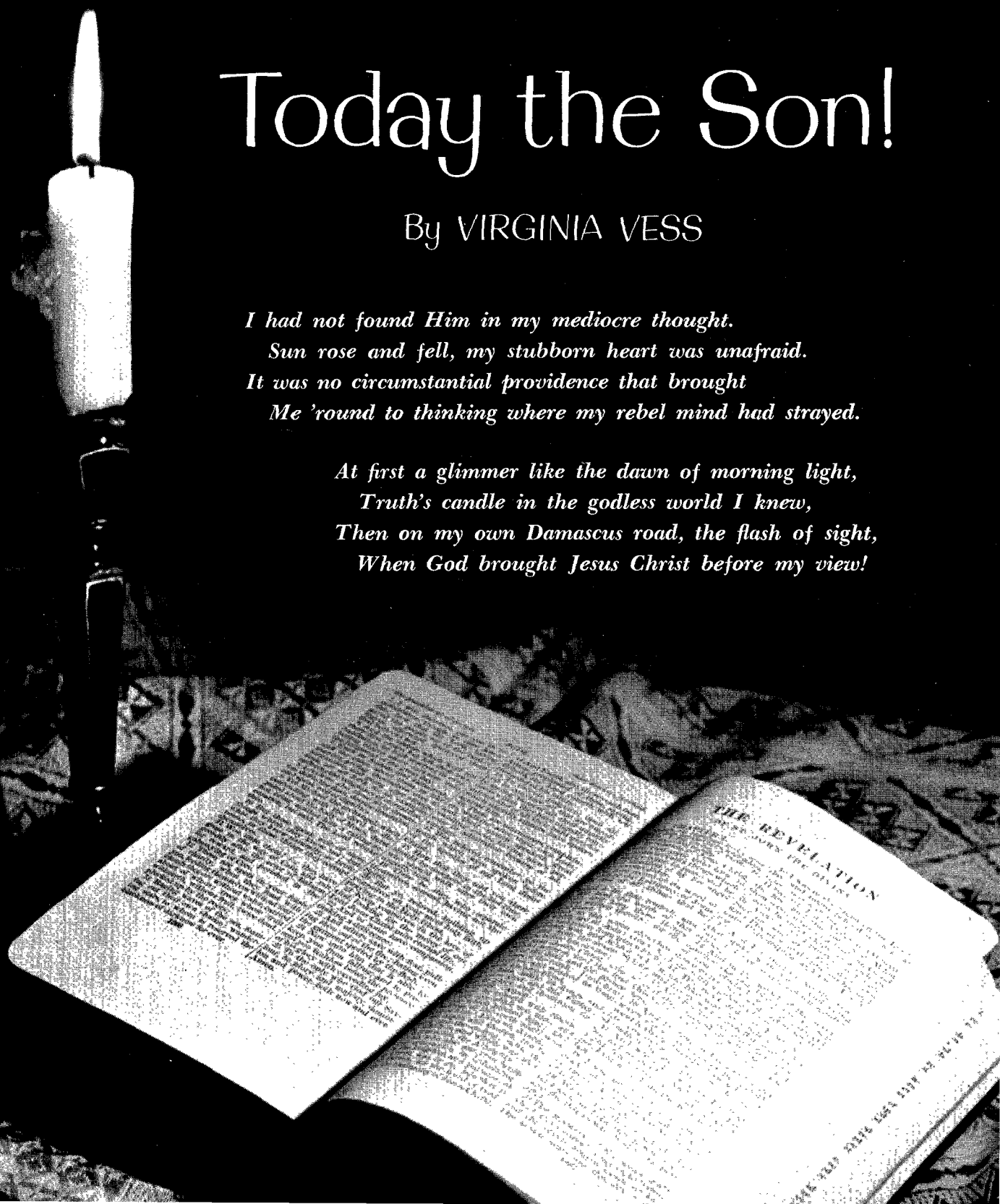


Today the Son!

By VIRGINIA VESS

*I had not found Him in my mediocre thought.
Sun rose and fell, my stubborn heart was unafraid.
It was no circumstantial providence that brought
Me 'round to thinking where my rebel mind had strayed.*

*At first a glimmer like the dawn of morning light,
Truth's candle in the godless world I knew,
Then on my own Damascus road, the flash of sight,
When God brought Jesus Christ before my view!*



Time to Seek the

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zephaniah 2:3.

SIGNS of the imminent return of Christ have multiplied in many areas. "The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God's judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at

hand."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 278.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion," is the word of the Lord through Joel, "and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand" (Joel 2:1).

