we are to educate our youth. . . . Let them draw, . . . the purity, the virtue, the grace, the love . . . from the Source of all power.

That mother was Ellen G. White, and she recounts the experience with her own little boy as an example of how we all may use nature study as a precious lesson book for ourselves and our children. You may find this story in Child Guidance, page 58.

Here are a few of the many statements in which Mrs. White emphasizes this type of study:

"Let the mother . . . find time to cultivate in herself and her children a love for the beautiful things of nature."-Ibid., p. 48. "To the little child, not yet capable of learning from the printed page or of being introduced to the routine of the schoolroom, nature presents an unfailing source of instruction and delight. The heart not yet hardened by contact with evil is quick to recognize the Presence that pervades all created things. The ear as yet undulled by the world's clamor is attentive to the Voice that speaks through nature's utterances. . . . So far as possible, let the child from his earliest years be placed where this wonderful lesson book shall be open before him."—Education, p. 100.



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"Let the little ones play in the open air; let them listen to the songs of the birds, and learn the love of God as expressed in His beautiful works.' -Counsels to Parents and Teachers, p. 146.
"As fast as their minds can compre-

hend it, the parents should open before them God's great book of nature." -Fundamentals of Education, p. 157.

"The soil of the heart may thus

early be prepared for casting in the precious seeds of truth, which in due time will spring up and bear a rich harvest."—Child Guidance, p. 48.

How few of us are heeding this counsel! How much easier it is to let the little ones sit before a television set for hours! But what are they learning to love in most of the television programs? Is it not the world and the things of the world? Will it be surprising if they grow up loving those worldly things more than the things of God? How much better it would be if our little ones could grow up, as we are instructed, learning to love God and to appreciate His goodness in His created works.

If you feel this is impossible in your case, because you know so little about nature, do not be discouraged. Get a simple book from the store or library on some subject you and the children find interesting, and learn together. You will find it a means of developing delightful companionship them.

I well remember the day when I first realized my own ignorance of the things of nature. Our two children were already of school age, when a friend from our church, with her two little boys, was visiting us out in our yard. One of the little fellows suddenly shouted, "Look, there goes a

tiger swallowtail!"
"A what?" I asked, wondering if he had seen some strange animal or

"A tiger swallowtail. That butterfly over there," the boy explained patiently.

I was embarrassed at my ignorance and vowed then and there that I was going to learn more about nature. I could see in it a wonderful field of interest for my children. And so we began, the children and I, to learn about butterflies. We learned of many other things too, and spent many happy hours together collecting and identifying the beautiful things of nature. They are grown now-our two -and they still love the things of nature. They have never cared much for the cheap tinsel of the world. It has seemed so inferior to the lovely things in God's great outdoors. I only wish I had started sooner; and I wish, too, I had learned to bring out more of the spiritual lessons that nature has to teach.

Directs Us to God

Foremost of all, nature directs our minds to the goodness, mercy, love, and power of God. "The unseen is illustrated by the seen. On everything upon the earth, from the loftiest tree of the forest to the lichen that clings to the rock, from the boundless ocean to the tiniest shell on the shore, they may behold the image and superscription of God."-Education, p. 100.

"Every drop of rain, every ray of light shed on our unthankful race, every leaf and flower and fruit, testifies to God's long forbearance and His great love."-Christ's Object Lessons,

pp. 301, 302.
"From the solemn roll of the deeptoned thunder and old ocean's ceaseless roar, to the glad songs that make the forests vocal with melody, nature's ten thousand voices speak His praise. In earth and sea and sky, with their marvelous tint and color, varying in gorgeous contrast or blended in harmony, we behold His glory. The everlasting hills tell us of His power. The trees that wave their green banners in the sunlight, and the flowers in their delicate beauty, point to their Creator. The living green that carpets the brown earth tells of God's care for the humblest of His creatures. The caves of the sea and the depths of the earth reveal His treasures. He who placed the pearls in the ocean and the amethyst and chrysolite among the rocks, is a lover of the beautiful. The sun rising in the heavens is a representative of Him who is the life and light of all that He has made. All the brightness and beauty that adorn the earth and light up the heavens speak of God."-Ministry of Healing, pp. 411, 412.

Christ's Schoolroom

Nature was Christ's study and method of teaching. "He who had made all things studied the lessons which His own hand had written in earth and sea and sky. Apart from the unholy ways of the world, He gathered stores of scientific knowledge from nature. He studied the life of plants and animals, and the life of man. . . . The parables by which, during His ministry, He loved to teach His lessons of truth show how open His spirit was to the influences of nature, and how He had gathered the spiritual teaching from the surroundings of His daily life."-The Desire

of Ages, p. 70.
"Christ loved to gather the people about Him under the blue heavens, on some grassy hillside, or on the beach beside the lake. Here, surrounded by the works of His own creation, He could turn their thoughts from the artificial to the natural. . . . In future days the lessons of the divine Teacher would thus be repeated to them by the things of nature."-The Ministry of Healing, p. 54.

On the Sabbath Day

Many parents may be too busy to spend much time with their children out in nature through the week, but they will find in the Sabbath day a lovely time for such association. "Since the Sabbath is a memorial of creative power, it is the day above all others when we should acquaint ourselves with God through His works. In the minds of the children the very thought of the Sabbath should be bound up with the beauty of natural things."-Education, p.

"We should study the Saviour's parables where He spoke them, in the fields and groves, under the open sky, among the grass and flowers."-Christ's Object Lessons, p. 26.

[the children] can be "Thev pointed to the blooming flowers and the opening buds, the lofty trees and beautiful spires of grass, and taught that God made all these in six days and rested on the seventh day and hallowed it. . . . When these children look upon the things of nature, they will call to mind the great Creator of them all. Their thoughts will be carried up to nature's God-back to the creation of our world, when the foun-



[Parents are invited to send to the Keview unusual comments in the field of religion or religious principles made by children under ten years of age. When you write, be sure to give the setting for the statement and the child's age.—Entrons.]

Jesus Is Coming

Because my sister was planning to visit our home, I wanted to prepare my twoand a half year old son for the occasion. "Who is coming to see us tomorrow?" I asked Danny. "Jesus," he replied.

Often I have pondered this thought. Am I preparing my children and myself to meet Him?

BETTY DUNAGIN

dation of the Sabbath was laid, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' -Child Guidance, p. 533.

Not only Sabbaths, but whole weekends as well as yearly vacations, can often be spent in God's great outdoors. There is no recreation that truly recreates like a restful time in the mountains or by a lake or the seashore. When our children were younger, we provided ourselves with inexpensive camping equipment that could be quickly assembled, and spent dozens of delightful periods in nature's beauty spots. Sometimes several families of us camped together, worshiping together on Sabbath, hunting nature's treasures on other Nothing can be more enjoyable.

Mrs. White advises a similar excursion to some fine lake or grove where the scenery is beautiful. She says the good food, the ride, and the exercise will be highly beneficial. "On such occasions parents and children should feel free from care, labor, and perplexity. Parents should become children with their children, making everything as pleasant for them as possible."-Messages to Young People, p.

A Threefold Benefit

Nature study strengthens both mind and body, as well as the character. "The glory of God is displayed in His handiwork. Here are mysteries that the mind will become strong in searching out. . . . All may find themes for study in the simple leaf of the forest tree, the spires of grass covering the earth with their green velvet carpet, the plants and flowers, the stately trees of the forest, the lofty mountains, the granite rocks, the restless ocean, the precious gems of light studding the heavens to make the night beautiful, the exhaustless riches of the sunlight, the solemn glories of the moon, the winter's cold, the summer's heat, the changing, recurring seasons, in perfect order and harmony, controlled by infinite power; here are subjects which call for deep thought, for the stretch of the imagination."-Child Guidance, p. 49.

"Life in the open air is good for body and mind. It is God's medicine for the restoration of health. Pure air, good water, sunshine, the beautiful surroundings of nature—these are His means for restoring the sick to health in natural ways."—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 85.

"Through nature they would hear His voice speaking to their hearts of His peace and love, and mind and soul and body would respond to the healing, life-giving power."—The Ministry of Healing, p. 192 (see also p. 264).

(Concluded next week)

From the Editors



"INASMUCH . . ."

The sight immediately caught our eye—and heart. There on page 36 of the March 10 issue of *Time* magazine were three pictures from India. The first was captioned "Bihar: Undernourished Children." In the foreground was a little boy with puffy face, dull eyes, and deformed limbs. The second picture was labeled "Sacred Cow Dying of Starvation." Little children in the background were gazing at a poor animal lying prostrate in an open, sun-baked field. The cow's skeleton was but poorly concealed beneath its tightly stretched hide. The suffering beast looked more dead than alive.

The third picture was captioned "Shriveled Two-anda-Half-Year-Old." A poor little child, its frail frame covered by skin that more nearly resembled dry alligator hide than soft, supple flesh, appeared ready to perish. Agony and despair were written on the face of its mother.

All too vividly the pictures told the sad story of famine conditions in some parts of India. According to the *Time* story, "the average worker must now spend 60 per cent of his wages on food. . . . In such drought-stricken states as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, . . . thousands of people suffer from acute malnutrition, and cattle are dying in the streets."

Many millions of people in India eat only once a day. One writer forecasts that this great subcontinent may face the worst famine conditions it has experienced in half a century—"and in the early 1940's three million people starved to death!"

The heartbreaking, food-short conditions in India are not unique. According to an article in the March 7 issue of Look magazine, "Hunger is not an occasional visitor but a constant companion to half of mankind. Half a billion humans suffer from too little food. Another billion lead brief half-lives because their diets lack proper proportions of protein, minerals or vitamins. Three million children die each year from diseases induced or complicated by malnutrition. Unquestionably, hunger is the chief killer of man."

The present situation, as serious as it is, each day grows more critical. With every tick of the clock three additional mouths compete for the world's already inadequate food supply. According to one writer, "At the present rate of growth, the world population will reach 4 billion by 1980 and 6 billion by the turn of the century—over three quarters of them in Asia, Africa and Latin America, the areas least able to nourish them."

"That We May Feed the Hungry"

As Christians we cannot stand idly by and declare that the hungry people of the world are no concern of ours. It is unthinkable that we should sit down to our tables spread with life's bounties without giving thought to the millions of people in the world who are slowly dying because they lack the essential elements to hold body and soul together.

"When we pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' we ask for others as well as ourselves. And we acknowledge that what God gives us it not for ourselves alone. God gives to us in trust, that we may feed the hungry."—Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, pp. 111, 112.

We feel certain that no Christian would turn away from his door a hungry person begging for food. If he did, he would be haunted by the memory of the rejected request. He would be disappointed in himself for having passed up an opportunity to minister to Christ in the person of one of His needy children. He would think often of the words of the King of kings, "I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not" (Matt. 25:42, 43).

No, Christians are quick to help those whose need they can see. But when the needy do not come to our door, when we cannot look into their pleading eyes, when we cannot directly share with them our food, our clothing, and life's other necessities, what then? Can we discharge our obligation merely by praying once or twice a day, "O Lord, bless the poor and hungry; bless those who have been driven from their homes by war and natural disasters"? Hardly. We must combine faith and works. We must see that the starving, the naked, the homeless, are cared for, wherever they may be.

Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service

Today many organizations exist to make it possible for people who have an abundance of God's blessings to share with the needy everywhere. One of these organizations is our own Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service, known throughout the world as SAWS. During a recent year this organization helped people in 42 countries. Among these countries were Brazil and Burundi, Chile and Colombia, Ecuador and Ethiopia, Haiti and Honduras, Nepal and New Guinea, Taiwan and Turkey. To the 42 countries went help with a total value of \$2,817,886.44. This included bedding and clothing, surplus food, medical supplies and equipment, and miscellaneous articles. In addition, cash appropriations totaling \$54,181 were made to meet emergency situations such as tornadoes in the Central Union, floods in Fiji, hurricanes in the Southwestern Union, famine in the Zambesi Union, and an earthquake in Chile.

Where did SAWS obtain the funds with which to carry on this great work? Largely from the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering received denomination-wide in 1965. The total of that offering was \$299,497.37. Of that amount, our members in North America gave \$254,769.98, a per capita of 70 cents.

We are thankful for the tremendous amount of good accomplished through this relatively small amount of money. Surely God must have blessed the funds as He did the loaves and fishes anciently. But can we feel great satisfaction in a per capita of 70 cents? If God has bestowed on us an abundance of temporal blessings—and He has!—should we not have given an average of at least \$2.50—about \$1 million—to help the hungry, the naked, the homeless?

An Opportunity to Share

In these columns we seldom refer to special offerings. We think, however, that we would be remiss in our duty if we failed to mention that on May 13 our church members all around the world will have another opportunity to give to the denomination's organized efforts to relieve suffering and hunger. On this day the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will be received. This opportunity comes but once in two years. So let us give generously, let

us give sacrificially, that the General Conference will have funds with which to respond to at least the most

urgent appeals during the coming two years.

More important, let us give generously because Christ has touched our hearts and because we love our Saviour and His needy children the world around. Remember that "Christ regards all acts of mercy, benevolence, and thoughtful consideration for the unfortunate, the blind, the lame, the sick, the widow, and the orphan as done to Himself."—Testimonies, vol. 3, pp. 512, 513. In the judgment our dear Lord will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

K. H. W.

OUR LITTLE PRISONS-2

One of the four walls that restrict a person to the narrow confines of the little prison in which he lives is composed of the physical appetites and passions that Paul speaks of as "the lust of the flesh" (John 2:16). "Every man is tempted," says James, "when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14, 15). Peter explains that lustthe opposite of self-control—is to blame for all "the corruption that is in the world" (2 Peter 1:4). It is the principle of sin rampant on the physical plane of man's being that brings him "into captivity" to the principle, or "law of sin (Rom. 7:23). Little wonder the apostle exclaims: "Miserable creature that I am, who is there to rescue me out of this body doomed to death?" (Rom. 7:24, N.E.B.).*

For most of us it is a lifelong task to bring the appetites and passions under full control. The man who wearies of this crusade against his lower nature lapses into slavery to it, mind and soul as well as body, for what a man does on the physical level inevitably affects every other area of his being as well. It is through man's physical being that Satan finds readiest access to the soul; through it he seduced our first parents into sin. This is why Paul said, "I pommel my body and subdue it" (1 Cor. 9:27, R.S.V.).

The Intellect

The second wall is that of the intellect. Man was created a rational-moral being, but under the domain of sin, and in greater or lesser measure, we are all prisoners of our own set of preconceived opinions. We are told that in the sight of God "the sin that is most nearly hopeless and incurable is pride of opinion, self-conceit," and that it "stands in the way of all growth" (Testimonies, vol. 7, pp. 199, 200). "If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will never reach the truth," we are counseled. "Search in order to learn what the Lord says."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 112.

If we consider our own opinions infallible, if we are impervious to new concepts of truth, if we habitually look with prejudice upon the insights into truth that others have found—there is not much that even God and the angels can do for us. The only way for us to push outward on barriers to intellect is to desire truth and to be willing to adjust our mind to it, as may be necessary,

wherever we may encounter it.

If our study of the Bible consists exclusively, or primarily, in an attempt to find sandbags with which to bolster our preconceived opinions against a rising tide of evidence that we are prone to fear would inundate them, we are only strengthening this wall of our little

prisons. Willingness to examine evidence with an objective mind balanced by faith is one of the first and most important prerequisites to the discovery of truth. In the sight of Heaven a teachable spirit is a gem of great price.

Personality and Vocation

The third wall is that of personality—our attitude toward other people, and our concept of responsibility toward them and for them. We must press back this wall of being if we are to learn to be free from selfishness, pride, and the desire to use other people to our personal advantage. As mature Christians we will care as deeply about the well-being and the feelings of other people as we do with respect to ourselves (see Matt. 5:43-47). He who is concerned solely or primarily about himself is less than human. Self-centeredness is the essence of sin.

Conversely, genuine concern for others is evidence of love for God, and the man who lacks it is not truly religious, nor does he love God despite his pious pretensions (1 John 4:19, 20). "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" is the second great command, and on it and the first commandment to love God "hang all the law and the

prophets" (Matt. 22:39, 40).

Let us look, finally, at the fourth wall—a man's vocation, or lifework. As a result of sin God assigned man to hard labor, not as punishment but as a safeguard (see Gen. 3:17). Useful labor is a protection against the lusts of the flesh, against laziness and voluntary poverty, and against a host of other evils. Like the physical passions, these negative character traits can be used by the devil to ensnare men in the trap of temptation. "If any provide not for his own, . . . he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim. 5:8). "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess. 3:10).

Our little prisons are comfortable places. We have lived here all our lives. But, with Oliver Wendell Holmes let us aspire to build more stately mansions for our souls, as the swift seasons roll. Let us leave our low-vaulted past and be free in Christ Jesus. By God's grace let us purpose anew each day to lay firm hold on the master key Christ has placed in our hands, and to enter ever more fully upon the freedom it is the privilege of a mature Christian to enjoy. Let us purpose also not to use this freedom as license, nor even as an end in itself, but as a means to the greater end of cooperating fully and effectively with the grand design the Creator had in mind when He gave us being.

R. F. C.

(Concluded)

ON THE WRONG KEYS

If it had not been for the Zip Code, a letter recently mailed in New York City would never have reached its destination. The address on the envelope read "Kimctopm," Kansas, and no one had ever heard of that. Just the same, the letter arrived in Junction City and was delivered.

At last someone figured out what had happened. The typist had placed her right hand one key to the right on the typewriter keyboard, with the result that "Junction" came out "Kimctopm."

Some of the unfortunate events of our everyday lives occur not because of unruly typewriters or stubborn keys but because our hands are out of position.

Not long ago an offering plate fell noisily and change clattered onto the floor because a very small member of the congregation wanted to help pass it. If he had kept his hands in his lap, the accident would not have occurred. His older brother on one side and his mother on the other would have been able to do without his "assistance."

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Our hands, the most dexterous parts of our bodies, are symbols of talent and service. When we apply our talents at the right time and in the right way, we achieve marvelous results. But when our hands are out of position—when we meddle—the results are disastrous.

To each person God gives duties commensurate with his ability. Those whose hands take up other work than their own produce confusion. Those who faithfully carry out their assigned duties do the world a great service and prepare themselves for wider responsibilities.

"Let it be your ambition to keep calm and look after your own business" (1 Thess. 4:11, N.E.B.).*

F. D. Y.

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HOLY SPIRIT NEEDED

EDITORS: The perceptive editorial of March 2 on "Protestantism's Deep Malaise" is a challenging as well as disturbing piece of writing. The Reformation church has gone a long way down the primrose path of religious and spiritual identification when we find Luther's Sola Scriptura giving way, as we increasingly observe today, to the hopeless and hapless ecumenical movement, institutional renewal, and the exponents of the religion-without-revelation school of modern dogmatists. Truly it is a sad picture.

At the same time, as Seventh-day Adventists, it might be well for us occasionally to take a good, hard look at the only way we as a church can escape this "hopeless theological confusion" in Protestantism. How close to the ugly but conventional pattern of a compromising Protestantism are we coming?...

The editorial speaks of the "only viable prescription"—the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the human mind. Truly this is the only way as a denomination we can escape the sickness of Protestantism today.

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THE NOBLE HUGUENOTS

EDITORS: In the January 26 REVIEW, Missionary Lundquist's article "Constancy" interested me and stirred memories of a most profitable trip I made with the Reformation Lands Tour led by Dr. Daniel Walther in 1965.

The group spent nine days in France. We visited the Palais de Versailles that King Louis XIV built and where he lived sumptuously, the palace that "engulfed untold millions," where the royal stables housed the horses that were used by the dragoons that moved against the Huguenots. This was the proud king that revoked the Edict of Nantes, which good Henry IV managed to get enacted in 1598, giving 1,250,000 Protestants a few years of comparative liberty. However, before Louis XIV revoked it in 1685, it had been weakened by Cardinal Richelieu and others until there were few privileges left.

Our tour group spent two hours in and around the Tower of Constance at Aigues-Mortes where Huguenot women were imprisoned for their faith. Marie Durand who scratched the word "Register" into a stone in the tower was imprisoned under the reign of Louis XV. Pierre Durand, her brother, was one of the pastors of the desert assemblies. The Huguenots would go secretly at night to hiding places in caves, mountains, and wood-

lands to worship together. Authorities not being able to seize the pastor, took revenge on the Durand family. They had the preacher's father, Etienne Durand, arrested in 1728 and imprisoned in the Fort of Brescou, which was located in the Mediterranean Sea, where many Huguenots died for their faith.

Before leaving, the father advised his daughter to marry a friend of the family, Matthieu Serres, that she might be protected from her persecutors. The newlyweds had just moved into the family home, which was decorated with Bible texts, when the dragoons entered and seized her in the name of the king. Matthieu Serres was led to the Brescou fortress where his father-in-law was already imprisoned, and Marie was taken to the Tower of Constance. They were never to meet again on earth.

Marie entered the tower, "the vast tomb where darkness and cold reign all the year around, also the prisoners are always ill and die in great numbers," as was depicted by the author of the booklet Les Prisonnieres de la Tour de Constance. Marie was one of 36 women who after resisting 37 long years and working from inside to stir public opinion against such tyranny, walked out to freedom of both body and spirit in 1767.

CECILE McCAMEY

Tucson, Arizona

MEAT IMITATIONS

EDITORS: Congratulations on the full-color spread advertisement featuring vegetarian foods. This was most impressive and appealing, as our emphasis on this subject should surely be. Nevertheless, I am deeply concerned with the trend that designates vegetarian foods as having the "chicken flavor," the "ham style," et cetera. This is truly negative selling and thinking. It is poor promotion in an Adventist publication. Let us not try to imitate these flavors or blends. Surely we can choose better foods for their own goodness and flavor without trying to get the "ham" taste. As for me, and possibly a lot of Adventists, we wouldn't know what it's like. Why even give us the suggestion? Please, no more chicken- or ham- or steak-flavor emphasis-but the presenting of a better way.

ERNEST H. J. STEED Takoma Park, D.C.

CONFIDENCE IN FINANCIAL POLICIES

EDITIORS: The article and editorial on finances (December 8, 1966 and January 26, 1967) explained very adequately the way denominational funds are handled. As a minister, I read the letters and answers thoroughly, and related them to my personal knowledge and experience in the church and on the conference committee. Unlike the members of some other churches, we know what happens to our money all the way down the line as it supports the worldwide program of the church.

