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The Importance of

The Average Church Member

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"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one" (Matt. 25:15).

THE two-talent servant in the text finds himself squeezed between the five-talent genius on one side and the one-talent idler on the other. Numerous sermons are beamed to the first and third, but few to the middle man, the average individual.

We would not in any way depreciate the need of five-talent men, for they are important and necessary. Conspicuous on the parade ground, the five-star generals are difficult to locate on the battlefield. As all know, armies succeed because of the devotion and loyalty of the average soldier.

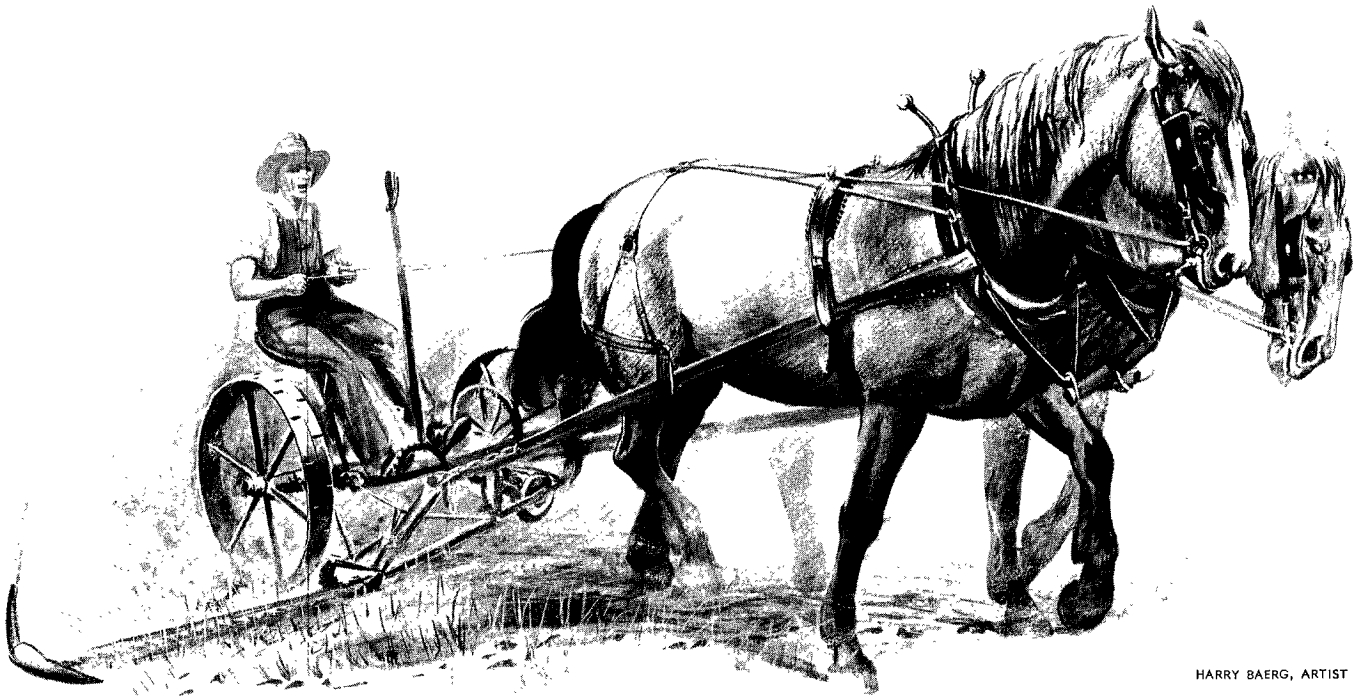
The same is true in commerce and industry. Captains of finance are dependent upon people of average ability to perform the mass of essential work. Without these common, (To page 8)

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INTEGRITY IS THE WORD

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I REMEMBER the sultry August afternoon I left my father's farm for the last time. Unusually hot weather and a long drought that summer had stunted and burned the hay, the oats, and the corn. To escape the hot, poorly ventilated bedrooms of the farmhouse, we often chose to lie on the withered grass of the lawn all night. During the day my father spent long hours pumping water for the cattle by hand from a deep well. Earlier that year he had rented the Burnett farm to provide more hay and grain for the stock, and, perhaps, a cash crop as well. But because the rains did not come the extra land became only an added burden and expense.

Before I left I drove over to the Burnett field, where I knew my father was mowing. In the distance I could hear the old Deering mower clattering among the clods and stones. I saw a trail of dust following the horses and the mower. I saw the cut hay so thin that many acres would not yield even a single load of hay; indeed, I wondered whether the rake would be able to pick up those wisps of dusty grass. But there rode dad behind Dolly, tramping stoically along in the dust, and blind Queen, limping with good will, favoring an injury she had received from falling on the rocks of Hay River.

It was a strange procession—an old man cutting such a pitifully meager yield of hay, and the horses, wet with sweat and spotted with foam from the friction of the harnesses. There was my father sitting on the mower seat

in the blazing August heat, the caked dust on his face hiding his features except for his eyes and his teeth. Round and round the field he went. I knew he would not stop until the whole field had been mowed and the gleanings hauled into the landlord's yard.

As I stood beside the car, dad halted the horses and bade me farewell. He did not explain to me why he was cutting hay when there was so little to cut, and I did not ask him. But I am glad I saw him there that day. He was trying to raise money to help his sons in college. In that he was not entirely successful. But as I look back upon that hay-cutting episode after these many years I realize that finances were not our greatest need in that difficult period. Somehow my brother and I managed to scrape through college and university. We needed and did receive from dad an example of integrity. I am convinced that it is not brains or muscle or money that sets a man apart, but integrity of character.

Citizens of Lincoln, Nebraska, knew about Mr. P. They characterized him as a careful and conscientious builder. These qualities set him apart from builders who at times were careless about estimates or materials. The bankers in Nebraska had heard about Mr. P.'s houses too. In their business it was necessary to estimate the cost of building a house and the value of the house after it was finished. Apparently bankers soon learn how reliable are a certain builder's estimates, and they grant their loans with this

evaluation in mind. They respected Mr. P.'s estimates. FHA officials said his estimates were the only ones in Nebraska that they rated at 100 per cent. "You will have a home worth all it costs if Mr. P. builds it," they said. Mr. P.'s estimates were reliable because he was a man of integrity.

Miss W. needed employment. Since she had become 17 her father thought that she ought to get a job. But jobs in depression days usually demanded Sabbath work. Finally, under pressure, she agreed to work in a small clothing store. She did not ask for her Sabbath off when applying, lest she not be hired. But by Friday afternoon she knew she could no longer wait to explain her beliefs about the Sabbath to her employer. When she refused to work on Friday night and on the Sabbath, he casually dismissed her; clerks were easy to get in those days. Clutching her few dollars, she stumbled home to meet the anger and scorn of her non-Adventist father. It soon became evident that she could not find employment because she insisted on observing the Sabbath. But she maintained her integrity and finally began selling the *Watchman* magazine and was eventually awarded a scholarship to college.

Men Often Settle for Less

Unfortunately, many feel that they must settle for something less than the ideal. They feel that their circumstances are so difficult that they cannot afford what Stuart Chase calls the luxury of integrity. They feel forced to produce or sell inferior merchandise to meet competition. They feel forced to work on the Sabbath. They insist they cannot pay their bills if they pay their tithe or that they cannot make a living or educate their children if they are in the Lord's work.

Modern advertising attempts allegedly to represent the qualities of its products, but much of it may be deliberately misleading. Contrast, for example, the appearance of the glamorous magazine advertisements for liquor and tobacco and the misery, illness, and poverty that often come from the use of these products. Signs posted in the windows of some barbershops offer a haircut for 75 cents. But the customer soon discovers that he is expected to give a substantial tip, and if he does not give it, he is asked for it.

The stranger who stops at some garages for repairs soon finds out that his car needs various types of services and parts. Out may come the spark plugs, even though they may be nearly new. When the motorist asks to see the defective parts the mechanic may claim that he cannot find them. Bedding and furnishings continue to disappear from motels, and merchandise from the shelves of stores.

Mr. R. owns a supermarket in a small town near a church college. From his office in the rear of the store he can watch unobserved the customers selecting groceries and concealing merchandise in their garments. Usually, Mr. R. feels that confronting the shoplifter would not be worth while, but he has discovered that even in a religious community, apparently, integrity may be a scarce commodity.

Tempted to Make a Million

A brilliant young accountant, after becoming a C.P.A., was given an offer of becoming rich by preparing questionable tax returns. One night he explained this offer to his mother, for its possibilities seemed to intrigue him. "My son," she said, "do you remember how sleepy you are in the morning? how I call you and never get an answer? how

I finally come into your room and shake you? and you finally manage to open only one eye? Well, I would hate to come in every morning and find you awake."

The superintendent of a large manufacturing firm received a telephone call from a printing establishment that they supplied, asking him to fire his delivery boy for offending one of their customers. But after hearing the boy's side of the story, the superintendent decided to keep him. For ignoring the telephoned request the company lost the printing establishment's account, which loss placed the superintendent in a difficult relation with the head office. If no breach of conduct had been committed, was it not proper for the delivery boy to keep his job and should not the superintendent be allowed to keep his as well?

Job's Integrity

"Hast thou considered my servant Job, . . . one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause" (Job 2:3). God calls attention to Job's integrity, but Job's friends are not so sure about it. The difference was that God looked on Job's heart, but men looked on his outward appearance. Yet even though men do not always recognize integrity in one another, they do have respect for it, as anyone knows who has filled out recommendation blanks.

That integrity comes from a conscious act of the will can be shown from the experience of Daniel. "Daniel purposed in his heart" (Dan. 1:8). It can be shown from the experience of Joseph. Joseph, on the way to Egypt "gave himself fully to the Lord, and he prayed that the Keeper of Israel would be with him in the land of his exile.

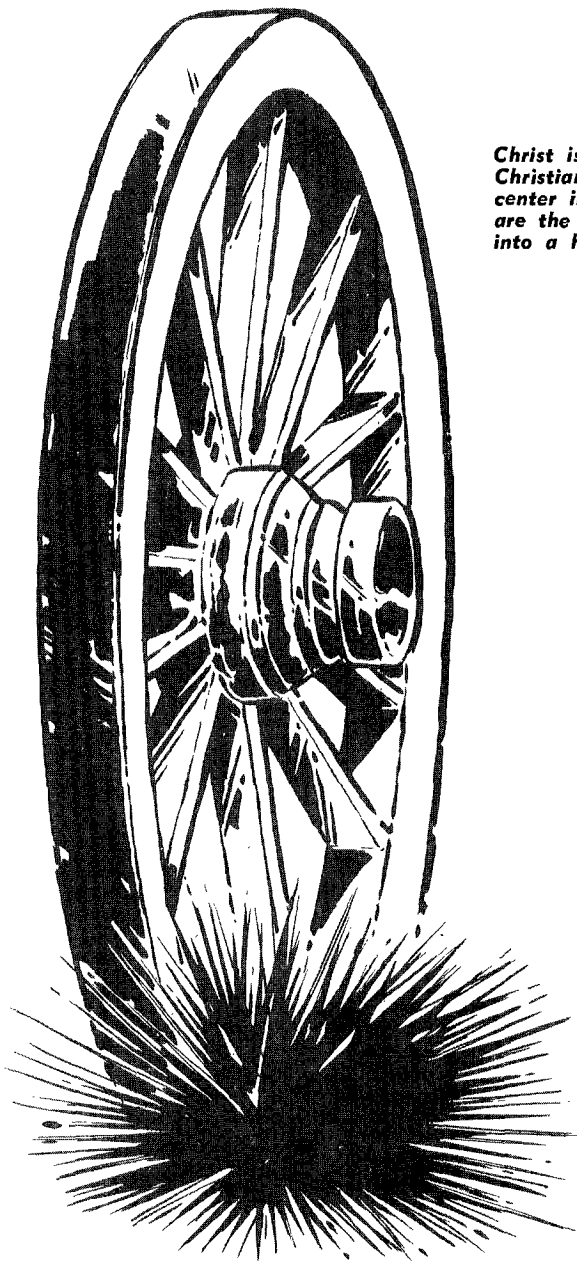
"His soul thrilled with the high resolve to prove himself true to God—under all circumstances

to act as became a subject of the King of heaven. He would serve the Lord with undivided heart; he would meet the trials of his lot with fortitude, and perform every duty with fidelity. One day's experience had been the turning point in Joseph's life. Its terrible calamity had transformed him from a petted child to a man, thoughtful, courageous, and self-possessed."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 214.

It takes the labor of a man's life to maintain his integrity. Paul wrote to Timothy: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Later Paul spoke of it to the Christians of Asia Minor: "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Jesus stressed its importance: "Christ, by precept and example, taught that strictest integrity should govern our actions toward our fellow men. 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' Christ was continually portraying the defective lives of the Pharisees and reproving them."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 487.

The Last Word

The story is told of a four-star general who was mortally wounded in the Korean war. His doctors told him that he had only a few minutes to live. His teen-age son was able to get to the hospital in time to talk to his father. The general said to his son: "I had hoped to talk to you many times while you were growing up. Now we will have to do it all at once. We are living in a troubled and mixed-up world, and it is certain that you will many times be puzzled by what you see. But remember this, my son, remember this: *Integrity* is the *word*; my son, *Integrity* is the *word*."



Christ is the hub of the wheel of truth. Christian doctrines, like the spokes of a wheel, center in Him. The three angels' messages are the rim binding all the truths into a harmonious unit.