When Joel, Zephaniah, and other prophets spoke of "the day of the Lord," the immediate application was often to a local situation. But, as *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* points out, "prophecies of a local 'day of the Lord' are often de-

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scriptive also of the universal 'day of the Lord' at the end of the world. Similarly, Jesus blended predictions of the fall of Jerusalem with those of His second coming."—On Isa. 2:12, p. 110.

The second chapter of Joel especially has been applied to our time, emphasizing our need to seek the Lord. "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God" (verses 12, 13).

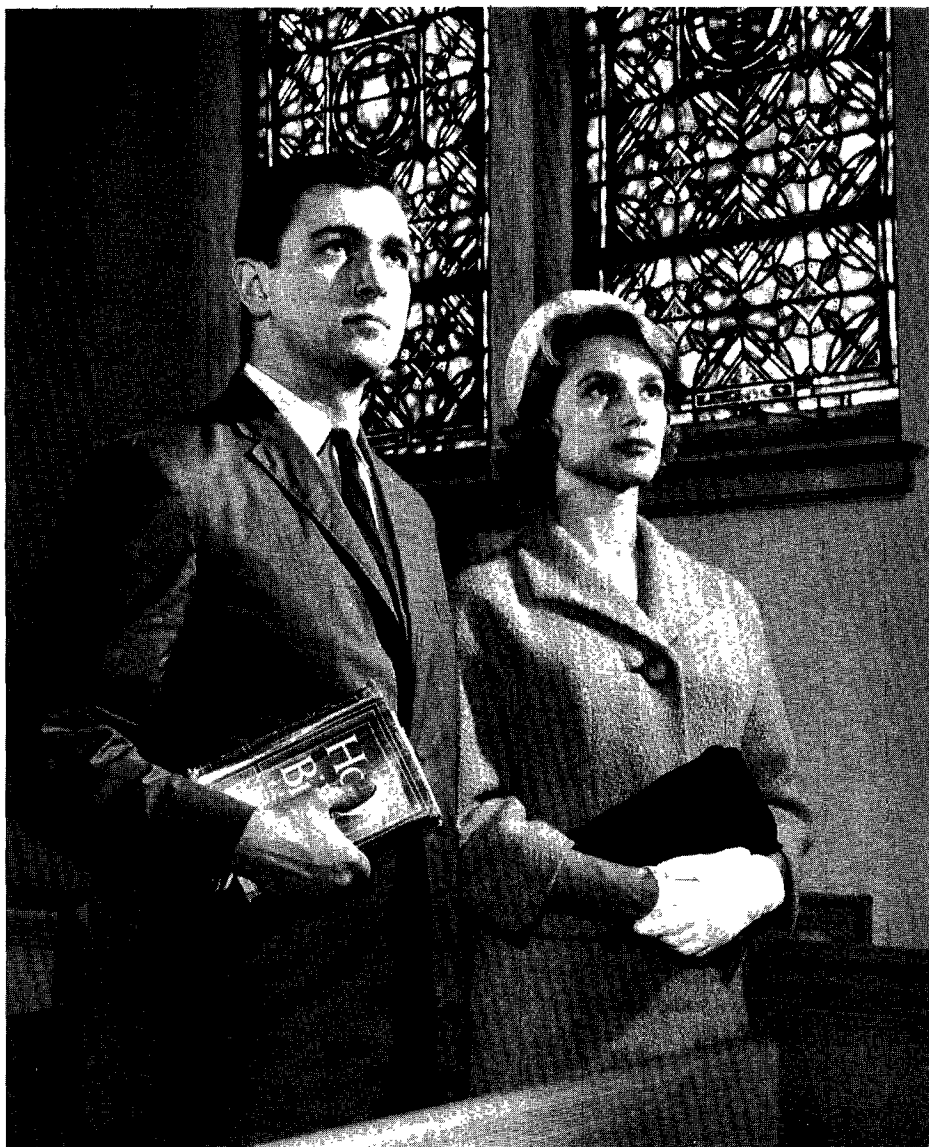
In response to this earnest seeking, the Lord will "cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain" (verse 23). "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" (verse 28), the Lord promises. The message of salvation will then go forth with unprecedented power, "and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered" (verse 32). The Lord will work mightily in behalf of His people, doing "great things" (verses 21, 23), and in His power the work will be finished.

Outpouring Past Due

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is long past due. It was in 1895 that the servant of God wrote: "The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it."—*Evangelism*, p. 701.