I once overheard a fellow brickmason (not an Adventist) say that once he gave his money into his church it was impossible to find out what happened to it. The thing that amazes me is that some people worry whether the money they give or pay into the treasury of the Lord is spent wisely. Surely neither the people nor the disciples questioned the percentages of the bread and fishes when they were distributed and fed the multitude. Nor did the little lad ask what and where were his original loaves and fishes, but gratefully accepted the 12-basket increase. The same is true with our finances in the church. It never ceases to amaze me that so much is done with so humble an amount. I know that others in other denominations, even ministers, have remarked to me that they marvel at two things among Seventh-day Adventists: 1. The generosity of the people over and above that of many others, even in their own particular church; 2. The great amount of mission, medical, and educational work carried on by our modest-in-numbers church around the world.

Huntsville, Alabama George Green

NOT A "GRIPE CORNER"

EDITORS: I have been reading the timely messages in the Review. How thrilling they all are! Unprecedented things are happening before our very eyes! In every country there is a note of advancement. As I read the reports from the mission fields I almost choke with a desire to shout, "Glory hallelujah! We are use this From Readers column for a "gripe corner." There are too many wonderful, lovely things to talk about.

CLAIRE U. MILLER National City, California

"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER"

EDITORS: Thank you so much for printing the very encouraging article by Elder G. R. Nash (Feb. 16). It is very timely and I am sure others will want to reread it often as I am doing. My best effort is not adequate to express my appreciation to you.

Mrs. L. THOMAS

Riverside, California

EDITORS: I was much impressed by an article which appeared in the Review of February 16, entitled, "When Days Are Dark," written by G. R. Nash. Truly Romans 8:28 is one of the greatest promises found in the Bible, yet the hardest to fully believe or understand. A wonderful example of a dark experience is given in the March 2 Review, entitled, "... to Them That Love God." It was written by Betty W. Reynolds, whose husband met a terrible tragedy in Pakistan. Truly our allwise loving heavenly Father will work all things "together for good to them that love God."

ELSIE M. EVANS

Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania

Reports From Far and Near

Layman Sets Soul-winning Record

By J. O. BAUTISTA
Departmental Secretary, North Philippine Union Mission

Urbano O. Castillo, the most successful lay soul winner in the North Philippine Union Mission, recently saw his one thousandth convert baptized.

At the time of the General Conference session, the number of persons he had won to Christ had already reached 965. With the baptism of 38 in the barrio of Dayap in Pola, Oriental Mindoro, the 1,000 mark was surpassed by three. Seven more went forward in the sacred rite four weeks later, bringing the total to 1,010.

Dayap was the twenty-first church to be raised up through the efforts of Señor Castillo with the help of lay workers who are members of Calima, a church five kilometers away that he himself raised up 12 years before

raised up 12 years before.

Señor Castillo is not only a good soul winner, but he is also a good trainer of lay workers. Somehow his converts catch the same missionary zeal and dedication that he possesses, so that once they are left to themselves, they get busy carrying on the work of spreading the message to the surrounding villages.

In this instance, when he left Calima 12 years ago, four of the leading lay workers—José Musico, Bonifacio Fajut, Catalino Musico, and Elpidio Ferrancullo—together with other members lost no time in visiting homes in nearby villages and holding branch Sabbath schools. They kept it up all these years to prepare the ground, and when Dayap was ripe for a big evangelistic campaign, they called for Señor Castillo to hold it.

During our visit there last October the foundation for the new church was laid. In record time it was finished and was ready for dedication on January 28, 1967. Present for the occasion were T. C. Murdoch, union president; E. J. Tangunan, mission president, together with several others from the mission staff; R. E. Ballesteros, district leader; and J. O. Bautiera

Much sacrificial effort went into building the church. Not a centavo was spent in labor—the brethren donated all of it. They cut the trees for the needed lumber in a nearby forest, transported these with the other materials, such as hollow blocks, galvanized iron sheets for the roofing, and cement, on their shoulders across two mountains. Even women and children did their share in carrying stones, gravel, and sand in petroleum cans from the seashore down below the construction site.

The dedicatory service was followed

by the organization of the church and the election of officers. Of the 57 charter members 32 were formerly members of the Calima church. Before this, Dayap residents had to cross two mountains and two rivers. They would start before sunrise with their provisions for lunch and reach Calima in ample time for Sabbath school. Now they can forgo that hardship. So their eagerness in the establishment of the new church in their own locality through aggressive missionary endeavors paid off handsomely for them.

Several significant facts about this new group of believers are worth mentioning. A majority of those who have been converted into the Adventist faith are prominent people of the community. They were largely responsible for the erection of the Catholic chapel and recreation center in years past. These buildings have since been abandoned, the church bell has been donated to the Adventist church, and the villagers no longer observe the annual fiesta in honor of the patron saint.

There are 18 houses in the village. Most, if not all, of the members of 12 households have become Adventists.

In this mountainous region, distance is measured by the number of mountains and rivers traversed. During the last Ingathering campaign, members of the Calima church went out two by two, carrying with them their provisions for a number of days, because there was no returning until they had covered the territories assigned to them. In the same manner they launch out in missionary ventures in mountain villages, literally fulfilling Jeremiah 16:16: "And after will I send for many hunters, and they shall



Left: R. E. Ballesteros, district leader, baptizing the thousandth convert of Urbano O. Castillo in Dayap, Pola, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. Right: Members of the Dayap church gathered before the church at the dedication, January 28. Seated (in black suits) are E. J. Tangunan, mission president; T. C. Murdoch, union president; E. M. Macalintal, mission secretary-treasurer; and Urbano Castillo.

hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." It will not be surprising if at some future date these brethren will again make another call for Señor Castillo to come and hold another evangelistic effort in some other section where they will have created new interests in the message.

Thus the gospel sweeps onward in that region through the efforts of dedi-

cated laymen.

Blessings of Heaven in the Far East-2

By E. L. MINCHIN

[Elder Minchin recently returned from a trip through the Far Eastern Division. This is the second of four reports.]

The youth and faculty of the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore will never forget the week-long youth Bible camp at Port Dickson, some 200 miles north of Singapore. The enrollment at this academy is composed mostly of the children of our workers in the Far Eastern Division. The camp family was made up of about 60 youth, besides another 15 to 20 faculty members and visitors.

It was a beautiful spot, right by the ocean, and on three sides surrounded by lovely Malay jungle. This Methodist campsite is a place to which our workers and young people frequently go. After coming from frozen Korea, I greatly enjoyed the experience of basking in tropical sunshine and swimming in the pleasant waters of the Strait of Malacca.

The camp was also a time of unusual spiritual blessing. The young people responded in a most wonderful way to the call of God. They are normal youth, facing the problems and temptations common to young people today. Many real battles were fought and won, and the spirit of prayer and the seeking after God came into our midst. Lives were changed, new resolutions made, and a spirit of happiness and victory was in their hearts the morning they left.

These young people, being the sons and daughters of our missionaries, are bright prospects as workers of the future. I believe the majority will find their way back to the mission fields.

I continued on to Penang and returned to Singapore a week later. I found the young people still rejoicing in the blessings they had received at Port Dickson, and I had the privilege of talking with many again. From all over the campus and in the hallways we could hear youthful voices singing the song they had learned to love, "I Want, Dear Lord, a Heart That's True and Clean."

One father spoke of the change that had come to his daughter, saying that every morning she spends time in reading and prayer, and her spirit in the home is completely changed. This was also the

testimony of others.

We thank God for the warm, responsive hearts of our youth. They came to the airport to say farewell. There must have been 50 there that day. Their farewell gift was a beautiful autograph album with pictures and messages from



Adventists Receive Training on Barco Hope

For most of 1966 Hope, an American hospital ship that visits various world seaports to offer free medical services, has been in port at Corinto, serving Nicaragua. A training program is conducted on board the ship and two staff members of Hospital Adventista were granted the privilege of attending these courses of instruction. Sarita Díaz M. studied on the ship for 14 weeks and Daniel Francis spent eight and a half months there in anesthesia training.

Because she is supervisor of a hospital, Miss Días received special help. There were 20 in her class who worked in an intensive-care program. She was also permitted an insight into the working of the physiology laboratory and pathology departments.

The class in anesthesia consisted of three local doctors and Mr. Francis, who is a registered nurse trained at Hospital Adventista. The ship has three operating theaters, and during its stay in Corinto, the medical team performed an average of five to six surgeries every day. Mr. Francis was given wide experience in anesthesia.

Since late arrangements to go to the boat delayed his arrival, Mr. Francis entered the class late. His instructor offered to help him catch up with the class by giving four hours of classwork on Sabbath. He explained his position on Sabbath classwork to the chief, Dr. Johnson, but Dr. Johnson kindly explained that this was the only way he would be able to catch up with the work and go on with the class. The next Sabbath, Mr. Francis was asked to go to surgery to clean up some of the equipment and polish it. He explained that he couldn't do this, and rather than work and take classes on Sabbath, he would go home. The doctors at once declared that if he left, they, too, would leave the boat.

Mr. Francis did not go to class the next Sabbath. On Monday nothing was said. The course finished, and the chief of staff wrote a fine report of Mr. Francis' work, stating that he had made a strong showing, especially since his classmates were all

The director of nurses, Miss Berry, visited Hospital Adventista and congratulated the administration on the fine program and school of nursing carried on here. With her was the head of the anesthesiology department, Dr. Morgan, who donated some valuable equipment to our surgery.

On another occasion one of Barco Hope's surgeons brought his staff to Hospital Adventista, where he performed a delicate operation on one of our patients.

E. J. HEISLER Business Manager, Hospital Adventista

each student. On the plane I read them and was moved to thank the Lord for what we are witnessing in the hearts of our young people. Truly their love and their confidence are something we must treasure and build upon.

My visit to Penang included a visit to our hospital, situated on a lovely island just off the coast. It is one of the most up-to-date, clean, and prosperous hospitals in the Far East.

Behind it are beautiful hills rising 3,000 feet and covered with tropical forests. In front is the sea-the strait between the island and the mainland. This financially prosperous hospital has a

lovely compound with comfortable homes for our workers and doctors.

Edna and Ron Hann are working alone in this institution. He is the only doctor. While there I stayed in a house that I had all to myself. It should be occupied by another doctor. Dr. Hann is doing the work of two men. He has a hospital of 110 beds, besides up to 120 outpatients each day, and often works from six in the morning until midnight, with little, if any, time off.

Surely many doctors in America and elsewhere would gladly go out if they knew the conditions. We are short of help in many of our institutions.

One indicator of the growth of the work around the world is the construction of new buildings.

Monuments to God

Twenty-Bed Maternity Ward Opens at Ahoada, East Nigeria

A new 20-bed maternity and private wing has been added to East Nigeria's Ahoada County Hospital. Opening ceremonies were directed by the principal medical officer of Eastern Nigeria.

This modern unit includes a ten-bed lying-in ward, a three-bed isolation ward, delivery and operation suite, and a quiet room for toxic mothers. The six private and semiprivate beds will partially meet the needs of those who desire these facilities. A circular reading room and library have been added on a second story as a special feature.

This rural hospital was built about ten years ago and given to the Seventh-day Adventists to manage. It serves a needy area where medical services have been gravely inadequate.