The Wheel of Truth

By J. L. SHULER

THE revelation of God's truth from His Word is both progressive and cumulative. From generation to generation more truth is unfolded. The light shines brighter and brighter to the perfect day at the second coming of Christ. Each successive generation is heir to all the truth that has been recovered by earlier ones.

This means that the threefold message of Revelation 14, since it is the final phase of the gospel of the ages, will be a full-truth message. It will include all the truth that is needed at the present time and until Christ shall come again. All lost or neglected truth will be restored in this message. God will reset the jewels of truth from every age in the framework of this threefold message.

The prophecy of Daniel foretold how God's truth would be cast down to the ground (Dan. 8:12). In answer to an inquiry as to how long the desolating conditions would continue, the answer is given that at the end of 2300 days, there would be a restoration (verses 13, 14). These 2300 day-years began in 457 B.C. and ended in 1844. So in 1844 one would expect the beginning of a reformatory movement that would restore the truths that had been cast down to the ground.

The prophecy of the book of Revelation thus ties in with this prophecy from Daniel. Revelation 14:6, 7 shows that this threefold message would begin to be preached in 1844, when the hour of God's judgment arrived. Under this full-truth, threefold message

the doctrine of justification by faith was due to be proclaimed in a fullness never before heard.

Justification by faith streaming from the cross is the central idea of the gospel (Rom. 1:16, 17). It is the heart of all true Christianity. It embraces the full scope of God's saving truth, which a Christian needs to follow.

Please mark this well. The true teaching of justification by faith is expressly declared to be "*the truth as it is in Jesus*," and it is at the same time "the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 93). (Italics supplied.)

We are admonished: "Let the truth be presented as it is in Jesus."—*Evangelism*, p. 199. How can this be done? How can the vast array of doctrines

and points of our belief be presented as the truth in Jesus? When justification by faith is rightly presented in the setting of the threefold message, it becomes the truth as it is in Jesus, and at the same time it is "the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines."

This can be illustrated by the old-fashioned wagon wheel with its hub, spokes, and rim. When we place the cross, standing for justification and salvation, in the center, every line of Christian teaching in the Bible falls into place as the spokes of the wheel, with the threefold message as the rim binding them into a harmonious system for making ready a people for the Lord at His coming.

Christ is the hub of the wheel of truth. The centrality of Christ in the following three Scripture texts is noted: "Christ is all, and in all" (Col. 3:11); "Search the scriptures; for . . . they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39); "In whom [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

Jesus is the living center of everything, the center of all true doctrine. Every true doctrine makes Christ the center. Any teaching that cannot be presented as proceeding from Christ is not a part of the one true gospel. Any presentation that is not Christ centered is not in proper form. It may be scripturally correct, but if Christ is not the center of it, then it lacks the all-important characteristic that God requests. Christ is the chain upon which the jewels of truth are linked.

Think again of the figure of the wheel. Little boys who do not have any money and want a wagon will sometimes take a wooden box as a wagon bed, and for wheels they will cut disks off a log. Sometimes in making holes in these disks they fail to strike center. What happens? The wagon wobbles as it goes.

O how much religious teaching is flooding the world—by way of books, tracts, periodicals, and radio broadcasts—that does not have as its center Jesus Christ and true justification! It wobbles from God's appointed way and may safely be disregarded. We should focus entirely on what is Christ centered and cross concentric.

The spokes in the wagon wheel must be centered in the hub. So every doctrine should be centered in the Lord Jesus. "In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the Word of God . . . must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary."—*Evangelism*, p. 190.

Unless the truth when presented is rightly understood and truly appreciated, it avails nothing. When it is truly appreciated men will act upon it and be saved. How important it is that all the doctrines should be brought as true spokes from Jesus as the hub and center of everything.

What are the spokes in the wheel of truth? The spokes proceed from the hub and are fastened into the rim. They are all the doctrines of Jesus, all those teachings that are connected with justification and righteousness by faith. They include every truth related to becoming a Christian, living a Christian life, and preparing for heaven.

Some of these spokes are: Jesus the only Saviour, the divine Son of God and Creator. His incarnation, sinless life, atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and priestly mediation. His literal, personal, visible second advent and attendant events. The evidences of His imminent appearing. God's eternal purpose for the earth and humanity. The home of the saved. Conversion or the new birth, with the various steps of conviction, repentance, restitution, faith, forgiveness of sin, receiving a new heart, acceptance with God, sonship, and baptism. The work of the Holy Spirit. The Ten Commandments as God's eternal standard of righteousness. The sanctuary and the judgment. Conditional immortality. The Sabbath as the twofold sign of Jesus Christ as the Creator and Sanctifier. Christian stewardship. Christian standards. Christian temperance. The ordinances for Christians. Christian living in all its phases, such as prayer, the daily crucifixion of self, healthful living, consecration, imputed and imparted righteousness, growing up in Christ. Sanctification, or perfection of character, and conformity to the image of Jesus. Glorification and eternal life in God's eternal kingdom.

What is the rim of this wheel of truth? The rim is that into which every spoke from the hub is fastened. So the threefold message, often called the three angels' messages, includes in its scope all the saving truths of the gospel. It is God's appointed truth for this present time. Thus the third angel's message is justification by faith in verity.

The rim of the wheel binds all the spokes into a unity to serve the appointed purpose of movement. So the threefold message binds all the truths of the gospel into a harmonious unit of belief and conduct for making ready a people for the Lord.

God has been pleased to gather up the gems of truth and reset them in this threefold message as His present truth for this closing age. There is no essential spiritual truth but that is embraced in God's threefold message.

In the case of the wagon wheel, the rim makes contact with the road. It breaks the way for the wagon to move forward. So the threefold message, as the rim of the wheel of truth, breaks the way for the advance of the Advent Movement. It is a distinctive point of contact in our work.

Each spoke in the wagon wheel must be fastened into the rim at the outer end, as well as being fastened into the hub at the inner end. So Adventist teaching must not only be Christ centered and cross concentric (proceeding from the hub) but be presented in the setting of the threefold message (fastened into the rim at the outer end).

Some present the doctrines from the point of view of what the church stands for. Certainly no one should be admitted into the church who does not accept the essential doctrines. But there is a more excellent way of arriving at this goal. The spokes proceed from the hub and not from the rim. Let every doctrine and practice of the remnant be set forth as a series of successive steps in walking with the blessed Lord. Such a method will lead many more to accept the truth.

When the doctrines are presented merely from the angle of being the teachings of the church, then we have a disarrangement of trying to fasten the spokes in the rim first, and then trying to figure out how to get them into the hub. When we rightly present the doctrines the people will see Jesus in the center of the Sabbath, of the 2300 days, of the judgment, of baptism, and of every teaching.

"The truth as it is in Jesus will subdue the most powerful opponents, bringing them into captivity to Jesus Christ."—ELLEN G. WHITE, *General Conference Bulletin*, Feb. 25, 1895, p. 337.

We can see this in the testing truth of the Sabbath. When presented entirely as a legal requirement in an argumentative manner, the doctrine arouses argument against it. It certainly lacks drawing power for leading the people to accept it. But when the Sabbath is presented as a precious twofold sign of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Creator and Re-creator, the Saviour and Sanctifier, then it draws souls to Jesus. The born-again soul, who loves Jesus, will see divine love and beauty in the Sabbath. Many will be constrained to decide, that in love to Jesus, they want this twofold sign of Jesus in their life.

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A Story of

Consecration

By R. E. LOASBY

SIX days before the Passover found Jesus arriving at Bethany, a place of danger for Him (John 11:8); but here it was that Lazarus lived, whom He had raised from the dead. This is the last mention of Jesus' being in Bethany. He had made the trip from Jericho with His disciples to spend the Sabbath with His personal friends Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. He desired a true Sabbath rest, a rest of body, to be sure, but more important—a rest of soul and spirit. Jesus knew His final hour was approaching; so He drew near to the appointed place of His suffering and death.

This is the time of a grouping of three incidents: (1) The ecclesiastical authorities in Jerusalem gather in counsel, not to investigate the claims of Jesus, but how to murder Him. (2) A betrayer is hired, one closely associated with the Master; he had been hired to betray his Lord. (3) Jesus is anointed by a loving hand in an act of consecration, preparatory to His sacrifice.

The immediate setting was a supper at which Lazarus and his two sisters were present. This was held after the Sabbath, on Saturday night. This supper was not given, as one might have expected, in the home of Lazarus, but in that of Simon who had been healed of leprosy. This meal became the occasion for the manifestation of two opposites: (1) Devotion and love in the heart of a Spirit-filled woman; (2) meanness in the heart of the one who would betray his Lord.

When Jesus was a helpless infant in a manger in Bethlehem, three strangers came and offered Him costly gifts. Now Jesus is about to die, and a brave and devoted woman performs a beautiful and gentle act of consecration. Mary's love provides honor for the One about to die, even as the baseness of Judas prepares the way for that death to be consummated.

Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed the feet of Jesus. The anointing was the expression of a personal, grateful love. Mary felt she had received so much, then how could she give something of but little value? She had purchased this perfume at great personal sacrifice (see *The Desire of Ages*, p. 559). The willingness of Jesus to accept the gift shows it was right that she make it. It was the Holy Spirit who had prompted her to do it (*ibid.*, p. 560).

One is reminded of an incident in

David's life (2 Samuel 24). He is seen as a grievous sinner, as also was Mary. He is brought to sorrow and repentance. He builds an altar to God and offers sacrifices on a threshing floor, the same spot where Abraham had presented his sacrifice of love and consecration. This threshing floor was now owned by a proselyte, Araunah the Jebusite, who offered the floor, oxen, and wood for the sacrifice, free. David refused the offer, saying, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (verse 24).

This is a principle every believer should hold in mind if and when his consecration demands a costly sacrifice. A consecration that costs little may be worth little. Mary gave that which was "very costly." Our lives must be as an alabaster bottle of costly perfume ready for the breaking for the sake of Jesus. Such was the spirit of Jesus, who gave His body to be broken; that was the measure of His consecration to His Father's will.

Having broken the seal of the alabaster bottle and anointed her Master's feet, Mary wiped her tears from His feet with her unloosed hair. This was an act impelled by a wonderful love and gratitude. To unbind the hair in public was held to be a disgrace for a Jewish woman. This sacrifice, too, Mary was willing to make in her grateful adoration. Certainly a towel

could have been obtained in that household. But there was no limit to Mary's willingness to sacrifice. There was none to the willingness of Jesus. There must be none to ours.

This sacrifice by Mary, impelled by a great devotion, met the disapproval of all the apostles. Their unlovely disapproval was voiced by Judas. Mary could not defend herself. But Jesus came to her defense, and said, "Let her alone." By these words baseness was rebuked, consecration in love was defended. Jesus understood her motives, her feelings. He interposed between her and slander. He knew that no offering made to His Person in pure love can ever be a waste.

There was refreshment to the heart of Jesus, and to the heart of Mary. There has been refreshment to the hearts of millions since. In our Christian warfare today we must ever bear in mind that a consecration of self to Jesus in full surrender may very probably provoke opposition from some quarter. There may be a Judas in the background, but the approval of Jesus is sufficient. Since Jesus is our Defender the cruel whisper simply does not matter.

The story of the "very costly" perfume is reminiscent of a rabbinical text that says that before his call Abraham was like a jar of perfume put away in a corner, its odor quite unknown. But when he went forth at

God's call, the name of Jehovah was glorified even as when the bottle of perfume is opened and people become aware of its sweet odor.

Mary's act wins a trophy for Jesus. Simon the leper, in whose house the supper was held, was the very man who had led Mary into sin. She had been grievously wronged by him. Yet, sitting there with Jesus, seeing her gracious act, he felt himself to be more righteous than she, and free to criticize Jesus for allowing Mary to touch Him. But Jesus read his thoughts, led him to realize that he himself was a sinner and in greater need than Mary. Yet in His gentleness the Saviour did not rebuke Simon publicly. This touched and softened his heart. His pride was humbled. He became a sincere and self-sacrificing disciple (*ibid.*, p. 568).

Judas, who objected to Mary's act, kept "the bag"; that is, he was the treasurer of the Lord and His disciples. The "bag" (Greek, *glössokomon*) is a small box or purse to keep money in. In the Septuagint it is found in 2 Chronicles 24:8, 10 for the box appointed by King Joash for the offerings for the repair of the Temple. This moneybag was the weakness of Judas. He was a sneak thief; he was the New Testament Achan. "Poverty is lack of many things, but avarice is greed of everything."—Publius Syrus. "Study rather to fill your mind than your purse; knowing that gold and silver were originally mingled with dirt until avarice or ambition parted them."—Seneca.

Only a little box, but it came to fill the whole life of Judas. It had grown so important that he missed the wonderful lessons Christ gave; he failed to see the consecration and beauty of Mary's act. The box became a major factor in his death by suicide.

There is a fable of a princess who must escape from the place of her imprisonment or perish. Only a spider's web hangs before the opening of escape. She brushes it aside, when lo, another web, and so on until with a sense of frustration she sits down and weeps, feeling that she cannot escape, even though it is but a spider's web between her and liberty and life.

Sometimes we today allow little things of the world or sins that appear little and not too important to multiply and overwhelm us. They keep us from full surrender and consecration to our Lord. Like a spider's web they cling to us. But we must allow the Lord to brush away these cobwebs, lest they destroy us as the little bag destroyed Judas. He became so deluded with that little bag that he complained at the wastefulness of Mary's act. Later he sold his Lord for a fraction of the price of Mary's perfume.

Jesus took a risk in accepting Judas as one of His disciples. He was also willing to risk having Judas as His cashier. In a sense He had entrusted His life to Judas; so it was a small thing to commit the funds to his care.

