

Letters From South America—I

The School in the Forest

[This article is the first in a series by the secretary of the General Conference, W. R. Beach. Elder Beach has been in South America for about seven weeks attending the year-end committee meetings of the South American Division at Montevideo, Uruguay, and some of the union meetings. He also has been visiting various mission stations and institutions. With his gifted pen he shares with REVIEW readers some of his impressions, as well as facts of interest about our work and a number of South American countries.—EDITORS.]

Manaus, Brazil

MANAU, the capital of the Amazon empire and headquarters for the central Amazon field, is situated 1,000 miles upstream from the great river's mouth. Though upstream, the elevation at Manaus is only 105 feet above the river's mouth.

We made a short stop to change planes at Belém, the Amazon seaport (90 miles from the open sea and slightly south of the equator), and flew some two hours upstream to Manaus. Beneath was the broad river and the region of the thousand islands. This maze of islets is known as The Narrows. Much of the time it was difficult to distinguish well-defined riverbanks. From time to time, catamarans with blue sails could be seen, but more often than not, dugout canoes plied the waters serving families of naked children. The homes are built on platforms raised above the flood on poles. Underneath our plane the river shone like molten gold in the noonday sun.

It is here that one can measure the immensity of the Brazilian land and water mass. Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world. Its territory is almost as large as the United States and is larger than Australia. It makes up nearly half the South American continent. Distances are enormous: 2,689 miles from north to south; 2,684 miles from east to west.

The Amazon basin occupies more than one third the entire country. Some of this basin is plain, broadly based on the Andes and funneling toward the sea. Most of the drained area has an elevation of less than 100 feet. The rainfall is heavy. Some few places receive from 150 to 200 inches a year. Annual floods plague most of the basin. The climate is hot and the humidity is high throughout the year.

This is the land of the Brazil nut, later called the Para nut. It grows on a large evergreen tree found in forests near the river. Incidentally, the Brazil nut is one of the Amazon's larger export products. The nuts form in roundish or pear-shaped woody fruit. Each fruit has from

12 to 25 nuts. Fruit ripens from November to June. Of course, other products of the area now outstrip the lowly Brazil nut.

The state of Amazonas is dominated by two powerful presences—the jungle and the big river, both of which have originated a thousand legends. In Manaus you still find the vestiges of the golden days of the rubber boom: imposing mansions and a monumental theater. In the countryside of tangled wood and water you find colorful birds that look like flowers, and exquisite flowers that look like birds and fishes.

The population of Manaus stands at about 175,000, which is more than one fourth the total population of Amazonas. The city where we spent the weekend is a conglomeration of up-to-date buildings, clean stores, some comfortable residences, and the ever-present shacks and thatched huts. The city sprawls over a series of eroded and gently sloping hills, divided by numerous streams. Dominating the downtown area is a cathedral built in simple Jesuit style on a hummock overlooking the dock area.

Transportation into the city is by river or air. No roads radiate out from Manaus for any distance. The rivers are the roads and they make Manaus the collecting point for the produce of a vast area, which includes parts of Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia as well as the Brazilian Amazon. One must remember that the Amazon waterway became a commercial center long before the settlers arrived at Plymouth and Jamestown. Thus tradition and legend have a large place in Manaus and its surroundings.

The one road that radiates a short distance out of Manaus passes the large agricultural school estate that Seventh-day Adventists are developing with much vision and no less energy. The 25,000 acres that make up this estate start their large sprawl across streams and hills at a point 50 miles from Manaus. We spent a very pleasant night with the two overseas families who direct this project and literally are hewing a school out of the forests.

The school is known as Escola Agricola e Industrial do Amazonas. Here the students will receive training in agriculture and in several industrial arts along with instruction in basic subjects, including the Bible. The program is designed to offer young married families particularly an opportunity to work on the various projects offered by the school under the

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CERTAINLY one of the most dynamic and sustaining forces within man is the will. With it, man achieves that which it would be utterly impossible to achieve otherwise; he rises above himself and is freed from the deteriorations of a life of indecision, and is freed from the buffetings of every "wind of doctrine." Without will power man collapses like a spineless jellyfish and becomes a mass of humanity lacking the basic force and drive essential to organized existence. The human will, fortified by the Holy Spirit, becomes a power in the life that no enemy can overcome. It is the fortified will that enables a Christian to exclaim with Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Little wonder that the apostle Paul, who had merged his will with the will of Christ, exclaimed in a moment of exhilaration, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

The human will, fortified by the Holy Ghost, merged in Jesus Christ, bonded in the Trinity, and set on fire from the censer's of Heaven's power, transforms the life and deepens the ties with eternity. Such a life, dedicated, empowered, and Spirit-filled, rises up against man's mortal enemy to do battle and comes forth, not bedraggled and battered, but victorious and strong. God never intended that His people should emerge from the fray weary, battle-fatigued, and defeated. God intended that man should come forth "more than conquerors"! The enemy shall not be permitted a single victory, much less the whole battle. Little Davids with divine power are to come forth from the fray energized and strong, radiant and confident, total victors and conquerors over the Goliath of sin—Satan. The human will, fired by the presence of God, can

produce such a conqueror, yea, more than conqueror.

The function of the will in Christian experience was one of the great pivotal points of discussion in the sixteenth-century Reformation. The great Protestant Reformer Martin Luther and the scholarly humanist Erasmus came to fierce disputations over the matter of the will. What seemed to Erasmus an acceptable Christian witness, namely the following of the dictates of a "good life," seemed to Luther totally inadequate. With fiery indignation and under the guidance of the Spirit, Luther penned his famous treatise, "The Bondage of the Will." He dismissed the mere "doing good" doctrine and philosophy of Erasmus as "useless doctrines that we can do without," and stressed the need of a sanctified will, fired by the Holy Spirit. Calvin too emphasized the importance of the sanctified will within the framework of his theological concepts of predeterminism. Zwingli, gripped by the presence of God, recognized the hand of God upon

WILL POWER

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The difference between David and Goliath was more than size. It was will power. And in this category David, though young, was the giant.

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the human will. "O God, it is Thou that makest us to will and to do," he declared.

The true place of will power in Christian experience must be more than a theological point of disputation; it must be a matter of deep concern to every Christian. In an age when men and women by the thousands are showing signs of complete moral deterioration in the presence of devastating psychological and sinful forces, a recognition of the place of will power in Christian living is vital.

Is Will Power Old-fashioned?

It seems almost old-fashioned to talk about will power in this age of libertinism, of sagging morals, and of the surrender of human nature to the wildest addictions that fasten upon man as parasitical forces of self-destruction. Millions of Christians are caught in the grip of Erasmus' concept of "good living," while struggling in the grip of an incessant moral decay. Tens of thousands, yes, multitudes, are living a "blind life within the brain," unable to fathom the reason for their weakness, squandering their life forces through petty jealousies and emotional insecurities. The parade of today's addicted human beings from alcoholics to hippies, from countless weak and emotionally insecure, floundering Christians to the swinging set with its immoralities—this long array of helpless victims suggests nothing so clearly as that a large segment of Christianity has grown up outside the protective walls of the fortified and sanctified human will.

How important it is that we understand the force and power of the will! Ellen G. White clearly underscored this importance when she wrote, "Everything depends on the right action of the will" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 176). "Everything!" Proper Sabbath observance depends on the right action of the will. Healthful living depends on the right action of the will. Baptism and remaining strong in Christ depend on a fortified will. Love and affection in marital and home relations depend on the right action of the sanctified will. The returning of a faithful tithe and the giving of liberal offerings depend on the right action of the consecrated will. "Everything" includes the full sweep of the Christian's life. Victories over self, victories over evil habits, victories over inherited tendencies toward evil—everything depends on the right action of the will. If this be so, then the presence of the fortified will in the Christian life is paramount to eternal life.

Merging of Human Will

Will power is more than determination, more than "making up one's mind," more than a hope, a wish, or an "I would like to" state of mind. It is not stubbornness, fixation of mental images, or Erasmus' positive psychological thinking. Will power is the merging of the human will with the power of God. This merging forms a bond that no force on earth can break, a shield that no arrow can pierce. The dynamic energy that results brings man again and again from the fray of a battle "more than conqueror," radiant, vibrant, a living spectacle, reflecting the presence of God in man's life.

Will power is "the governing power in the nature of man—the power of decision, of choice" (*ibid.*). It is impossible to live the sanctified life without the constant presence of the ever-burning, purifying, sanctifying Spirit.

The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead waits to descend upon the mind, to purify it, fortify it, and set man free from bondage. It is the Spirit that quickens the mind, that fortifies resolution, that enables the Christian to exclaim, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

It is the sanctified will that frees man from the holocausts of fear. It is the influence of the Holy Spirit upon the mind that gives power to the will and enables the Christian to stand fearlessly for principle and boldly for truth. Every good thought, every noble thought, every pure thought, fortified by a power-filled will, becomes an act of glory to God. It is not enough to choose to do right, to choose to refrain from sin, to choose to overcome the evil propensities that clutter the life. Man must "make a right choice," then ask for the fortification of divine power upon the human will, to make that life's choice one of sanctified steadfastness.

What tremendous power lies within the reach of man! Yet it is unknown to some believers. For the lack of fortified will power, many are lifelong invalids. For the lack of fortified will power many crawl through life weak, emaciated, and a burden to themselves. Christians struggle with their passions, unaware that subjection of the will to the power of God would mean the total "restoration to perfect manhood" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 131). There are those upon beds of illness who, with the energizing power of God upon their will, might quickly take up their beds and walk. Said the servant of the Lord, "Thousands . . . can recover health if they will" (*ibid.*, p. 246).

Are you struggling with a stubborn nature? Are you battling temptation in an ever-increasing sense of futility? Are you wrestling with the devastating forces of ill temper? The power of the Spirit upon the human will is the power against every sin. This power upon the brain is more than a neuropsychological phenomenon. This electrified power upon the brain, this fortification by the presence of the Holy Spirit, forms a solid wall of will power that vitalizes and transforms the whole being.

"The power of the will and the importance of self-control" should be made plain to the people (*Education*, p. 197).

How many there are who struggle through the Christian life, who live amid a routine and monotonous existence, who tap the meager human resources for strength until they cannot face the world before and around them, who all the while are unaware that full power, total living, is within their grasp. By yielding the will to Christ we ally ourselves with power, divine energy. "Everyone may place his will on the side of the will of God, may choose to obey Him, and by thus linking himself with divine agencies, he may stand where nothing can force him to do evil" (*ibid.*, p. 289). Man must receive strength from above, the fortifying presence upon the mind, to hold steadfast in these times of challenge.

Never in the history of man's struggle against the forces of evil has man stood in greater need of a divinely fortified will than today. The psychological impact of corroding forces is hard at work upon the mind. Today, with our will empowered by the Spirit, we may be conquerors—indeed, "more than conquerors."

Reverence in the House of God

By W. B. OCHS

"Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:30.

WHEN God speaks we should not only listen but act. In the text quoted the Lord asks us to do two things, (1) keep the Sabbath and (2) reverence His sanctuary. The two go together; they are inseparable. True Sabbath-keeping leads to reverence, and reverence helps us to keep the Sabbath holy. We are to keep the Sabbath because it is God's holy day. It is the day on which we worship God in the sanctuary that has been dedicated for the proclamation of His everlasting gospel.

When we assemble for worship we meet in God's presence, for He says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Our attitude toward the Sabbath and our behavior in the church determine the blessing we shall receive. There are those who claim to keep the Sabbath, but who do not show due reverence for the church. The religion of Christ calls for the reverencing of both, for both are holy. Irreverence turns God away from us and many times turns souls from the church. "Because of the irreverence in attitude, dress, and deportment, and lack of a worshipful frame of mind, God has often turned His face away from those assembled for His worship."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 499.

We know all too well that there is in some of our churches a lack of true reverence. The words "reverence my sanctuary" should come to us with force and deep meaning. "The moral taste of the worshipers in God's holy sanctuary must be elevated, refined, sanctified. This matter has been sadly neglected."—*Ibid.*, p. 496. How much we need this admonition today! Reverence is lacking because the line that separates the holy from the common has been well-nigh obliterated. This is made clear by these words: "Unless correct ideas of true worship and true reverence are impressed upon the people, there will be a growing tendency to place the sacred and eternal on a level with

common things."—*Ibid.*, p. 500. Reverence is a sign of spiritual strength; irreverence indicates weakness. It is well to remember that no one will rise high who jeers at the things that are sacred. When we fear God and revere His majesty we need not fear anything else, for we know that our worship in His sanctuary is acceptable.

The wise man counsels those who desire to reverence God's sanctuary to guard three things when they go to the house of the Lord—the feet, the ears, and the tongue.

Guard the Feet

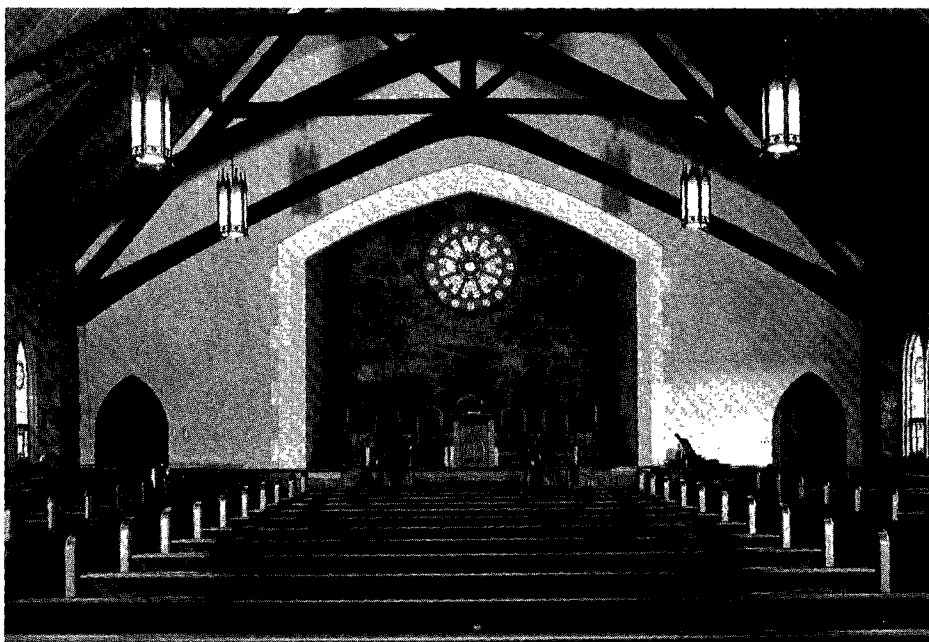
Acceptable worship begins before we enter the church. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God" (Eccl. 5:1). These words describe the demeanor of the worshiper on his way to God's house. He is to go deliberately, thoughtfully, with a realization of what he is to do while in the church. If the worshiper goes with an unprepared mind and heart his service will not be acceptable.

Our feet play an important part in the service of God. We must know how to walk before Him not only in the sanctuary but outside of it. Often

we sing, "Tread softly, tread softly, the Master is here," but by the way we use our feet, by the noise we make with them, and by the path we tread, we act as if God were far away.

The importance of proper use of our feet when in the presence of the Lord is taught by the experience of Moses when God called him to lead Israel out of the land of bondage. God warned him: "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5). Moses was in the presence of the Almighty. He was taught through this act proper reverence for the presence of God. When the call to leadership came, Moses knew that he could no longer walk in the path of his own choosing. He knew that henceforth he must walk with God, that his feet were to be guided by Him who called him.

Those who guard well their feet when in the presence of God will have no trouble in walking with their Lord in their service for Him. Their feet will be, as Paul says, "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15). How good it is to have our feet take us on the Sabbath day



We must walk reverently in sanctuaries that have been erected for the worship of God.

to the house of God to receive from Him the blessings He has promised! It pays to give heed to the admonition "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God."

Guard the Ears

Our ears play an important part in our worship of God, hence the words of the wise men, "And be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil" (Eccl. 5:1). Let us apply these words to church attendance. All too many go to the house of God to see and to be seen, but not to hear what God has to say to them. The fact that a man has ears is not necessarily proof of hearing. Some may have ears but be deaf physically. We pity such. But how tragic to be deaf spiritually!

When we close our ears to the words of truth spoken by the minister we reveal a spirit of irreverence. The minister speaks to the heart, and the Holy Spirit takes his words and impresses them upon the willing heart through the avenue of hearing. Quoting Isaiah, Paul referred to those who are spiritually deaf: "Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Acts 28:26, 27; cf. Isa. 6:9, 10). How different it was with the Saviour. Speaking of Himself through the prophet Isaiah, He said: "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back" (Isa. 50:4, 5). Our prayer while in church should ever be "Open thou mine ears that I may hear Thy voice."

True reverence keeps our ears open to God's voice while worshipping Him in His sanctuary. The same thoughtfulness that keeps the foot in coming to the house of God should keep the ear open to His voice during all the services conducted in the church. Let us remember that seven times in the book of Revelation the Lord says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear." We need to heed this admonition.

Guard the Tongue

The tongue more than any other member of the body is the cause of irreverence in God's house. Notice

Who Is My Neighbor?

By MYRTLE LEORA NELSON

The hungry child from some distant place;
A newly bereaved with sorrowful face;
The neglected or scorned of another race;
These, our neighbors,
Need understanding and grace.