The total hospital capacity has now been brought to 50 beds with this addition. The average daily bed occupancy for 1966 was 55 with extra beds filling the porch. Dr. Harold Cherne opened this hospital in 1957, and Dr. Gordon Goude served faithfully a number of years here.

Dr. George Benson, of Nashville, Tennessee, donated a 100-milliamp X-ray and fluoroscopic unit to the hospital in 1964. This has greatly aided in patient diagnosis. Tuberculosis is all too common in the area, and formerly patients in this area traveled about 50 miles for the necessary X-rays.

Many of the hospitals in East Nigeria do not cater for the patients, but the relatives bring in food at specified times during the day. This is not always an ideal arrangement. Last November our hospital diet kitchen opened under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Hartman, dietitian. We are attempting to provide a tasteful vegetarian menu in an area where it is unheard of and where strong feelings and customs regarding certain foods prevail.

It is our hope that in time this hospital may add a school of midwifery to its facilities. At present a church is under construction.

S. L. DeShay, M.D.

Medical Director

New Buildings Are Erected at Ethiopian Adventist College

Two ceremonies took place recently at the Ethiopian Adventist College, offering evidence of the forward moving program of this growing junior college. One, the dormitory groundbreaking, was the result of the generous support of our worldwide Sabbath schools through the 1966 second quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

The first was a special function called to name and dedicate the recently completed administration building. Two wings have been added to the original structure, built in the fifties. These new facilities accommodate well-appointed class and lecture rooms and library facilities. Under Librarian Alberto Sbacchi, the book collection has been greatly enlarged during the past three years. Named after the late V. E. Toppenberg, the expanded building stands as a fitting memorial to the vision of this pioneer missionary to Ethiopia and founder-principal of this school.

At the dedication service Ato Bekele Heye paid tribute to Elder Toppenberg, and B. B. Beach honored the spirit of the pioneers. C. B. Hirsch, the new General Conference secretary of education, spoke about the great good of Adventist education. C. D. Watson, president of the Ethiopian Union Mission, expressed the expectations and hopes of the denomination regarding the educational task of the Ethiopian Adventist College for the youth it serves.

Two weeks later, in January, faculty, students, and many of the workers and teachers of the Ethiopian Union assembled on the site of the proposed men's dormitory for a groundbreaking ceremony. O. Bjerkan, the principal, spoke of the urgent need for this dormitory. The old round huts with earth floors are still being used for student housing.

Ethiopian Adventist College is destined to play an increasingly significant role in the proclamation of the Advent message in the empire of Ethiopia and in the finishing of the work.

B. B. BEACH
Departmental Secretary
Northern European Division

Southern European Division to Construct New Headquarters

A new headquarters building for the Southern European Division is soon to be built two blocks from the present quarters at Höheweg 17, Bern, Switzerland.

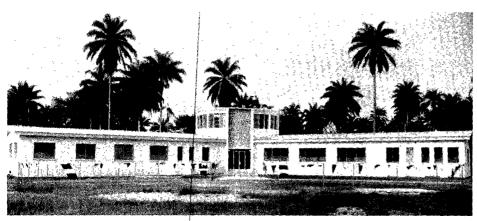
Occupying the site of an old chalet and farmyard, the modern office building will contain 32 offices, a large committee room, library, prayer room, ample space for indoor parking, and four apartments.

The expanding work of the division has overcrowded the old building for some time. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1968.

B. J. KOHLER, Treasurer

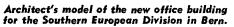
Nigerian Believers Dedicate New Church in Owo Ahiofor

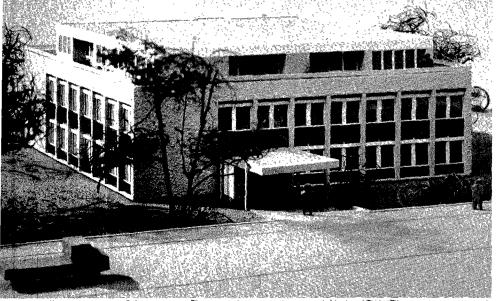
Pastor J. Ahamba and the 140 church members in Owo Ahiafor, Nigeria, have built a new church seating 300. It was dedicated January 5 with R. H. Surridge, youth leader of the West African Union,



Left: Front view of the new 20-bed maternity unit, Ahoada Hospital, in East Nigeria. Right: Inside at the reception desk is Mrs. R. Nwakanma, a midwife at the hospital.









Groundbreaking ceremony for the new men's dormitory at Ethiopian Adventist College. From Left: B. B. Beach, C. B. Hirsch, C. D. Watson with O. Bjerkan at the lectern.

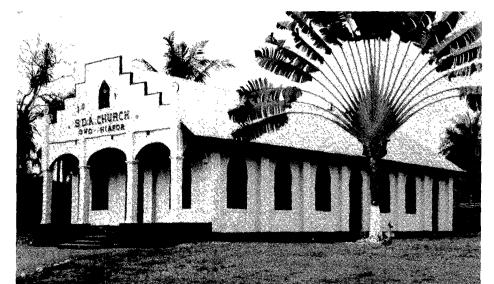
giving the dedication address. More than 800 attended the service.

Our fast-growing East Nigerian Mission with more than 14,000 baptized members is constantly in need of new churches such as this. If you draw a line 25 miles around Aba, where our mission

headquarters is located, you will encircle 8,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Along the main roads and far back in the small villages you find church after church, each a witness to the third angel's message.

T. Kristensen

Departmental Secretary



Interior of Kalamazoo church.

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Church Consecrates Worship Facilities

A major building program for Kalamazoo Adventists was completed February 18 when the 419 church members and 300 of their friends met for consecration services in the new \$230,000 church.

J. D. Smith, president of the Lake Union, was the guest speaker. Earlier, during the morning worship period, R. D. Moon, president of the Michigan Conference, brought a special message.

Since 1962, when Duane Miller became the local pastor to stay "until a new church was constructed," the local congregation has built a four-classroom school, a parsonage, a teacher's home, and the new worship facilities.

The church building is of contemporary design. The exterior is of brick, the same color as the school, and the two units have been joined together. Ample room has been allowed for the Sabbath school and other departments.

One unusual feature of the church is a comfortably furnished and attractive lounge on the first floor. Next to this lounge is the pastor's study. In the lobby is the church missionary secretary's room where literature and supplies are available.

E. N. WENDTH Departmental Secretary

New churches are continually needed in the fast-growing East Nigerian Mission. The newest one is at Owo Ahiafor, seats 300.

The Faithfulness of Grandma Koh

By WONG YEW SENG Pastor, Saigon Chinese Church

One evening during a heavy downpour someone hurriedly entered our home with the disturbing news that Sister Koh Chen-Pi-Hwa was in the hospital. Immediately my wife and I went to see her. She was lying on a bed, groaning with pain. Taking hold of her trembling hands, we asked her what had happened. Between tears she haltingly told us. "I don't know what God's will is in letting me, with the burden of 80 years upon me, meet with this trouble today to fall from a bus and break my leg and suffer like this."

Dear little Grandma Koh, whose greatest delight was to attend church, who loved and was loved by all! We spoke words of comfort to her, praying with her

and helping as best we could.

During her stay at the hospital, our church members prayed for her often, and frequently went to see her. The young people took it upon themselves to organize into bands and visit her each Sabbath afternoon. After three months of hospitalization, though she was not entirely healed, so great was her desire to go to church that one Sabbath she hired a trishaw for the journey.

However, the devil did not stop harassing her. One night, to escape the oppressive heat of her hospital room, she decided to go outdoors for a breath of fresh air. Alas! She slipped as she stood up, and fell to the floor, breaking her right upper arm. How true the Chinese proverb, "Calamity doesn't walk alone!" She did not show the least discouragement. She neither blamed God nor murmured. Instead she turned in her Romanized Bible to the book of Job, and after reading there, would say to herself, "Well, Job's troubles were more than mine."

For half a year she has been unable to lie down at all. She must sleep sitting up. Not a step can she take from her bed. Lacking exercise and nourishing food, she has developed dropsy in her feet. With all these tribulations, she retains her inner peace and optimism. "Praise God," are words always on her lips and in her heart.

Would you like to hear how she found



Pastor Wong Yew Seng pointing to a comforting scripture in Grandma Koh's Bible.



By H. M. TIPPETT

We are indebted to R. M. Ritland, of the Geo-Science Research Institute, affiliated with Andrews University, for an excellent review of the significance of the new book from the Pacific Press, Crusader for Creation, by H. W. Clark. It is an interpretative biography of George McCready Price, beloved by a long generation of Seventh-day Adventists for his stout defense of creationism versus the evolution theory. This summary of Dr. Ritland's review is being made for adjustment to the limited space allowed for this column.

The stature of George McCready Price as a painstaking researcher in the field of geology is best attested by the ungrudging witness of his opponents who for decades took issue with his arguments and conclusions. He was variously referred to as "the best and greatest of the antievolutionists," "fundamentalism's leading apologist in the domain of geology," and the one who "among twentieth-century Protestant opponents of evolution stands head and shoulders above all others."

Those who sat in his college classes the writer of this column was one—were challenged in each class session with Price's vast learning, not only in his own special field but in unrelated fields, for at one time or another in Canadian and English schools, and in American academies and colleges from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Professor Price taught Greek, Bible doctrines, chemistry, physics, geol-

the Lord? She was born in Mahang Village in the province of Fukien, South China, in 1886. Married at 17 to Mr. Koh Na, they were happy together, even though poverty made frugality and hard work necessary. But 1917 brought the untimely death of her husband after a short illness.

Snatched from her was the family's rice winner. How could she, single-handed, earn enough to support her five small sons and a daughter? Early and late she toiled, but they never had enough to eat, to say nothing of anything with which to buy clothes. She just could not make it—not staying where she was. She had heard of the big city of Amoy. Maybe she could find work at better wages there.

It took courage for the little country widow to set out afoot for that island city where she knew not a soul. One day when the future seemed dark, she had the good fortune to meet an acquaintance from her home town, who proved to be just the one who could recommend her for work. Thus she secured a job as a domestic in a Chinese home. Here she found not only physical security but a spiritual harbor, too, for the family proved to be

ogy, and other courses. His twenty-five published books also offer impressive evidence of his zeal and scholarship in defense of his faith. He contributed a steady stream of articles to the periodicals of the Protestant and Catholic press. Certain periodicals consistently hostile to Adventism per se published Price's articles on creationism as the most convincing in the field.

Harold W. Clark, the present biographer and long-time associate of George McCready Price, has written in this paperback life story a fair and fascinating account of this doughty exponent of faith in the divine Creator whose first recorded utterance was "Let there be light." Polemic in his pronouncements, Professor Price was too intelligent not to modify his views and interpretation of causes as new evidence was adduced, but his basic belief in a divine First Cause and in the catastrophic Flood that helped make a global shambles of our planet was never shaken. Author Clark points out that "almost singlehandedly he attacked the evolutionary edifice" and often made his opponents reassess their findings and their positions in order to make their criticism valid.

This book will be of incalculable importance to anyone who wishes to review in brief some of the reasons for the modified aspects of creationism that now obtain from later more extensive research. George McCready Price was a pioneer in geological philosophy and his successors benefit from his half century of diligent study and apology. His major arguments are summarized in an appendix. His few vulnerable conclusions are treated with the clarity of a worthy co-worker and successor who loved him. 102 pages, paper binding, \$1.00.

that of an Adventist minister, Pastor Hung Chin Yung (father of Paul Hung now in Hong Kong). The Spirit of God worked upon her heart and she accepted the message and became a member of God's remnant church.