It is an old superstition that the spilling of salt represents ill luck. It is then no wonder that Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, a painting in fresco at the convent of Santa Maria della Grazie, in Milan, represents Judas as upsetting the salt cellar as he asks, "Is it I?" I do not think Judas deceived himself. He knew that he had failed in consecration, that he had

allowed things of the world to fill his life. Perhaps the most talented of the twelve, he failed and was eternally lost because he became spiritually stunted by indulging in pettiness. Mary loved much, so gave that which was costly. The love of Jesus for us is so deep that no sacrifice was too great for Him to undertake. The love of Judas was so small it could grasp only petty cash. "Divine is love and scorneth worldly pelf,

And can be bought with nothing but with self."

—SIR WALTER RALEIGH,
in *Love the Only Price of Love*



REVIEW PICTURES

H. HOFMANN, ARTIST

"Christ delighted in the earnest desire of Mary to do the will of her Lord" (DA 564).

Corners of Happiness

By ENID SPARKS

IT WAS a beautiful Sabbath morning. LeRoy sat very still in the pew beside mother and daddy. He had a warm feeling in his heart as he bowed his head during prayer time. He knew Pastor Hayes's sermonet for children would come next.

The pastor took his place and opened his Bible. Slowly he began reading from Matthew 10:39: "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Pausing, Pastor Hayes closed the Bible. "When I was a child that text always puzzled me," he said. "I did not understand its meaning at all. Then I learned that it is fun to share, and I understood the text. When we share our many blessings we have the feeling that we are living for Jesus."

The Pastor took up a piece of paper and a pair of scissors. "I'm going to show you that the more you share, the more you have," he said. "Where are the little girl and boy who promised to help me?"

Cynthia rose from her seat and moved toward the aisle, but Tim did not come.

LeRoy glanced quickly in the direction where Tim and his parents always sat, but the pew was vacant. Pastor Hayes saw that it was too.

"I must have someone else to help me," he said. Will anyone come forward?"

LeRoy looked at his mother, his heart beating fast. "May I?" he whispered.

Mother nodded. "Of course," she answered.

Pastor Hayes said, "Thank you, LeRoy," when he saw LeRoy coming up the aisle. Then he clipped off a corner of the square piece of paper he was holding. Now he had a triangle with three corners. This he gave to Cynthia. "How many corners do you have?" he asked.

"Three," answered Cynthia, holding up her paper.

Pastor Hayes held up his paper. "I started with four corners," he said. "I gave one of my corners to Cynthia, which turned into three corners for her. But now my paper has five corners."

The pastor snipped off another corner and gave it to LeRoy. "Now, I have given LeRoy a corner, which becomes three corners for him, and leaves me more corners than I had before."

The children gazed in amazement as they saw Pastor Hayes's piece of paper. It was true. The pastor now had six corners!

After everyone had seen the paper, Pastor Hayes began cutting off another corner. "I will share one more corner with Cynthia," he said, "so she will have six corners."

When Pastor Hayes had given Cyn-

thia her second corner, he held the paper out for LeRoy to count. "Have I lost any corners?" he asked.

LeRoy shook his head. "No, sir!" he answered. "Instead of having six corners, you have seven."

"Right," nodded the pastor. "Now, I'll give you another corner."

Swiftly Pastor Hayes snipped the piece of paper and handed it to LeRoy. Then he held up his paper again. "Let's think of our corners as being blessings, and let's count them. I started with four blessings, and I gave two blessings to Cynthia and two to LeRoy. Their two blessings apiece turned into six, and this made twelve blessings for them."

Pastor Hayes smiled and looked at his paper. "After giving away twelve blessings I still have eight—just twice the number I started with," he said. "So, by sharing my blessings with others, I have doubled them."

How happy LeRoy was as he took his seat. I must remember to tell Tim about the corners, he thought. I'm sorry he missed helping the pastor. But he will be glad to know how to share a blessing.

LeRoy did share his corners of happiness with Tim, and they both learned that it is always fun to share.

THE AVERAGE CHURCH MEMBER

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unassuming folks, business would grind to a halt.

In this respect the church is no exception. Most churches have their share of generals. At times these five-star members have their moments of pouting and sulking because things do not go their way. Often they give vent to learned charges, countercharges, and suggestions for church betterment through imposing pamphlets and documents. But through it all the work and spirit of the church is maintained by its average members.

Where do you find these average church members? If you look you will find them in the Sabbath school, the prayer meeting, and the Sunday evening evangelistic service. They are the folks who visit the sick without being urged to do so and who invite new members to dinner without expecting official recognition from the pulpit. As church members they do not have to be urged, wheedled, and

cajoled into accepting church office. They gladly join the choir and do not quit because someone else gets the solo parts. Neither are they too fashionable to distribute literature, to give Bible studies, or to engage in Ingathering. Their abilities are not so confining but that they can adapt themselves to the varied demands of church membership. They are average—but oh, so important!

As average folks they make good parents. In their homes family worship is conducted daily. The blessing is asked at mealtime and the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy volumes are read along with the various denominational papers and magazines.

In addition, they send their children to the church schools, conference academies, and denominational colleges. In order to do this they labor untiringly, live economically, and rarely complain of the costs. From their income they return a faithful tithe, support the church's expanding mission program, church expense, and other offerings brought to their attention. They are average people, but their sacrificial living and giving has materially advanced the work of God throughout the earth.

Neither do they hesitate to extend a hand of welcome to a stranger in the church, to pray with their neighbors, or to invite some sinner or backslidden member to give his heart to God. They are not geniuses given to protecting some social status or reputation, but average, good-willed Seventh-day Adventist Christians with big hearts and a great deal of common sense. They love God and His church and do not blush when they say so.

Although average in ability, their characters are often exceptional. Like Peter, James, and John, they demonstrate that average people can, through Christ, develop outstanding Christian characters.

Therefore, take courage, my average brother and sister! You belong to a large tribe and your average ability is needed in God's work. If faithfully performed, your work will receive the same commendation as the man who doubled his five shares, and the welcome from the Master will be as hearty as in the case of the genius.

Come what may, do not underrate yourself. Keep on working for God and always remember that your potential is limitless. "However small your talent, God has a place for it. That one talent, wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work. By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. These littles will become the most precious influences in His work."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 360.

Elusive Time

By HARRY SILBAUGH

We cannot borrow from life
one minute,
After God has put us in it;
This present hour that ticks away
Is beyond recall, like yesterday.

The art of living

By MIRIAM WOOD

when you're Young

BEELZEBOS, [In his famous book *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis voices the opinions and instruction of Screw-tape, an imaginary "dark angel," to his nephew Wormwood, a younger member of the host of darkness. With sincere apologies to the late Mr. Lewis, a peerless writer and apologist for Christianity, I offer the following.]

MY DEAR BEELZEWORM,

Having received no communication from you for some time, and feeling as I do that your grasp of the whole problem of tempting young Seventh-day Adventist humans is so meager as to be laughable, I took the trouble of sending an inquiry through my own devilish channels. What I learned has so annoyed me that I shall once again attempt to instruct you in your arts. I am conscious, however, of a deep and abiding disgust at the ineffectiveness of some of you younger tempters; in my own prime I could have outhavocked any of you young whippersnappers.

Now, my stupid young colleague, my sources inform me that you have expressed some pessimism as to whether your wiles can penetrate the armor of the young vermin once they are back in their schools. You apparently have the misguided opinion that when the young humans are rattling about "on their own" (this is a phrase human beings use to indicate a lack of structure; we, of course, have no knowledge of this life firsthand) they are "sitting ducks" for even a mediocre tempter. (A duck is a feathered, warm-blooded fowl that lives on or near fresh water on earth. Since there are no such geographical formations here, I felt a word of explanation might be in order.)

But your logic is all *illogic*! The young Christian will often be far more likely to defend our archfoe in heaven when and if He is under open attack by avowed "enemies." You pusillanimous creature—only a feeble-minded demon could fail to see this cardinal point! So if the shoe fits, and if our kind wore shoes—but I must hasten on.

My lengthy letter to you some time ago on the subject of these hated (by us) Christian schools should be gotten out of your files and studied word for word. Apparently your less than spectacular successes in these situations have caused damage to your dego. (Humans speak of their "ego," we speak of our "dego.") Therefore, with this in mind, I shall call some further points to your attention.

Let me state clearly and concisely that you can have a real demon's dream situation where the disgusting young Christians are in their own schools. First of all, they are "off guard"; they feel pro-

tected. Keep them that way for a few weeks. Lull them into a sense of the most delicious security. Then, slowly and softly, start your slitherings into their consciousness. Your weapon? Why, Prince Lucifer provided it at the very beginning of all this. His desire for status (that's a word humans use to indicate a kind of honor) and his envious nature have infected humans with this beautiful blight for millenniums. Humans who are vulnerable to us in no other areas are often putty in our feverish hands here. All you need to do is "devilize" the quality ever so gently.

Try thought implantation. How you go about it isn't of great importance, although I've found that speaking through the mouth of a particularly weak, sniveling member of their own group is rather good. Remarks like the following have been stamped with the genuine Tempter's Award for Exceptional Merit:

"He's always elected to everything only because his father's a ———" —then fill in with whatever's appropriate.

"Why do they ask *her* to sing? Lots of people have told me they'd much rather hear me."

"Everybody keeps talking about what a good student he is. Well, let me tell you . . ."

Surely, Beelzeworm, all this has a familiar and comforting ring. It's the very fabric of our lives—it's our whole existence. And the humans, both young and old, keep it going, generation after generation, with monotonous repetitiveness. Remind me to discuss someday with you how Esau felt about Jacob (*there* was a real status seeker!) and then there were ———. But enough!

To disabuse your mind of any incredible ideas you may have regarding my helpfulness, let me state flatly that my only concern is for my *own* skin, seared though it may be by our normal climate. I have no intention of spending any further time in the Training School for Relatives of Dubious Devils. Therefore, I leave you with a few stark words. Jealousy. Envy. Status. Try them on your forked tongue; infiltrate the SDA schools with them.

I also warn you. Our enemy has *His* people deployed around His schools. He actually does prize these inconsequential persons. I have good reason to know something of His power. Therefore, I don't foresee any total and overwhelming victory for our side. However, if you repeat that statement I shall, of course, lie and declare that I never said it.

Your uncle,

BEELZEBOS

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

By EVELYN ENGELBERT HAINER

For the past five years I have suffered an illness that comes and goes, depending on the circumstances. When I am feeling well, life seems worth living, but when my illness strikes I suffer what I must describe as excruciating mental agony. I do not wish to go into greater detail. I have not regretted this illness, for as a result of it I found the Lord.

Although the good Lord "saved my life" many times, my last experience was so intense and made so deep an impression that I must share it. When I felt the "siege" coming on, I recoiled with fear from the thought of leaving my family and being hospitalized again. The dread of the mental anguish caused me great agitation.

I fell on my knees, and with tears coursing down my cheeks, begged the Lord to deliver me from this trial, if it were His will. It seemed more than I could bear. I then besought Him to give me special encouragement and assurance that He heard my pleas, and was with me. I took my Bible and asked Him again to help His weeping, desperate child find in one of His verses what I needed.

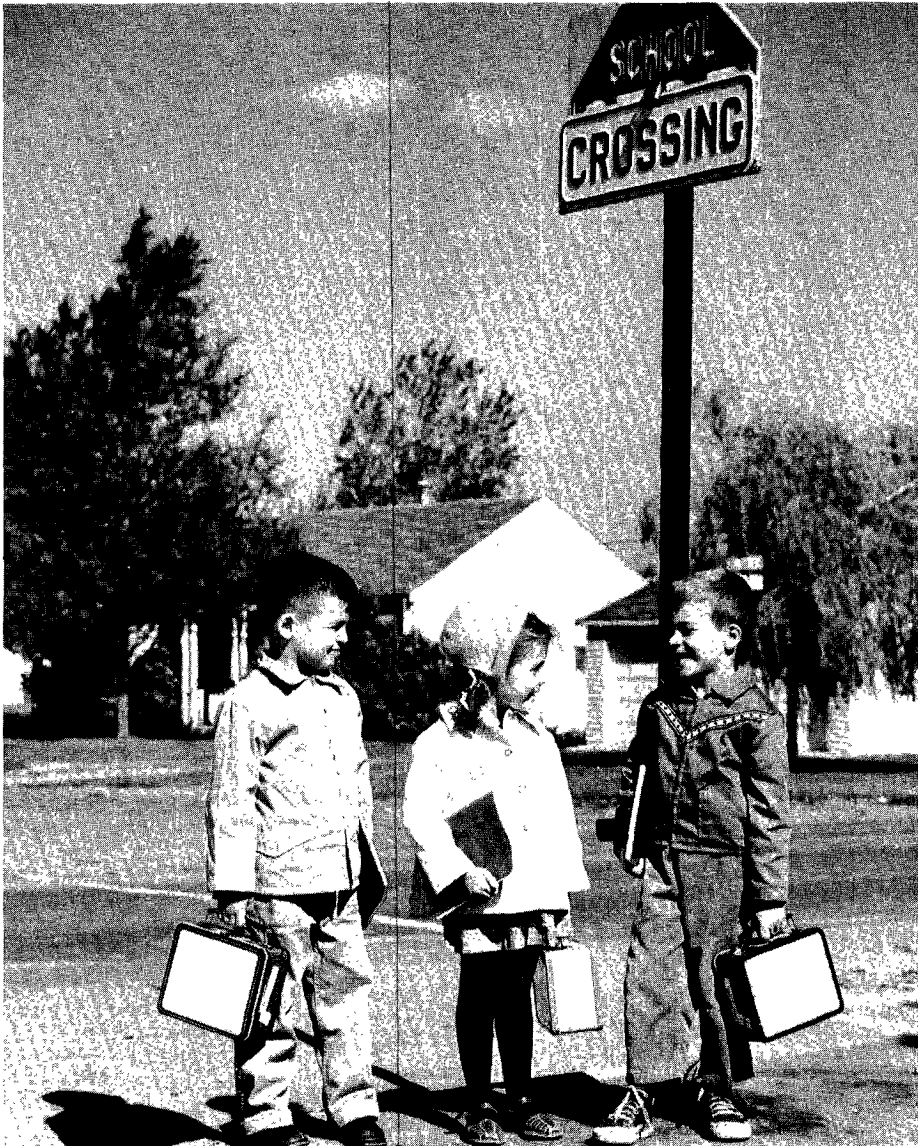
While I know that the Lord does not always work this way, I opened my Bible to Psalm 33, and the first verses I read were: "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield."