Wayward ones, victims of circumstance;
The drunkard, causing looks askance;
A proud dowager, who is rude, perchance;
These, also our neighbors,
Christian grace enhance.

One wearing a coat in need of repair;
A fashion model with that certain flair;
The pretty miss with glamorous hair;
Need our warmth and love
In God's house of prayer.

Solomon's counsel: "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few" (Eccl. 5:2). As if to emphasize the importance of these words, the wise man states in verse 6, "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

The heathen thought that they would be heard by their much speaking; but God says, "Let thy words be few."

Our wants are ever before Him and are known by Him. A child does not have to use many words to make known his needs to his father or mother. Someone has said: "The shortest prayer, which is not animated by a consciousness of need and a throb of desire is too long; the longest, which is vitalized by these, is short enough."

Rash words are hasty, thoughtless words, whether in conversation or prayer. We should always address God in a reverent spirit. It has been said, "Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner." This is good counsel indeed for every worshiper in the church. Our words can be sparks of fire. James wrote, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity" (James 3:6).

True reverence is revealed in setting a seal upon our lips while in God's presence. God says, "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight,

the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor *speaking thine own words*: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord" (Isa. 58:13, 14).

Over and over again we are admonished by the servant of the Lord regarding the importance of reverence. Notice these words: "Sometimes young men and women have so little reverence for the house and worship of God that they keep up a continual communication with each other during the sermon. Could these see the angels of God looking upon them and marking their doings, they would be filled with shame, with abhorrence of themselves."—*Ibid.*, p. 493.

With the tongue God is praised and cursed, worshiped and denied, accepted and rejected. The psalmist prayed, "Keep the door of my lips" (Ps. 141:3). How forceful are the words "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21).

The words "Fear God, and give glory to him" call us back to true reverence for God in His sanctuary. It has been said, and rightly so, that reverence is the first element of religion; it cannot but be felt by everyone who has right views of divine greatness and holiness, and of his own character in the sight of God.

Let us ever remember that true reverence is a foretaste of heaven, and "to the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven" (*ibid.*, p. 491). May we always heed the words "Reverence my sanctuary," for "the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2:20).

ANOTHER organization that contributes to the picture of the last days is the labor union movement. While labor unions have done much to improve working conditions and the financial lot of the laborer, a prophecy uttered some years ago declared: "The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 142.

"Those who claim to be the children of God are in no case to bind up with the labor unions that are formed or that shall be formed. This the Lord forbids. Cannot those who study the prophecies see and understand what is before us?"—*Ibid.*, p. 144.

The question may be asked, What is the relationship between the labor unions and the religious powers depicted as playing a role in last-day prophecies? The Seventh-day Adventists have identified the power introduced in the first part of Revelation 13 as the Papacy. The guidance given by the Papacy to the labor unions has repeatedly been noted.

In 1891 Pope Leo XIII issued his famous encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. Some have considered this the charter for the labor movement in the United States. Note the statement of Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers:

"It has always been significant in my mind that Pope Leo's great social pronouncement and the founding of our Brotherhood occurred in the same year. For it seems to me that of all the organizations in our society, save only the Church itself, the American labor movement best promulgates the wishes of Christ for a society where men strive for justice and Brotherhood.

"With Pope Leo's words as preface, I would now like to discuss with you some aspects of the American labor movement, as testimony to the belief of many of the Catholics who are a part of organized labor, that the labor movement is the ally of the Catholic Church, that it is the organ by which the teachings of the social Encyclicals are implemented, that what the Catholic Church wants for her children, justice, a decent living, enough leisure to enable them to practice their religion—these are the things which are also the goals of the labor movement."—Speech delivered at Newark, New Jersey, March 19, 1961.

In 1931, on the fortieth anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Pius XI issued another socio-economic encyclical, *Quadragesimo Anno*. And in

1961, on the seventieth anniversary of Leo XIII's encyclical, Pope John XXIII continued the line of labor and social pronouncements with *Mater et Magistra*.

George Meany, a devout Catholic, and president of the AFL-CIO, said: "The Papal encyclicals, beginning with that of 1891 by Pope Leo XIII, have guided the American labor movement down through the years because they fit in perfectly with the American scheme of thinking."—Speech at Newark, New Jersey, March, 1956.

Some hold that through the labor unions will come part of the impetus for the restrictions "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast" (Rev. 13:17). Therefore, the Christian who is anticipating the return of Jesus will give heed to the instruction concerning relationships with confederacies or unions.

Labor unions are active in politics. Nearly every year the leaders of the labor unions publicly endorse a political party or candidates. Their position and prestige carry great weight with the public. The individual worker may not be in sympathy with the objectives of that party or approve the candidate, yet membership in the union frequently commits him to policies that he cannot honor.

Constitutional Convention

Some who find it difficult to conceive of persecution arising in the United States inquire, "Are we not protected by the Constitution against infringement on our civil and religious rights?"

There is agitation for a restudy of the Constitution and for its revision. The Constitution provides for such a study by means of a convention called by two thirds of the States. Recently action has been taken by 32 States requesting such a convention. Only two more State legislatures need to vote for such a meeting before it may be called.

The announced purpose of such a convention is to provide for reappointment of elected legislators. However, dissatisfaction with various deci-

sions of the Supreme Court will open other areas for scrutiny.

A Constitutional convention is the legal way to change the Constitution. There are organized groups determined to change some of the traditional safeguards the Constitution has provided. One group is determined to have the Constitution declare this a Christian nation. It was a similar movement in 1888 that caused the messenger of the Lord to write: "If the startling significance of the movements now in progress in regard to the religious amendments had been realized by our brethren in every church; if they had discerned . . . the plain, direct fulfillment of prophecy, calling upon them to arouse to the demands of the crisis, they would not now be in such stupor and deathlike slumber."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 719.

"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 451.

It is clear that Protestantism is looking with favor on the claims of Spiritualism and is seeking closer fellowship with the Vatican. It is natural to expect that efforts would follow to change the principles of the Constitution. Should the efforts succeed to the point of including in the Constitution a declaration that this is a Christian nation, it would be logical to expect a follow-up drive to have Christian practices respected. As morals decline it would become easy to argue "that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 587).

When a Constitutional convention is held, doubtless there will be an attempt to include a provision permit-

OMENS of the Approaching End

By M. E. LOEWEN

ting government funds to be used for church affiliated schools.

Admittedly the United States Post Office Department's issuing religious postage stamps is no headline-worthy happening. But there are overtones in it that deserve attention.

The history of the issuance of religious postage stamps is brief. The Salvation Army was honored with a commemorative stamp (1965). When John A. Gronouski, an American Catholic of Polish descent, was appointed to the Post Office Department, more interest in religious stamps became apparent.

For three years (1962-1964) Christmas stamps were issued with seasonal decorations. The Post Office Department felt it was a profitable sales device. In 1965 the Christmas stamp depicted the archangel Gabriel, who has been designated as the patron saint of letter carriers by the Roman Catholic Church.

Of interest is the fact that after Mr. Gronouski had been appointed ambassador to Poland, in 1966, the Post Office Department issued a stamp commemorating the millennium of the adoption of Christianity by Poland. Actually, the Catholic Church in Poland was sponsoring the millennial celebration, and it commemorated the baptism of Prince Mieszko in 966 and his placing all the people of Poland under the religious rule of the pope. Historically it is known that Christianity entered Poland long before 966, probably as much as 150 years before. So the millennial celebration was one of Catholicism in particular, and not of Christianity as a whole.

The Polish Government does not promote religion and resented the efforts of the Catholic Church to capitalize on its millennial anniversary. When it was announced that a commemorative stamp would be issued in the United States, the Polish Embassy protested, announcing that the Polish Government reserved the right to refuse to handle any letters or packages bearing this stamp. Apparently the issuance of this special stamp was considered an interference by the United States in the internal affairs of another nation.

A strange fact is that the United States was the only government to commemorate this Polish millennial year during that time. In March, 1967, three months after the close of the celebration, Brazil did issue a memorial stamp.

In 1966 the Christmas stamps depicted a section of a famous religious art work, *Madonna and Child With Angels* by Hans Memling. The 1967 stamp shows the virgin Mary holding the child Jesus. In her left hand she has a Catholic missal and the child

Jesus has His hand on this book. This is symbolic, since there was no Catholic prayer book in existence in the time of Christ. It is symbolic of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

In the realm of advertising it is axiomatic that the "soft-sell" is most effective. It is not the advertisement that screams its plea to buy the produce that wins the customers, but the advertisements that make continual, subtle suggestions. So with this stamp issued by the state, the continual impact of hundreds of millions of Christmas stamps will tend to place the symbols of Catholic doctrine in a favorable light before the public.

Religion Versus Nationalism

The renowned historian Arnold Toynbee recently made a trip through South America. In a book reporting his observations, *Between Maule and Amazon* (Time magazine, Oct. 20, 1967, p. 102), he outlines his solution for the problems of that continent. "My first step would be to dump all the statues of San Martin in the Atlantic, all the statues of O'Higgins in the Pacific, and all the statues of Bolívar in the Caribbean, and I would forbid their replacement, under pain of death."

By such measures he would combat nationalism and patriotism, and what would he substitute? Mr. Toynbee, as a champion of religion, would replace the statues of the national liberators with "replicas of the Christ of the Andes and pictures of the Virgin of Guadalupe" (*ibid.*).

In this way the cohesive forces of religion would replace the divisive forces of nationalism.

Paul draws an accurate picture of these last days. He depicts selfishness, intolerance, moral breakdown, lack of responsibility, pseudo religion, impatience with those who stand for principle or who differ in opinion, and pride of knowledge. All these we see abroad in the world today.

As these prophecies are reaching their fulfillment it should cause the Christian to awake. These are the last days. These are the times to which Christ pointed the believers. These are the days about which the apostles and prophets preached. This earth's history of sin is drawing to its climax.

Christ is coming soon. The hope of the redeemed is to be realized. Soon the saints will be delivered.

"We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depend upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire: 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon His word, especially upon the scenes of the judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking place around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep not, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 601.

JUDAS' MOTHER

By WILMA DOERING MCCLARTY

This ignominious day, the Scriptures will
Record, the King of the Jews who hangs aloft,
His seeking eyes with filial love do fill;
I pray that glance will not pause here, though soft.

'Twould weigh too much to have Him think that I
Had schooled my son to do this heinous deed.
Not so! His mind was quick (not meant to die);
Hence nourished I unknowingly the seed,

With mother love, which hath now on the cross
Produced the Christ, betrayed! Yes, history
Will tell of virgin Mary's grief; my loss
It will deny, though both the mystery

Of youthful death does haunt. But list—above
I catch that rending voice beseeching other
Cause than His, O might there be sufficient love
To cover me, though I am Judas' mother?

THE SCHOOL IN THE FOREST

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direction of technical supervisors. Instruction in family organization, hygiene, and proper food will figure high on the list of offerings. To begin with, the students will earn their keep. Later, as they become more proficient in agriculture, the milling of cereals, canning, carpentry, and automobile mechanics, they will earn with a view to looking forward to establishing their families in towns and villages on a self-supporting basis.

Prayer and Dedicated Labor

This campus already has been hal- lowed by much prayer and dedicated labor. Robert Habenicht, Marvin Glanz, and Daniel Walter will share the chief responsibilities. Robert is an educator and will direct the institu- tion. Marvin is versed in industrial arts, while Daniel is an airplane pilot. A mission-operated plane is now based at Manaus. The wives of these men are no less interested in the project than their husbands; they stand by courageously during this period of initiation and pioneering. The four lovely children have adapted them- selves nicely to life in the school. Their grandparents can be proud of them. They have monkeys in training; and when I was there a ten-foot boa constrictor was held firmly in captivity. He refuses to eat, but that does not keep him from occasionally blowing his utter contempt for the human race.

When the sun goes down at this school in the heart of the forest, mon- keys hold conversation before retiring. The moon silhouettes the line of trees, ghostly in their loveliness, and often the indigo vault is ablaze with light- ning. These soundless electric storms, although harmless, nevertheless are awe-inspiring.

In the early morning we met with the some 15 students already in attend- ance. They are the forerunners of the no doubt hundreds that will come in years ahead. Of course, the Escola Agricola e Industrial do Amazonas is only one of the 38 schools in the North Brazil Union. In all there are 59 teach- ers, taking care of 2,046 students. Mel- vin E. Northrup, who has been a faith- ful companion during this tour, carries the responsibility of this educational work along with other departmental activities.

Here at Manaus and down at the mouth of the river at Belém, one is ever aware of the important place oc- cupied by the medical launch in the program of total evangelism on the Amazon. Recently, the *Luzeiro C II*

joined the fleet of 15 launches oper- ated in the South American Division on behalf of the sick and needy. This truly is a fleet of hope bringing relief to pain, the healing of physical ills, and the possibility of a better life. These launches operate on the Ama- zon, São Francisco, and Araguaia rivers in Brazil; on the Madeira River in Bo- livia; and on the Upper Amazon re- gion of Peru. Last year they helped 83,000 deserving people in almost every area of spiritual, mental, and physical need.

The work of our launches has at- tracted the attention of many nations. Recently, the Seventh-day Adventist Retirement Center at Neanderthal, Germany, made a generous offering of \$625 to help in the construction of *Luzeiro C II*. A German Government organization in Bonn, Germany, has made generous donations in support of our work on South American rivers.

Nor can one think of the launch work without remembering gratefully the labors of Leo B. Halliwell. He and his faithful wife, Jessie, dedicated 35 years to medical missionary work on the banks of the Amazon and its tribu-

taries. For 25 years the Halliwells lived as a family on the launches. In recogni- tion of his contribution to the well- being of the Brazilian people, Brazil's Government awarded him and his wife the Order of the Southern Cross. This was the first time the Order had been given to a man-and-wife team. Elder Halliwell passed to his rest April 19, 1967, at the end of a life of outstanding service. At the announcement of his death, the General Conference Com- mittee fittingly stood for a minute of silence in honor of this man of God and his companion.

I am sure Heaven rejoices at the work performed by Seventh-day Ad- ventist launchmen. The launch, the plane, and the school support the evangelistic program on this great frontier of earth's poignant need. Under the enthusiastic leadership of A. D. Carvalho, president, and E. L. Gonzalez, secretary-treasurer, this sec- tion of the Amazon basin is astir with labor and love. I feel a personal sense of pride, and well may every Seventh- day Adventist, in being associated with this great church operation.

W. R. BEACH



Danny's Boat Ride

By ESTHER LAU

FOR WEEKS daddy had told Danny that on a certain Sunday he would take him and mommy for a boat ride on Lake Michigan. Danny had never been on a boat before. He was eagerly looking forward to it.

As the days passed, Danny would often ask mommy: "Is today Sunday?"

"No, a few more days yet," mommy replied.

Finally the day arrived. At breakfast daddy said, "Danny, this is the day. But first you'll have to help me clean up the yard a bit."

"Oh, sure," Danny agreed willingly.

Quickly Danny and daddy pulled the weeds around the flower bed, raked the dried leaves off the lawn, and swept the driveway.

In the meantime mother had finished packing a picnic lunch, and daddy helped to carry the boxes into the car.

"Daddy, do you know the way?" mother asked.

"Of course," daddy answered confi- dently. "It's off Michigan Avenue."

"Daddy, is the boat bigger than this car?" Danny asked.

Daddy smiled, "Yes, it's even bigger than our church building."

Soon they turned off the expressway

and were on Michigan Avenue. "I guess I turned too soon," Daddy confessed. "I think it's another block down."

Quickly they made two more right turns and drove on to the next block.

"It's a good thing we started early. I hope we'll make it on time," mother said.

Daddy made another right turn and soon realized that he was traveling on the expressway toward south. "Oh no!" daddy exclaimed. "We're going to In- diana."

"Let's turn off at the next exit," mother said.

The next exit wasn't much help either. It said, "North Wisconsin." Anyway, they had to turn off.

Around and around they went. Daddy was getting anxious as he looked at his watch. "I think we are too late to catch the boat. They don't wait for anyone."

"Let's drive to the dock anyway so Danny can at least walk on the board- walk," mother suggested.

When they got there, sure enough, the boat had gone. Danny just stood there looking at the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan. He was disappointed that they missed the boat ride.

"Danny, I am sorry we missed this boat ride," Daddy said. "You know, there's going to be another ride that we must not miss."

"What's that?" Danny asked, widening his eyes.

"That's the ride on the clouds when Jesus comes," daddy replied.

"Yes, we must all be ready, waiting and watching for Him," mother added.

"I'm not going to miss that ride on the clouds," Danny announced.

Mother and daddy both smiled and nodded in agreement.

THE eight-twenty bell sounded for a ten-minute break in one of those two-hour summer classes. Students hurried out of the room to get a little exercise in the hallway or to run to the drinking fountain on the floor below, but not Sherri, a struggling college senior. She reached under her chair, found a small paper sack, pulled out two large white buns topped with generous icing and voraciously attacked them.

I tried to conceal my thoughts as memory produced Spirit of Prophecy admonitions such as, breakfast should be one of the larger meals of the day, there should be at least five or six hours between meals, not a mouthful should be eaten between meals, and far too much sugar is eaten.

At last I mustered all the tact I could and learned that Sherri had, indeed, taken a health course in college, but like many others had taken it for a grade—not for her life!