During the Sino-Japanese War she joined many other refugees and fled to Haiphong in North Vietnam (then Indochina). Once there, she had one wishto find her own church and worship with fellow believers. For 15 years she prayed every day to find the church. Then one day she saw a tract lying at her front door. Picking it up, she began to read, and found it to be Adventist literature! Dropping the tract, she ran quickly outside in the hope of finding the person who had left it. She was doomed once more to disappointment-no trace of the one who had dropped it. Returning to her tract, she began to read carefully, and found an address. But it was an address in Saigon, not Haiphong. She thought, This surely means there is an Adventist church in Saigon! But Saigon is so very far away. How could she ever get there, almost a thousand miles away? But God marvelously arranged this for her.

In 1954, when the French lost Dienbienfu and the Geneva Agreement was signed, the country became divided. Being a lover of religion and freedom, she joined many others in the long trek to the south and freedom. Thus it was that she arrived in Saigon-where she knew there was an Adventist church. A stranger in this big metropolis, she began to ask everyone where the Adventist church was. Catholic churches there were in abundance. Then someone led her to a Protestant church and said that was the one she was looking for. When she found they kept Sunday, she knew it was not her church.

Finally the day came when someone led her to our Adventist church in Cholon, a suburb of Saigon! Oh, the rejoicing in her heart—to be at home with those of like faith after so many years! Yet another joy awaited her. As she set foot inside the churchyard, she looked up to see—no, her eyes were not playing tricks on her, yes, it really was—Paul Hung! Paul, now grown, was pastoring the Saigon church! With tears of joy she called his name. It was as though her cup overflowed.

Ten happy years have slipped by since she found her church. Ever faithful, never missing a service, doing the duty of a good church member, Grandma Koh has entered her eighty-first year of life.

Diet at Japan College Attracts Mass Media

By NORMAN R. GULLEY Chairman, Theology Department

A feature article, "The Completely Vegetarian School," recently appeared in Sunday Mainichi, a national Japanese magazine with a weekly circulation of more than 800,000. In an illustrated three-page write-up it told about Japan Missionary College, describing the unusual diet and commenting on the politeness and quietness of the students and their balanced work-study program.

The editors of Mainichi heard about the unique aspects of the college indirectly after a visit to the campus by members of Shufuren, a national housewives' organization. Along with a busload of members from the Tokyo branch was Mrs. T. Haruno, their vice-president. The group dined in the cafeteria and were much impressed with the good food and the gluten products made in our college food factory.

Upon her return, Mrs. Haruno mentioned our diet during various speaking engagements. Soon K. Tsuji, a well-known cooking teacher who appears frequently on TV, heard about the college and came out to see about the Adventist diet for himself. It was he who mentioned our diet to the editors of Sunday Mainichi.

In addition to reporting on the school, the article mentioned the best-seller by Dr. Moriyasu Ushi, Effects of a Vegetarian Diet, which takes the position that meat is harmful. It is of interest that this learned scholar, Dr. Ushi, includes The Ministry of Healing by Ellen G. White and a thesis by Dr. Mervyn Hardinge of



Two Experienced Workers Ordained in Ceylon

At the Ceylon Union constituency meeting last December, M. Swishesamuttu and A. B. N. Kulesekere were ordained to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Swishesamuttu had been a soul-winning colporteur for 12 years before his call to the ministry in 1964. Under his leadership in Batticaloa City, a church was organized on December 10, 1966. He accepted the truth under the ministry of Fordyce Detamore and was baptized in 1951.

In 1962 he had a marvelous experience that reveals the power of God. While assisting our union evangelists in a series of meetings in Batticaloa, he underwent minor surgery on his nose. During the surgery he collapsed and stopped breathing. A telegram was sent to his wife informing her of his death. However, God had other plans. Life lingered. The doctors worked round the clock, and earnest prayers ascended on his behalf. Finally after four days he regained consciousness. The doctors attest that this was indeed a miracle of God. Pastor Swishesamuttu's own testimony is that God brought him back from the dead to do a great work for Him in Ceylon.

Pastor Kulesekere first came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists while Dr. Dunbar Smith was conducting a series of meetings in Nugegoda, near Colombo. A. R. Pieris continued Bible studies, and in 1951 he and his wife were baptized. Pastor Kulesekere served for ten years as a teacher and registrar at Lakpahana Training Institute. For two years he was Voice of Prophecy secretary of the Ceylon Union and now is pastor of Kandana and Enderamulla churches.

At the ordination service C. B. Guild, Southern Asia Division secretary (right), preached the ordination sermon. B. H. Stickle, Southern Asia Division treasurer (third from right), offered the ordination prayer. B. F. Pinghe, Ceylon Union secretary (second from left), presented the charge and union president E. C. Beck (left) welcomed Pastor Kulesekere (left with Bible) and Pastor Swishesamuttu (right with Bible) into the gospel ministry. Second from right is Donald Fernando, pastor, Lakpahana Training Institute church.

President, Ceylon Union

Loma Linda University among his reference works.

This Sunday Mainichi article came to the attention of two television companies, who sent representatives to film various aspects of the college program: in particular the farm, food factory, and kitchendining room. The result was a nationwide showing on the NHK network and local airing over the TBS network.

Two weeks later, in answer to a request from a Tokyo store, the college presented a health program with three guest lecturers, including one medical doctor. Many of the food factory articles were sold to the 350 people who came out, and the entire cost of the program was borne by the guest store, which sells our products. Other meetings like this one have been requested for various parts of Tokyo.

Adventists Seek Relief for Korean Servicemen

By ADRIAN ZYTKOSKEE Departmental Secretary Korean Union Mission

Since the Korean war in 1950 more than 90 Korean Seventh-day Adventist young men have served prison sentences of up to five years because of their refusal to bear arms and work on the Sabbath. During this time countless others have suffered hardship because of the Korean Army's program of rigid discipline.

Presently five young men are in prison, and according to the latest ruling they will continue serving consecutive two-year sentences until they either submit to bearing arms during basic training or pass the army-eligible age of 45 years.

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By A. V. OLSON

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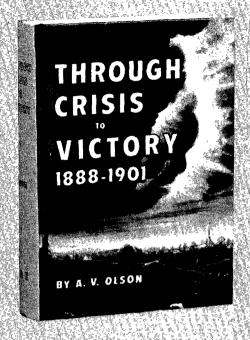
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Korean officers receive Adventist leaders. From left: General Im, vice-chief of staff; General Hwang, deputy chief of staff for personnel; D. S. Johnson; K. D. Johnson.

Our church leaders have waged a continuous campaign through the years to alleviate this condition. Recently when D. S. Johnson, associate secretary of the General Conference, accompanied by his brother, K. D. Johnson, president of the Iowa Conference, visited Korea we arranged an interview with the highest army officials to discuss our concern over this problem.

Accompanied by Cho Young Nook, assistant MV secretary in charge of NSO activities, we went directly to the headquarters of the ROK (Republic of Korea) Army, the second largest army in the free world (more than 600,000 soldiers). There we were taken to the office of General Hwang, deputy chief of staff in charge of personnel, and granted a short interview. Next, General Hwang himself ushered us into the office of General Im, vicechief of staff for the whole army. These men were cordial and receptive. They admitted the inequalities of some of the present laws and promised to take some kind of remedial action.

At present, things look favorable for a shortening of the prison sentences and the assignment of more Korean Adventists to the medical corps. We believe God can move the hearts of these men to recognize the convictions of hundreds of our boys in the service of their country.

West African President Reports on Nigeria

By W. R. BEACH Secretary, General Conference

In past weeks many anxious eyes have been cast toward West Africa, particularly toward Nigeria. This short report on Nigeria comes to us from Th. Kristensen, president of the West African Union:

"In spite of four revolutions in West Africa and many other problems during the past year, by the blessing of God 3,835 members joined our churches through baptism and profession of faith. Our baptized membership is 37,050, and in our Sabbath schools we have 97,936 members. By this time, we may actually have passed 100,000.

"The situation in Nigeria is calm on the surface but some tension appears to subsist. Many students at our senior college left for their homes during the time of the disturbances, but they have all returned to continue their education.

'We have now a clear picture of what happened to our members. About 235 left the North and returned to East Nigeria. Today they are among the one million refugees in that part of the country. Five of our ministers and 12 literature evangelists left the North just before the last disturbance took place. Several got on the last train before all connections were cut off. Three of our members lost their lives. One of our literature evangelists, young Francis Okolocha, was working far away from our nearest church in the northeastern corner of Nigeria. He was a new Adventist but did a good work, raised up some interest, and organized branch Sabbath schools. We are sorry he lost his life, but of him it can be said he was faithful until his death.

"We have been able to find some of our members who left the towns and are reorganizing our work. A few weeks ago we had a delayed camp meeting at the Jengre Seventh-day Adventist Hospital and more than 1,000 members assembled. We ordained two men for the gospel ministry and baptized 40, so you will understand it was a great encouragement to our believers to be able to meet again. Jengre Hospital is working normally in spite of limited staff, and our doctors and national nurses are doing a good work in taking care of the sick.

"We are determined in West Africa to press forward in a strong evangelistic move during 1967 and have decided that all pastors and evangelists should conduct at least two evangelistic campaigns during this year."

Veteran Worker Sees Progress in Old Mexico

By H. A. B. ROBINSON Retired Missionary

From three colporteurs to 155, the literature work in Mexico has developed in the 58 years since I was a literature evangelist there. From four churches to 432 in southern Mexico—how the work has grown! I had retired from active work in Mexico in 1949. Now in 1967 I was going back to see what God had wrought.

In Córdoba I met with 75 lively, well-dressed, and consecrated young people who had come for a colporteur institute. I shared the instruction with Francisco Jimenez, new union leader, and Benjamin Riffel, from the Pacific Press.

Going north to Torreón, we met with 80 others from the northern half of the country. This experience meant much to me, for I had held the last institute in that same city in 1941. One visiting church member reminded me of those days of few believers but valiant colporteurs, of which he had been one. From my window of the hotel on the seventh floor, I could spot our boys by their neat appearance and confident stride as they crossed the square.

Today these workers are selling our lit-

"Footprints" to Iceland

Since its transfer from Watford to Grantham last summer, the British publishing house has printed and dispatched two large consignments of message books for distribution overseas.

The first was 5,000 copies of Ellen G. White's Patriarchs and Prophets in the Urdu language for India. The second was 5,000 copies of W. L. Emmerson's Footprints of Jesus, volume 4, for Iceland. The final crates of this consignment are here being loaded for their journey to the north.

R. D. VINE Editor, The Stanborough Press





Ordination in South New South Wales, Australia

Pastor John J. Carter was ordained to the gospel ministry at the South New South Wales Conference camp meeting.

Pastor Carter has been a successful evangelist in small country towns and in 1967 will work in Canberra, Australia's capital city, where Russell Kranz, lecturer in evangelism at Avondale College, will lead out in a major campaign.