As I read the entire psalm, God threw open a whole storehouse of promises of help and deliverance. I immediately began to feel better, and was satisfied that someday God may see fit to heal me permanently. My gratitude was inexpressible, my faith strengthened, and my love for God overflowed beyond measure. "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches *me*."



For Homemakers

CONDUCTED BY PROMISE JOY SHERMAN



*The first day of school—
what fun!*

The Happy Heart

By CHRIS MILLER SCOTT

MY HEART ached for my six-year-old son, Jeff, as he climbed the stairs to his room. I watched him dragging his feet. His head was bowed and his shoulders were hunched forward. As he neared the top step he stumbled, and I knew it was because he was blinded by tears. I heard the bed creak as he threw himself on it. Then all of his pent-up emotion broke loose in a torrent of tears and sobs.

It was the end of the first day of school and all the tensions were over, or perhaps they had really just begun. I had sent him to his room until I could collect my own frayed nerves

and figure out how to deal with the problem ahead.

Jeff hated school! He hated it with all the emotional fervor a six-year-old can muster. He had burst into tears, run from his classroom, and before anyone could stop him he was on his way home. By the time he had run the two short blocks his hate had turned to sheer panic. He at first faced me angrily and defiantly and screamed, "I *hate* it! And I won't ever go back there again! I just hate it!"

Then he ran into my arms trembling and sobbing. "I just *can't* go back to school! Please! Please, don't make me go back again!"

He had left that morning with such high hopes. Dressed in his bright new school clothes, he had looked very grown up. Now he was upstairs crying his heart out—so grown up and yet only a little boy after all.

I had read several articles concerning the possible problems the first grade might present. But Jeff had had a year of kindergarten and had done well. I didn't anticipate any serious problem with first grade. All the advice the articles offered seemed useless now, and I wondered what to say to him. He must go to school; nothing could change that.

Upstairs Jeff's crying had subsided to

softer sobs and I started up to comfort him. Each step seemed to send a different idea through my mind. Be firm and calm. Don't lose your temper. Tell him he *must* go to school and that is final; walk away as if it were all settled. No, be gentle, love him, talk to him, and explain again about school. Tell him daddy will have to punish him if he fights school.

But at the door of his room every idea vanished and only one thought echoed as I looked at the dejected little figure. O how small he looks, and so sad! What can I say to comfort him? I began to question him about the day's events. Slowly he lifted his head from the tear-stained pillow and looked at me with dark, sad eyes. Then the fears and problems tumbled out in a jumble of phrases for me to put together like a jigsaw puzzle.

"Oh, Mom, there are so many kids there—some others cried too! And the halls are so *long* and kinda' dark and it is such a *big* place! And there's numbers and letters on the walls and I'll just *never* learn to read 'em all! The teacher had a nice smile but sometimes her eyes don't smile. And, Mommy, there's a b-big m-man, a great big man and he carries a great *long* stick, an-and I'm s-scared of him!" The last bit of information was punctuated with another explosion of tears and sobs.

I held him close and stroked his sandy hair. And as I did so I remembered an almost forgotten experience. I remembered stepping from the school bus into a crowd of pushing and noisy children. The school building looked enormous; the bricks were old and blackened from the soot of nearby coal mines. It made an ugly, drab, and almost ominous appearance against the background of a bright September sky. It had taken all my courage to enter the big doors and march down the long hall. Yes, I too remembered a tall man with a big stick. It was the janitor, of course, going about with the tools of his trade—a window stick or perhaps a large floor brush. Strange, but as I had grown up, the janitor seemed to have become smaller until he appeared to be just a little old man as he carefully placed the risers for graduation night.

Remembering all those things, I knew how Jeff felt. I knew also that the years of experience between then and now could not explain away all of Jeff's fears. I could only try and then hope and pray that he would adjust quickly and enjoy school.

Suddenly, the answer had come to me and I waited for the proper time to try my plan.

"Come now, dry your tears. We will have dinner and talk it over later," I coaxed.

Jeff was quiet and dejected during dinner. When bedtime came, the fears of the day penetrated the usual care-free, happy atmosphere of his room.

I sat down and began to talk gently about school and to explain away some of the fears, such as the man with the big stick.

Then I said, "It is time for the bedtime prayer now. Suppose we make a special prayer to Jesus and ask Him to help with your worries about school." Jeff prayed the usual nighttime prayer, and then I made up our special prayer:

"Dear God, Jeff has an unhappy heart tonight. He is afraid of school and the new surroundings. He has so many little fears that are difficult for a little boy to explain. We know that Thou, in Thy wonderful way, dost understand all about our fears. We humbly ask that tomorrow Thou wilt grant Jeff an extra bit of courage so that he will not be afraid. And most of all, we ask that Jeff have a happy heart again! We ask each of these things in the precious name of Thy Son. Amen."

The prayer completed, I kissed Jeff and tucked him under the covers. I was relieved to see how relaxed and sleepy he looked. I realized then that Jeff believed in that prayer—he believed it would really happen. But I was ashamed that my own mind was asking, Would it really happen like that? Would that prayer actually change things for Jeff? I believed in prayer; or did I really? Yes, I had seen many of my own prayers answered, but I had never thought to let Jeff turn one of his problems over to God. I guess his daddy and I had attempted to solve most of Jeff's problems for him. But this was one problem he would have to face, and we could not step in and solve it for him.

When morning came, Jeff seemed

relaxed enough, but the tension mounted as it came time for him to leave. Would he start out the door, take a few steps, then suddenly turn and burst into tears?

"Remember, God will give you courage and a happy heart," I said, and hoped he didn't sense my own doubtful heart.

His voice quavered a bit as he said, "Sure, Mom, 'bye now!" Then he turned quickly and left for school.

All day I worried and half expected to see him come running home in a fit of tears. When three o'clock finally came, I walked to the street to watch for Jeff. I soon picked out his bright-red sweater from the crowd of children at the crossing. And then, my hope sank. He was walking very slowly and looking down at the sidewalk; I knew he was crying!

Suddenly, he looked up and saw me and broke into a wild run. And then, I saw it—the wonderful triumphant grin as he rushed toward me. Two hard little arms hugged me and I caught a jumble of words.

"Hi ya' Mom! Guess how many cracks in the sidewalk I counted; I *can* count, you know! But we're going to learn to count in school anyway. By the way, Mom, would you say that prayer again tonight? I think I'll need it again tomorrow and maybe the next day too, 'cause I was still a little scared this morning. I guess *He* is dividing up the courage and is giving a little bit at a time, in case some other kids need some! But He sure gave me a happy heart! Mine's never been so happy!"

"Neither has *mine*, dear!"

"Say, Mom, did you ask Him to give you a happy heart too?"

"Well, no, but I believe He thought my heart was a bit overworked with misgivings."

"Misgivings? What are they, Mom?"

"Never mind, dear..."

Omnipotence

By VALERIE NELSON SCHELSKE

I am the cooling Shade
That sheltered the Israelite band,
And guided them on their way
To the hills of the Promised Land.

I am the thundering Voice
That spoke from the Sinai mount,
And called for the cooling streams
That gushed from the flowing fount.

I am the faithful Protector
Of David's bleating sheep;
I tenderly guarded Jonah
While on his trip in the deep.

Cooling Shade and thundering Voice,
Guardian, Protector of the lamb,
Throughout the endless ages
I am the Great I AM.

From the Editors



WHAT IF GOD TOOK A DAY OFF?

The event had been well publicized. Only a hermit would have missed hearing the news that God was going to take a day off. Some citizens looked forward to the day with unalloyed relief, glad for once that an unearthly supervisor would not be looking over their shoulder. Others, who believed that the very processes of nature depend upon God, considered the arrival of this "holiday" as the end of the world. Believers and unbelievers alike grew apprehensive, fearful, frantic. They hardly knew what to expect. God had never taken a holiday before.

The day before God's holiday . . .

Such a story might make interesting reading, but it would not be factual. The Bible makes it plain that God does not take holidays. He will never desert His created beings; He will not neglect His responsibilities. "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" (Ps. 121:4). But God is often forced away from particular places by circumstances over which He has no control. He does not leave the earth without His protection and guidance, but He is often edged out of the hearts of men by acts of their own wills. He does not desire to vacate, but He will not remain where He is not recognized. The question is not, Does God ever take a day off? but, Do I ever take a holiday from Him?

The most common form of vacation from God is leaving Him out of our weekday program—recognizing Him on the Sabbath but not taking Him into the affairs of everyday life. Such an attitude places God, like an idol, within a building or room, where He is occasionally visited and worshiped. It does not recognize Him as the God of all men, in all time, for all needs.

We also vacation from God when we are literally on a holiday. The daily routine is broken when we are camping or traveling. The regular times for worship are displaced, and we suddenly arrive at Friday, realizing that we have hardly spoken to God for days. Our only devotion has been casual thoughts of the beauties of nature; our only prayers, grace. We may even slip past the Sabbath, giving it little notice, for during vacation isn't every day a day of rest?

God Does Not Neglect Us

God is constant in His attention to us. "The Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deut. 31:6). He keeps the earth green, replenishing the oxygen living things require. He keeps in balance the chemical and physical forces that constitute our environment and provides reliable and stable living conditions (Gen. 8:22; Job 36:37). In addition, He protects us from danger (Psalm 91) and provides life's necessities and extras (Ps. 84:11). Above all, He holds open the door of escape from sin (1 John 1:9; 1 Cor. 10:13). Should we not be constant in our devotion to Him?

Many aspects of modern life tend to lead us to forget God and to neglect His worship. We have already mentioned vacations. Other situations that upset a balanced work-worship-recreation-rest routine are frequent family moves, moonlighting, increased financial independence of youth, and a family program that calls for irregular hours for its members. It is not wrong for the mother to work or the father to attend night school or the children to have their own interests. But these and other aspects

of today's world may push God into the background.

The availability of spare time, whether in annual vacations or in the daily schedule, increases the danger of self-indulgence. Every effort ought to be made to keep God uppermost in our minds during these periods of special relaxation. The common worldly amusements must not be indulged by Christians. Rather, writes Ellen G. White, "Let several families living in a city or village unite and leave the occupations which have taxed them physically and mentally, and make an excursion into the country, . . . where the scenery of nature is beautiful. . . . Let the whole day be given to recreation. . . . They can return to their occupations with new life and new courage to engage in their labor with zeal."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, pp. 514, 515. The most restful, relaxing holiday is a holiday with God. (Another interesting application of the holiday idea to religion is found in "Holidays Unto God," *Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 343-345.)

God takes no vacations; He has no days off; He is always on duty. In our battle against sin we need Him constantly. When our daily routine is upset by complicated family schedules, travel, or other impingements of modern life, let us continue to seek God first, and everything else will fit properly into place.

F. D. Y.

THE MESSAGE OF THE BEE—1

"Wiser far than human seer,
Yellow-breeched philosopher!
Seeing only what is fair,
Sipping only what is sweet,
Thou dost mock at fate and care,
Leave the chaff, and take the wheat."

The homely philosophy set forth in these lines by Ralph Waldo Emerson could well be adopted by all Christians. As do the bees, people would live far happier lives if they always saw "only what is fair," and sipped "only what is sweet."

We all know, of course, that life is not all "sweetness and light." It is a strange mixture of good and evil, joy and sorrow. Every situation has advantages and drawbacks. Every challenge has hopeful aspects and apparently insuperable obstacles. Some people fear that if they dwell largely on life's beauties and good happenings, they will be considered queer or unrealistic. If they choose habitually to look on the bright side of life, they may be thought of as a "Pollyanna." But this should not deter anyone from being optimistic, courageous, and cheerful even in the darkest hour. What happens to us is not so important as how we relate to what happens. Whether we fail or succeed in life, whether we create gloom or impart happiness, is determined largely by our own attitude, not by circumstances.

This is well illustrated by the case of the ten spies and Caleb and Joshua as ancient Israel approached the Promised Land. The ten spies "brought up an evil report" (Num. 13:32). They declared that the "land . . . eateth up the inhabitants thereof." They said, "All the people . . . are men of a great stature. . . . We saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their

sight" (verses 32, 33). With their eyes fixed upon the obstacles, the ten declared, "We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we" (verse 31).

Same Giants, Different Outlook

Caleb and Joshua looked at the identical situation. They saw the giants. They saw the walled cities. But like Emerson's "yellow-breeched philosopher," they decided to "leave the chaff, and take the wheat." Pointing to the tremendous cluster of grapes brought from Eshcol, as well as the pomegranates and figs, they declared that the land "floweth with milk and honey" (verse 27). In faith they looked to God, and declared, "He will bring us into this land" (chap. 14:8). They looked at the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night—evidences that God was with them—and declared that He would lead them into the Promised Land.