Have you discovered how much easier your day's work goes, how much less tired you are at noon, and how much "sharper" you are all morning when you have had a good breakfast? If not, be sure to try it tomorrow morning. You will likely find that mid-morning headache, gastric disturbances, and nervous irritability caused by low blood-sugar levels have disappeared.

Perhaps your dentist has reminded you that a diet high in sweets is conducive to dental decay and you have found from experience that it causes indigestion or heartburn. But did you know it also slows down the activity of phagocytes, white blood cells, whose function is to destroy microbes that enter our bodies? This explains how excessive amounts of sugar lower resistance to disease. Thiamin, the happiness vitamin, is used in the metabolism of sugars, and the more sweets we eat the less thiamin is left. Thus, probably 50 per cent of Americans do not get enough thiamin to be emotionally mature and keep their brains functioning efficiently.

Interestingly, parents report children's dispositions to be noticeably improved after appreciably reducing the amount of sweets eaten.

Another strike against excessive sugar in the diet is its recently suspected relationship to diseases of the heart and arteries.

Fortunate, indeed, are we who have known for half a century that "tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 327). "It is all the more dangerous because its effects are slow and at first hardly perceptible. It excites and then paralyzes the nerves."—*Ibid*, pp. 327, 328.

Atherosclerosis, an arterial disease

Effects on the Body

By LUCILE H. JONES

called "the epidemic of the twentieth century," along with the other heart and blood-vessel diseases, causes more than half of all the deaths in the United States. Cigarette smoking is recognized by many scientists as being responsible for at least doubling the number of deaths in this category, yet Americans persist in smoking about 500 billion cigarettes a year, or seven a day for every man, woman, and child in the country.

Cigarette smoke slows or stops the action of the cilia of the bronchial tubes, which normally move at the rate of 1,000 times a minute removing dust, bacteria, and other foreign particles. Thus, tobacco smoke deprives the lungs of this cleansing action. It also contains irritating particles conducive to cancer development.

At its annual convention in 1964 the American Medical Association went on record as recognizing "a significant relationship between cigarette smoking and the incidence of lung cancer and certain other diseases, and that cigarette smoking is a serious health hazard." It boldly declared that a large portion of the yearly 40,000 lung cancer deaths in this country could be prevented if there were no cigarette smoking. The United States Surgeon General reported, "Cigarette smoking

is casually related to lung cancer in men; the magnitude of the effect . . . far outweighs all other factors."

Surely we can see wisdom in following the admonition "to touch not, taste not, handle not, tea, coffee, wines, tobacco, opium, and alcoholic drinks" (*Counsels on Health*, p. 125).

Another phase of our health message is today receiving special attention by world authorities in the field of nutrition. Because undernourished tissues are weakened and more susceptible to infections and other diseases, malnutrition is a world problem of first magnitude. Animal protein is out of the question when considering world nutritional needs because of its scarcity and high production costs. Vegetable protein, therefore, must be the answer, for it is estimated that an acre of land could supply nutrition for ten times as many people if used for growing fruits and vegetables instead of raising animals for slaughter. For this reason Walter Cronkite, Paul Harvey, and other news commentators have recently given favorable publicity to vegetarian proteins.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22) is an ancient proverb, but more and more we are learning its wisdom. Ellen White endorses this principle in the statement: "Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love, promote health and prolong life." Medical reports clearly show that emotions greatly affect the heart, stomach, colon, respiratory organs, blood pressure, endocrine and sex glands, and even the urinary system.

Emotions and Health

In his book *None of These Diseases*, Dr. S. I. McMillen, gives an illustration showing how emotions cause illness. An elderly couple retired from teaching and went into the chicken business. Both had been exceptionally well and happy until a short time after beginning their business, when they developed insomnia. The husband began to have pains in the pit of his stomach, but X-ray showed no trouble. The wife complained of pains over her heart, but a specialist told her there was nothing wrong there. After talking a while with Dr. McMillen she remarked that the symptoms had begun shortly after they received a letter from a neighbor, also a poultryman, asking them to get out of the egg business because they were hurting his sales. The couple had reasoned they had a right to sell eggs in that community if they wanted to, so they had stayed right on, but whenever they thought of that neighbor or saw him on the street the symptoms seemed to flare up. They had money invested in their business and figured if the neighbor didn't want their competition he

could be the one to leave. However, after talking the situation over with Dr. McMillen, they decided to go home, give up their egg business, and love their neighbor. Some time later the daughter reported that her parents had followed the doctor's advice and

since that time had had no need of sleeping capsules, didn't have an ache or a pain, and had never felt so well in their lives.

Release from avoidable pressures and a merry heart are wonderful lubricants for our body machines.

The art of living

By MIRIAM WOOD

when you're Young

READY FOR CHRISTMAS 1968

During the first snow storm of the season I'd turned on my car radio to alleviate somewhat the forlorn, helpless feeling that tends to overwhelm me at the prospect of "hazardous driving conditions"—that is, when I'm the driver. Sandwiched between the ominous repetition of "Heavy snow accumulation up to—" (why do radio announcers seem to take a sort of fiendish delight in these grim words?) came the inevitable commercial. Pinned as I was at an intersection by someone else's inability to move, weary of the slap-slop of the windshield wipers, and rather depressed by the gray-white world surrounding me, I was willing to be entertained by the artificially cheerful voice of the announcer.

"Is your Christmas being spoiled by lack of money?" he demanded pointedly.

Well, here it comes, I thought to myself. The announcer will suggest that anyone who feels this rather painful lack will be told to borrow the money he wants immediately. Borrow today, pay tomorrow—or sometime. Don't even entertain the idea of "doing without." Why deny yourself anything? You're entitled to the thing you want, whether or not you have the money!

My rapid, silent monolog was interrupted by the announcer's voice as he continued. And to my surprise, he didn't even suggest that money be borrowed. Not a bit of it! Instead, his suggestion was so fundamental, so sensible, so full of the self-discipline in which I believe, that I was electrified.

"Don't let it happen next year. Start a Christmas savings account at ——— bank. By regularly depositing a certain amount each week, you can make Christmas, 1968, the happiest you've ever had!"

I'm not primarily concerned with having money to spend at Christmas, although this is pleasant enough, but I am concerned with the philosophy of long-range planning. When you know that you're going to need money for a specific purpose—school tuition, a car, necessary clothes, medical bills—then it seems to me that an intelligent young (or otherwise) person sits down with a pencil and a sheet of paper and constructs

a budget. Then he proceeds to save, so that the budget will work. This regimen doesn't allow him leeway for impulse buying and spending spree, of course. But that's what self-discipline is all about — isn't it?

If money were the *only* area involved, this philosophy would be exceedingly helpful. But a study of the art of living will convince you rather quickly, I think, that it's a strong guarantee of success in nearly every area. School life, for instance. Putting regular "deposits" of learning into the "savings bank" of your mind will prevent your being mentally bankrupt when your knowledge must be displayed on tests. For that matter, it also will reduce the temptation you might otherwise have to "borrow" from the knowledge of others—the latter process being more commonly termed *cheating*.

In the area of social life you can make regular "deposits" in the "bank" of helpfulness toward others, willingness to involve yourself in group activities, determination to believe the best of others, and forgetfulness of self. You'll find that your "social savings account" will be ready and waiting when you're going through periods of heartache and sorrow, when your world seems all awry; in other words, whenever you need others you'll have them.

Even in the spiritual realm this philosophy is, I believe, valuable. By spending time in Bible study, prayer, church attendance, and other spiritual exercises, you'll be building up your "savings account" of a personal relationship with God, a personal faith. You can draw on it to see you through life's frequent buffetings. And in those final scenes of earth's history, which are so vividly portrayed in *The Great Controversy*, your private "spiritual bank account" can prevent your feeling the despair experienced by those who haven't taken the trouble to provide themselves with "a shelter in the time of storm."

When the traffic became unsnarled at the slippery intersection, and I was able to start inching along on my perilous way again, I was rather oblivious to the snow and ice. I was, you see, thinking of Christmas, 1968—and why it can be the happiest one yet!

On April 26, 1966, Paul Harvey shocked radio listeners by the following statement: "On the medical front there is much of interest developing. Perhaps the most significant, certainly the most provocative paper has been prepared by two Georgia scientists. They say that some of man's favorite beverages, including coffee and alcohol, attack the reproductive centers of both plant and animal cells in much the same ways as atomic radiation. They say that one ounce of alcohol a day may do as much harm to your chromosomes as a one-roentgen dose of radiation per week, that six cups of coffee a day would be equivalent to one tenth of a roentgen a week. This is the maximum permissible dose for an atomic worker but it is ten times greater than that considered safe for the general public. Again—what they are saying is that coffee and/or alcohol attack the reproductive centers of plant and animal cells, and presumably humans."

While further research is needed in these areas, there are hints in these observations of possible background to statements such as: "Diseased children are born because of the gratification of appetite by the parents" (*Counsels on Health*, p. 78), and, "to a great degree parents are responsible not only for the violent passions and perverted appetites of their children but for the infirmities of the thousands born deaf, blind, diseased, or idiotic" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 561).

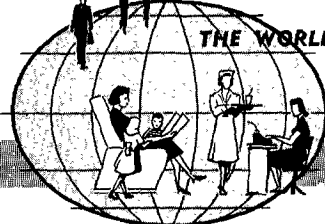
The rewards of healthful living are evidenced in the statistics on more than 11,000 SDA men in California. Deaths from all causes among SDA men were less than half the number expected at usual California rates (*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1966, pp. 2, 3). Likewise, in a study of 50,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the same area there were twice as many SDA's still alive between eighty and eighty-five as were found among comparable numbers of non-Seventh-day Adventists (Ellen G. White Estate, *Medical Science and the Spirit of Prophecy*, p. 31).

Truly, the counsels of the Creator are greater than human wisdom, and we must agree with His servant who wrote: "The work of health reform is the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 443.

Today we hear a great deal about the effect of the mind on the body, but is the opposite true also? Does the condition of the body affect the mind? Does your way of living affect your mental abilities? Can taking a daily bath improve your intellect?

Next week I will discuss the effects of our health message on the mind.

(Continued next week)



THE WORLD OF

The Adventist Woman

Conducted by DOROTHY EMMERSON

Remember Lot's Wife

By H. E. RICE

PART 2

[Last week Elder Rice presented two rules for wives: (1) to learn how to be content, and (2) to regard the approval of God as of greater importance than the approval of man. Three more helpful rules follow.]

THE third rule for wives I take from a commandment given by Christ long, long ago. It was spoken in a conversation to a friend and it was born out of a deep understanding of humanity, its problems, and the pressures that build up in our homes. It is found in Luke 10:41, 42: "Martha, my dear, you are worried and bothered about providing so many things. Only a few things are really needed, perhaps only one" (Phillips).*

There are so many needs, so many pressures, so many social, civic, community, and church obligations! How can we possibly meet them all? Which ones have priority? Life becomes a constant series of decisions as to what is the most important. The first lesson the Master would teach is that there are not as many things necessary as we are prone to think. In the final analysis there is only one thing actually vital. Everything else is extraneous. The great temptation with which the devil assails Adventist wives today is not to doubt the great truths upon which this church is founded. Few will find their minds turning, even in the quiet reverie of thought, to doubting the second coming of Christ or the sacredness of the Sabbath or the mission to take the good news to an unwarned world. The more likely temptation, the more subtle snare for saintly sisterhood, is to permit inconsequential things to crowd out the important things in life. One of the great hazards to the church is that its resources and its energies be diverted into unimportant channels. There are a thousand causes clamoring for our attention and for our money. There are a thousand trivialities for the church to debate, but there is only one thing that is vital. The resources of the church can easily be dissipated into combating purveyors of triviality that might better be ignored.

Recently a visitor came to my office and unburdened her soul: Our Seventh-day Adventist hospitals were using curry powder, she protested, and curry powder contained black pepper and black pepper was wrong. Where was the church going? The General Conference had put out a cookbook in which curry powder was prescribed. (As I recall, there were 56 entree recipes and two of them used one teaspoon of curry powder for 50 servings.)

Now, I am no defender of curry powder. I recently visited India where food was so hot that after taking a bite, I would fain ring the fire alarm. If I never ate more, it would be quite soon enough for me.

In due time it was my turn to talk. I made no excuse or defense to my irate visitor but did attempt to point

out that if I ate all of these entrees in sequence, every 28 days I would get no more than a fiftieth of a teaspoon of the questioned and condemned seasoning. This may be bad, but is it important? Was the message of this church to the world, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations to give up curry powder?"

We live in an age that is in rebellion against authority, the authority of the church, of the state, of the college campus, and of the home. Our age has mastered the atom but has not developed the morality to use it, and is now prepared to blow the planet out of orbit. Is our answer to this generation, "Give up curry powder," or is it "Be ye reconciled to God"?

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." "Martha, my dear. . . . Only a few things are really needed, perhaps only one." *

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WOMEN IN THE NEWS



Nightingale Medal Awarded in Korea

Mrs. Kuyboon Ahn, 54, assistant director of the nursing school at the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, was presented with the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international decoration for nurses, for her humanitarian services. The occasion was the eighteenth anniversary of the Korean National Red Cross.

The medal, offered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), was presented by Mrs. Chung Hee Park, the first lady of Korea. Mrs. Ahn has served 33 years in her career. She is among 27 nurses selected from the 109 member nations of ICRC for meritorious service.

HAROLD KEHNEY

The fourth rule for wives is to be tenderhearted. Tenderness and compassion are not the mark of weak men and women. They can be exercised only by the strong. Time and again it is recorded in the Bible that Christ saw the multitude and was moved with compassion. He knew they were hungry. He saw when they were tired.

Every age has been marked by cruelty and callosity. In this characteristic probably the present differs little from the past. Pharaoh's daughter, going down to the banks of the river Nile centuries ago, saw a floating basket, looked within and saw the tears of a baby—and her heart responded. We today are more cruel and more callous and oblivious to suffering because we have devised superior tools with which to inflict mass tragedy.

Among all the texts in the Bible perhaps the clearest insight into the true character of Christ is given in the shortest verse: "Jesus wept." I count it as the sweetest and most meaningful, for compassion is an attribute of divinity and must ever mark our ministry and our homes.

Tenderness and understanding are attributes of God. Before life is over, the world's buffetings, its hopes, its disappointments, its heartaches, and its frustrations will tend to make the heart either tender and soft, or callous and hard. No one escapes. You can choose the effect they will have on you.

One Last Admonition

Space precludes a hundred other rules and admonitions that might be helpful, but there is one last admonition, spoken to Peter, but which I wish to apply to wives. In my view it is the most important of all. It was given simply, directly, without ambiguity or camouflage: "Feed my lambs. . . . Be a shepherd to my sheep. . . . Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17, Moffatt).†

Every follower of Christ may take this admonition to himself. Administrators and leaders are prone to subscribe to the philosophy and fall into the delusion that they are to administer the sheep. The conviction grows that it is their mission to supervise the building of pens for the sheep in which to keep them. There is a tendency to feel divinely called to preside over committees appointed to erect fences for the sheep. Sometimes the feeling persists that leadership must give more attention to the shearing of the sheep, and must keep a close tab on the price of wool. Institutions

are erected to treat the diseases of the sheep and to pour oil and wine into their wounds. Towers and classrooms and libraries arise in which to educate the sheep and classify them according to their various abilities to bleat. We develop complicated organizations dedicated to the proposition that the lambs must be entertained, and of course this is true. Committees are appointed to seek out and sanitize the watering places where they congregate. Over it all there is always the conviction that we also should bring in a few more strays

to add to the flock. All of this is good and necessary, none is axiomatically wrong; but towering over and above all as a stately snow-capped mountain towers over the valley below, stands the great commission of the Master: "Feed my lambs. Be a shepherd to my sheep. Feed my sheep. Today the flocks are hungry. Feed my sheep!"

All this—and more—doubtless, is embraced in the admonition, "Remember Lot's wife."

The lessons are worth remembering.

Especially FOR MEN

By ROLAND R. HEGSTAD

THE TRUTH ABOUT WOMEN

In this first column for men I want to talk about women.

Women are different from men. According to one authority, they "think, feel, react and see things in an entirely different manner. . . . They are a species apart, differing psychologically and physiologically in every way."

One self-evident distinction, many males have assumed, lies in the area of intellect: Men are more intelligent than women. According to intelligence tests recently given under auspices of the British Medical Research Council by psychologist Kathleen Watts to 700 students in a number of universities, women did not fare as well as men. However, because of the subjectivity involved in such tests, not all authorities agree with her findings.

For whatever the reason, this much is true: more men than women have achieved genius status. How many women rank with males in science and the arts? Where is the female Titian, Rembrandt, Da Vinci? Name one as prestigious in the field of music as Beethoven, Bach, Brahms. Can you think of a great woman inventor or more than a couple of great women physicists or medical pioneers? As famed male scientist Elie Metchnikoff said, "Genius is a masculine quality, just as a beard is or strong muscles are."

Having extracted what solace we can from the foregoing, let us now concede two virtues to the tender gender. Woman is generally more religious than man. "Her emotional tension renders her quickly sensitive to the profound appeal which religion makes to the senses and the feelings," concludes historian—and husband—Will Durant. "Instinctively, she worships where the man might seek scientifically to investigate."