Those participating in the ordination were (from left): Dr. E. G. McDowell, president, Avondale College, who gave the ordination prayer; S. M. Uttley, president, Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference, who gave the address; Pastor Carter with his son David and Mrs. Carter; and C. D. Judd, president, South New South Wales Conference, who gave the welcome. G. Burnside (not shown), Ministerial Association secretary for the Australasian Division, read the charge.

C. A. TOWNEND
Departmental Secretary
South New South Wales Conference

erature by the thousands of pesos instead of by hundreds as we did then. The union champion in sales had reached 120,000 pesos but now put his goal at 150,000. Others placed goals according to their ability, not neglecting goals for missionary magazines, enrollments for Bible correspondence courses, prayers with families, and the number of baptisms.

Afterward I was able to visit some of the workers I had known years before, in their meeting in southern Mexico, where the growth of churches is so extraordinary. Our 432 churches have 35,000 members, and the 1,132 Sabbath schools have 95,000 members. One of the six missions has 4,100 branch Sabbath schools. The laymen are certainly doing their part to get many ready for the coming of Jesus. While in that region I visited the Linda Vista school, begun only eight years ago with some 57 students. Now 390 fine-looking youth are preparing to help finish the work in Mexico in this generation. I appreciated seeing their zeal and initiative and was delighted to hear that 61 of them had gone out last vacation with our papers and magazines to earn their expenses in school the following year.

Just nearby, up the hill a mile high, is the self-supporting clinic and hospital of Yerba Buena, working for the Chamula Indians of that area and bearing a most helpful influence. The people come in autobuses four times a day, stopping at the very doors of the institution, some from 100 miles away, because the word has gone out that our doctors don't drink or smoke but pray before each operation. The waiting room consists of four benches on a porch, and the examining room is part of the pharmacy, with curtains separating the two tables. Many operations are necessary, for some have waited too long to come for help.

A model village is conducted to teach some simple hygiene and better methods of working their gardens. The people then return to their own villages to teach others the better way of life and of the love of God. The clinic workers serve without salaries, getting little more than room and board, but they are happy. I heard no complaints.

I helped them get their office work up to date, noticing that they are in need of a regular bookkeeper. There is room in Mexico for a hundred such centers.

I returned to the States confident that God's work will not falter, for He is richly blessing His workers in every line.

New Spirit in Quebec Ushers in Five-Day Plan

By F. B. WELLS Departmental Secretary Canadian Union

In one of North America's oldest cities, Quebec City, Adventist history has been made. On March 5, 130 French Roman Catholics, mostly from the middle-class society of the city, gathered in the assembly hall of Centre D'Enseignement Audio-Visuel to hear Pastor E. Morosoli and Dr. Guy Marcoux as they began their Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. It was nothing short of a miracle the way our pastor engaged the assembly hall and arranged for the services of Dr. Marcoux,

a member of the provincial government.

Quebec City—more than 350 years old—is today considered the center of French culture and learning for the Province of Quebec. For several years we have had a mission in Quebec City endeavoring to witness for Christ. Evangelism is not easy for any Protestant group in the area, or in any part of the province for that matter. Just outside the ancient walls, in the heart of the old part of the town on Rue Grande Allee, will be found our Chapele Adventiste. Here Pastor Morosoli preaches each Sabbath.

For months Elder Morosoli had felt that the greatest breakthrough for the church would be to have a Five-Day Plan in Quebec. But in order to do this, he had to have a physician. We have no Adventist doctors at all in the Province of Quebec. Where was such a physician to be found? He visited doctor after doctor, but each physician declined. All were too busy to tie themselves into a program of this kind.

Finally, in desperation, Pastor Morosoli called on the provincial department of health to see if the Minister of Health could suggest a doctor. Here he was told to see Dr. Boudreau, the minister in charge of the Alcohol and Narcotics Addiction, Prevention and Rehabilitation Center for the province. Pastor Morosoli presented his need; Dr. Boudreau became intensely interested and promptly replied, "I will help you." Our pastor was overjoyed.

Now he must find a meeting place. He was next referred to Rolland Dumais, Ph.D., head of the audio-visual section of the Roman Catholic School Commission of the city. Dr. Dumais also became enthusiastic over Pastor Morosoli's plan and gave him a cordial invitation to accept the facilities of the audio-visual center rent free. The facilities were unsur-



Pastor E. Morosoli, of Quebec, received permission to conduct his Five-Day Plan in this well-equipped audio-visual section of the Roman Catholic School Commission. During an experience meeting the white-haired man shown here told of his success under the plan.

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At last success was at hand. But a few days before the meetings were to begin, he received a call from Dr. Boudreau stating that owing to a previous commitment in New York City, he would be unable to assist him in the Five-Day Plan. You can imagine our minister's feelings! He was heartsick, for the advertising was out, the meeting place spoken for, and people would be coming. As a matter of fact, more than 150 people had requested reserved seats. What was he to do with no doctor? However, Dr. Boudreau soon allayed his fears by stating that he would be sending one of his associates, Dr. Guy Marcoux, to help in the plan.

Throughout the sessions Dr. Marcoux

not only used the material as prepared by the General Conference Temperance Department but also kept the people on the edges of their seats as he wove in bits of humor throughout his lectures.

Each night, of course, there would be an experience meeting. A white-haired

man related that every morning he had to climb three flights of stairs to reach his office, and he would arrive at the top of the stairway completely out of breath. On the fourth morning he had walked up the three flights of stairs and was amazed to discover that he was not out of breath. So he thought, I will go back downstairs and try it again. The second time he decided he would run upstairs to see what would happen. He happily discovered that he was not out of breath as formerly.

At another one of the experience meetings a man stood up and said, "Doctor, I am from St. Anne de Beaupre" (a place such as Lourdes in France where thousands of people come every year to be cured). Before he could say another word, someone else shouted out, "Well, if you are from St. Anne de Beaupre, then what are you doing here!" This, of course, caused a hearty laugh from all present. Here was a man who had driven 25 miles each night to get help!

The news media reported the Five-Day

Plan fully. The largest French paper, Le Soleil (circulation, 150,000), gave a quarter-page news story just prior to the opening night. One of the papers operated by the dominant church reported on the project. Both television stations and all four radio stations granted Pastor Mo-rosoli interviews to help promote the plan. In the TV interviews, radio inter-views, and press coverage, Pastor Morosoli stated that this was being sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The conducting of this Five-Day Plan is nothing short of a miracle, for it was not many years ago that L. F. Passebois, who helped pioneer the work in Quebec City, was stoned, beaten, and almost killed by mobs, his tent ripped down, and his house burned to the ground. There is no question but the ecumenical movement is proving a blessing in the Province of Quebec, since a few years ago it would have been unheard of for a Roman Catholic School Commission to turn over its auditorium to a Protestant group.

Condensed News

North Brazil Dorcas Society Sponsors Weekend Youth Rally

The Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, Dorcas Federation, under the direction of Mrs. Aurea Soares, recently sponsored a weekend of youth activities, demonstrating the value of interaction among the various

departments of the church.

The principal attraction at the meetings was the music provided by a male quartet from Northeast Academy. With their music these four future workers for North Brazil inspired other youth to put forth special effort to attend our schools. Their ministry in song was appreciated as well by many non-Adventists in their homes listening on radio or television.

During the meetings we conducted a baptism, after which more than 20 people requested to become Seventh-day Adventists.

The Fortaleza Dorcas Federation, like others throughout the North Brazil Union, has amplified the real Dorcas spirit by organizing such programs and by caring for clothing needs of needy students.

MELVIN E. NORTHRUP Departmental Secretary North Brazil Union

SMC Has Dedication Service for First-Year Nursing Students

Twenty-five Southern Missionary College students, now in the first year of their associate-degree nursing program, participated in a dedication program re-cently in the Collegedale, Tennessee, church.

Mrs. Rebecca Culpepper, executive director of the Tennessee Nurses Association, gave the address. Dr. Harriet Smith Reeves and Mrs. LaVerne Watson, chairman and associate chairman of the division of nursing at SMC, officiated.

These students will spend their second year, beginning September 1967, on the Madison extension campus at Madison Hospital, near Nashville. Madison Hospital serves as the major clinical base for SMC's two-year collegiate nursing program.

DORIS E. NOBLE Public Relations, Madison Hospital

Pennsylvania Pathfinder Leaders Lay '67 Plans at Mifflintown

More than 100 Pennsylvania Pathfinder leaders and their assistants met at the Mifflintown church January 15. Coming at their own expense from churches all over Pennsylvania, the leaders met under the guidance of E. M. Peterson, Columbia Union MV leader, and Dale Ingersoll, Pennsylvania Conference MV leader, to discuss ideas and to lay plans for their Pathfinder Clubs in 1967. Horace Beckner, Pennsylvania Conference stewardship secretary, took the morning devotional period. Six district pastors were also present.

REGINALD N. SHIRES, Pastor Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

Three Puerto Rican Adventists Have Given 150 Years to Church

The congregation at Moca, Puerto Rico, includes three members whose years of faithful and continuous service to the Lord total 150. They are Mrs. Lucía M. Nieves and Mrs. Ana María Ruiz, baptized early in 1915, and Mrs. Juanita G. Villanueva, baptized in 1920.

The church in Moca, organized in 1913, was the first Adventist church on the island. Through the years it has helped start churches at El Centro and Cerro Gordo, yet there are still 93 members doing their share in proclaiming the message. Among this number are 13 just baptized.

ELOY ACOSTA-MUNIG, Pastor

Philippine Professor Recognized for Coconut-Disease Research

Dr. Engracia A. Rasa, head of the biology department of Philippine Union College, recently completed research on cadang-cadang, a plague that has wiped out millions of coconut trees in the Philippines. Her work, supported by the Cadang-Cadang Research Foundation, was praised in the public press as a breakthrough.

Former cadang-cadang researchers worked with bacteria, fungi, soil, nematodes, and fertilizer. Dr. Rasa, a plant pathologist who was formerly a research assistant in the department of botany on the Davis Campus of the University of California, worked purely on the anatomical phase. She found that the phloem (part of the fibrovascular bundle that conducts food) is the portion of the coconut palm affected by the cadangcadang, resulting in the malnutrition of the plant. She read the paper giving the results of her work before the chairmen of 12 government and private organizations interested in the coconut industry.

Dr. Rasa has had two research papers published in the United States. Her coauthor was Dr. Katherine Esau, author and professor of botany at the University of California.

SALVADOR G. MIRAFLORES



Dr. Engracia Rasa searching for the elusive virus of coconut-destroying cadang-cadang.

Brief News of MEN AND EVENTS



Trans-Africa Division

Reported by

- J. T. Knopper, publishing department secretary of the Congo Union, reports that he and Don Thomas recently made a trip by Cessna to the now isolated Lulengele Mission Station. While there, Elder Thomas constructed an airstrip so that more frequent contact could be made with the faithful African workers and believers. Thirteen people were baptized who had been waiting since 1964. In the surrounding districts more candidates are waiting. Plans are under way for a strong bookwork in this area.
- F. L. Bell, secretary-treasurer of the South Kenya Field in East Africa, reports that on a special state examination students at the Harambee secondary school at Nyanchwa Mission Station had the highest percentage of passing scores in all Kenya. At the end of Form II (Grade 10), all the Harambee schools in the country had to write a special examination to gauge the value of this type of self-help school. Seventy per cent of the Nyanchwa students passed and the next highest was 35 per cent. More than 20 of the schools did not have a single student pass. The government has given the mission special recognition because of the good record achieved by the students.
- Of the 245 evangelistic efforts planned for 1967 in the South-East Africa Union, 186 are to be held by laymen.
- Nineteen workers were ordained to the gospel ministry during the recent Central African Union session. Two others were to be included in this group, but they were in prison as a result of political upheavals.
- M. R. Jonas, director of the South Katanga Mission Station in the Congo, writes that for the first time the mission has appointed lay members as district leaders. Moyo Jackson will serve the Kasumbalesa District and Elias Lusambo the Lubumbashi area.