It seems almost fantastic that the ten spies could bring a report that contradicted flatly the report of Caleb and Joshua. But the ten had trained themselves to look on the dark side of life, to see the obstacles rather than the tremendous resources available for victory; hence in this crisis they talked defeat and discouragement. It was not the situation that defeated them; it was their own attitude.

Thus it is with many today. For example, in their Christian experience some people spend more time thinking about their failures than about the good things God has done for them. A female apostle of despair once wrote to Ellen G. White asking for a word of encouragement. That night Sister White dreamed that she was in a garden. The owner of the garden was with her, leading her along the pathway. With her, also, was the discouraged woman whose letter she had read shortly before retiring.

As they walked through the beautiful garden, Sister White picked a number of flowers and inhaled their fragrant scent. The discouraged sister, on the other hand, focused her attention on the unsightly briars near the path. "Oh," she mourned, "is it not a pity that this beautiful garden is spoiled with thorns?" Writing of the experience later, Sister White quoted the guide-owner as offering this good counsel: "Let the thorns alone, for

they will only wound you. Gather the roses, the lilies, and the pinks."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 117.

Applying the lesson, Sister White asked, "Have there not been some bright spots in your experience? Have you not had some precious seasons when your heart throbbed with joy in response to the Spirit of God? When you look back into the chapters of your life experience, do you not find some pleasant pages? Are not God's promises, like the fragrant flowers, growing beside your path on every hand? Will you not let their beauty and sweetness fill your heart with joy?"—*Ibid.*

Contrasting Attitudes

As some people look out into the world today, they see only darkness and gloom. They see the disintegration of the home, the growing rate of crime and drug addiction, the cold war and hot war, the deaths from disease and accident. And the more they look upon these things, the more discouraged they become, the less beautiful and worth while life seems to be.

Others, while not blind to the evils just mentioned, maintain a joyful outlook. They rejoice in the natural beauties of the world. They thank God for snow-capped mountains, for verdant valleys, for colorful flowers. They thank God for truth, for a wonderful Saviour, for the presence of the Holy Spirit. They rejoice that in spite of the wickedness of the world, the Lord is gathering out a people who will stand firm for principle in spite of the fiercest tests the enemy can bring upon them. They look beyond the darkness of the present to the glorious day when Jesus shall return. Needless to say, with every repeated effort to see "only what is fair" and sip "only what is sweet," the habit becomes more firmly fixed. Not only do they find greater joy for themselves but they bring light and encouragement to all with whom they come in contact.

The wise man once suggested that those who feel disinclined to work should "go to the ant" for an object lesson in industry. We think Emerson's implied counsel to "go to the bee" is well taken also. Christians, above all people on earth, should "leave the chaff, and take the wheat."

K. H. W.

(Concluded next week)

LETTERS

From Readers

MORE ON "AMEN"

EDITORS: An excellent article appeared in the REVIEW of April 27. E. A. Robertson set forth the rich and significant meaning of "Amen" as an affirmation of a divine truth, as the ratification of a solemn covenant. He gave us a new appreciation of this solemn word that evokes a human response to all the expressions of God's grace.

One point in the article deserves elaboration. Elder Robertson pointed out that "Amen" occurs first in Numbers 5:22. This is true of the actual word itself, but its root, from which also the word "believe" springs, occurs for the first time in Genesis 15:6. This adds a further dimension to the significance of the word.

Thus the patriarch ratified the promises made by the Lord and this was reckoned to him for righteousness. The richness of this experience is fully explored by Paul, and

set before us as an example of faith. May we too say Amen to all the promises of God, for we become "partakers of the divine nature" through faith in the "exceeding great and precious promises" of the Word (2 Peter 1:4).

It is therefore our privilege to say Amen to the assurance that "the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in all goodness so that you may do his will, and may he make of us what he would have us be through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen" (Heb. 13:20, 21, N.E.B.).*

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EDITORS: Re: the letter by Elder J. R. Spangler in the July 20 issue regarding "Amens" in church. My comment on Elder Spangler's letter is simply a hearty "Amen."

WILLIAM M. ASHTON

Batesville, Arkansas

P.S. ON SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

EDITORS: I was rather disappointed in the number who wished that all would study one Sabbath school lesson and was glad to see a letter in defense of separate lessons.

Many years of study and work have been put in by those trained to teach children and to improve our teaching methods.

True, it takes more time for study with the small ones. It takes time to make the baby's formula and feed him his mashed vegetables and fruit. Should we all eat the same things?

Let's not move backward for the sake of saving a few moments of time. Better to take the time from some work that may not be necessary.

CLEOBELLE HICKS

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CONGRATULATES INVENTIVENESS OF FOOD COMPANIES

EDITORS: Protein is vital for health. Vegetarians need it just as other people do. Vegetarians also have taste buds. Unappetizing food, poor cooking and seasoning, and lack of variety are, in the field of nutrition, what wrinkles, tears, and stains are in the field of clothing—undesirable.

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Into New Island Territory

By W. A. TOWNSEND
President, North Queensland Conference

Today is Thursday on Thursday Island. Nearby lie Tuesday Island, Wednesday Island, and Friday Island, but there is no Sabbath Island. And this is why we are here, Pastor E. F. Giblett and I.

During its first meeting of 1967 the North Queensland Conference committee had approved detailed plans for evangelistic surveys to be made of each unentered portion of our territory. Penetration with the Advent message will follow, for sure. Not satisfied with being the fastest-growing conference in the Australasian Division, our North Queenslanders will be contented with nothing less than a finished work.

While it is true that Thursday Island is about 2,500 miles north of Brisbane, capital of Australia's state of Queensland, we still are in the state. The Torres Strait Islands, of which Thursday is the population center, are part of Queensland. Our own conference office is located some 1,000 miles south of this island, in Townsville (population 62,000), where lives the world's largest white population in the tropics.

Today we are right up on the very top of vast Australia, Thursday Island being even north of better-known Darwin, the international airport at the northern gateway to Australia. The Torres Islands extend north and east almost to the coast of Papua and west to near the West Irian border, which is Indonesian territory. On

16 of these island outposts live some 6,300 people, and Thursday Island is inhabited by 2,679, about 300 being Europeans. Most of the rest are Torres Strait Islanders.

There is no Sabbath Island in this group, as I have mentioned, and there are no Sabbathkeepers.

Those words of Revelation 14:6—"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people"—inspired our committee, brought Pastor Giblett (Trans-Tasman Union lay activities secretary) and me to Thursday Island, and set us to surveying, praying, planning for the planting of the gospel seed here.

We know that there is a challenge here, as there is in each place where the gospel message is not yet established. We know the message of Revelation 14:6-12 is the only satisfactory answer for these people, all too many of whom are addicted to liquor and loose living. We know that God has unclaimed children right here. And we believe we may have already met some of them. For instance, the island family with whom we prayed after they had given us a large string of colorful beads made from the seeds of wild almonds, would surely make good Adventists. The beads, they told us, are "our sign of eternal friendship."

There may never be a Sabbath Island, but there surely will be Sabbathkeepers on Thursday Island—and soon.



A Thursday Islander prepares to dive for shells.

Dominican Youth Freed From Demon Possession

By FELIX RODRIGUEZ
Departmental Secretary
Antillian Union

The Dominican Conference workers' meeting had hardly begun when a young man came before the meeting and requested that someone go to help his sister, Alta Gracia. She had been possessed by a demon, he said. After hearing his agonized plea, Eligio Gonzalez, conference president, invited me to take Pastor Colombino Gonzalez with me and go to the home of Leandro M. Cantisano, father of the girl.

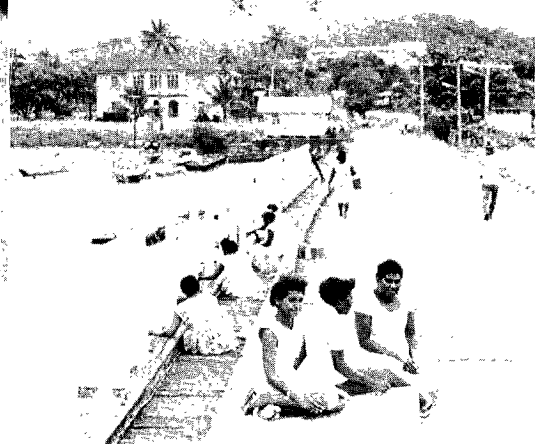
When we arrived at the home of Mr. Cantisano we found him talking to what he thought was his wife's father, returned from the dead. The visitor said he had come to help the girl. The father then called for his wife to come and listen to her father, who wished to talk to her.

I asked Mr. Cantisano to come outside of the room a moment. I asked him if he really wanted to see his daughter well. He said Yes. I then asked him to let us work alone, explaining that it was not the grandfather, because he was dead and could do nothing on this earth any more. I read him some texts from the Bible concerning the subject, and he remained quiet and cooperative.

In a short time we realized that several demons had apparently taken possession of this young woman, because of the way they revealed themselves. In a low voice I spoke to my companion, Elder Gonzalez, and said, "There are many."

Immediately in chorus they answered, "Yes, we are 21. We are not leaving here until we have finished our task." And the apparent task they had was to kill her.

We took our Bibles and prayed. Then we reprimanded the demons, who turned on us saying, "There are 21 of us and we are not leaving." I then rebuked them in the name of Jesus with these words: "In the name of Him who overcame you in



Left: The children of Thursday Island, between Australia and New Guinea, enjoy ice-cream sticks, but they know nothing of the third angel's message. Right: Women fishing on a Thursday Island wharf. The island is in the territory of the North Queensland Conference.

heaven and in earth and in the grave, I order you to come out of her."

One spirit answered, "I go, but the rest remain," and he left.

We continued struggling and rebuking the rest of the spirits with prayer and the Word of God. The struggle lasted six hours, from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon. The demons began leaving one by one, and every time one left it would say, "I am going, but the rest remain." When there were 17 demons left, seven left at the same time, producing a terrible commotion. When this occurred, the young woman was able to sit up on the couch where she had been lying.

As the tenth spirit was leaving he said, "I have asked my companions to go with me, but they do not want to, but I leave." After this another spoke and said, "This doctor and this teacher are very evil. They wish to kill the girl. I am going also." Two more left.

The last seven did not want to leave under any circumstances. They tried in various ways to destroy the life of the girl, and paralyzed her hands and feet. We continued to pray and rebuke the spirits in the name of the Lord. The father, who up to this moment had been serene, calm, and had demonstrated himself to be a valiant man, finally began to cry.

One of the spirits said with a cackling laugh, "That's just the way I wanted to see you." But Mr. Cantisano had confidence in God. "Jesus is with me," he said with valor.

At last the moment came when one of the demons announced, "Six of us have decided to leave." But that left one. When these six had left, the girl improved greatly. Arising from the couch she said, "I feel much better. My headache has gone. My body no longer hurts." She sat down and asked for something to drink.

When we saw that the young woman had improved so much, we left, but after retiring to my bed, I felt moved to telephone her home. I knew that the remaining spirit would molest her, and as Mr. Cantisano answered he told me that everything was going well and that an angel had come to help them.

I realized immediately that Satan had



Norway's Twenty-fourth Postwar Church

A combined dedication-anniversary service was held at Hokksund, Norway, May 27. The 27-member church was celebrating its thirtieth anniversary in connection with the dedication of their new building.

The main auditorium has a seating capacity of 100, but folding doors can be opened to an adjoining hall to seat an additional 30 worshipers. In addition to the sanctuary the building includes an organ gallery, pastor's study, and kitchenette. Total cost was \$35,000.

Alf Lohne, secretary of the Northern European Division, gave the dedicatory address, and Alfred Lie, president of the East Norway Conference, also participated in the service.

This is the twenty-fourth church dedicated in Norway since the war.

PAUL FRIVOLD, Minister
East Norway Conference



The young woman who was filled with 21 devils, Alta Gracia Cantisano, with Pastor Colombino Gonzalez (left), Pastor Felix Rodriguez, and her father, Mr. Cantisano.

changed his tactics and was trying to deceive them in another way, so I went straight to their home. Satan now appeared in the form of an angel of light, and as soon as I arrived he tried to demonstrate his power again by throwing the girl to the floor. I rebuked him and said to him that he could not deceive this good family, and finally after a struggle he also left.

For a long time I spoke to that family explaining the true character of the deception Satan had just practiced on them. I showed them how it was not an angel of light that had come, but the devil. During the week I spent in the Dominican Republic I visited this family every day and studied the Bible and prayed with them.

The next Sabbath Mr. Cantisano and his daughter, Alta Gracia, came to church. When I made the altar call, they came forward, giving their hearts to the Lord. The father expressed himself in these words: "I am now a Seventh-day Adventist."

The Cantisano family belong to the elite of the Dominican Republic. They are grateful to God for what He has done for them, and in demonstration of their gratitude they have given their hearts to Jesus. We are thankful to the Lord for this great victory.

Dresden, Germany, Series Ends With Bible Exhibit

A Bible-study group of 80 was organized following an evangelistic campaign conducted not long ago in Dresden, Germany. Attendance at the 22-meeting series was high. Approximately 620 persons heard the sermon on the resurrection.

Church members joined in the preparations for a comprehensive program of evangelism in their city of 500,000 inhabitants. Pastor John Mager, district evangelist, led out. Prayer groups were organized, and preparatory services were held five weekends. An effort was made to reach all former members. More than 100 lay members helped publicize the meetings. A day of fasting and prayer preceded the opening night.