Woman may find it easier than man to yield her will to God, to accept in simple faith His stewardship of her life,

because she desires basically not to dominate and possess, as does the male, but to be dominated and possessed. Whatever the case, as most Adventist evangelists can confirm, woman is often the first not only to welcome new forms of belief but also to sing most fervently, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." When families are "united in the faith," as our baptismal reports often put it, we understand that usually dad has at last succumbed to the patient witness of his wife, who stepped out years before he did. Further, in many Adventist homes where dad often is away (and, alas, too often when he isn't), it is mother who is faithful in seeing that the family starts off the day with prayer and ends it, as well, at the family altar. (We are further humbled to recall that two men shrank from the challenge of prophetic office in the remnant church that a 17-year-old girl modestly assumed.)

If your grudging (male) tribute has not yet moved beyond the cynic's stage, consider this statistic: Looking back on their childhood, American adults of both sexes say that mother had greater influence on their lives than father. Confesses a researcher (male): "Forty-eight per cent remember Mama's influence most—including possibly the backside of a hairbrush administered to the backside of the heir—whereas only 22 per cent say that Father was the greater influence."

The hand that rocks the cradle may not be the hand that rules the world, as William Ross Wallace rhapsodized, but it seems to rule the roost, so far as both receptivity to spiritual influence and lasting impact on children are concerned.

And let us, brethren, indulge in this introspection: If we are so intelligent, why are so many homes matriarchies when it comes to leading out in spiritual exercises? Was it not the male who was to be priest in the home? It hardly seems evidence of superior intelligence to deny our wives the help they need in making home a little heaven on earth and our children candidates for that heaven above.

(Next: "The Truth About You—As Your Wife Sees It.")

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COMMITMENT . . . BY ALL

Members of the United States Foreign Service are stationed in almost every country of the world. Some personnel live in nations where the standard of living is comparable to that of the homeland, others live in impoverished countries. Some live where there is little disease, others where disease is rampant. Some live where a wide choice of good food is available, others where the choice of food is limited. Some live in salubrious climates, others where the climate is enervating. Some live reasonably close to the U.S., others live in out-of-the-way places halfway around the world.

At times we have wondered how the United States Government can be sure that members of its Foreign Service will go any place they are sent. We have wondered why there might not be some question as to the willingness of personnel to accept a new assignment, possibly with less influence or more danger.

Recently we found the answer. We were thumbing through a book issued by the Department of State in 1967, entitled *The Country Team, An Illustrated Profile of Our American Missions Abroad*. On page 69 we read, "During the interview of a Foreign Service applicant, one of the first questions asked is: 'Are you willing to go anywhere in the world in the service of the United States?' The answer must be 'Yes.'"

This commitment, made at the time of application for foreign service, makes future decisions easy. Having settled the fact that one is willing to go anywhere in the world in the service of his country, the individual accepts any task, however difficult, in any location, however unfavorable. He considers service to his country a high calling, and to make a success of it he is willing to accept inconvenience, danger, and hardship.

In this commitment the wife shares. Says the book, "At every step along the way, and particularly when abroad, the Foreign Service wife makes a contribution to her husband's work—whether by helping him directly, or by simply taking a constructive part in the life of the local community. In addition, she is the one who bears the burden of raising a normal family despite the stresses of a constantly changing environment. One year she may live with the scent of carnations covering the hillsides of southern France; the next year she may become more accustomed to the perfume of camels." With her, as with her husband, her answer to the question, "Are you willing to go anywhere in the world in the service of the United States?" must be "Yes."

This kind of commitment is somewhat rare in a world where words like duty, loyalty, conscience, and sacrifice are less popular than words such as affluence, convenience, ambition, and expediency. Yet it is not unknown. It is found, for example, in the lives of young men who apply for service as ministerial interns in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The blank that these would-be ministers fill out for the General Conference asks a number of searching questions. Under the section "Commitment" are these three questions: 1. Have you personally felt the call of God to devote your life to the gospel ministry? 2. Are you willing to forsake all else to follow your Lord to labor in the gospel ministry as a life calling? 3. Is your wife or fiancée in full sympathy with your life purpose?

Most of the applicants answer question number 2 with

a simple, straightforward Yes. Others elaborate a bit to make their position clear. Here are a few typical responses, selected from recent applications.

"Yes, indeed."

"Yes, with no reservations."

"By the grace of God, yes."

"It is my purpose to give my whole heart to this work. Yes."

"Yes, I am willing, and through His Spirit I look forward eagerly to it."

"Yes, I am willing to forsake all else."

"Yes, there is nothing I would rather do."

"It is my desire to do that which the Lord has planned, and I feel that this is His will for my life."

"I desire above all else to serve my Lord wherever He calls me."

"Yes, willing and anxious."

"Yes, by God's help I wish to make this my sole purpose."

"By all means."

"Yes, wherever He leads."

"Yes, my life and all are dedicated to His service."

"Not only 100 per cent willing, but very anxious."

"I will go wherever the Lord leads."

"Yes, my life is committed to the proclamation of God's three final messages for the earth today. This is God's true church, and I will serve Him in it."

To the question, "Is your wife or fiancée in full sympathy with your life purpose?" the usual response is simply "Yes." Here are two variations on this: "Yes, very much so." "Yes! This is the purpose of our lives."

Take the Cross

We believe that God has a right to expect this kind of commitment from men and women who are called to be His ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20). We think it is not too much to ask that they be willing to go any place in the world, accept any kind of assignment, and even be willing to lay down their lives to advance the cause of truth.

But basically, should not every follower of Christ—not just ministers and their families—be willing to make this kind of commitment? Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 10:37-39).

What did Christ mean by this? Obviously that true Christians must put loyalty, obedience, and service to Christ above any human relationship or obligation. The true follower of Christ must be willing to endure persecution, suffering, and inconvenience. He must be willing to forgo the pleasures and rewards of this world. He must be willing to lose everything in exchange for the supreme advantage of knowing and following Jesus Christ.

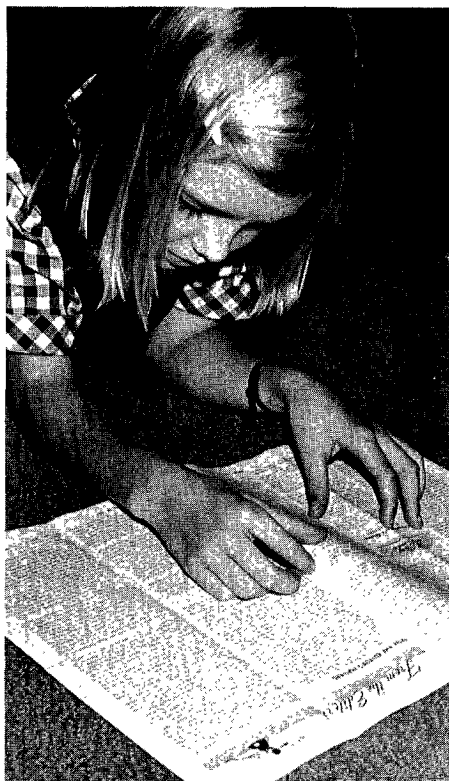
This is the kind of commitment every member of the remnant church should make. The result will be an abundance of volunteers to fill unanswered mission calls, overflowing treasuries, and a speedy fulfillment of the gospel commission. Dare any of us delay longer to make this commitment?

K. H. W.



From Readers

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD . . ."



EDITORS: This is a picture of Shiree Albers reading the REVIEW. She is the nine-year-old daughter of L. L. Albers, pastor of our Mount Vernon church.

This picture was not staged. My wife and I went to the Albers' home the other night for a visit, and when we walked in Shiree was on the floor reading the REVIEW; so I went out to the car, got my camera, and took the picture just as it was.

Both Shiree and her sister, Rene, eight, are reading enthusiasts. Of course, it was the children's story in the REVIEW that Shiree was reading. Their mother tells me that both of them always read this feature in the REVIEW.

CHARLES R. BEELER

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NEEDED—A BETTER BRAND

EDITORS: Under the title "Baptize When?" in the REVIEW of November 30, Brethren Crawford and Johnson gave excellent answers in their letters to the question, answers based on statements from God's messenger to the remnant church. Hasty work in preparing candidates for baptism leads to trouble. Henry Drummond, a pioneer in the Adventist movement in England, back in the 1830's, put it well in his oft-quoted remark, "What the church of God needs is not so many more of us but a better brand."

Preparation for baptism today is too often a superficial matter. And this weakness in the church is one of the causes of apostasy.

The preparatory studies should include a knowledge of the Spirit of Prophecy writings. We have too many members in the church today who received little or no instruction before baptism regarding the purpose of Ellen G. White's work as God's special messenger to the remnant church. The lack of definite instruction on this subject is another cause of apostasy. The prophet Ezekiel makes it clear (chapters 33 and 34) that God's watchmen (ministers) are responsible for the spiritual welfare of His people, and if these watchmen are careless in their work, the results will be disastrous to both watchmen and people. We should be giving more serious thought and prayer to prebaptismal studies with our candidates for baptism and church membership. ERNEST LLOYD

Loma Linda, California

PRO "MINISTER OF MUSIC"

EDITORS: Some weeks ago (Sept. 21 REVIEW) a writer opposed the title "Minister of Music" as used in some of our churches. I would join the writer of the letter in regretting to see this title used merely as an ornament or to make the music director-coordinator's office sound important.

We should not forget, however, that music has played a very important part in the worship services of God's people through Biblical and post-Biblical times. There is music in the worship of God in the courts above. We are told that "singing, as a part of religious service, is as much an act of worship as is prayer" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 594).

For the average layman, aside from being a listener and a financial contributor, congregational singing is the closest he comes to participation in the public worship on the Sabbath day. If a person is really qualified to lead the people into a more meaningful participation in this part of the worship service, why should he not be designated as the minister of music?

The ability on the part of a song leader to generate enthusiasm in the singing does not necessarily qualify him to be called a

minister of music, any more than the ability to make sales records with our publications would qualify a person as a true literature evangelist. He might be only a good book agent.

When one considers the many fine hymn texts to the accompaniment of very worthy hymn tunes that our *Church Hymnal* contains, and yet which are almost completely unknown to the majority of our church members, there would seem to be a need for ministers of music who could work with the pastors in leading the people toward a more meaningful participation in the best music the church affords. This could lead to an appreciation of the literary and musical forms most suited to worship. A minister of the gospel needs not only the ability that comes from proper training or preparation for his work but also the spirit of consecration and dedication to the gospel ministry. Likewise a true minister of music should have the qualifications gained from a preparation for his sacred task and from a spirit of dedication.

Our offerings of praise and thanksgiving to God in song should be more than an emotional exercise. They must be on a spiritual and intellectual plane as well, to reach the standard mentioned by Paul where he says, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Cor. 14:15).

R. E. COWDRICK

Smithsburg, Md.

THE OLD-TIME RING

EDITORS: I am constrained to write my appreciation of the two articles in the Nov. 23 REVIEW—one from the president of the General Conference, Elder Pierson, the other by R. S. Watts. Both messages lifted my soul to greater heights of courage. They have the ring of messages we heard in the late 1880's! I have read the REVIEW for 75 years and pray for every one of our dear workers throughout the world.

MRS. L. J. BLACK

Loma Linda, Calif.

"Ask, and It Shall Be Given"

By BETTY COONEY

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7). This familiar Bible verse has inspired many Christians and seekers of Christ to a greater faith in Him. It is a dynamic invitation, urging people repeatedly to prove God in their lives.

So dynamic is it, in fact, that one of the top ten insurance companies in the United States is using it to inspire its highly trained sales force. A special tape recording made by a leading business lecturer and radio speaker contains this text and other allusions to the truly successful life Jesus lived here on earth. This material is embodied in a philosophical discussion of success and how success in any undertaking is attainable by faith.

Some two hundred agents, representing the new men on the company's sales force, listen to this discussion in which they are urged to write the words of Matthew 7:7 on the back of a three-by-five card. On the other side they are to write down what they wish to be in life, or what they wish to accomplish. Each day both sides of this card are to be read as part of a personal success program. The speaker leaves these salesmen with a clear picture of what faith can do in today's business world.

These supposedly hardheaded businessmen are finding richer meaning and new life in a text we as Adventists too often think of as applicable only spiritually. Perhaps we can learn a lesson from the business world on how to make our Bibles more meaningful to us today and every day.

Far Eastern Division Holds Biennial Council

By J. C. KOZEL
Assistant Treasurer, General Conference

At the time of the biennial session of the Far Eastern Division in November, union mission officers met for two days with division and General Conference leaders; more than 100 church leaders took a course in leadership and administration; and the division transacted its official business and laid plans for evangelistic advance. In addition ministerial and public relations councils were held.

Robert H. Pierson, GC president, and I arrived at the Insular Hotel in Davao City, Mindanao, November 14. Also present from the General Conference were N. R. Dower, secretary of the Ministerial Association, and M. H. Reeder, associate secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations. Elder Dower had been holding ministerial institutes throughout the Philippines with the division ministerial secretary, R. C. Williams, and Elder Reeder had been conducting public relations workshops in a number of the unions with the division PR secretary, D. A. Roth.

I was greatly impressed with the emphasis placed on evangelism. Prior to the opening of the session November 22 a ministerial seminar led by Elders Williams and Dower was held for three days. During this same time a public relations council was held by Elders Roth and Reeder. A high spiritual atmosphere also characterized the biennial council itself. Revival, reformation, and evangelism were emphasized. In addition to the regular morning devotional, a midday devotional period was conducted daily by Elder Pierson.

Although this was termed a biennial session, the union mission officers elected will serve for four years because of a previous action taken by the division committee that division sessions be held every four years. Some of the changes in leadership were: W. L. Wilcox, president of the West Indonesia Union Mission, to the presidency of the Korean Union Mission; C. L. Shankel, president of the Far Eastern Island Mission, to the presidency of the West Indonesia Union Mission; C. A. Williams, of Korea, to the presidency of the Okinawa Mission; and P. W. Nelson, of Japan, to the presidency of the Far Eastern Island Mission.

This was my first visit to the Far Eastern Division. I was pleasantly surprised at the magnitude of not only the territory of this division but of our denominational work. Three hundred and sixty million people reside within its territory. It stretches from the island of Hokkaido in the northern part of Japan to the island of Timor, which is just a little north of Australia on the south. It reaches from Guam on the east to Thailand on the west. At the close of 1948 our membership in this entire territory was 41,214. At the close of the third quarter of 1967 the

Far Eastern Division had passed the 200,000 mark in membership.

One of the outstanding features of this 1967 division meeting was the administrative council held November 17-21. Elder Pierson was the director and principal teacher in this council, which actually covered the entire Home Study Institute course in Principles of Leadership and Administration. Elder Pierson's book *So You Want to Be a Leader* was the principal textbook. Among the 107 students who took this course were the division personnel, union mission officers, and the local mission presidents, as well as a number of institutional representatives.

P. H. Eldridge, president of the division, spoke at the biennial session's opening service the evening of November 22. He reviewed the progress of the work during the past biennium, called attention to the changes in personnel that had taken place, and referred to some of the problems caused by military activity and changes in economic conditions.

He repeated a story he had told at Autumn Council in Takoma Park a few weeks earlier:

"A few months ago I visited the town of Bayugan, Mindanao, Philippines. My attention was drawn to a group of people coming in from the country—a strange-looking group. From a distance they looked like teen-agers, and at their head was a tall fellow wearing a kind of turban, red shoulder straps, and a broad red



The General Conference president arrives for the council dressed in his barong Filipino.

sash. Hanging from this sash was a long, wicked-looking, curved bolo. I thought to myself, 'They have wild-eyed hippies here too.'

"A few minutes later I arrived at the church and found this man on the front row. No teen-ager, he was a fine-looking, stalwart chap in his middle thirties, the chief of a tribe of Manibo people. My companions said, 'We have been holding a branch Sabbath school among these people, and tonight they have come to hear you speak.' After a few songs and a prayer the chief had something to say to me. He came to the platform and began to speak eloquently and with great dignity.

"We have requested the government for a school, but nothing has come of it. Our people have lived for hundreds of years in savagery, but now we want to learn. We have heard of Seventh-day Adventist teachings and are eager to know more of Christ. Will you not come to our people and build a school?"

"It was an unforgettable experience. He said that his tribe had long lived a life of killing and hate, but they wanted to change it all and become Christians, members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Later I was told that this man had been a real mischief-maker and had been responsible for the death of eight persons, but his life had been changed. Now this chief has given property on which to build a school. Will he get his school?"

Then Elder Eldridge added: "I received word since coming to this session that the school has been opened with 80 pupils enrolled in grade 1. Their ages range from eight to 25."

In conducting the work of the session Elder Eldridge was assisted by his two fellow officers, H. W. Bedwell, secretary, and H. D. Johnson, treasurer.

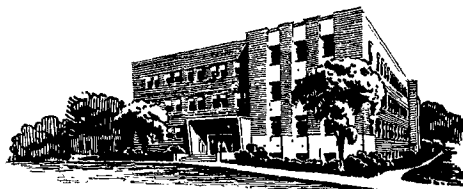
As I sat on the budget committee, I



Calling for the vote. H. W. Bedwell, secretary (left), and P. H. Eldridge, president.