Atlantic Union

Reported by Mrs. Emma Kirk

- The new Rochester (New York) church is now enclosed and heated, and the finish work is being done preparatory to opening for services.
- F. R. Millard, chairman of the Atlantic Union College board of trustees, recently announced the appointment of Dr. H. E. Douglass, dean of the college, to serve as acting president for the academic year 1967-1968. President R. L. Reynolds has been granted a leave of absence to complete work on his doctor of philosophy degree at Boston University. The act-

ing dean for the next school year will be Dr. A. E. Smith, professor of physics.

The Greater New York Conference has secured rented quarters for the enlargement of the welfare work in the New York City area. Located in Queens, just three blocks from the General Conference Welfare building, these facilities will provide adequate space for storage of materials, working area, and parking for the disaster van. According to H. E. Voorhees, conference lay activities director, this expansion follows the adoption of a plan some two years ago for city disaster and welfare work. In 1966, 308 persons were helped and 3,381 articles of clothing given away. Our welfare work made such a good impression on one man that he gave a check for \$1,000 toward another van.



Central Union

Reported by Mrs. Clara Anderson

- The Spanish-speaking members in the Central Union met recently in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Present were J. J. Aitken from the General Conference and H. G. Vences and R. Perez from Colorado. The Escandon family from Colombia, South America, were also guests. Erwin Garcia, pastor of the Spanish church, arranged the program.
- Women of the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dorcas Society are engaged in Operation Cooky—a project that began when a serviceman wrote to his wife from Vietnam asking for homemade cookies. Elder and



All for the Sake of Christian Education

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sukow of Rutland, British Columbia, are firm believers in Christian education. Of their 11 children nine are in Christian schools, one is a graduate, and one is a preschooler.

Mrs. Sukow, who before her marriage was Betty Johnstone, is a graduate of Broadview Academy. Mr. Sukow attended church school for one year and later studied a year at Emmanuel Missionary College. He is now a deacon in the Rutland church.

Their eldest daughter, Marion, is a graduate of Wisconsin Academy. She now lives in Rutland, where her husband, Robert Yarwood, is a deacon in the church. Virginia, their next daughter, is taking prenursing at Walla Walla College.

The next four eldest members of this Christian family are attending Auburn Academy in Washington State: Edwin, grade 12, Richard in grade 11, Clayton in grade 10, and Sally in grade 9. They are working their own way through school.

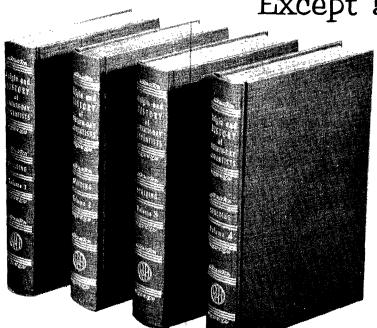
Steven, Raymond, Halbert, and Lawrence are in the elementary grades at the Okanagan Academy in Rutland. Nancy, four, looks forward to the time when she can go to church school too. She says that she also will go to Walla Walla College.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukow formerly lived in Wisconsin. At that time their church school did not afford continuous education through all the grades, so they looked for a school that could. Their search led them to move 2,000 miles west to the fruitgrowing Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, where Okanagan Academy is located. Here Mr. Sukow is a partner in the A and B Dura Stone Company of Kelowna.

The entire family is shown here. Front row: Halbert, Raymond, and Steven. Second row: Nancy, held by her mother, Marion, Sally, Larry. Back row: Mr. Edwin Sukow, Sr., Edwin, Jr., Richard, Clayton, and Virginia.

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- Mrs. R. F. Correia were giving the wife Bible studies and saw an opportunity for missionary work. Cookies were sent to boys whose names could be obtained. A Signs of the Times was placed in each
- ► I. A. Crews, radio-TV secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, was speaker for the spring Week of Prayer at Union College. His theme was Youth at the Crossroads.
- ► Ground has been broken at the La Vida Mission near Farmington, New Mexico, for dormitory facilities, states Wetzel D. Williams, M.D. Doctors and members in the Colorado Conference are helping in this project for the Navaho people.
- A joint youth congress and temperance rally was held in Kansas City, Mis-

souri, for the youth of the Central States Conference and Southwest Region Conference. A. V. Pinkney, a temperance secretary from the General Conference; Dr. E. E. Rogers, Oakwood College; E. W. Shepperd, MV and temperance secretary from the Southwest Region Conference; and L. D. Henderson, secretary-treasurer of the Southwest Region Conference, were guest participants.



Columbia Union

Reported by

Samuel Thomas, lay activities secretary for the South Atlantic Conference, conducted a lay activities workshop at the Ebenezer church, of the Allegheny East Conference, in Philadelphia. Approximately 200 laymen from the immediate area attended the week-long series.

- Approximately 25 junior and senior theology majors of CUC attended the annual H. M. S. Richards Lectureship on Preaching held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in March. Dr. Graham Maxwell, teacher of systematic theology and chairman of the department of religion at Loma Linda University, was the main speaker.
- A new organ and a new piano were dedicated at a special vesper service, March 18, at the Rockaway, New Jersey, church. Dedication music consisted of piano and organ duets, instrumental and vocal solos. Malcolm Maxwell is pastor.
- Roger Holley recently completed an evangelistic series in the Shrewsbury Consolidated School in New Jersey. Twenty have been baptized in the initial baptism and a large number are still studying. The evangelist plans next to hold a series in Plainfield, New Jersey.
- Part-time literature evangelist Raymond Pierson delivered over \$2,500 worth of literature in the Potomac Conference during one recent week. He is a full-time schoolteacher but is planning to enter the colporteur field soon.
- Members of the Chesapeake Conference staff are now occupying their new headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, about 15 miles south of Baltimore. Conference officials are planning an open house for May.



Lake Union

Reported by Mrs. Mildred Wade

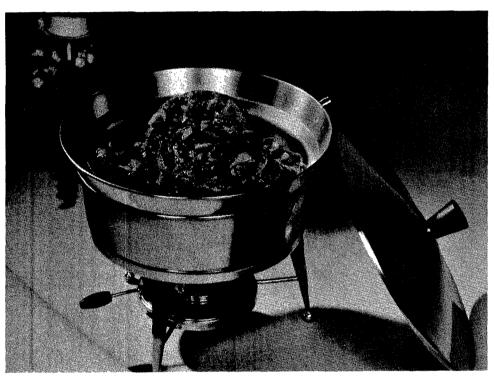
- ► Members of the Independence Boulevard church in Chicago are engaged in an intensive Family Bible Plan project. They chose the village of Maywood for this work, and there have already been 30 requests for the book From Sabbath to Sunday. Forty Bible studies are in progress. R. W. Bates is the pastor.
- Andrews University's WAUR resumed regular radio broadcasting January 30 after a four-year silence. Special guests at the WAUR opening ceremony were Richard Hammill, AU president; J. D. Smith, vice-chairman, board of trustees; and John Kelly, Student Association president. The carrier-current station, sponsored by the Student Association, broadcasts on an AM frequency of 640 kc. It broadcasts the regular Sabbath worship service live from the campus Pioneer Memorial church. The new facility, located on the lower floor of Nethery Hall, has two broadcasting studios and an office.



North Pacific Union

Reported by Mrs. Ione Morgan

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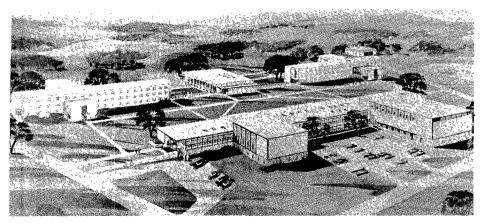
- A. T. Bidwell and Paul Marlow, Nampa; Dean McDaniel, Salmon; Franklin Fowler and J. D. Nichols, Gooding. The conference evangelistic team of G. Aufderhar and D. F. Bigger is joining forces with Harold Hall in John Day.
- Dr. Philip A. Pritel, a Vancouver, Washington, physician and local elder of the church, has returned from his second mission to the Far East, where he divided his four months' time between the civilian hospital at Nhatrang and the Saigon Adventist Hospital.
- ► W. L. Woodruff and G. B. Patterson, pastors of the College Place church, have been conducting a series of 24 meetings. On Sabbath, February 18, six people united with the church by baptism and profession of faith. A second baptismal service is being held in April.
- As a result of a Christmas card campaign launched by the Walla Walla General Hospital church as part of their Investment program for 1967, the community has donated nearly 70,000 all-occasion and Christmas cards. Members of the church have already processed and packed two and one-half trunks with the cards for shipment to Bombay, India.
- E. Lynn Jolliffe, pastor of the Bend church, will be the speaker for the series of evangelistic meetings this spring in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He will be associated with the pastor, Manley Miles, for the nightly meeting.

- Photo Art Commercial Studios in Portland, Oregon, has contracted to produce a series of films for the deaf. Studio Manager Claude Palmer, who is also president of 10,000 professional photographers in the United States, recently discussed a pilot print with Wesley Amundsen, secretary of the North American Missions committee.
- Forty Bozeman, Montana, youth recently studied closing events of this world under the direction of Gordon Balharrie, dean of theology at Walla Walla College, and Ed Webb of the union MV department. G. C. Williamson, Larry Lewis, E. D. Radke, and F. M. Hansen of the local conference also assisted.

Northern Union

Reported by L. H. Netteburg

- Seven Catholic Bibles and 79 Protestant Bibles have been put to work in Gift Bible Evangelism in Charles City, Iowa.
- ► Catholic women in Albia, Iowa, who had missed the Catholic overseas clothing shipment, donated their boxes of clothing to the Albia Dorcas Society.
- The Glendale church in Minneapolis pledged more than \$22,000 in their re-



Massachusetts Academy Buildings Named

The buildings of Pioneer Valley Academy, New Braintree, Massachusetts, were named during the board meeting February 28.

In recognition of the leadership of Merle L. Mills in establishing this institution, the board voted to name the boys' dormitory Mills Hall in honor of the former conference president, now president of the Trans-Africa Division. The girls' dormitory was named in honor of Mrs. Marie Ellis, who has served for the past two years as dean of girls of the school. The cafeteria was named Moore Hall, to honor the memory of David Moore, who was killed in a construction accident at the academy in 1961.

In addition to these three permanent buildings a large prefabricated metal building, now serving as a temporary gymnasium, was constructed last year. It also serves as the place of worship on Sabbaths. A large garage facility to house the academy farm equipment was recently completed.

In the artist's conception above, the girls' dormitory, Ellis Hall, is at the upper left. At the upper right is Mills Hall, the boys' dormitory. Between them is Moore Hall, the cafeteria and industrial arts building. In the foreground is the proposed administration building, gymnasium, and chapel.