An hour before the opening service, most of the seats in the Advent House were filled. Each person received a Bible as he entered, and each visitor who attended ten meetings was given a personal copy of the Bible. By this means 150 Bibles were placed in Dresden homes.

As a follow-up program, an exhibit of Bibles was displayed at the church. More than 3,000 visitors viewed a display highlighting the origin, history, and distribution of the Bible, as well as the meaning



Successful evangelistic meetings were recently conducted in Advent House, Dresden.

of the Holy Scriptures. Of special interest was the "smallest printed Bible in the world"—an English Bible no larger than a matchbox.

Brief News

BRITISH UNION

FEATURED on Education Day in Britain was the baptism of 20 young people, 17 of whom were students at Stanborough School. E. H. Foster, president of the South England Conference, gave the address preceding the baptism. Officiating at the baptism were Ernest Logan, resi-

dent minister at Stanborough Park; Herbert Logan and W. E. Staples, a missionary, who baptized their children.

MORE than 1,500 pieces of Adventist literature were distributed at the Royal Cornwall Show, England. This was the eleventh consecutive agricultural exhibition in which Adventists have participated.

GARTH TILL sailed from Liverpool recently on the MV *Aureol* for West Nigeria, where he will be maintenance supervisor in the Adventist Hospital at Ile-Ife. His wife, Kathleen (nee Freeth), has been appointed midwife-sister-tutor there. This, in a sense, will be a return home for both these young people. Garth was 14 months old when he first went out to Nigeria, where his father, Pastor Wilfred George Till, served until his death in 1953. Garth speaks the Yoruba language fluently.

V. H. COOPER, *Correspondent*

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

IN PRETORIA, the capital of South Africa, Evangelist Ray Kent is addressing capacity audiences. A general in the South African Army and his wife are among those interested in the message.

DURING an evangelistic campaign held by O. D. Musa, president of the Mashonaland Field, near Salisbury, Rhodesia, 87 have been baptized. Three hundred twenty-one persons made decisions for Christ.

AMONG those attending evangelistic meetings conducted by Karl Birkenstock in Springs is the "Mealie King" of South Africa. His wife has been baptized. This man's mealie (corn) crop is estimated to yield nearly 2.5 million dollars. Other family members are also interested.

F. BURTON JEWELL passed to his rest May 16 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. Born in New York in 1875 and trained as a male nurse, he came to Africa in 1913 and served for 43 years before retiring in 1956. He specialized in midwifery and had well over 1,300 deliveries to his credit.

PEGGY DAWKINS, *Correspondent*

SOUTH INDIA UNION

P. T. PAUL, a retired literature evangelist in Kerala, continues to witness by giving Bible studies. Recently he and his son led a young man to join the church by encouraging him to read Adventist publications and enrolling him in the Voice of Prophecy course.

LITERATURE sales to the end of June total Rs. 190,525 (U.S. \$14,443), highest ever reported for any six months in the history of the union.

K. M. SUNANA, literature evangelist in the Kannada Section, had no money for bus fare to his territory one morning, but he promised to pay as soon as he arrived at his destination. The conductor agreed. By the time he was to get off he had taken orders for Rs. 52 on the bus and was able to pay his fare.

G. W. MAYWALD, *Correspondent*

Impromptu Branch Sabbath School

An unlikely situation for a branch Sabbath school! No building, no piano, no Picture Roll—just children.

Pastor Bill Smith, evangelist in the Sabah Mission (Borneo), and I made an unannounced weekday visit to a village near Kudat where regular Sabbath-day branch Sabbath school services are held. Within minutes of our arrival children flocked from all directions and our impromptu meeting began.

First there was singing; then a story by Pastor Smith. Following this a young national (below, left) who was with us told a simple

but beautiful story of Jesus, while the jewelry-bedecked children listened (below, right). Prayer closed the meeting.

The parents expressed gratitude for the simple program, and the chief (squatting, fourth adult from left) indicated his approval by listening to all that was said. Kneeling at the left is Pastor Smith; Pastor Chin Kong Loi is second from left.

No piano, no Picture Roll, no building—just boys and girls, men and women, receiving the words of truth.

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



Condensed News



The five young men studying at Venezuelan Adventist Academy who plan to be ministers are shown with their teacher, Elder Bohr.

First National Workers Trained at New Venezuelan Academy

The development of a new academy at Nirgua, Venezuela, is bearing fruit in at least two ways: (1) Twenty-two persons were recently baptized, and (2) the first professionally trained national workers are preparing for service in their homeland. The first Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of 1965 helped build the school.

In September, 1965, the school opened with 120 students enrolled. An intensive soul-winning program was immediately begun and the results were seen June 3 when 18 students and two construction workers and their wives were baptized.

Five ministers participated in the baptism: C. E. Schmidt, director of the academy; Harold Bohr, director of the Bible department; J. J. Suárez, director of the humanities department; Luis Flórez, Week of Prayer speaker; and Antonio Ceballos, vice-director of the school.

The development of this new academy is the beginning of a program for professionally trained national workers in Venezuela. Previously the work in that country has been carried on almost entirely by foreigners.

Of this year's senior class, five of the eleven young men plan to continue studying for the ministry. For 57 years we have had established work in Caracas, the nation's capital, but until now this city has not produced one minister. Three of the five prospective workers are from Caracas.

Youth who once might have been drawn into more lucrative professions available in oil-rich Venezuela now have the opportunity to train for service in their own homeland. **HAROLD BOHR**
Director, Bible Department

Sabbath School Leaders Conduct Two Institutes in North Brazil

Two Sabbath school institutes were conducted recently, one in Belém, Pará, and the other in Fortaleza, Ceará, under the leadership of Fernon Retzer and G. Clouzet, General Conference and South American Division Sabbath school department secretaries, respectively.

The main Sabbath school objectives

were described. Branch Sabbath schools and Vacation Bible Schools were subjects of special attention because of their potential as practical means of winning men, women, and children to Christ.

OLIVAL COSTA
Departmental Secretary
North Brazil Union

Korean Civil and Church Leaders Honor Retiring Dr. George Rue

"Dr. Rue may leave," said Dr. Samuel Moffett of the United Presbyterian Mission in Korea, "but he will still remain in Korea. His influence and the result of his work cannot leave this land. His life has been an exemplification of the principles of the Master Physician, whom he represents."

These words were spoken to a group of 700 civil leaders, businessmen, missionaries, former patients, and friends who were gathered at a reception July 13 honoring Dr. and Mrs. Rue.

C. A. Williams, president of the Korean Union Mission, told how during the Korean war Dr. Rue did surgery in an unheated barn in Pusan. This barn had sheets for walls to divide the operating room from the outpatient clinic and the patients' beds. During World War II and twice during the Korean war all the equipment at the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital was lost, and Dr. Rue started over each time gathering the necessary items to run a hospital.

Others who spoke were Dr. Clarence Lee, medical secretary of the Korean Union Mission, and Dr. C. W. Myung, president of the Korean Medical Association. All mentioned the unselfish service given by Dr. and Mrs. Rue and the place they occupy in the hearts of the people of Korea.

For years Dr. Rue has hoped to see the present war-weary Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital replaced by a modern structure. Plans have now been drawn up and the new hospital administration expects to see this hope a reality soon.

LOUIS R. ERICH, M.D.
Medical Director
Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital

The mayor of Seoul, Korea, presents the city's golden key to Dr. George Rue, founder of Seoul Sanitarium, for his 32 years of service. It is the city's highest award.



Solusi Looks Forward to Growth as Two Graduate in Theology

This year's graduates from the four-year theology course at Solusi College, Rhodesia, only two in number, reflect the difficult times through which the college has passed. Lack of water and other problems have caused many college students to be transferred to denominational colleges overseas to complete their courses of study.

The picture has now changed. With a plentiful supply of water, a generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow, and definite word about more students being able to attend the college, the future looks bright. Additional staff has enabled the administration to enrich the curriculum of study. For example, a special one-year course in denominational bookkeeping and accounting will be offered to mission field treasurers and accountants.

G. F. CLIFFORD
Departmental Secretary
Trans-Africa Division



The two theology graduates of Solusi College and the three graduation speakers (front row) and the college's faculty.

Donations for New Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Exceed Goal

Despite the recent political disturbances in Hong Kong, plans for a new Adventist hospital are proceeding. Two and a half million Hong Kong dollars have been donated, considerably more than the amount needed to begin construction. Ground was broken June 15 (REVIEW, July 6).

The building, circular in design, will be the second Adventist hospital in the metropolitan area and the nineteenth major hospital in the Far Eastern Division.

The success of the fund-raising campaign being conducted by Dr. Harry W. Miller, E. L. Longway, and R. M. Milne was announced by Dr. Miller, July 4, as more than 100 of his friends gathered at Kowloon's Northern Chinese Restaurant to celebrate his eighty-eighth birthday and to recognize his 64 years of service in behalf of the Chinese.

Among the guests were Dr. Wai Chuen Su, a former associate who once headed one of the 17 sanitariums Dr. Miller has founded; Mrs. Mary Miller; the doctor's daughter, Mrs. Maude Miller Wolfe; and his secretary, Mrs. Julia Nelson.

JOHN HSUEN, M.D., Staff Physician
Adventist Sanitarium-Hospital
of Hong Kong

Adventist Chaplains, Meeting at Fort Sam Houston, Struggle With Problem of Church Youth Who Volunteer

One of the principal topics of discussion at the July 23-27 chaplains' conference at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was the plight of Adventist young men who, though realizing the demands that will be made of them and the conflicts they will have because of their convictions, voluntarily enter military service.

As these ministers of the church—eight military chaplains and eight civilian chaplains—studied current problems of Adventist servicemen in the U.S. military forces, they were especially concerned over the increasing number of SDA youth who, after voluntarily entering the service for reasons of their own, later wish to arrange for an assignment in harmony with their reawakened convictions. In some areas of the military, such transfers are now almost impossible to obtain.

The conclusion of these men who minister daily to servicemen is that increasing emphasis must be given in the educational program of the church to the importance of individual decisions. The military authorities are aware of what the church teaches, but they are more vitally interested in what actions the individual man has chosen to take. Decisions affecting the individual soldier are made on the basis

of his actions, not his church's teachings. Every Adventist man who has military obligations should know clearly the avenues open to him in fulfilling those obligations and the outcome of his choices.

The chaplains took time during the conference to go to Lackland Air Force Base for a thorough briefing on what happens to a recruit in basic training in the Air Force. They also spent a half day at Fort Sam Houston in seeing what the 1-A-O inductee in the Army gets in his basic training and his advanced individual training in the medical field. These tours were particularly informative to those who have recently become civilian chaplains.

The meeting was chaired by Clark Smith and Charles Martin, director and associate director, respectively, of the National Service Organization for the General Conference. Harry Garlick, associate secretary of the MV department of the Pacific Union and director of the NSO activities in that field, was also present.

Four military chaplains and one civilian chaplain were not able to be at the conference because of assignments overseas, two in Vietnam and three in Europe.

CLARK SMITH, *Director*
National Service Organization

Atlantic Union

BRIEF NEWS

THE Warick, Bermuda, church has finished its building program. Members expect the \$150,000 church to be dedicated in two years. During the past several months, through baptisms and transfers, the membership has grown from somewhat more than 80 to nearly 100 members. The church has a seating capacity of 240.

SITE preparation for the new 120-bed Geer Memorial Convalescent Hospital and Nursing Home in Canaan, Connecticut, is now completed, according to Harry E. Clough, administrator. Plans for the structure are almost ready, and construction is scheduled to begin in the near future.

APPROXIMATELY 600 attended the first meetings of the Rochester Field School Crusade held in the evangelism center of the new Bay Knolls church in Rochester, New York. Eldon Walter is conducting the program, and his associates are from Atlantic Union College, Andrews University, and the New York Conference.

J. MELVYN CLEMONS and John Ferneyhough will have new assignments at Atlantic Union College this next school year. Elder Clemons, associate professor of religion, will serve as director of testing and guidance. Mr. Ferneyhough, who has been director of data processing at the

college since his graduation there in 1966, will be the chief accountant.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

Central Union

Denver's Mile High Academy Begins \$300,000 Addition

A new \$300,000 addition to Mile High Academy at Denver, Colorado, for which groundbreaking services were conducted August 3, will house administrative offices, four classrooms, a science complex, library, commercial department, teachers' lounge, and a nurse's suite. Besides adding new facilities to the academy, the addition will relieve the elementary school of pressure resulting from overcrowded conditions.

R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union, and George Kelley, assistant administrator to Denver's Mayor Curigan, officiated at the groundbreaking.

This new wing continues a history of growth and expansion that began in 1949 when Denver Junior Academy was moved from Navajo Street to its present location near Porter Hospital. Since then four additions have been built: the cafeteria, two additions to the wing housing the elementary school, and the addition for the industrial arts and music departments.

RANDALL H. FOX, *Principal*

BRIEF NEWS

SEVENTEEN members were added to the church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the result of evangelistic meetings held by Robert Correia and Ken Taylor. This was the first series of meetings held in Wyoming by this new evangelistic team.

NINETEEN Vacation Bible Schools were held in the Colorado Conference during June. Of the total enrollment of 2,034, 56 per cent were from non-SDA homes. Plans were for 15 more Vacation Bible Schools to be held before the end of August. Two families have been baptized in 1967 who trace their first contact with Adventists to a Vacation Bible School.

DURING 1966 the average number of Bible studies given each quarter throughout the Kansas Conference by laymen was 650. For the first two quarters of 1967 the average was 1,642.