DATELINE— WASHINGTON

By Arthur H. Roth



A monthly roundup of happenings at General Conference headquarters

“WORLD MISSIONS REPORT” AND SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS. On the second floor of the left wing of the General Conference building four men and nine women each day of the working week think, plan, and work to provide the Sabbath schools around the world with the lessons, lesson helps, missions reports, and other items that make our Sabbath schools interesting and profitable. So as to have these things on time when they are needed, our Sabbath School Department leaders have trained themselves to think in 1968 about what the Sabbath schools might be studying and needing in 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972 and beyond, if the children of God should still be needing such things at that time.

Think, for example, of the *Missions Quarterly*. Beginning with the first quarter of 1969, our Sabbath schools will be using an enlarged and new format for the weekly report from our mission fields which then will be called the *World Mission Report*. When you see and use the *World Mission Report* a year from now, remember that the decision about it was made by our leaders back in 1967.

The Sabbath school lessons you will be studying in 1968 were planned and the topics were assigned to writers in 1963. After the lessons were prepared and submitted by the authors, the scriptural passages and notes were carefully verified before the lessons were sent to 40 members of the Sabbath school lessons reading committee, who live in several countries of the world. All this took about two years. When the readers returned the lessons with suggestions and comments, they again were considered in the light of the recommendations made before being sent to approximately 80 publishing houses around the world for translation and printing, so that the 2.3 million Sabbath school members everywhere might have them for their classes in 1968. Thus, you see, our world Sabbath school leaders work about four years ahead of us.

GC VISITORS. Many workers and laymen from the North American Division and from overseas divisions visit church headquarters throughout the year. We try to tell you about as many as possible, usually about those from overseas divisions. They are fewer in number. In the past month we welcomed from Denmark: Ole and Loa Henriksen and Vickie Kiskick; from Tasmania: Ken Allen; from

Australia: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Grolmund.

HUMAN RELATIONS. On December 5 the General Conference Committee on Human Relations, consisting of representative members from numerous areas of ethnic concern, met in Washington for one of its important meetings. This committee's objective is to recommend standards and procedures for interracial harmony and Christian fellowship as they affect members and the work of the church throughout the North American Division. The vice-president of the General Conference for the division, Neal C. Wilson, acted as chairman, and H. D. Singleton served as secretary. Attending the meeting, other than Washington residents, were: C. E. Bradford, C. E. Dudley, W. S. Lee, R. H. Nightingale, G. N. Banks, W. A. Thompson, and D. B. Simons.

MORE EVANGELISM. We reported to the REVIEW reading family in October about evangelistic and revival meetings conducted by General Conference staff members. Now we are able to lengthen that list by giving you the names of additional staff members who have conducted or participated in evangelism during 1967: R. E. Adams, Delaware; Euel H. Atchley, Florida; W. R. Beach, Haiti; Orley Berg, Maryland and Virginia; F. L. Bland, Indiana; W. P. Bradley, Maine; T. Carcich, New York; O. A. Dart, California and Massachusetts; J. E. Edwards, Virginia; J. O. Gibson, Maryland; J. H. Hancock, Australia; D. W. Holbrook, Tennessee; J. O. Iversen, Minnesota; T. E. Lucas, Illinois; L. M. Nelson, Indonesia; E. W. Pedersen, New York; L. B. Reynolds, Tennessee; R. S. Watts, Tennessee; Neal C. Wilson, Ontario, Canada.

MEETINGS OF EDUCATORS. The week from December 10-15 could almost have been named Education Week around the General Conference office. During the week the Commission for Secondary Education, the Commission for Higher Education, and the Board of Regents each held meetings to consider matters affecting various areas of denominational education. Attending these meetings were General Conference Department of Education personnel, university and college presidents, representatives of academy and elementary school principals, school department heads, education secretaries, and union and conference administrators.

listened to the earnest appeals of our workers for funds to expand the work into new areas and provide additional workers and to improve our facilities at schools, hospitals, and publishing houses. In this large division are nine union missions, one detached mission, 48 local missions, 18 hospitals, 9 colleges, 53 academies, and 8 publishing houses. After the budget committee rendered its report, I found it extremely difficult to restrain the tears as I listened to the words of appreciation expressed by the union mission presidents for the funds provided by the General Conference. I realized that I had never really sacrificed for the cause of God.

The leadership of the entire Far Eastern Division, including the division officers and staff and the union mission officers and local mission presidents, are thoroughly dedicated to the task of finishing the work of God in the territory of the Far East. I am fully convinced that the year 1968 will be an outstanding one in soul-winning accomplishments.

Opportunities Develop in the Marshall Islands

By CLINTON SHANKEL
President
Far Eastern Island Mission

The Marshall Islands, a group of some 36 atolls east of Guam, have waited a long time to hear the good news of the three angels' messages. But in recent months we have seen the Spirit of God at work.

During 1967 the first Seventh-day Adventist book was translated and sent to the press. The doctor and his wife who did the translation, although not yet baptized, consider that they are Seventh-day Adventists. This year the first Marshallese was baptized in our first baptism on these islands. The first public meetings were held, and a number of families made decisions to prepare to join our church. Much of this report is made possible because of the faithful witness of an active layman, Walter Welch, barber-missionary to the Marshall Islands.

The inhabitants of these coral-reef islands are primarily Christian, but our work has barely begun. In addition to the one just baptized, there are only four other Seventh-day Adventists living in the islands, and they have come from the United States.

At the present time we are negotiating two leases that will give us sites in the two centers of the Marshall Islands. God is opening the way for us. There are yet many islands, many language groups, many people who wait. The mission is planning to send a worker this year to these islands, if funds are available.

One of the kings of the Marshall Islands, a member of the congress, said to me, "When will you establish a school here? Next year?"

"Yes," I answered, "next year if we have the money and if there is someone to send."

There are always so many "if's."

Luzon Bookmen Gather for Spiritual Retreat

By E. A. BRODEUR
Publishing Secretary
Far Eastern Division

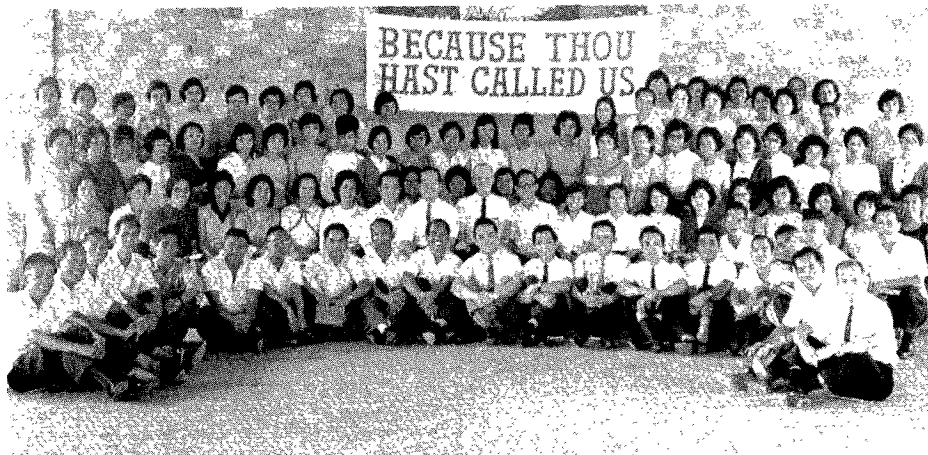
The 104 literature evangelists of the Central Luzon Mission, Philippines, made excellent gains during 1967. By the end of August the mission gain over the same period in 1966 was 120,000 pesos. This gain equals one third of the total deliveries in 1966. Literature evangelists of this mission have been instrumental in bringing 45 persons to baptism.

J. P. Acosta, the publishing secretary, and his six assistants are today carrying on a strong literature program and reaping the results of seed sown during the 62 years since R. A. Caldwell, from Australia, arrived to sell *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *The Coming King*.

Realizing the hard work and long hours put in by these workers, the Central Luzon Mission recently arranged a spiritual retreat for them. Sales instruction was left completely out of the program. All speakers directed their remarks toward a stronger and complete spiritual commitment to the unfinished task.

The retreat was held at Ampora Park some 40 kilometers east of Manila. The entire park was reserved for use by the Central Luzon Mission. Its lagoon, surrounded by banana palms, bamboo, and papaya trees, formed a retreat from the noise of the world, an ideal setting in which to draw close to the Master.

As far as we know, this was the first completely spiritual retreat conducted for literature evangelists in any place in the Far Eastern Division. However, as I



Central Luzon Mission literature evangelists at their retreat near Manila, Philippines.

listened to the messages of the speakers, the special music, and the words of the literature evangelists expressing their commitment to a work that the urgency of these times demands, I was convinced that this type of program can be a blessing to literature evangelists any place in the world.

Bankrupt Financially but Rich Spiritually

By J. G. NIKKELS
Departmental Secretary
Colombia-Venezuela Union

By the time he was 37 José Antonio Lamas had experienced two business failures, but more important, he had experienced a great spiritual success. He

had found Christ as his Saviour and had joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A native of Lebanon, Mr. Lamas had come to Venezuela at the age of 18, had engaged in the wholesaling and retailing of dry goods and textiles, and had soon become a prosperous businessman. He could hardly have anticipated that 20 years later he would be a Seventh-day Adventist Bible instructor, preaching and establishing churches along the Colombia-Venezuelan border.

Mr. Lamas' first business failure occurred in 1918. At that time the Spanish influenza killed about 60 per cent of his clients, and with every death a debt remained unpaid. He had to declare bankruptcy. Yet, bent on acquiring wealth, he started again, and within a few years he had another well-established business in Camaguán. All the while God kept His eye on him.

In 1920 Rafael López Miranda, a pioneer colporteur from Puerto Rico, was working in Venezuela. He sold Mr. Lamas a health book and obtained permission to leave a box of books in his store. Upon his return from a visit to a neighboring village, Mr. López was invited to stay at Mr. Lamas' house. Early the next morning, Mr. Lamas' curiosity was aroused when he saw the colporteur reading a black book. When he discovered that this was a Bible, the merchant asked him whether it was for sale.

"No," was the colporteur's reply, "but I have a similar one for you."

So it happened that Mr. Lamas put his health book aside and began to read the Bible, which he had never seen before. His study of it proved so interesting that he gladly accepted an invitation to attend some cottage meetings in his neighbor's house.

After the colporteur's departure, his neighbor, a zealous evangelical, ordered some more literature from the mission in Caracas, which he shared with Mr. Lamas. The new truths made a deep impression upon Mr. Lamas' heart and mind. He longed to know more. In response to the request of his neighbor and others, W. E. Baxter, director and treasurer of the newly organized mission, arrived with another worker to give them further instructions. Three and a half months after

Little Woman With Much Faith

By IRENE DAWSON MILLER

Mrs. Lo Lan-hsiang is a tiny woman. Her jet-black hair is coiled neatly under a coarse net that frames her wrinkled, weather-beaten face. She wears with dignity the layers of clothing sent to Taiwan by the Dorcas Societies of America.

Mrs. Lo Lan-hsiang was chosen as a delegate from the Lukai tribe to attend the annual South Taiwan Mission session.

Some time ago a little chapel was built on the mountain near her home, but it lacked furniture. There were bamboo benches for the congregation, but no pulpit or chairs for the leaders. Perhaps she could earn money to buy this equipment.

She made 36 sieves, which housewives use for sifting grains, and sold them in the village for NT\$300. She immediately went to a small furniture shop and selected a table and two chairs. She bargained with the shopkeeper and purchased them for NT\$295.

Her husband, a staunch member of another church, was very unhappy when he discovered she had only NT\$5 left for his liquor and tobacco. But he grudgingly agreed to carry the table and chairs to the chapel. As he slowly made his way up the steep path, he continued grumbling under his breath. Placing her hand on his arm, she said, "Never mind, husband, you will soon become a Seventh-day Adventist too, and then you won't need money for liquor and tobacco."

In May, 1966, a typhoon swept over the mountain. Their millet field was directly in the path of the storm. Claiming God's promise, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes" (Mal. 3:11), she earnestly prayed that God would protect their crop.

As soon as the storm subsided she started up the path. Her heart sank as she saw millet fields flattened by the wind and rain. But as she rounded a bend in the path she saw *their* millet standing straight and tall—God's reward for her faith.

Three Tons of Coins

By JESSIE WEIR

"If they ask me to do *that*, I'm going back to the Church of England!" I said when I joined the Adventist Church and first heard about Ingathering. But my attitude changed. I have collected £5,889 (U.S. \$16,500) in the 15 years since I made that statement.

The local leader in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, must have been the very essence of tact, for he did not ask me to take a collecting box the first year. By the next year's campaign I was a well-established Adventist and expected to be given a collecting box, but it was not forthcoming. In that year my "Why should I have a box?" had become "Why shouldn't I have a box?" and feeling a little left out, I went and asked for one.

That first year I collected £26, and how happy I was, since the target that had been set for me was £5 (U.S. \$14). The following year my total was £117, and the next year £226—nearly double!

By then I had caught Ingathering fever, and with the determination not to drop, saw my totals rise to £226, £300, and £313, then into the four hundreds and five hundreds. Last year it was £600 and this year £606 (U.S. \$1,700).

The one great drawback to Ingathering in England is carrying the loads. Some nights I have five full canisters hanging on one arm, weighing about 28 pounds, and my other arm is stretched out to receive coins in another already full tin weighing about 6 pounds. But what joy when I get back and have the tins emptied and counted. One such evening's work yielded more than £17 (U.S. \$47.60).

Just as a matter of interest, I have weighed my canisters over the past eight years' Ingathering, and in that time I have carried almost three tons! With the exception of one annual donation of £10 and seven or eight of £1 each, all the rest has been collected in small amounts. And anyone who knows British money knows how heavy it weighs!

the minister's arrival, on April 22, 1921, José Lamas, his neighbor, Julio García, and 19 others were baptized and a new church was organized in Camaguán.

At that time an economic crisis rocked the country. Prices began to tumble. As Mr. Lamas did much of his business on a credit basis, he went bankrupt for the second time. Recognizing God's guidance in his life, he now decided to dedicate his talents to the Lord's work, rather than to the world. So in 1923 he was sent out as a Bible instructor to Valencia and Puerto Cabello.

From 1924 till 1926 he served as treasurer in the mission office. Afterward he went to San Cristóbal to water the seeds sown by the valiant López Miranda, who had been assassinated some years before in that same region. After establishing various churches along the Colombia-Venezuelan border, Mr. Lamas returned to work in Caracas. One day the union asked him to take care of the Curaçao Mission until the arrival of the successor of E. P. Howard, who had become seriously ill.

In 1948 Mr. Lamas retired from active duty, but kept on working to win others to Christ. His hobby was starting new groups, first in Caracas, and later in other places. At present he is 81 years old, and first elder and treasurer of the church of El Limón, near Maracay, Venezuela.

In the 1960's he became one of the promoters of a Venezuelan academy and ceded some of his rural property in El Limón for the Colegio Secundario Venezolano, which was opened October 1, 1962. This provisional beginning led to the establishment of our present-day In-

stituto Vocacional de Venezuela at Nirgua with more than 200 students. He fervently hopes that the graduates of this school will hasten the coming of our Saviour and finish the work of God in Venezuela. To this end he has dedicated all his life and now all his possessions.

Fiji School Sets Mark in Government Exams

By JANE RABAKUTA

Principal

Navesau Central SDA School

Despite the predictions of government school teachers, the Adventist school at Suva, Fiji, has grown each year since its establishment in 1964. This growth is a direct result of the success of its students in passing secondary-school entrance examinations.

When the Navesau Central Seventh-day Adventist School was opened in 1964, we had an enrollment of only 96 pupils. Teachers of neighboring government schools thought the project was a foolish one, for we were situated right among government schools. Having been a government school teacher for six years, I felt the same way. But God has His own ways of working things out. M. Tuiwawa, F. Gonekalon, A. Koro, and I were thrilled that year to have some students successfully pass the external School Secondary Entrance Exam. This record led more students to look toward our school. We had a number of students baptized at the end of the year.

The next year, 1965, with 125 enrollments, we had another successful result, 11 passes and about 30 students baptized. Our record in the S.S.E.E. was the highest in the educational district of Ra that year, as it had been the year before. This again gave us another influx of students.

In 1966 we had another record, 17 passes in the S.S.E.E. Because of that, this year our enrollment has gone up to 300 students. With the help of God, we have baptized 42 students into our church. This is the biggest baptism so far. We hope to have another baptism soon.

God has richly blessed this school this year by helping another 22 students to successfully pass their S.S.E.E. Naturally, the government teachers within this area are beginning to wonder whether they will be having very many pupils in their schools in years to come!

Thrice this year I have witnessed the mighty hand of God protecting us from death in the school. One time Master Semi and some boys were repairing the roof of our lean-to classroom when the timber gave way. He and the three boys came down with some roofing iron and bricks, but no one was hurt.

Another day, while the students were having their breakfast, a sudden, violent rush of wind blew the bricks and the roofing iron down. With fear in my heart, I called out to the students to run away from the building. I ran up to the damaged area and to my surprise I found no one hurt. I thanked God with all my heart.

Another morning the same thing happened, but to classes 1 and 2. When the wind came, it blew all the roofing iron and bricks down. Their mistress called out, "Down under the desks! Quick!" The children obeyed without a word. I dashed out from my classroom with the senior students at my heels, expecting to see injuries and death. But when I saw my son and my daughter safe with other children, tears of gratitude fell from my eyes. I knew God was protecting us and He did not want to humiliate us in the face of the public. If there had been a death in any of these accidents, the whole project would have been hindered. But, thank God, the school is pushing forward.