Three years later the same author wrote: "Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 633, 634.

At least seven decades of delay! The



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"Ye shall . . . find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

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latter rain could have been given at any point during those 70 years, had the people of God sought it and fulfilled the conditions for receiving it.

Seven decades of delay! During these decades the church has added immensely to its material strength—but have its members become more spiritual? It has sent missionaries to the ends of the earth—but, considering the population explosion, is it any closer to finishing its assigned task? It has the most soul-stirring message ever entrusted to men—but how often is this message proclaimed in such a way that people's hearts burn within them as they listen?

Losses Through Neglect

There have been losses that can never be recovered. "Every year millions upon millions of human souls are passing into eternity unwarned and unsaved."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 373. Some of these could have been brought to Christ. "Many have gone down to ruin who might have been saved if their neighbors, common men and women, had put forth personal effort for them."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 141.

Some of our losses have been even closer home. We have in our churches more than a half million children and youth. At the present rate of apostasy among these youth, more than half of them will eventually drop out of the church. Can we watch them go, year after year, and not have troubled hearts?

If "one soul is of such value that, in comparison with it, worlds sink into insignificance" (*ibid.*, p. 578), what is the worth of half a million children and youth? No illustration can convey, no words can portray, the infinite value of these young people. Yet, in the name of sophistication or material gains, or in the name of a subtle, doubting intellectualism, we have all too often chilled the ardor that they could and should have for Christ. We have given them material advantages—such as Lot gave his children—and, like Lot, time and again have lost them for eternity.

Isn't it time for a change? Has there ever been a time when the church has more urgently needed "the descent of the Holy Spirit"?

"It is the privilege of the church to

have it now." "Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it," is the encouragement that should go forth from every pulpit, the message that should be discussed in every home. "We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it."

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," said Jesus (Luke 11:9).

Then, to show the Lord's willingness to give us the Holy Spirit, Jesus used this illustration: "If a son ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (verses 11-13).

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart," promises our God (Jer. 29:13).

Our seeking of the Lord should begin with individual commitments. Knowing that "no man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6:24), we need to settle once and for all which master we intend to serve.

And let it be emphasized, forcefully and repeatedly, that there can be no such thing as divided allegiance. "Christ does not say that man will not or shall not serve two masters, but that he *cannot*. The interests of God and the interests of mammon have no union or sympathy. Just where the conscience of the Christian warns him to forbear, to deny himself, to stop, just there the worldling steps over the line, to indulge his selfish propensities. On one side of the line is the self-denying follower of Christ; on the other side is the self-indulgent world lover, pandering to fashion, engaging in frivolity, and pampering himself in forbidden pleasure. On that side of the line the Christian cannot go."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 93.

Self-Indulgence a Hindrance

A professed Christian whose spiritual experience has been enervated by self-indulgence is hardly prepared to kneel before the Lord to seek an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And how can we pamper ourselves with expensive luxuries and forbidden amusements, dissipating the funds that should have gone into the Lord's work, and then pray for revival? How can we adopt the immodesties of some of today's fashions, and then call upon the Lord for the latter rain?

"The Lord calls for wholeheartedness."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 46.

"Wholeheartedness"—let this become our watchword as we commit ourselves to the Lord.

Out of our individual commitments should come convocations and meetings for seeking the Lord. Joel calls for such. "Call a solemn assembly," he twice urges (Joel 1:14; 2:15). "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children" (chap. 2:16).

The assemblies mentioned by Joel are not just another meeting. The emphasis is specific—people coming together to seek the Lord.

So it should be today. Writes Mrs. White: "'Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain.' Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. . . . The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 508.

At these meetings let special emphasis be given to exalting Christ as "a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Then those who have come seeking Him will not go away disappointed. When Christ is uplifted as the precious "Pearl of great price" (Matt. 13:45, 46; *Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 115-121), the Spirit of God will bless, and even those who did not come seeking the Lord will feel their hearts stirred, and many will surrender to the Lord Jesus.

Let the emphasis in our churches and schools around the world be upon repentance and revival and reformation. The call has gone forth from the leadership of our church for "total mobilization of the whole church under the power of the Spirit of God in revival, reformation, and evangelism that will sweep across the world." In whatever manner is most feasible within the framework of local situations, let there be emphasis upon seeking the Lord, emphasis upon the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Equally important, let every manifestation of the Lord's presence be followed by well-planned involvement, where individual members become active in personal evangelism, as in the Gift Bible Evangelism program.