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The board chairman, Lowell L. Bock, president of the Southern New England Conference, also announced that H. D. Lawson was re-elected as principal of the academy, effective July 1.

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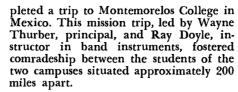
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cent every-member canvass program. These funds will go to three projects: church expansion, Minneapolis Junior Academy, and conference development. F. B. Slater is the pastor.

- ► The Bismarck, North Dakota, church presently has 135 Gift Bibles placed in homes and already 1,417 lessons have been returned.
- ► The Ellendale, North Dakota, evangelistic meetings, conducted by the Heitzmann-Stanger team, closed with a baptism of 15.
- ► Pfc. Robert E. Wagner, son of Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Wagner, of Hurley, South Dakota, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in Vietnam.



► The chorale and band of Valley Grande Academy in Texas recently com-



- Evangelist A. B. Thrower reports 10 baptisms at the conclusion of meetings in Valley View and Austin, Texas. Ten other persons are being prepared for baptism in the Austin church.
- H. M. S. Richards, Jr., along with Elder and Mrs. Gordon Henderson, recently completed a series of meetings in the Cleburne High School, Cleburne, Texas, near Southwestern Union College.
- Senate Bill No. 128 in New Mexico, a Sunday-closing law bill, was recently defeated in senate committee, 9-4. Representatives from the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference spoke in opposition to the bill at the public hearing. M. N. Skadsheim, Texico religious liberty secretary, led pastors and laymen in recommending its defeat.



A. E. Denslow, manager, Book and Bible House (Oklahoma), formerly assistant manager, Book and Bible House (Michigan) and Pacific Press branch.

Wayne Byers, pastor, Goldendale church (Upper Columbia), from Indiana.

Gary Tracy, assistant publishing department (Nebraska), from literature evangelism in Omaha.

Hezron Kenani, president, Ranen Field (East African Union); formerly a union departmental secretary.

Violet E. Lewis, office secretary, publishing department (Central Union), from Book and Bible House (Nebraska).

A. L. Jacobson, chief accountant, Boulder Memorial Hospital, Boulder, Colorado, from Kettering Hospital, Kettering, Ohio.

Avon Kierstead, assistant administrator, Shawnee Mission Hospital and Health Center, Kansas, from Toronto, Canada.

C. J. Owens, MV, educational, temperance secretary (Kansas), from same departments in North Dakota.

Lee Allen, assistant treasurer (Nebraska), from assistant business manager, Union College.

I. C. McCormick, maintenance man and mover; Mrs. McCormick, cashier (Georgia-Cumberland), from Texas.

(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

From Home Base to Front Line

North American Division

Elder and Mrs. James I. Crawford and daughter, of Loma Linda, California, left San Francisco, California, March 9 en route via Singapore to Poona, India. Mrs. Crawford's name before marriage was Helen Veronica Miller. Mr. Crawford is to be academic dean at Spicer Memorial College.

Mrs. Edna Pauline Long left New York City on March 11 for Rhodesia. She is returning after a furlough and will continue to serve as director of food services at Solusi College.

Elder and Mrs. Salim C. Japas and three children, recently of Takoma Park, Maryland, and on leave from the South American Division, left Washington, D.C., March 12, for Beirut, Lebanon. The maiden name of Mrs. Japas was Oliva Ruth Gerber. Elder Japas is to serve as an evangelist in the Middle East Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Lampson and three children, of Auburn, Washington, sailed from New York City on the S.S. African Mercury, March 19, for South Africa. Mrs. Lampson's maiden name was Joyce Lucille Zummach. Mr. Lampson will be business manager at Helderberg College.

Australasian Division

Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Brown left Sydney, January 23, for Goroka, in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea. Mr. Brown is to connect with the staff of the Kabiufa Adventist College, the senior educational institution in the Coral Sea Union Mission.

W. J. Paynter, secretary-treasurer of the New Hebrides Mission, with Mrs. Paynter and two children, returned January 25 to Santo, headquarters of the mission.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Watson, who had previously lived in New Guinea, where Mr. Watson served as a government teacher, returned to the Territory, January 31, to accept an appointment with the Coral Sea Union Mission. He is to serve as headmaster of the Panim School, in the Madang Mission.

W. R. BEACH

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Health and Welfare Evangelism
Church Missionary Offering
Famine Relief Offering
Spirit of Prophecy Day
North American Missions
Bible Correspondence School Enrollment
Day May 20
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Church Missionary Offering
(Northern European Division)
Medical Missionary Day
Church Missionary Offering
Midsummer Service and Offering
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Cadvacod College Offering
Calucational Day
and Elementary School Offering
August 5
August 12
September 2
September 30
Neighborhood Evangelism
Church Missionary Offering
Health Emphasis Sabbath
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering
(Southern Asia Division)
Neighborhood Evangelism
Church Missionary Offering
Health Emphasis Week
Sabbath School Visitors' Day
Voice of Prophecy Offering
Community Relations Day
Temperance Day Offering
Meek of Prayer
Church Missionary Offering
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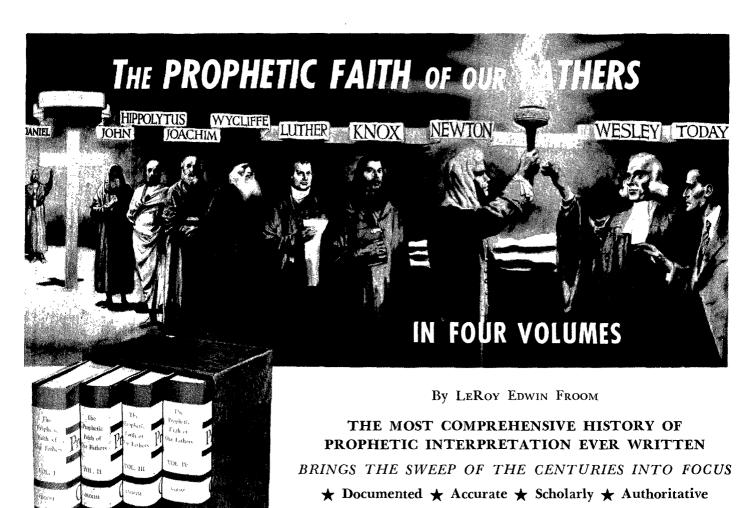
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News of Note

Spring Meeting of General Conference Committee

The Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee met in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., April 4 to 6, 1967. This meeting was attended by General Conference Committee members resident in the North American Division. By special invitation the treasurers of unions in the North American Division and the heads of several major institutions were present.

Among the actions taken by the Spring Meeting and of immediate interest are

the following:

Evangelism: A baptismal goal of 100,-000 was accepted for the North American Division during the current quadrennium.

Autumn Councils: It was voted that during this quadrennium two Autumn Councils would be held in some other location than Takoma Park. The 1968 council is to be held in Toronto, Canada, and will become the first Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee to be held outside the United States. Dallas, Texas, was designated as the location for the 1969 meeting.

New Appointments: Euel Atchley was elected associate secretary of the General Conference Temperance Department. He was formerly an assistant secretary in the

same department.

W. M. Starks, formerly president of the West Allegheny Conference, was elected Stewardship and Church Development secretary of the General Conference.

A more complete report will appear in a future issue of the REVIEW AND HERALD. D. H. BAASCH

PR Activities Show Gains

The public is seeing and hearing more about Adventists these days, according to reports coming in from public relations secretaries in the North American Division.

Last year's record chalked up some 47,000 stories and 9,000 pictures about the church and its activities and beliefs, ap-

pearing in newspapers.

Perhaps the most outstanding public relations achievement was the airing of nearly six thousand news items and interviews on radio or television during the M. CAROL HETZELL

Central California Reports Gains as Constituency Meets

The 500 delegates to the Central California Conference constituency meeting held at Soquel, California, March 26, reelected E. R. Walde as president. Formerly secretary-treasurer, R. L. Stretter was elected as treasurer, and M. C. Torkelsen was asked to become secretary. All department leaders were re-elected.

The vacancy left in the education department by Elder Torkelsen will be filled by the conference executive committee in the near future.

R. R. Bietz, president of the Pacific

Union Conference, reviewed the problems experienced by Nehemiah in re-building the walls of Jerusalem. "The pioneers of the Advent faith had many scoffers to contend with," noted the union conference president. "The church still has its critics, but God's people must not forget their responsibility to stay by the work He has given them."

President Walde's report to the delegates noted that the conference grew from 15,117 to 16,718 members during the biennium with 2,117 baptisms during the two-year period. He also reported a healthy gain in tithe of \$1 million over

the previous biennium.

W. D. WALTON, Secretary Pacific Union Conference



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

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn.—A Congregationalist minister and a Russian Orthodox archpriest have been named associate editors of Worship, a Catholic liturgical review published here. They are Prof. Morton Davies, a Henry W. Putnam professor of the History of Christianity at Princeton University, and the Very Rev. Alexander Schmemman, dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, New York.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Baptist churches in the Soviet Union continue to thrive despite restrictions by Communist authorities, according to an article in The Baptist World magazine. Although worship services are held as many as six times a week, they are so crowded that many worshipers must stand in the aisles and around the sides of the church. Some services last as long as three and a half hours.

INDIANAPOLIS-Some 150 Christian Church leaders have been told here that the Disciples of Christ are lagging "far behind in their ministry to the city." Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, dean of Christian Theological Seminary here and presidentelect of the International Convention of Christian Churches, declared that the city ministry lag results from clinging to a rural perspective decades after the start of a population shift.

New Date Announced for Spirit of Prophecy Day

The date for Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath, 1967, was originally set for May 13. In order to avoid any other interests taking part of the time which should be devoted to this important consideration, the General Conference Committee took action delaying Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath by one week. It is now requested that all churches devote Sabbath, May 20, to the consideration of the Spirit of Prophecy and its place in the Lord's work.

Helpful sermon material will be provided for the churches. Some of it, however, will bear the original, rather than the revised, date.

M. V. CAMPBELL

\$1.5 Million for Investment Fund Given During 1966

The world financial reports have just been completed for the year 1966. We are happy to report that the Sabbath School Investment Fund amounted to \$1,636,399.37. This represents an increase of \$221,698.54 over 1965.

At the time of the 1966 General Conference session the Sabbath School Department was asked to raise two million dollars through the Investment Fund during 1967.

We challenge each church and each conference in North America to average at least \$6 or \$7 per member during 1967. We can only do this with the full cooperation of every Sabbath school member.

The tremendous needs of our evergrowing and expanding work in the mission field and our belief that the coming of Jesus is near justify this earnest appeal.

G. R. Nash

Lake Region Youth Congress Brings 2,000 to Battle Creek

Two thousand youth delegates and friends gathered in the Kellogg Auditorium at Battle Creek, Michigan, for an MV congress, March 24-26. C. E. Bradford, Lake Region Conference president, revealed the purpose of the congress in the words "Have Faith; Must Serve." He expressed confidence that the youth of the Lake Region would return to their churches dedicated to attempt more for Christ through MV TARGET 100,000.

H. L. Cleveland urged the youth to carry Christ back to their communities and courageously exemplify Him in their

daily living.

J. H. Jones, Jr., Lake Region MV secretary, and Fred Beavon, Lake Union MV secretary, directed the congress activities. LAWRENCE NELSON