CLARA W. ANDERSON, *Correspondent*

Columbia Union

BRIEF NEWS

AUGUST 11 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the Clyde, Ohio, church. C. F. Black is now pastor.

THE Turner Memorial Center at Pennington Gap, Virginia, is nearing completion. The center houses four classrooms, a kitchen for home economics instruction, a garage for auto mechanics class, and an auditorium that will seat approximately 250.

OFFICIAL opening services were held July 28 for the new Cumberland, Maryland, church. Cree Sandefur, president of the union, was the guest speaker for the worship services. Douglas Logan, lay activities secretary, represented the West Virginia Conference. Special music for an afternoon program was furnished by Shenandoah Valley Academy students under the direction of V. C. Hilbert. William F. Hawkes is pastor.

AN UNUSUAL lay project is being carried on near the entrance of the Swallow Falls Recreational Area in western Maryland. Opha Mays and Ernest and John Sines from the Washington, D.C., area have been holding weekend meetings and Sabbath services in a borrowed tent. An excellent interest is reported, and a baptism of about seven is expected in September. Meetings have been held during the summer on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. Attendance has been as high as 100.

AN ATTEMPT by retail merchants in Delaware to secure passage of a Sunday-closing law has been unsuccessful. Vigorously opposed by Seventh-day Adventists on local, union, and General Conference levels, the bill was withdrawn by its author rather than face almost certain defeat in the legislature. Charles Griffin, pastor of the

Wilmington churches, reports that there are indications that the bill may be re-introduced later.

A STRANGE form of growth took place August 13 when two old buildings were burned to the ground to make way for the erection of a \$4 million campus center at Columbia Union College. The burning was done under the supervision of the Takoma Park fire chief, who used the fire for instructional purposes.

MORTEN JUBERG, *Correspondent*

Lake Union

Two Workers Are Ordained at Wisconsin Camp Meeting

Stephen Yost and E. L. Hulse were ordained to the gospel ministry July 22 at the Wisconsin camp meeting. Euel Atchley, of the General Conference Temperance Department, delivered the ordination sermon, and Jere D. Smith, union president, extended the charge.

Elder Yost is principal of Wisconsin Academy, and Elder Hulse is chaplain for the Mid-American Nursing Homes at Bethel and Marshfield. Before coming to Wisconsin, Elder Hulse and his family served as missionaries in Benghazi, Libya.

H. J. HARRIS

Departmental Secretary



From left: Jere D. Smith, Lake Union Conference president; R. E. Finney, Jr. Wisconsin Conference president; Elder and Mrs. Stephen Yost; Elder and Mrs. E. L. Hulse; and Euel Atchley, GC Temperance Dept.

BRIEF NEWS

DURING camp meeting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan six persons were baptized by John Erhard.

THE Van Dyke church at Warren, Michigan, added 16 new members by baptism recently. The service for 11 church school students and five adults was conducted by James A. Ward.

THE new Seventh-day Adventist church at Alpena, Michigan, is to be completed by the fall school term. The building complex will include a 360-seat sanctuary; four division rooms, two of which will be used as a church school; and a gymnasium.

Among those participating in the recent tree-planting were the pastor, James D. Papendick; the president of the conference, R. D. Moon; and the county supervisor, William Wolf.

Two young men were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Illinois camp meeting, Harold Greer and R. A. Jamison. Officiating in the service were Jere D. Smith, president of the union; W. A. Nelson, Illinois Conference president; and Richard Hammill and Steven Vitrano from Andrews University.

COMMONWEALTH-EDISON POWER COMPANY representatives, observing the Hinsdale Sanitarium's switch to stand-by electric power recently, complimented them as being the best-lighted hospital on emergency power they have seen. During a recent six-hour cutoff, stand-by equipment provided electricity for every area of the hospital and every piece of equipment that needed to be supplied.

THE Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital this year had the largest June class in the Aides and Orderlies Course. There were 33 men and women from eight States, including Hawaii, and also some from Jamaica.

A SERIES of evangelistic meetings is being held at Champaign, Illinois, August 12-September 9. It is a part of an evangelistic field school conducted by Steven P. Vitrano, chairman of the department of religion, Andrews University undergraduate school.

SOME of Indiana's smaller churches are active in the Bible Speaks program. Ralph Combes, lay activities leader of the conference, states that the Washington church, with 19 members, has about 90 Bibles out now, and the decision meeting will be held soon by C. N. Allinder. The Glezen church, with 14 members, has placed almost 100 Bibles.

A BAPTISMAL service was conducted recently by Delmer T. Burke. As a result 19 members were added to the Estey, Edenville, and Ladwin churches in Michigan. Since then four more have been baptized.

A FIRE at the Adelphian Academy Mill in Michigan damaged five trailers loaded with lumber. Origin of the fire was undetermined. Damage was estimated at \$16,000.

MILDRED WADE, *Correspondent*

North Pacific Union

Three Workers Ordained at Washington Camp Meeting

Three workers were ordained July 15 during the Washington Conference camp meeting at Auburn, Washington: Magne Fuglheim, who began his ministerial work in Denmark; Robert White, who started

his work in the Washington Conference; and O. A. Braman, who came to the Washington Conference as Book and Bible House manager after serving in the New England States.

The ordination sermon was preached by K. H. Wood, editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD. Others who took part in the service were W. J. Hackett, president of the North Pacific Union, and W. J. Blacker, president of the Washington Conference.

W. A. SCRIVEN

Departmental Secretary



From left: W. J. Blacker, Washington Conference president; the three men ordained: Magne Fuglheim, Robert White, O. A. Braman; and W. J. Hackett, union president.

BRIEF NEWS

Two evangelistic campaigns have recently been conducted by the Upper Columbia evangelistic team, made up of Herman Bauman, speaker; Lorie Purdey, soloist; and Paul Cole, campaign manager. Total baptisms were 138. Fifty-four were baptized in the Tri-City area of Washington; and in the little town of Hermiston, Oregon, with a population of only 4,800 people, 84 were baptized.

THE first term of the summer session at Walla Walla College had an all-time-high registration of 612. An additional 61 were registered for the second term, according to Orpha Osborne, registrar. Three short-term workshops and courses during the second term were: school-plant construction and management, under the direction of Walter Howe, associate secretary of the GC Department of Education; art in the elementary school, directed by Lois Teel; and production of instructional aids, directed by R. E. Stahlnecker. Miss Teel and Dr. Stahlnecker are assistant professors of education at WWC.

SPEAKERS for the summer commencement ceremonies August 18-20 at Walla Walla College were William Woodruff, pastor of the Village church in College Place; J. N. Barnes, associate professor of religion at WWC; and Phillip Dunham, pastor of the Stone Tower church in Portland. About 100 Bachelor's and Master's degrees were conferred, and an honorary Doctor's degree was conferred on Clyde M. Harris, who donated the Harris Pine Mills of Pendleton, Oregon, to the General Conference in 1951.

SOME 2,000 persons lived on the Auburn Academy grounds for the Washington camp meeting July 13-22, and another

4,000 or 5,000 joined them on the two Sabbaths. Sabbath school offerings on the two Sabbaths totaled \$8,581.34; offering for evangelism was \$22,636.24, including pledges; the offering for missions amounted to \$9,724.30, including pledges. On the last Sabbath seven persons were baptized.

IONE MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Northern Union

BRIEF NEWS

TEN persons were baptized and more are studying for baptism as a result of evangelistic meetings held during March and April in Sioux City, Iowa. David Sharpe was in charge.

BOYD GARNER, a member of the Maryland Avenue church in St. Paul, Minnesota, was killed in Vietnam while giving aid to a wounded man. He received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star for Heroism, and the special Military Merit Medal, Gallantry Cross and Palm from the Vietnam Government.

IN THE first seven months of this year 7,500 pieces of literature have been distributed in the Gackle, North Dakota, district with every family in the district receiving at least one piece. E. J. Kanna is pastor of the Gackle, Lehr, and Streeter churches.

THE Northern Union shows a 32 per cent gain in accessions through baptism and profession of faith in 1967 over the same six-month period last year.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

Pacific Union

Press Relations Work Shows Evangelistic Possibilities

Faithful press-relations evangelists in the Pacific Union Conference are playing an increasingly important role in bringing men and women to Christ through their continuing work with the public press. Marvin Moore, of the Inglewood, California, church, relates what happened recently:

"Our press-relations secretary wished to use the story about the Bible enrollment project in the church. He asked me just how we planned to conduct the project so he could write it up for the newspaper. I told him we were going to use the Bible-in-the-Hand plan.

"The next Sabbath morning in church I received a telephone call from a man who said he had read about our project in the newspaper and wanted to enroll," says Elder Moore. "I promised him I'd be out to see him that afternoon.

"After enrolling him, I turned the material over to a layman for follow-up. The next Sabbath the man was in church and has been coming ever since. He is an excellent prospect for baptism.

"That's real press-relations evangelism, isn't it?"

Press-relations evangelists are now giving hundreds of the new *Seventh-day Adventist Fact Book* to newspaper, radio, and television news personnel throughout the Pacific Union in an effort to better inform them about the church. James Geggie, religion writer for the San Bernardino, California, *Sun-Telegram*, expressed his appreciation for the book in his weekly religion column:

"This reporter has great admiration for the efficient way in which the Seventh-day Adventists administer their affairs. A recent example is an 85-page loose-leaf booklet, *Seventh-day Adventist Fact Book*. . . . It is a great relief to have such a concise source of information for reference. This reporter wishes other denominations would compile a similar booklet. It might pay off as an adjunct to evangelism."

Nearly 1,000 of these important *Fact Books* are currently being distributed. This large program of enlightenment about the Adventist faith is but one of a continuing series of contacts press-relations evangelists have with newsmen from week to week as they preach of God's great plan of salvation with words and pictures to the great "second congregation" of the church—the public.

HERBERT FORD
Public Relations Secretary

BRIEF NEWS

THE Dimensions of Faith and Field School of Evangelism held in the Glendale Vallejo Drive church by Don Doleman assisted by Armen Johnson and 13 ministerial interns from Andrews University have been successfully concluded. The largest attendance was 1,400, and the average 700. Several baptisms have been conducted, and more than 100 interested families are presently being visited by area pastors. Follow-up meetings each Monday and Wednesday evening are being attended by about 300 persons.

THE Pacific Union Conference showed a gain of \$31,519.75 in Sabbath school offerings during the first two quarters of 1967 over the same period of 1966.

J. F. KNIPSCHILD, secretary of education, Northern California Conference, spoke August 17 for the summer commencement at Pacific Union College. Thirty received the Master of Arts degree, 48 the Bachelor's degree, and 38 nurses the Associate of Science degree.

THE membership in the Central California Conference has exceeded 17,000 for the first time.

GROUND was broken July 30 for a new church at Yucaipa, California, where there is a membership of 400. The new church, with a seating capacity of 700, will be completed in about six months at a cost of \$250,000. A number of civic and church

leaders participated in the groundbreaking service.

THE Lake of the Woods church in Frazier Park, California, was dedicated July 8, with Helmuth Retzer, conference president, giving the dedicatory sermon. More than 100 attended. The Lake of the Woods company has only 10 members.

MARGARET FOLLETT, *Correspondent*

Andrews University

Adventist Manpower Studied: 50,000 New Workers Needed

A graphic representation of future manpower shortages within the Seventh-day Adventist Church was presented by Rudolf E. Klimes in a recent introductory study on manpower development. Dr. Klimes, president of Korean Union College, is presently a visiting professor in the School of Graduate Studies at Andrews University.

The study, which predicts that 50,000 new workers will be needed if Christ does not return by 1975, pinpointed the denominational growth in administrative, evangelistic, educational, publishing, and medical areas in the world field.

Dr. Klimes concludes that as church membership grows it will become increasingly difficult to staff denominational institutions with highly qualified Seventh-day Adventist workers.

His study recommends that the Secretariat Department of the General Conference coordinate and administer the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist manpower development program. It also suggests that other GC departments present specialized studies and programs.

Loma Linda University

Second Student Dental Team Serving Monument Valley

The second summer team of students from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry began serving at the Monument Valley dental clinic August 1.

According to Charles T. Smith, dean of the school and administrator of the Monument Valley program, the team is to operate the Utah dental clinic under faculty supervision during the month of August. It continues a program of providing dental care for more than 10,000 residents of the desert region. In addition to operating the dental clinic, the students also operate a mobile clinic.

The dental-health program for Monument Valley was launched by the School of Dentistry in 1965 with a \$129,217 grant from the U.S. Department of Health

Education and Welfare. An additional \$125,000 was provided by the Utah Indian Affairs Commission for the service's first five years of operation.

This second team consists of junior dental students Clifford G. Munce, Jerry D. Sproul, and Robert W. Stalcup and senior dental hygiene students Marjorie E. Hablutzel and Phyllis J. McCourry.

BRIEF NEWS

TWELVE dietetics interns were presented certificates and American Dietetics Association pins in ceremonies on the Loma Linda campus August 3. J. Paul Stauffer, dean of the university Graduate School, addressed the graduates; and Robert E. Cleveland, vice-president for academic affairs, presented the certificates. The one-year internship prepares students for a career in food service. Ruth Little is director of the program.

FIFTY-TWO hospital chaplains and chaplain trainees participated in a two-day conference at Loma Linda University Hospital early in August. University Chaplain Charles W. Teel, treasurer of the Pacific region of the association and host for the session, said that teams of students from six southern California cities were present at the conference. The teams, consisting of seminary students and chaplain trainees, represented institutions in Los Angeles, Frontera, Camarillo, Loma Linda, Long Beach, and Norwalk. The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is a national organization for Protestant clergymen.