In these crisis-filled hours the church must have "the descent of the Holy Spirit." If we will but fulfill the conditions it is possible to have this blessing now. "Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it." (*Continued next week*)

ONE of the most persistent charges against Seventh-day Adventists is that they evade the question "Are you saved?" We must admit that in many instances the charge is true. We do appear to hedge on that point. Unfortunately, our enemies are quick to make the most of the situation. They insist that we do not believe in the simple gospel of Christ, that our doctrine leads to life-long doubt and uncertainty, and that we are no more than deluded cultists.

We firmly deny all of these accusations. But that is not enough. We must find a proper way to correct this unwanted impression. It is true that we are instructed not to say, "I am saved," in the way some, not of our faith, are accustomed to do. "Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversion, should never be taught to say or to feel that they are saved. This is misleading. Every one should be taught to cherish hope and faith; but even when we give ourselves to Christ and know that He accepts us, we are not beyond the reach of temptation."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 155.

At the same time the counsel is given: "Let none leave their safety for eternity to hang upon a peradventure. Let not the question remain in perilous uncertainty. Ask yourselves earnestly, 'Am I among the saved, or the unsaved?'"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 443.

No Middle Ground

There is no middle ground. We are saved or lost. We are righteous or unrighteous. We are the children of God or the children of Satan. This is not to say what we may be at some future time, but one thing we know—we are what we are now, however we may parley the question.

The New Testament speaks of the peace of God, which is beyond our comprehension. It counsels us to rejoice in the Lord at all times. "But," we ask ourselves, "what peace is there in doubt and uncertainty? And how shall we rejoice in a 'peradventure'?" What a loss it would be for even one devout Seventh-day Adventist to be without the peace of Heaven, the joy of salvation! When Paul wrote he intended the believers should confidently accept every blessing of the gospel. Such an assurance may be ours, also—an assurance in no way related to the groundless presumption we deplore in others.

One of our greatest needs is to know how we stand with God. Think how this question affects every area

of our lives! It is not enough to look for divine favor later on. We need to know something definite right now. In Christ, we must have reason to expect that the longing of our souls for salvation may be satisfied without delay.

Is there such an offer of present salvation? May you and I be saved this very moment? Notice all that is assured in the words of Ellen G. White: "The perishing sinner may say: 'I am a lost sinner; but Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. . . . I am a sinner, and He died upon Calvary's cross to save me. I need not remain a moment longer unsaved. He died and rose again for my justification, and He will save me now. I accept the forgiveness He has promised.'"—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 392.

As believers in Christ we may grow in grace and knowledge, our faith may also mature with time, and our hearts become more and more refined and purified. But if we lived a thousand years we would not be more truly saved than when the Lord first accepted our humble confession of Christ. Of this we may be sure—there are degrees of our progress, but there are no degrees of acceptance with God.

Let us bring the parable of the Prodigal Son up to date. The boy is your son. He has been a careless worldling. But lately you notice he appears more thoughtful. Evidently he has become disillusioned with the world and its pleasures. Finally, the burden of sin is rolled away and he comes to his heavenly Father in full contrition, pleading for forgiveness and acceptance. Then it happens—that night his life is suddenly snuffed out. How thankful you are that he made his peace with God. Now you need not sorrow, "even as others which have no hope" (1 Thess. 4: 13).

But wait! There has been a mistake. It was not your son who died that night. He came home to rejoice that God had forgiven his sins, that He had covered him with the inno-

cence of Jesus, and that He had adopted him into the family of heaven. Your son lives, yet it is not he who lives, but Christ. Need there be any question now in his mind whether he is "among the saved, or the unsaved?" Or must he wait a lifetime for the answer?

Being Saved

It is good to know that salvation is a work that continues to operate from day to day, that we are "being saved," as 1 Corinthians 15:2 says literally. We need the sanctifying grace of God every moment of our lives. We may be thankful also that the work of salvation is one day soon to be fully and finally completed. But that is not all. For our consolation, salvation is even now said to be accomplished for us. We "have been saved," as Ephesians 2:5, 8 literally says. There is no time in our lives when we need be in doubt as to God's redeeming grace. Our sins may be covered by the blood of Jesus and our lives "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3)—past, present, and future. Why should a child of God be satisfied with anything less?

A child of God! What a privilege! Think now what this sacred relationship means. The Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he the power [that is, in the sense of the right] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). To this Paul adds, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs" (Rom. 8:16, 17).

While it is true that the fullness of the inheritance will not be received immediately, the child of God is no less an heir on that account. The legacy is assuredly his right, so long as he remains the child of his Father. There is never to be any doubt about that.