The devil was not at rest; he attacked from another angle. One Sunday when we went to clear a new place for our root crops, a boar four and a half feet long attacked one of the boys who wanted to join the baptismal class. This happened on the first Sunday he was going to work, breaking the rule of his church. The devil wanted to kill this very boy to stop him from accepting the Sabbath. The boar pushed him down and was standing on him. Fortunately, our farm manager, Savenaca Tivihea, being a hunter before he joined the remnant church, dashed forward and courageously attacked and killed the pig.

How grateful we are for the protection of God, for the dedication of overseas workers, and for the gifts of love from our brethren in other lands. We are determined to honor God by working for an even stronger school in the months and years ahead.

Canary Islands Workers Build for the Future

By WINIFRED CRAGER WILD

When missionaries Enrique Codejón and his wife, Carmen, recently arrived in the Canary Islands from Spain they found no meeting hall for the 17 believers on the island of Tenerife. But they made one.

Their first step was to rent an old, unattractive apartment—all they could afford. By tearing out a dividing wall, they could have a hall seating 70. Then with his own tools Pastor Codejón made the pulpit. He quickly made contact with both members and others and found a way to purchase at factory price some substantial metal chair frames. With the help of a church member, he covered them with an attractive and durable plastic.

With the artistic help of his wife he soon had the walls redone, the backdrop and curtains hung, and the little organ in its place in the church proper.

But was this enough for Pastor and Mrs. Codejón? At home on the Iberian Peninsula they had worked untiringly for the youth. He had organized camps as Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Spanish Mission, and Carmen had worked right along with him. So now, of course, they needed a room for the young people. It made no difference to them that the group was small. They were confident that it would grow. Twenty chairs, a table made by the pastor, and a piano completed another freshly painted pastel green room.

Now what about the children? They would need a room too. But there were no children! There were a few young people, some older ones, but no children in the little group. Just the same they bought six small metal frames at factory price. Each little chair was covered in a different color. A set of nesting tables was designed and made by the missionary, one to serve as a stand for the new flannelgraph that Mrs. Codejón made. With the walls freshly painted and the furniture in

place the attractive room invited users, but where were the children? There was not one in the church!

Undaunted, the far-seeing couple started out to visit the neighbors. They invited the children, promising that they would be picked up in a car. And so the children's Sabbath school in the new little church in Santa Cruz, Tenerife, in the Canary Islands was begun, dedicated, and occupied. Of course, the parents

started coming to see why their children were so enthusiastic about coming to the new church on Saturdays.

Even though it is in rented quarters, this dignified meeting place serves as a light in another new territory. And among the group of Seventh-day Adventists who meet there each week are 12 children gathering in the little room to enjoy Sabbath school, where a few months ago there were no children.

Breakthrough Planned in Middle East

By KENNETH H. EMMERSON
Treasurer, General Conference

"We have decided that we would covenant with God to work untiringly toward tripling our church membership during the present quadrennium. It is a realistic goal when we realize the great power of the Holy Spirit, who has promised to be our associate in this task." So spoke F. C. Webster, president, in his report at the recent Middle East Division council at Brummana, Lebanon.

In this area of the world, where barriers are continually raised and the classic evangelistic methods of the church are impossible or difficult to use aggressively, many other ways are being found to let the light of Christ's love shine. These were highlighted through the reports given at this council.

This 1967 quadrennial council and annual division committee opened on Friday evening, November 10, high above Beirut, Lebanon, in the Printania Palace Hotel at Brummana, as 100 delegates heard, from D. W. Hunter, an associate secretary of the General Conference, the challenging message for an evangelistic breakthrough.

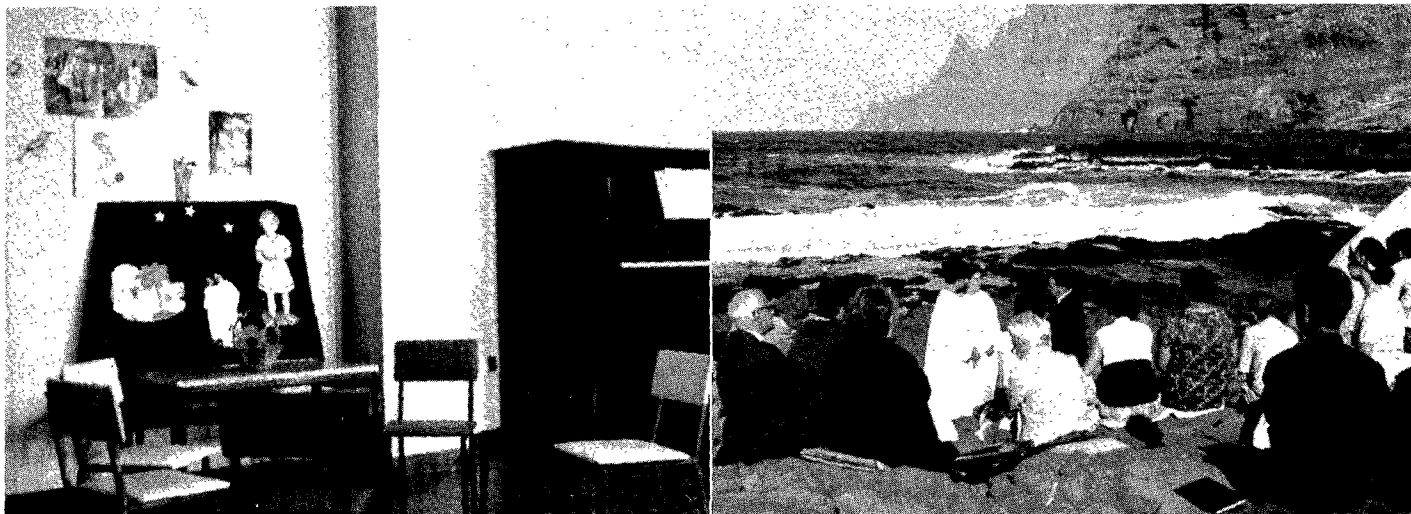
The delegates were able to come from all areas of the division, which has ten major countries and several smaller territories within its territory. Although several

languages are spoken in these countries, the session was carried on in English. The theme for the meetings was the imperative "Breakthrough!" a most appropriate theme for our time in these predominantly Moslem countries.

On Sabbath afternoon, after the morning worship services, a symposium from the eight local fields and three division institutions brought to the delegates the high lights of God's leading since the last quadrennial session was held in November, 1962.

On Sunday morning F. C. Webster, president of the division, rendered his report and challenged the workers and laity to greater conquests for God. In part, he said: "Our backward glance reveals that, despite our failures and blunderings, Heaven has not abandoned us but God has stood in the shadows watching over His own. I fear we have had much too small a concept of what should be attempted for God. I fear we have become accustomed and satisfied with a rhythm of small achievements when we should have accomplished much more.

"We are ever looking toward tomorrow. But looking into tomorrow should not lead us to be visionary or unrealistic about today. I am convinced that the



Left: From simple metal frames the chairs and tables of this children's Sabbath school were made, and where there were no children in the Tenerife church, now there are 12. Right: Pastor Codejón prepares to baptize two young women at Punta Hidalgo, Canary Islands.

time has come when we must move into an all-out conquest for souls. Bold and aggressive attitudes and actions must be undertaken.

"The density of Seventh-day Adventists in the lands of the Middle East Division is 51,755 inhabitants to each Seventh-day Adventist. That is a woefully small percentage, but it is a glorious challenge."

The division secretary, Ray L. Jacobs, next reported that during the past five years the net membership gain in the division was 367, and baptisms were 730, bringing the church membership to 2,537 at the end of 1966. The accomplishment might seem small, but it can better be visualized when we realize that these are Moslem countries. If the 42 organized churches were scattered equally over the land area of the division, each district would then have an area of about 77,000 square miles (the size of South Dakota). Of course, much of these large land masses is desert, but there are here and there towns and cities that are a challenge to evangelization for God.

Elder Jacobs related how a short time before, a report had been received from a country in which we have no organized church. It told of a Sabbath school that is meeting regularly each week. A layman who had lost his way, recently rededicated his life to God. He is now experiencing the joy of seeing a friend prepare for baptism.

The report of R. C. Mills, the division treasurer, indicated a solid financial condition. The finances of all organizations within the division had strengthened during the past five years. Ever larger amounts are being given in mission offerings, and special efforts are being made to increase self-support.

The Five-Day Plan has been a most effective means of reaching the Moslem people and giving them a knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists. After one such program at the University of Isfahan's Medical School in Iran, which six Moslem Mullahs attended, one of these bearded, turbaned religious leaders gave a personal testimony. He stated that he considered Adventists the only true Christians. One of the medical professors thanked the team for their willingness to help them as Moslems to better live their faith!

Eighteen schools operate in the territory of the Middle East Division. The faith of the dedicated teachers and their influence with the 2,333 students (57 per cent of whom were from non-Adventist families and 27 per cent from non-Christian homes) were powerful agents leading to 14 baptisms.

Perhaps one of the most effective avenues opened to the church to turn the adversity of the recent Middle East war into advancement for God's cause was the Adventist relief work in Jordan. Today in the central Jordan Valley, on an arid plain, a most impressive refugee camp of 400 tents, to accommodate 2,000 refugees, was set up by the Adventist Church. This, with the distribution of 2,000 blankets and 600 bales of clothing provided by the SDA Welfare Service,

as well as other relief goods from the Central European and Middle East divisions, has opened doors to the giving of the message. In a place where there was formerly destruction and desolation, there now is a monument of love and Christian service.

M. Nazirian, the division lay activities secretary, related how when he and his group stopped pitching tents an hour before sundown on Friday, the Moslem helpers came to them desiring to learn why we keep the Sabbath.

Before the close of the quadrennial session, elections were held in which all institutional heads and the local field

leaders, with the exception of the secretary-treasurer of the Lebanon Section, were re-elected. George Yared was elected as assistant auditor of the division, and Minas Megurdichian was elected secretary-treasurer of the Lebanon Section in his place.

The last night of the session was devoted to a spiritual feast. A call was made for rededication and for a mighty evangelistic advance. As every worker and lay delegate gathered around the altar for the dedicatory prayer, there was no doubt but what the breakthrough in the Middle East would become a reality through God's grace.

Condensed News

Stanborough Press in England Reports on First Year at Grantham

To celebrate the first year of operation at Grantham the Stanborough Press, Limited, held open house September 23. More than 1,000 visitors saw the latest edition of Arthur Maxwell's *Bedtime Stories* being printed.

During this first year at Grantham the Stanborough Press has printed two volumes of *The Bible Story Hour* by R. D. Vine; a book in Icelandic on the life of Jesus; a 700-page book in Urdu on Bible history; as well as the monthly periodical *Our Times* and bi-monthly *Good Health*. The first eight months of 1967 the house sold \$401,705 worth of books, tracts, and periodicals, an increase of 22 per cent over the same period last year.

VICTOR H. COOPER
Secretary, British Union

Students in Ceylon Are Active in Temperance Chapter Programs

"Active for temperance" describes the students of Lakpahana Training Institute in Ceylon. A marathon oratorical program conducted recently in three languages—English, Sinhala, and Tamil—saw 25 students enter either as senior or junior contestants. The poster and jingles



Student winners in the oratorical, poster, and jingle contests in Ceylon, with the sponsor, F. S. Rajah, shown in the center.

contest likewise drew a large number of participants.

The occasion was highlighted by the visit of Ernest H. J. Steed, director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, representing the General Conference. Elder Steed was chairman of the panel of judges, comprised primarily of influential men of the community. Contestants, judges, and special guests were later entertained at a reception. E. S. Rajah organized and planned the program.

Earlier in the year four Lakpahana students participated in the island-wide Women's Christian Temperance Union oratorical contest. All four took prizes, with Swinitha Kulasekera capturing the shield for Lakpahana.

These young people have opened the eyes of the people of Ceylon to the name of Seventh-day Adventists.

F. E. SCHLEHUBER, Principal

Brazil Five-Day Plan Draws 700

With the assistance of R. E. Adams from the General Conference, Dr. Elmer E. Bottsford, South American Division medical secretary, and Renato Oberg, East Brazil Union temperance secretary, the Five-Day Plan held in Itabuna, Brazil, October 15-19 was the largest yet held in the Bahia-Sergipe Mission.

Other leaders present were Daniel Porto, from the Bahia Mission, and Antonio Talbot, of the Itabuna church.

Elder Talbot arranged for the hall through the Lions Club of Itabuna. They secured the large hall of the Acao Fraternal with a seating capacity of about 700.

Dr. E. M. Berger, from the Silvestre Hospital in Rio de Janeiro, and Dr. Milton Meier were two of the key speakers in the program. Of the 700 people who attended, some 180 gave up smoking. Of these, 30 are now attending Adventist church services. Many others have requested that another Five-Day Plan be held soon.

All advertising expenses and the cost of the loud-speakers were paid by the Lions Club of Itabuna. Publicity appeared in *Jornal de Itabuna*, *Revista Desfile*, and the Lions monthly bulletin.

R. C. BOTTSFORD
Departmental Secretary
Bahia Mission

Adventist Graduate Students Establish Organization

An association serving Adventist graduate students as well as other advanced students and educators has been organized. Officers are Dr. Alvin Kwiram, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, president, and Dr. Roy Branson, of Andrews University, executive secretary.

Some of the young people studying in non-Adventist universities in North America approached church leaders last fall with the idea of setting up an Adventist students' association on a national, and perhaps eventually international, level. Similar groups already exist in Australia and other countries.

A committee of General Conference personnel met with a representative group of these students and prepared a report that was presented to the North American Division meeting at Autumn Council. The aims and objectives of the proposed association are:

1. To provide an organization which will facilitate fellowship between graduate students in different geographical areas of the United States.

2. To stimulate evangelistic contact through cultural interaction with non-Seventh-day Adventist scholars.

3. To serve as a point of contact between graduate students and the Seventh-day Adventist organization, and to encourage and facilitate the service of these students to the church.

4. To encourage pastoral guidance for Seventh-day Adventist students on non-Seventh-day Adventist campuses.

5. To maintain an organ of communication, wherein Seventh-day Adventist scholars may exchange academic information, thoughts, and opinions.

Membership in the association, in varying degrees, is open to all Adventist teachers, graduate and undergraduate students, and persons with professional interests.

After discussing the full proposal and expressing sympathy with the stated aims and objectives, the following action, under the chairmanship of Neal C. Wilson, was

taken by the North American Division committee on administration:

- "1. That we express our interest in strengthening the relationship of graduate students to the church and our desire to cooperate as far as possible in the development of any means which will serve to make this relationship more meaningful and mutually beneficial.

- "2. That we express sympathy with the stated aims and objectives of the proposed association.

- "3. That we express our opinion that presently these objectives can be better served if church leadership were to serve the association in an advisory capacity and at its invitation."

This new organization will follow a pattern already established by SDA physicians, dentists, dietitians, and nurses. Individuals interested in further information should write directly to Dr. Branson.

CHARLES B. HIRSCH, *Secretary*
GC Department of Education

Evangelistic Coordinator Takes Up Work in New York

Roy B. Thurmon is the new evangelistic coordinator for the New York City metropolitan area.

He will serve an area that contains nearly 10 per cent of the population of the United States—some 19 million people. The pastors he will be working with represent two unions, Columbia and Atlantic, and five local conferences—Greater New York, Southern New England, Northeastern, New Jersey, and Allegheny East. Planning will be done by a metropolitan evangelistic committee under the chairmanship of Neal Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America.

Elder Thurmon has served in numerous pastorates in the Southern Union and in the Texas Conference. Most recently he has been pastor of the Collegedale, Tennessee, church.

DON HAWLEY
Director of Communications
Greater New York Conference

about 400. The pastor is T. X. Perry.

Platform guests included K. W. Tilghman, treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference; G. R. Earle, president of Northeastern Conference; S. H. Brooks, secretary-treasurer of the Northeastern Conference; J. E. Roache, principal of Northeastern Academy; and Dr. Carlos Huerta of Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Temple Choir provided special music.

A colorful procession of church officers, featuring standard-bearers with American and Christian flags, preceded the service.

WESLEY CURTWRIGHT

BRIEF NEWS

THREE baptisms are being planned for the large evangelistic crusade being conducted by G. H. Rainey, associate ministerial secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, in Hamilton, Bermuda. It is

expected that 100 or more will be baptized as a result of this eight-week program.

THE Bethesda church in Amityville, Long Island, New York, lost its building by fire during construction not long ago. News stories told of the sacrifices of the church members and their disappointment at the loss. William Drews, of the St. Luke's Lutheran church read the story, and he, along with others in Farmingdale decided to do something tangible for the Bethesda congregation. The outcome was a check for \$1,158.64, presented as a contribution toward the erection of a new church. Mr. Drews made the presentation on Sabbath School Visitors' Day, October 14, and Pastor Hoover from the Methodist church also attended.

Two evangelistic series have been conducted in Brattleboro, Vermont, during 1967. Ten were baptized by December 1 and four more were nearly ready. The soul-winning program of Pastor Merle Tyler and the laymen of the church contributed to this success. J. O. Tompkins, conference evangelist, conducted the meetings.