THE LLU School of Dentistry's extension clinic, which serves 10,000 residents of Monument Valley, has been approved by the national dental-service accrediting agency. The clinic, adjacent to our 30-bed mission hospital, was opened last December.



C. A. Paden, pastor, Salamanca district (New York), from West Virginia.

David Peterson, singing evangelist (Southern New England), from Michigan.

Mrs. Allen Reeves, cashier-accountant, Book and Bible House (Maritime, Canada), formerly accountant, Kingsway Publishing Association.

W. R. Mooers, accountant, North York Branson Hospital (Canada), formerly Bible House manager (Maritime).

David Gay, treasurer (Maritime), formerly manager, Home Health Education Service (Canada).

Lester E. Park, associate educational superintendent (Southeastern California), former principal, Orangewood Academy.

Kathryn M. Fisher, elementary supervisor (Southeastern California), formerly

church school teacher in the Pacific northwest.

Samuel V. Cornell, assistant publishing secretary (Southeastern California).

Shigenobu Arakaki, pastor, Japanese church of Sacramento (Northern California), formerly Bible teacher, Hawaiian Mission Academy.

Lawrence G. Noble, underwriting assistant, General Conference Insurance Service, from Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

From Home Base to Front Line

North American Division

Richard D. Hayden (AU, '60), Mrs. Hayden, nee Iris Sadie Hansen (WWC, '57), and three children, of Hanford, California, left Miami, Florida, July 7, for Puerto Rico. Mr. Hayden will be principal of the Bella Vista Hospital Elementary School, in Mayagüez.

Nathan M. Merkel (WWC, '50) and daughter Carol, returning after furlough, left Los Angeles, California, July 9, for Guayaquil, Ecuador. Mrs. Merkel and son Clifford planned to return in August. Elder Merkel is to be director of the Ecuador Mission Academy.

Barbara H. Thurlow (CUC, '56), of Takoma Park, Maryland, left Baltimore, Maryland, July 10, for Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. She has accepted a call to nursing service in the Bella Vista Hospital.

Ogla D. McElwain (attended CUC '46-'47), Mrs. McElwain, nee Juanita Muriel Stilwell (attended SMC '53), and son, of Watsonville, California, left Miami, Florida, July 11, for Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Mr. McElwain will serve as maintenance director in the Bella Vista Hospital.

Harold L. Gray (CUC, '40), and Mrs. Gray, nee Dorothy Marie Cash Melendy (attended UC '37-'40), of Boise, Idaho, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *United States*, July 12, for Europe, en route to Iran. Elder Gray will be president of the Iran Section.

Gordon A. Gilkes, M.D. (LSC, '59, LLU, '63), Mrs. Gilkes, nee Arna Lucia Robinson (LLU School of Nursing, '55), and two children, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, July 16, for Iquitos, Peru. Dr. Gilkes will be medical director of the Stahl Clinic.

Kenneth W. Saunders, M.D. (CME, '47), left Detroit, Michigan, July 16, returning to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, after furlough. Mrs. Saunders and the three children were planning to leave in August. Dr. Saunders will serve as a physician in the Addis Ababa Hospital.

Hermon Vanderberg (OC, '55; attended AU '57-'61), Mrs. Vanderberg, nee Philippa Latney (CUC, '59), and two children, of Charleston, South Carolina, left New York City on July 17 for Monrovia, Liberia. Elder Vanderberg will serve as a pastor-evangelist in the Liberian Mission.

R. R. FRAME



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LETTERS FROM READERS

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Our food companies have shown great inventiveness in improving the taste of vegetable proteins during the past few years. Bacon is not confined to the realm of pork—it can be manufactured from other meats as well. I have spread a bacon-flavored yeast on my food for years. Ham refers to a part of an animal—even men have a ham (which cannibals relished, so I understand).

What is wrong with using such nomenclature? Shouldn't we cheer when the food technicians of our denomination score? They not only have made our vegetarian program more attractive but they have shown the way for the adoption of vegetable proteins in a world that must soon give up its most conspicuous waste—expending protein on the work performed by animals.

If the Adventist food wizards can duplicate that taste and texture, everyone is better off.

SYDNEY ALLEN

Manila, Philippines

IMPORTANT SUBJECT

EDITORS: A big Thank-you to Elder J. L. Shuler for his wonderful series on justification by faith. This subject is the greatest of all Bible themes. The author certainly dips his shaft deep into the great mine of truth, using apt and easy-to-understand illustrations.

MR. AND MRS. G. B. CASE

Hendersonville, North Carolina



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

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A hall of religion has been opened in the public museum here. It has 19 exhibit cases, which cover the beginnings of religion through the various concepts of an afterlife. Officials are seeking \$10,000 to finance the hall.

LONDON—St. Mary's church at Woolwich, southeast London, the first Anglican parish church to enter into formal sharing partnership with Presbyterians, has another new feature—a discothèque in the crypt. Once low-ceilinged and dark, the crypt is now bright with revolving colored lights under which local youth dance to the discs of top "pop" groups or sit at a bar sipping soft drinks. The reconstructed crypt is the last stage of an \$84,000 renovation and conversion project that has transformed the old Georgian-architecture church into a unique multipurpose center embracing a coffeehouse lunchroom for the public, a lounge available for meetings of local organizations, and a section for counseling.

BARNSTABLE, Mass.—Superior Court Judge Amadeo V. Sgarzi ordered a

LADDER OR CROSS

EDITORS: The article entitled "A Cross or a Ladder," by Ruth Jaeger Buntain, in the REVIEW of June 1 has been a wonderful help to me. My dear wife passed away unexpectedly last Halloween. We had been married for more than 63 years. I was not depressed or resentful, for my faith and dependence are in God and the precious promises He has placed in the Holy Scriptures. But often at night the tears would flow. Mrs. Buntain says to "accept the things you cannot change," and others have told me to think of something else. So now I resolutely start thinking of the fine qualities of some other good object. It helps and should place me on a "ladder" instead of a "cross."

ALEX FRANZ

Charlotte, Michigan

SUGGESTS PRAYER PROJECT

EDITORS: It was reported recently that during the past ten years 325,000 Seventh-day Adventists have dropped out of the church. This is a tragedy of terrific dimensions. It should call the entire world family of Adventists to our knees in earnest prayer that this trend may be reversed.

Why not ask our churches everywhere to take this as a special prayer project every week? Why not ask our pastors and elders to call the attention of our people to this prayer project at every Sabbath-morning service and at every prayer meeting? Why not ask our young people to take this as a special prayer

Christian Scientist mother to stand trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of her five-year-old daughter. Mrs. Dorothy Sheridan was charged with failing to provide proper medical care for the child, who died of a lung infection. The indictment charges that proper medical care would have saved the child's life. The defense attorney said that in effect the manslaughter charge deprives Mrs. Sheridan of constitutional guarantees of freedom of worship.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast—President Sekou Toure, in a broadcast commemorating the tenth anniversary of the first Guinean government, renewed his demand for the "total Africanization" of Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in the West African country. "We demand total Africanization because . . . in the history of Christianity no African or Coloured person has been raised to the dignity of archbishop or even bishop," Mr. Toure said.

NELSON, British Columbia — Two Anglican and two Roman Catholic parishes and a United Church of Canada congregation have announced plans to share the same church building on a site along the shores of Arrow Lake in this southeastern region of British Columbia. The new church will be built at Fauquier and will serve some 60 Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Church families. Each denomination will have its own sacristy to store sacred vessels and vestments.

project? About two thirds of those 325,000 members who have dropped out are young people.

Let us pray and let us love these dear people back into the church and back into fellowship with Jesus.

J. O. WILSON

Gentry, Arkansas

Church Calendar

Literature Evangelism Rally Day	September 2
Church Missionary Offering	September 2
Missions Extension Day Offering	September 9
Review and Herald Campaign	Sept. 9-Oct. 7
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 16
Bible Emphasis Sabbath	September 30
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	
(Southern Asia Division)	September 30
Neighborhood Evangelism	October 7
Church Missionary Offering	October 7
Health Emphasis Week	October 7-13
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 14
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 14
Community Relations Day	October 21
Temperance Day Offering	October 28
Week of Prayer	November 4-11
Church Missionary Offering	November 4
Annual Sacrifice Offering	November 11
Ingathering Campaign Launching Day	November 18

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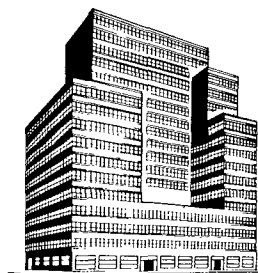
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News of Note

Your Story Hour Now Aired on Short Wave From Ecuador

Station HCJB, with headquarters in Quito, Ecuador, has announced its intention to broadcast Your Story Hour as soon as tapes can be made available. Programs will be released at no charge to the Your Story Hour organization. HCJB is operated by the World Radio Missionary Fellowship Incorporated and is a powerful short-wave station serving South America. This station, which broadcasts in English, Spanish, and other languages, can be heard clearly in such faraway places as Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

Your Story Hour is produced in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and presents dramatized Bible stories and character-building programs. Currently, broadcasts are released on more than 180 stations in North America and several overseas countries. Joint founders and producers of the program are Stanley Hill (Uncle Dan), of Berrien Springs, and Mrs. Betty Ahnberg (Aunt Sue), of Medina, Ohio.

WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

Spring Disaster Offering Provides \$340,000 for Needy

The Disaster and Famine Relief Offering last spring amounted to \$340,893.95; this is more than a 50 per cent increase over the offering received two years ago. This liberal offering will go far in providing funds to assist the needy and give aid to victims of disasters through our worldwide welfare program.

Disasters will come upon us in increasing numbers as we near the end. We are grateful for the church's support of the welfare program.

W. E. PHILLIPS

Far East Projects Proceed Following Record Overflow

At Mountain View College in the Philippines the new \$50,000 cafeteria-library building is rapidly nearing completion. The roof has been placed, and finishing work is being accelerated so as to be ready for a record-breaking enrollment. Architects are rushing their work on another major project, a much-needed science building.

In Hong Kong mission officials are re-vamping plans for a \$400,000 evangelistic center in this riot-torn metropolis on China's mainland. In Korea the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital directors are awaiting final approval from responsible committees before plunging into a \$1 million major construction program that will completely rebuild this busy medical institution.

The spirit of sacrifice of Sabbath school members around the globe is making possible the construction of these desperately needed facilities. Latest reports from the

Treasury Department of the General Conference indicate that the total first-quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow amounted to \$89,584.55, the largest first-quarter overflow in the history of the Sabbath school!

The Orient says, "Thank you!"

PAUL H. ELDRIDGE

Ten Projects to Benefit From Missions Extension Offering

On Sabbath, September 9, you and I will be able to project ourselves into ten areas of the world by giving a liberal offering for Missions Extension:

A launch for Brazil

A hospital in the Philippines

A school in Baghdad

An X-ray unit for Angola

A home economics building in India

A science wing in Uganda

A nurses' home in Nicaragua

Dormitories for academies in the Solomon Islands

Evangelistic centers in West Germany

A new mission station in Ethiopia.

All these will benefit from your liberality. "Give till it helps." Could you give one dollar toward each of these ten projects—ten dollars in all? Try it! Remember the date and the offering: Missions Extension, September 9.

K. F. AMBS

South American Workers Set Soul-winning Goals

At the midyear council under the direction of R. A. Wilcox, held in Montevideo, Uruguay, June 26-30, the workers reaffirmed their evangelistic objectives of reaching 160,000 baptisms during this quadrennium. Church membership now stands at 184,142.

All departments are cooperating in this evangelistic thrust. Sabbath school leaders, meeting under the chairmanship of Gaston Clouzet, in their quadrennial council also held in Montevideo, June 20 and 21, pledged to start 15,000 new branch Sabbath schools and organize more than 1,000 new Sabbath schools.

FERNON D. RETZER

Loma Linda Announces New University Hospital Head

C. Victor Way has been elected administrator of the Loma Linda University Hospital.

He assumes the duties carried since February 19 by acting hospital administrator Curtis M. King, who has been under appointment for the past year to take over management of a mission hospital in Korea beginning in September.

DAVID J. BIBER

SDA Medical Teams Aid in Bihar Famine Region

In the wake of famine in Bihar, India, a devastating epidemic of cholera and smallpox broke out, quickly spreading throughout Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Immunization teams sent by the government were taxed beyond capacity. Learning of the need, Seventh-day Adventists

arranged for several teams from Simla, Julunder, and Ranchi hospitals to assist the overworked government medical units. These teams were welcomed by the health authorities in each state.

Work, however, was not easy. According to Dr. Moser, director of Ranchi Hospital, superstitious villagers were fearful and reluctant to accept the protective serum. Many adults were afraid that the team wanted to harm them. But as each day progressed, the confidence of the people increased and more were willing to be vaccinated. In several weeks of working, many thousands were immunized by the SDA teams. In addition, they gave thousands of vitamin pills to those suffering from malnutrition and starvation.

The chief medical officers of Hazaribagh, Bihar, wrote to the minister of health, stating, "The Seventh-day Adventist team worked most successfully in a high-resistance area, and made themselves most popular with the masses."

Seventh-day Adventists are not a registered relief agency in India, so we were unable to provide food as did government agencies and registered relief agencies. But our hospitals and their dedicated staffs were able to help with the immunization program, meeting great need in time of emergency.

RONALD M. NEISH



Helping to fight a smallpox epidemic, nurses Rose Bara and J. C. Dasan, of Ranchi Hospital, immunize children in the famine area.