Because others have claimed the promises of eternal life while living in willful sin, we are tempted to belittle some of the statements of Jesus. But they are too precious to be set

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aside. He says, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). As if for emphasis, He repeats the promise, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (verse 47).

Commenting on the words of Jesus, Ellen G. White says: "Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 388.

What a comforting thought! The moment we surrender our lives to the Holy Spirit, we become identified with Christ and our lives become one with the life of God. To be one with Him by faith is to have eternal life.

John, the beloved apostle, lays down this principle when he says, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11, 12).

However, man is a free moral agent. He has the power and privilege of choice. At no time does God enslave the will. Should anyone at any time decide to repudiate his former confession and go back to his old way of life, he may do so. But he may not choose the outcome of that decision. For him then to claim the benefits of salvation would be not an exercise of faith, but a sign of presumption.

But, though the promise of eternal life has its reservations, God does not expect us to live in a continual quandary. True, we cannot be for Him and against Him at the same time, but we may know that we have "passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

God Is Able to Preserve

More than that, we may know that God has the power to preserve our faith and to maintain our oneness with Christ day by day. As the Scripture says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). No one who remains surrendered to the will and the grace of God need fear the outcome of such a decision. All the resources of heaven are at his disposal.

Paul, too, expresses his faith in God's full provision for the future when he says, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have

committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

Nor need we have any question about God's unwavering purpose for us. Of this, Jesus says, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Having once accepted us as His own, God continues to care for us, as when we first confessed Him. This the apostle confirms by saying, "And so I am sure of this: that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished in the Day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6, Today's English Version).

Here is the secret of success. On God's part, we know that He "will have all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 2:4). Constantly, He is working to that end. The result depends altogether upon man's response. Many for whom Christ died will be lost through no fault of His, but because they would not submit to His will. Of them, Jesus could not say, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give

unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27, 28).

But for him who will respond, here indeed is the gift of eternal life. To the one whose heart abides in the love of God, whose steps by faith follow on in the way of the Good Shepherd, here is assurance enough. For no power from without, however great, can separate the children of God from the protecting and preserving hand of their heavenly Father. Though they appear wholly undeserving in their own eyes, they have reason to rejoice in a salvation that was, and is, and ever shall be.

They were saved the moment they were justified. They are being saved the while they are sanctified. And they will be saved irrevocably when they are glorified. This threefold blessing of salvation encompasses the full need of their lives for time and eternity. It also happily provides a satisfactory answer to the familiar question "Are you saved?"

Others May, You Cannot

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians; and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers, who seem to be very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as will make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing; and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or have a legacy left to them; but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your need day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small.

He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time and money, which other Christians never seem distressed over.

So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you; but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.—*Living Waters*.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.—When Magellan, the second explorer to see the great River Plate estuary (Juan Diaz de Solis was the first in 1515), sailed his ship into these waters, the watchman on the poop deck cried out in Portuguese, "A hill I see!" Such a sight was something notable in the flat lands bordering the Río de la Plata. El Cerro, the cone-shaped hill that the sailor saw, became a landmark for mariners, and still is the most conspicuous point in the panorama of the city. The sailor's cry, translated into Spanish, became the name of the city—Montevideo.

Swept by sea winds and girdled with beaches, Montevideo sits queenly upon a promontory jutting into the river. The city is the capital of the smallest, but not the least important, of the South American nations. Actually the Uruguayans have no inferiority complex over the size of their country. They face the world with the pride and satisfaction that come from a sense of achievement. A stable and democratic government for several decades brought into being a remarkable welfare state, though recent months have brought distressing economic ills. There remains something expansive in the way the people live—energetic but unhurried. A steady self-respecting spirit meets visitors with a friendliness deserving of the good Spanish word—*simpático*.

The country is small in comparison with two large neighbors—Argentina and Brazil. Brazil is the size of



Officers of the South American Division in council. Seated left to right at the table are: M. S. Nigri, secretary; Roger A. Wilcox, president; and J. I. Hartman, treasurer.

"A Hill I See!"

the United States exclusive of Alaska. Argentina covers more territory than all of the United States east of the Mississippi. Uruguay is about the size of North Dakota, and has a population under 3 million, half of whom live in Montevideo.

Our arrival at Montevideo was by air, which gives one a plane's-eye view, so to speak, of the countryside. The landscape is gently rolling, with no hills more than 2,000 feet high. The land spreads out in undulating waves, the greater part of which is made up of rich pasture lands. There are rivers and streams everywhere. The climate is such that the grass is green the year round. The cattle and sheep are fed by simply turning them out to provide for themselves. Flocks and herds are everywhere. I guess Job would have been a pauper compared with some Uruguayans.