THE first district in Northern New England to top its Ingathering goal was the Northern Vermont district. It includes the churches of Bordoville, Burlington, Morrisville, and Vergennes. Christof Kober is district leader.

IN THE cove of Horseshoe Bay on the South Shore of Bermuda, 76 people were recently buried with their Lord. Thus far, there have been four baptismal services as a result of the G. H. Rainey evangelistic series. More than 150 have united with the church.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

Canadian Union

Calgary Church Dedicated

The Calgary, Alberta, Central church and fellowship hall were dedicated free of debt November 25.

Guest speaker for the church hour was R. S. Watts, a vice-president of the General Conference. He challenged the members to be strong witnesses in these climatic days of earth's history. J. W. Bothe, union president, led out in the Act of Dedication.

One of the interesting features of this service was that three of the most recent former pastors and their wives were present: Elder and Mrs. J. P. Habenicht, of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Elder and Mrs. L. E. Casher, of Willowdale, Ontario; and Elder and Mrs. Walter Wright, of Loma Linda, California. Also present was A. W. Kaytor, Alberta Conference president. Before the main address, the deputy mayor for the city of Calgary, Alderman John Ayer, congratulated the church members on their achievements and challenged them to continue to be a strong asset to the community.

Friday evening, Judson P. Habenicht,

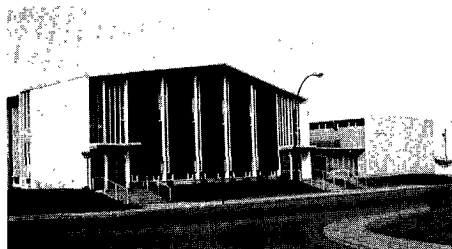
Atlantic Union

Dedication of Bronx Church Draws Crowd of 700

H. D. Singleton, associate secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker at the dedication of the Bronx Adventist church, December 2. An overflow crowd of 700 was present.

"I visited you 14 years ago," Elder Singleton said, "when you were worshipping in the Northeastern Academy with a membership of 110, and I remember when you moved into what was then a run-down but functional building. Now you have a beautiful auditorium—a real transformation."

The church now has a membership of



pastor of the Calgary church when the new building was built, gave the evening's message. Sabbath afternoon, A. N. How, president of the British Columbia Conference, and A. N. White, MV secretary of Alberta, conducted a dedication service for the young people of the church, and Mrs. Vernon Triebwasser narrated a musical program.

HERB LARSEN
Director of Public Relations

BRIEF NEWS

THE new Rutland, British Columbia, Pathfinder clubhouse—a centennial project—has a manual training workshop, a photography work area, a kitchen, a sewing room, and a geological fireplace made from a variety of stones. Outside is a swinging bridge connecting camping and cook-out areas with the main area, a small outdoor amphitheater with several tiers of planed timber seats, and a speaker's podium, made from a gnarled section of a tree. At the dedication of the clubhouse a congratulatory telegram was read from W. A. C. Bennett, premier of British Columbia. Dr. A. W. N. Druitt is Rutland's Pathfinder leader.

THE North York Branson Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, board has approved a \$6 million budget for 1968, according to Administrator A. George Rodgers. With a 500 active-treatment-bed potential, the hospital shortly will require a staff of 1,200 workers.

FIVE charter members of the original 1912 Oshawa, Ontario, church attended the dedication of the Kendalwood church recently. They were Mrs. Nathan Wagar, Mrs. Lauren V. Hogarth, Mrs. Jennie Lawrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hopkins. Neal Wilson, a vice-president of the General Conference, was the speaker.

PEARL BROWNING, Correspondent

Central Union

Tiny Colorado Congregation Has Church Home at Last

The Paonia, Colorado, church members held the first services in their new chapel November 4, after meeting in a remodeled house for 42 years.

The new sanctuary came to them in a miraculous way. It was built four years ago by John Goodwin, who owns and operates a rest home next door. He built it as a convenient place for his guests to

worship. Ministers from several denominations held services in the chapel for several months at a time, but the arrangement was not satisfactory to the owner.

One night Mr. Goodwin called E. E. Kungel, pastor of the Paonia, Delta, and Cedaredge churches and told him he had a chapel he would like to turn over to the Adventists. He said the Adventists could make their own terms. (He had been favorably impressed with Adventists in contacts with members in another State.)

Within a week the pastor and church members had bought the chapel and sold the house they had used for a meeting place.

A few weeks later, lay-evangelistic meetings were begun, with Dr. Thayer Morris, of Delta, leading out. The church membership at Paonia has stood at about 12 for many years. With the new chapel on the main street and these meetings in progress, the members believe their number will soon increase.

HAZEL O. AUSTIN
Paonia PR Secretary

BRIEF NEWS

THE Union College religion department assisted in a Bible teachers' workshop for the academy Bible teachers of the Central and Northern unions, December 3-5 at College View Academy in Lincoln, Nebraska.

THE 71 members of the Kingsville, Missouri, church proclaimed Sabbath, November 4, Mystery Day and Ingathering Victory Day. This is the earliest date that the church has reached its Ingathering goal—this year \$1,350. Harry E. Curl is district pastor and Mrs. Evelyn Whitman is lay activities leader.

CLARA W. ANDERSON, Correspondent



BRIEF NEWS

THE young people of 22 Greater Washington, D.C., churches have organized themselves into an MV Federation. The organization will coordinate the youth program for the entire area with emphasis on soul-winning and recreational pursuits. Its officers are: Pastor C. R. Farwell, president; Dave Bostrom, vice-president; Sharon Reed, secretary; Pam Richardson, associate secretary; Elder Otis Graves, social secretary; Elder Noel Shanko, religious secretary; Robert Skeggs, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Swanson, public relations; and Jonah Kumalae, Master Guide Club leader.

IN a week-long campaign students and faculty of Columbia Union College have brought in \$14,211.47 for Ingathering. Of the total, \$8,054.37 was raised by the faculty and the president's office. S. W. Tymeson, head of the business education department, directed the campaign.

Good progress is being made on the new consolidated school located on the



Church Addition in Ohio Inaugurated

Sherman Jefferson (left), pastor of the Reynoldsburg, Ohio, church, with Philip Follett, Ohio Conference president, in front of the newly finished sanctuary inaugurated November 18. About 200 people attended the opening service, which was conducted by Kurt Kurz, district pastor.

Some time ago the Reynoldsburg church purchased a dwelling which was adapted for use as a church. In January, 1967, ground was broken for the sanctuary addition. Much of the construction was done by the church members.

CHARLES R. BEELER
Departmental Secretary
Ohio Conference

outskirts of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. The brick building contains two classrooms, office, gymnasium, and a kitchen that provides facilities for both home economics classes and social activities.

M. E. REES, who serves as North Pacific Union and Columbia Union stewardship secretary, recently conducted a training session for the two unions in Takoma Park, Maryland. Several stewardship secretaries from other unions also attended.

WORSHIP services for a new company in the Deep Creek Lake area in western Maryland will serve Adventist weekend skiers as well this winter. Sabbath school is at two-thirty and the worship service at three-thirty each Sabbath afternoon during the skiing season at the municipal building in Mountain Lake Park. W. F. Hawkes and J. F. Harold are leading out in the services.

MORTEN JUBERG, Correspondent

Lake Union

Spanish Meetings in Chicago Result in New Congregation

Thirty persons have been baptized, and a new Spanish church of 40 members has been organized as a result of an autumn evangelistic campaign conducted in Chicago by Antonio Arteaga. Total increase in church membership is expected to reach 50.

Elder Arteaga, evangelist from the South American Division, came over from Andrews University in nearby Berrien

Spring, Michigan, where he is taking theological studies. Others from Andrews were singing evangelist H. E. Roscher of Argentina, L. A. Plata, Jaime Cruz, Arturo Michel, David Silva, Millita de Plata, Elias Gomez, and Hildebrand Saldia. From Mexico came Joaquim Cazares, who was placed in charge of literature distribution. Gabriel Castro was campaign coordinator.

Some meetings were in the Wells High School auditorium in the heart of the city. Others were in the Ecuadorian League in North Chicago. Opening-night attendance was 750.

The first six meetings dealt with themes pertaining to the home, marriage, and juvenile delinquency. By this method the team was able to attract a large audience. There were no appeals for offerings. Nor were there public prayers until the seventh week, at which time a sermon on prayer was presented.

The evangelistic team used much literature. On one evening they offered a special book, *The Art of Living*, to those who would attend the next three meetings. In this way they obtained 300 names for personal visitation. At the close of the second week they offered a gift Bible to those who attended the next seven meetings, and more than 500 Bibles were given out. Through these simple means of fishing for souls, they found 150 persons definitely interested in God's final message of truth for the world.

The meetings began August 19. On September 30 the first Sabbath school and church service were held in the Wells Auditorium. Scores of non-Adventists attended both sessions. Once-a-week meetings continued through December.

The Sabbaths of October 21, November 4, and November 25 were days of rejoicing, for these were baptism Sabbaths. At the November 4 service 49 persons made their decision to unite with God's remnant people. Since then the group has been meeting in a rented Protestant church in North Chicago. Attendance of new believers has been between 50 and 60.

GABRIEL CASTRO
Pastor, Spanish District
Chicago

BRIEF NEWS

ROBERT L. BOOTHBY, veteran evangelist, is the new evangelistic coordinator for the Michigan Conference.

R. H. HARTWELL, pastor of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, church, has retired. Pastor and Mrs. Hartwell will make their home in Coalmont, Tennessee.

MICHIGAN's annual fall clothing drive for disaster relief was 25 per cent larger than in 1966. Four large van loads were sent to the New York City depot. Fifteen stops were made in the State to pick up nearly 50 tons of used clothing. Added to this was \$40,000 worth of medicines supplied by doctors of the Calhoun County Medical Assistance Association. This was worked out through Dr. Gunnar Vetne's office in Battle Creek. His office nurse, Mrs. Mary Fish, is president of the association.

MILDRED WADE, Correspondent

North Pacific Union

Seattle TV Station Takes Interest in Five-Day Plan

A Seattle, Washington, television station recently broadcast an interview on the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking with Dr. John E. Potts, a Walla Walla physician, and the conference temperance secretary.

The station's director had heard of the Plan and, after checking on its success with the Washington State Health Department, decided to explain the steps of the Plan over the air.

After the interview, the man who defended cigarette smoking on the program confided that he had almost been persuaded to stop smoking by the logical presentation of the Adventists. He requested literature on the program.

Since the broadcast, large corporations have called the station requesting a re-showing so that many who did not see the first program will have an opportunity to view it.

When the station director first called to make arrangements for the interview he asked, "Are you a vegetarian? Would you mind telling us what your menu will be on Thanksgiving Day?" He explained that the TV station wanted to compare the Thanksgiving dinner of a vegetarian and a nonvegetarian.

JACK HUBBS
Departmental Secretary
Washington Conference

Pacific Union

Glendale Congregation Gives \$12,000 on Dedication Day

Eight years of planning and sacrifice by the Vallejo Drive church in Glendale, California, culminated in the dedication of their 1,300-seat, \$1,055,000 structure November 25.

That morning, with the dedication service only hours away, several thousand dollars were still needed to completely clear the debt. Moved by the Spirit of God, members gave an overflow offering

of more than \$12,000 in the morning service!

The church complex provides a youth chapel, Sabbath school rooms, offices, fellowship hall, bridal room, nursery, music rooms, patio, and complete kitchen-dining facilities.

The main sanctuary, seating 1,350, was designed in an unusual 12-sided shape, with folding, pillarless roof, providing excellent acoustics. In the choir loft is a 49-rank Casavant organ, installed last year at a cost of \$71,000.

In 1960 the church membership was a little more than 800; today it is 1,250 and growing steadily. During the past three years, along with the heavy building needs and demands, this church has led Southern California Conference in tithe and missions-offering increase.

Speakers during the dedication week-end included R. R. Bietz, union president; and Helmuth Retzer, Southern California Conference president. Edward Heppens, of Loma Linda University, spoke Sabbath morning on "No Escape From Gratitude."

Also addressing the congregation were Allen G. Watson, Glendale city councilman, and Paul King Jewett, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena.

Ralph E. Duerer, vice-president of Security First National Bank of Glendale, assisted John Pelt, Jr., pastor, in the burning of the mortgage. Also participating during the weekend were Douglas Pond, of the Voice of Prophecy; Drs. William Richardson, Albert Brown, and Donald John; and L. W. Roth, of the Glendale Adventist Hospital.

BARBARA STALKER
Church PR Secretary

BRIEF NEWS

MEMBERS of the Orange, California, church found a former Adventist while Ingathering. The visit led Mrs. Warren Saxby to rejoin the fellowship she had left some years earlier.

SOME 500 persons from the Mojave Desert towns of Ridgecrest, Mojave, Palmdale, Sun Village, and Lancaster gathered recently in Lancaster for the third Antelope Valley annual two-day convocation. Among the speakers were Leslie Harding, of Pacific Union College, and Helmuth C. Retzer, president of the Southern California Conference.

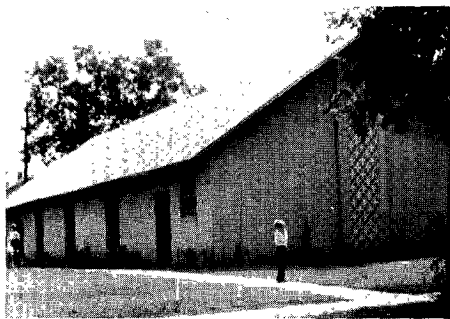
HERBERT FORD, Correspondent

Glendale's Vallejo Drive church complex with its 12-sided main sanctuary shown at right.



DAVE WILKINS, ARTIST

Southwestern Union



Sapulpa, Oklahoma Church Dedicated

The Sapulpa, Oklahoma, church was dedicated recently. Participants in the dedicatory service included K. C. Beem, Southwestern Union Conference treasurer; W. A. Dessain, conference president; and R. R. Rouse, conference treasurer. H. I. Miller was pastor during the construction program carried on largely by the church members.

ROBERT RIDER
Departmental Secretary

BRIEF NEWS

MEMBERS of the Little Rock, Arkansas, congregation pulled a gold-colored plow, with the pastor, A. C. Carlson, guiding to launch their \$165,000 church construction program. Those participating in the ceremonies were the Honorable Sterling

Cockrill, speaker of the House of Representatives for Arkansas; Honorable Martin Borchert, mayor of Little Rock; J. N. Morgan, union public relations secretary; E. F. Sherrill and P. I. Nosworthy, president and treasurer of the local conference; and Floyd Sell, chairman of the building committee. J. N. Parnell was master of ceremonies. The planned church building, with a seating capacity of 450, will be situated on a nine-and-a-half-acre tract.

THE Oklahoma Conference has had a 33 per cent increase in church school attendance during the past three years. At present 328 students are attending the 13 schools.

THE Southwest Region publishing department reports that 13 college students worked on scholarship programs in 1967. These students delivered \$29,377 worth of Adventist literature.

A FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING was conducted in Amarillo, Texas, November 12-17, as a follow-up to the many requests from persons who saw Smoking Sam at the Tri-State fair held there in October.

A BOND issue was recently approved in Menard, Texas, to provide \$275,000 for expansion of the Seventh-day Adventist hospital. The fifty-member ladies auxiliary and the Jaycees helped by transporting persons from their homes to the polling places. The county judge told the hospital administrator, Fred Murray, "This is a real vote of confidence in Seventh-day Adventists and their medical program." A 16,000-square-foot addition will be constructed to provide additional hospital and service rooms.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Three hundred non-Adventist families attended the meetings in addition to our loyal members in the two cities.

This mid-Illinois telecast is an attempt on the part of conference leadership to reach the 11 million people of the State. Rockford, Illinois, second largest population center, has just released the telecast. The president, W. A. Nelson, and the officers of the Illinois Conference are laying plans to reach the sprawling Chicago area.

New Books for Those in Sabbath School Work

By G. R. NASH, *Secretary*
GC Sabbath School Department

The following new books for senior and youth Sabbath school work are now available through the Book and Bible Houses:

The Spirit of the Teacher, by L. Flora Plummer, revised and enlarged by Gerald R. Nash.

Reaching New Horizons in Sabbath School Investment, by Gerald R. Nash.

Tomorrow in Your Hand (for earlteen and youth teachers), by R. Curtis Barger.

Christian Storytelling, by A. W. Spalding, revised and enlarged by Eric B. Hare.

Tips for Storytellers, revised by Archa O. Dart.

Sabbath School Special Days by Gerald R. Nash.

Hinsdale Family Rejoices Over Far East Baptism

By HAROLD WYNNE
Director of Public Relations
Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital

The conversion story of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barker, of Hinsdale Sanitarium (REVIEW, July 27, 1967), has a sequel. While the Barker family, including Robert, Jr., Lucille, and Susan, were visiting Mrs. Barker's home on Ishigaki Island in the Ryukyus in 1965, they prayed that her mother might join them in the third angel's message. They were relatively new converts themselves at the time.

Recently the Barkers received a tape-recorded "letter" telling of Mrs. Maemori's baptism October 30. The tape, recorded by Shigehiro Kinjo, pastor of the Yaeyama church, includes joyful singing and playing of hymns by the mother on a Japanese stringed instrument.

He Found Jesus Christ in a Holy Week Script

By DON HAWLEY
Director of Communications
Greater New York Conference

When Augusto Sanabria of New York City plunged his hands into the basin, he somehow knew that the water would never suffice to wash away bloodstains. He knew that his part as Pilate in the Holy Week play was only make-believe after all, but the burden on his heart was

Prospective Minister Found by TV Series

By HAROLD L. REINER
Assistant Secretary, GC Ministerial Association

The It Is Written telecast in Peoria, Illinois, led Larry Eppley to decide to enter the ministry. But before he could be directed to an Adventist college, he enrolled in the Church of Christ College at Lincoln, Illinois.

Larry and his bride, Phyllis, had begun watching It Is Written shortly after their marriage in the autumn of 1966, but it was not until February, 1967, that they requested literature and finally the Bible in the Hand guides. The church member who delivered the guides reported a heartening response as the Sabbath and other such specific Bible truths were brought to the Eppleys' attention. But Larry's decision to enroll in a non-Adventist church-related college was unexpected.

The college's first six-week term was nearing its close as George Vandeman, speaker for the TV program, announced a series of reaping meetings in Peoria and Bloomington early last October. Larry and Phyllis came, of course, and were the first to take their stand in making a full decision to join the church.

During the final week of the meetings

—in fact, the next morning after hearing the message "Handcuffs for the Soul," a full Sabbath presentation—Larry requested an appointment with his college president. This visit lasted two hours. The president was most courteous and urged Larry to stay in spite of his new convictions. But Larry voluntarily withdrew and is now planning at the first opportunity to enter an Adventist college and prepare for the Adventist ministry. We have little fear that he will not succeed, for backing his dedication is a record of nearly straight A's and a book-a-day reading habit. With new goals, this background can be dedicated to sharing a message that is now precious to him and his wife.

Such is the kind of experience that comes during the reaping days with It Is Written. In the Peoria-Bloomington area over this past year 2,000 families have responded by telephone or mail request for further information about the belief and work of Seventh-day Adventists. The church has set a goal of 750 to 1,000 of these families taking Bible in the Hand.

real enough. His reading of the New Testament as research before writing the play had begun to effect a change in his life.

Augusto had studied motion picture production and direction in college and had at this time joined with friends to produce experimental theatrics.

When Holy Week came along they decided to do a religious play, but none of them knew anything about religion. Augusto owned a Bible, so he was selected to write the script. He spent two weeks carefully reading the New Testament.

"It was as I read the Sermon on the Mount," he says, "that the first subtle changes in my life began to occur. Some-

how it seemed as though Christ was right at my side teaching the Scriptures just the way He did 2,000 years ago. And that message seemed just as valid for our day as if it had just been preached for the first time."

The day before the play was to open, the man who had the part of Pontius Pilate fell ill. Augusto was selected to take his place. When he got to the spot where he was to wash his hands of guilt, his own soul was shaken and he realized that, like Pilate, he would have to make a vital decision concerning Christ.

He began to study the Bible in earnest, but didn't really understand much of what he read. As a youngster he had be-

longed to a popular church, but what he was now reading did not seem to harmonize with what he had learned as a boy. He then visited several different churches, but here again their teachings did not seem to agree with what he was reading in the Bible.

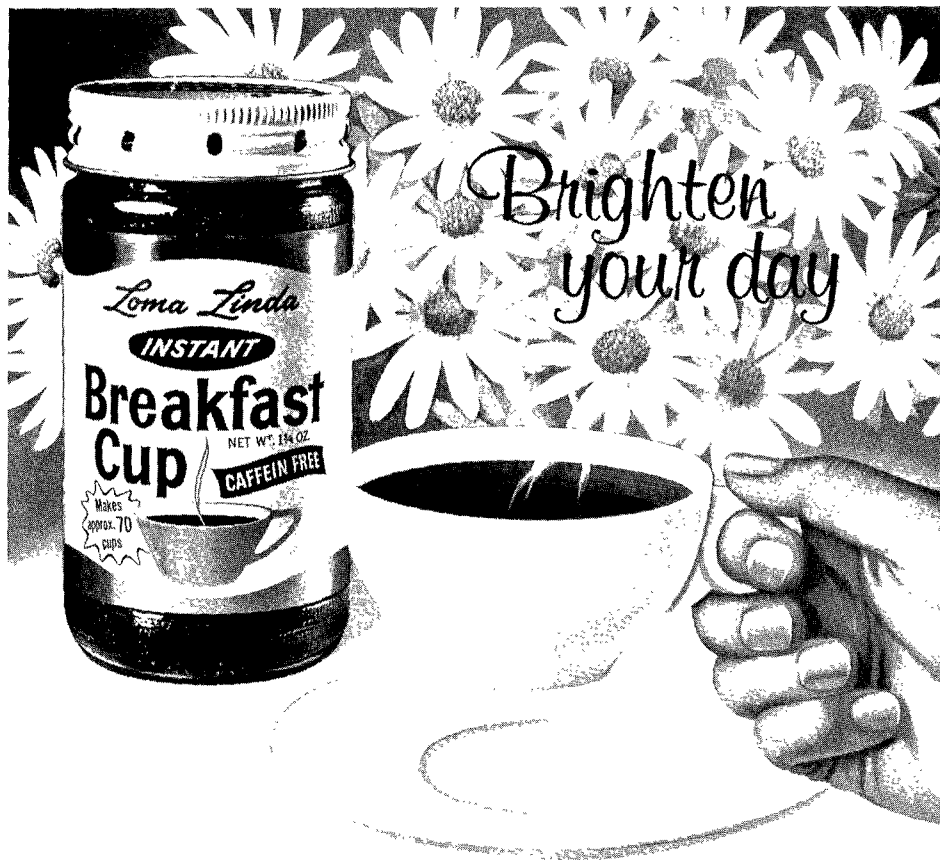
As he relates it: "At last I found what I was searching for in a Bible course called *La Voz de la Esperanza* ["The Voice of Prophecy"]. For two years I kept studying on my own. Then my instructor suggested that I get in touch with Hugo Visani, pastor of the Spanish Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist church.

"Elder Visani was surprised to find a complete stranger thoroughly versed in all the teachings of his church. When he invited me to attend his services the following Sabbath, I was so eager that I spent the better part of the night lying awake waiting. It was not long before I was ready to be baptized.

"I had written many scripts for radio and television and also for three full-length movies, but since I became really interested in the Bible I have given all this up. Now, if I am to do any writing at all, it is to tell others about the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. As I ride the buses and subways I see people reading all kinds of books and newspapers, but never anyone reading the Bible. I always take my Bible along so as to utilize these precious moments in learning more about Him.

"When I first began to study the Bible I wondered if Christ might find some little place for me in His kingdom. If at all possible, I would like to return to college and train as a minister so that I may do a greater work in helping many to be ready for His coming."

Elder Visani reports that Augusto Sanabria is a faithful church member and is particularly active in working for the young people of the congregation.



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SAWS also contributed nearly \$1,500 to regional SAWS agencies that helped distribute 200,000 garments to 30,000 Texans and Mexicans after Hurricane Beulah. SAWS previously had voted \$16,000 for this work.

The American National Red Cross asked SAWS to coordinate the collection and distribution of clothing after Hurricane Beulah.

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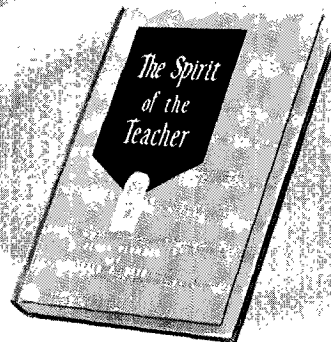
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From Home Base to Front Line

Australasian Division

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall and child left during November from Perth, Western Australia, for Rabaul, in New Guinea, to take up work at the new Sonoma college in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission. Mr. Hall, who has been in maintenance work and building construction for the West Australian Conference, is to serve as agricultural supervisor for the college.

Valerie Harrison left New Zealand November 12 for the Coral Sea Union Mission to serve in infant welfare work, from a base at Ambunti, on the Sepik River, in New Guinea. She had already given a term of service as a missionary nurse in the Trans-Africa Division.

North American Division

Ottis C. Edwards (WWC '52 and '60; University of Southern California '67), Mrs. Edwards, nee Dorothy Marie Womack (attended WWC '48, '49), and daughter, returning after furlough, left San Francisco, California, November 28 for Manila, Philippines. Mr. Edwards is a teacher in Philippine Union College.

Robert A. Jamison (PUC '60; AU '63), Mrs. Jamison, nee Judith May Verlo (PUC '59), and two children, of Carpentersville, Illinois, sailed on the S.S. *Santa Barbara*, from New York City, November 29 for Valparaiso, Chile. Elder Jamison has accepted an appointment to serve as Bible teacher in the Chile College.

Daniel M. Patchin, M.D. (AU '62; LLU '66), Mrs. Patchin, nee Marilyn Kay Anderson (attended WWC '60; LLU '63), and daughter, of Hinsdale, Illinois, crossed the border at Laredo, Texas, November 30 going to Montemorelos, Mexico, en route to Trinidad. Dr. Patchin has been appointed as a physician for the Port of Spain Community Hospital.

C. O. FRANZ

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Andrews University Offering	April 13
Health and Welfare Evangelism	May 4
Church Lay Activities Offering	May 4
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Christian Record Offering	May 18
Home-Foreign Challenge	June 1
Church Lay Activities Offering	June 1

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Of Writers, Articles, and Miscellany . . .

For a long time we have felt that **REVIEW** readers would appreciate a man-to-man column. Now we have it (see page 12). Entitled “Especially for Men,” and written by Roland R. Hegstad, this monthly feature will come to grips with man-type problems. Elder Hegstad is well known as a gifted speaker and writer. As editor of *Liberty* magazine since 1959, he has traveled widely both here and abroad. He has interviewed statesmen and religious leaders in many lands, and frequently appears before State and Congressional committees dealing with church-state problems. Born in 1926, Elder Hegstad is young enough to understand the younger generation, and old enough to identify with the older generation. Married and the father of three children, he can speak understandingly of home problems. Warning: If you don't want to develop the habit of reading “Especially for Men,” don't read the first column. It's habit forming.

The Christian needs constantly to bear in mind reverence for the Lord's house. This is the subject of William B. Ochs's article on page 4.

Elder Ochs was born in 1892 in Endicott, Washington. He is a graduate of Walla Walla College and studied at Clinton Theological Seminary in Clinton, Missouri. He began his ministry in 1916 as district pastor in the Upper Columbia Conference. The same year he was

called to be dean of men of Clinton Theological Seminary. Later he returned to pastoral-evangelistic work; then served as president of Clinton Theological Seminary from 1922 to 1925. In 1930 he went to the General Conference to work with the Bureau of Home Missions. In 1935 he went to Canada and served there, first as president of the Alberta Conference and later as president of the Canadian Union. He also served as president of the Northern California Conference and the Pacific Union. In 1946 he was elected vice-president of the General Conference and held that office until his retirement in 1962.

This week appears the first of Walter R. Beach's “Letters From South America” (see cover). After the Autumn Council, Elder Beach embarked on an extensive tour in the continent below us. His letters tell the thrilling story of missions advance. For the next few weeks you will be able to read his encouraging reports.

Elder Beach is a graduate of Walla Walla College and holds a Master's degree from the University of Paris and an LL.D. (honorary) degree from Walla Walla College. He began work for the denomination in 1923 as dean of men at Auburn Academy, Auburn, Washington. In 1926 he went to Europe, where he held various posts, among them president of the Southern European Division. In 1954 he was elected secretary of the General Conference, which post he holds today.

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Assistance Given to Victims of Earthquake in India

A severe earthquake devastated 611 villages and the town of Koyna, about 100 miles south of Poona, India, December 11. Three days later 201 bodies had been recovered, and more than 2,000 were reported injured. Searchers were still uncovering bodies from the wrecked areas. Ten thousand homes were completely devastated.

K. H. Emmerson, H. D. Johnson, and I went with local workers to visit the area on December 13. The Southern Asia Division council in session voted Rs. 10,000 (U.S. \$1,350) for immediate relief. Corrugated sheeting for temporary cover, clothes, blankets, and food were rushed to the wrecked villages for distribution to the victims of this disaster. Our leaders have planned follow-up medical and welfare work.

D. W. HUNTER

Religious Liberty Offering to Be Received January 20

Liberty—what a precious possession! We as Christian citizens enjoy liberty to live peaceful lives; to go and come as we wish; to worship when and in the manner that our conscience dictates. However, pressures are building month by month and year by year in legislative halls, in city and State governments, to enact laws that would seriously circumscribe those liberties which we are so inclined to take for granted.

On Sabbath, January 20, the offering for the religious liberty work and *Liberty* magazine will be received. How better can we support this important work which helps safeguard our cherished liberties than to contribute generously to this offering?

K. H. EMMERSON

Telephone Evangelism Soon to Begin in Inter-America

The Inter-American Division has voted to purchase six Code-A-Phones for use in major cities of the division. Reports from other areas of the world indicate that the telephone-evangelism program is an effective method to reach those who are congregated in large metropolitan areas.

J. R. SPANGLER

First Adventist Television Broadcast in Middle East

The first Adventist television program to be aired in the Middle East was a Christmas Eve program produced by the Cedarbelles, a choral group of Middle East College.

Included with the half-hour program, according to F. C. Webster, division president, was a trailer stating that it was pro-

duced by the Seventh-day Adventist Information Service.

Later the Cedarbelles hope to present an Easter program. Both radio and television will release their music.

Salim Japas, division evangelist and a recent arrival from the Argentine, was asked by the short-wave station in Beirut to prepare a series of Spanish broadcasts for beaming into South America. Already, the first of these has been prepared. This same station has also requested Siegfried Schwantes of Middle East College to prepare a series of sermons in Portuguese which will be beamed to Brazil.

Opportunities to use broadcasting in connection with the medical work appear to be opening in this division also.

J. J. AITKEN

Philippine Hospital Staff Is Active in Evangelism

More than 100 persons were added to the church in 1967 as a result of the witness of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, Cebu City, Philippines.

The hospital's staff, reports Dr. F. T. Geslani, medical director, has come to be recognized for its Christian zeal and dedication. The doctors, nurses, and paramedical workers, led by Chaplain R. B. de Angel, conduct a weekly Bible-marking class in Freedom Park in the heart of the city. They also operate 23 branch Sabbath schools, a number of Vacation Bible Schools each summer, and a continuing evangelistic effort in the local provincial prison.

RALPH F. WADDELL, M.D.

Recent Publishing News Reveals Growth and Strength

Cables and letters coming to headquarters from the Far East and from Southern Asia report gains in sales and growth even in the face of difficulties.

In a letter from Saigon, Vietnam, Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, says: "It has been an inspiration to meet the colporteurs here in Vietnam. Those from the immediate area and those who could get in for the weekend have been with us in a number of meetings. I saw one man who had been in jail 53 days, and a woman who, when her home burned, lost quite a stock of books. I had a little meeting with them after the main service one evening to get acquainted with them personally. My hat is off to the colporteurs of Vietnam."

E. A. Brodeur, publishing department secretary of the Far Eastern Division, has cabled Washington: "North Philippine Union deliveries reach one million pesos December fifteenth." This is an all-time record for the North Philippine Union.

M. R. Lyon, assistant secretary of the publishing department of the Far Eastern Division, reports that in Djakarta, Indonesia, there are 65 colporteurs.

Over in Burma, a part of the South-east Asia Division, all aspects of the church's work are now carried by nationals, since Europeans have been denied permission to remain in the country. The publishing house in Rangoon is still functioning, although not at full capacity. Paper is difficult to get. At the present time the workers are printing a revised edition of *Health and Longevity* in the Burmese language for the literature evangelists. We have 26 full-time literature evangelists working in Burma.

D. A. McADAMS

Ethiopian Evangelists Appreciate Picture Rolls

"From time to time we receive as donations used Picture Rolls from Sabbath schools in the North American Division," writes Norman Tew, assistant treasurer of the Ethiopian Union Mission.

"From the number of requests we get from local evangelists I know that these are appreciated and put to good use.

"The village evangelists who use these Picture Rolls certainly appreciate the time spent in packing these and the money spent on the postage."

G. R. NASH

Australasia Holds Its First Laymen's Leadership Course

The first lay-leadership training course for the Australasian Division was held not long ago on the Northern New Zealand Conference campgrounds near Auckland.

The delegates, nearly 200 ministers and laymen who came from the two New Zealand conferences, studied methods of lay evangelism and the organization of lay training programs on the church level. The program was prepared by H. F. Rampton, lay activities secretary of the Australasian Division, assisted by E. F. Giblett, lay activities secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union, who was the director of the training school.

A total and universal evangelism is the aim of these laymen and church pastors. Representing the 6,711 Adventists in the New Zealand conferences, they are determined to increase their evangelistic efforts and double their membership in the near future.

V. W. SCHOEN

N.A. Ingathering Report—6

North American Division objective for this year: \$6,500,000.

Report as of December 23: \$5,970,533.12. Last year at this time: \$5,869,776.32.

New Silver Vanguard conferences: Chesapeake, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Southern New England.

In New Mexico a man exclaimed to an Ingatherer, "I have been wanting to meet a Seventh-day Adventist. It was an Adventist medic that saved my life in Vietnam. I would like to know more about your religion." He is now receiving Bible studies.

Requests for Bible courses or literature to date: 20,866. This is 126 per cent of the 1966-1967 total.