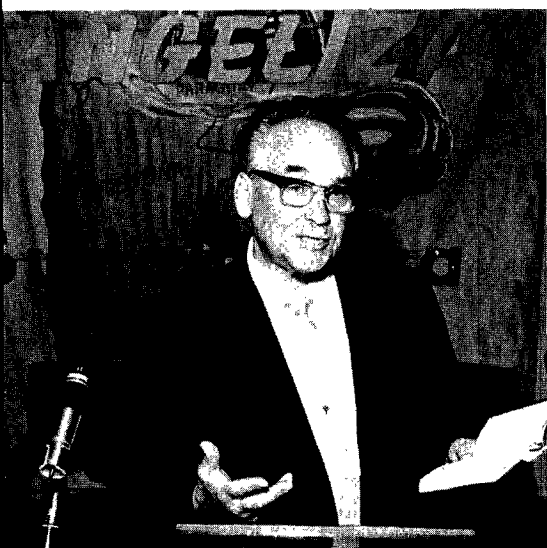
In point of fact, cattle and sheep have played an important role in the history of Uruguay. The early settlers were quicker than the Spaniards to grasp the potentials of this black soil that produces grasses superior even to those of Argentina. The Spaniards did not settle in Uruguay for 200

years after coming to the estuary; but the cattle, which apparently came with Solis, multiplied exceedingly and became responsible for the country's social structure. Groups of gauchos (the South American version of cowboys) trailed after the herds, killing them for food and selling their hides only. The gauchos were nomadic, claiming for themselves no stake in the land.

Organized commerce began with the arrival of Argentine cattle buyers who found it in the long run to their advantage to hire herdsmen to look after the cattle in defined areas around their headquarters. Slowly this arrangement spread, and the land began to be parceled out in *estancias*, or ranches. By 1800 most of the land had been captured by the large *estancias*.

A Typical Estancia

This pastoral way of life is still so important in Uruguay (and in much of Argentina) that I would like to describe a typical estancia. The main buildings are set in a grove of high trees. At or near the gate is a small house of brick or adobe, with a roof often of thatch. This small house is the home of one of the pasture tenders, whose duty it also is to look after the gate. From the gate to the main



W. R. Beach keyed the Sabbath annual council meeting at the Montevideo theater.

buildings often is an avenue of eucalyptuses.

The estancia headquarters gleam white through the trees. There are barns for shearing and possibly storing the wool. The horses require stables. Then many times there are a large number of small houses for the peons, or laborers. The house of the rancher himself may be large. It usually is a rambling, roomy, one-story building, plaster on the outside and roofed with tiles. It is probably surrounded by a garden yielding

miles to the east is Punta del Este, a city that often is host to international leaders who come to pool their wisdom and coordinate their policies in an effort to dissipate the baffling economic and social ills that beset a continent that remains the "land of opportunity."

The Uruguayan capital is also host to the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The office and worker housing, which wisely was located in an eastern sector of the city, today

meetings R. E. Adams, of the General Conference Temperance Department, and Herbert White, of the Publishing Department, gave unstintingly of their skill and experience. On the day of our arrival it became clear that R. A. Wilcox, president, M. S. Nigri, secretary, and J. I. Hartman, treasurer, supported by a fine group of associates, were ready with a strong program, the effect of which will be felt to the ends of the division. The Montevideo churches held their Week of Prayer immediately prior to the opening of the council, and we were happy to associate with members and leaders in the last three days of this season of heart searching and renewed dedication.

For the annual division committee meetings the 46 delegates transferred to the Uruguay Academy. This fine little institution of elementary and secondary level is situated near the town of El Progreso, 20.6 miles from Montevideo, on 130 acres of plantation land. The academy was established in 1943 by Henry Westphal, with T. W. Steen as the first principal. Now some 200 students attend. Notable among recent improvements is the new plant for Fruitigan Products (a potentially successful denominational food factory). From the time of its founding, conventions and meetings have enjoyed the hospitality of Instituto Adventista del Uruguay. The 100 students who attended the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary Extension School of 1949-1950 were entertained here.

Encouraging Reports

The reports and plans presented have lifted our spirits and encouraged us to believe that the hand of the Lord is wonderfully leading in South America. Many serious problems do beset the work, including flash currency devaluations. This type of shock treatment designed to cure the economic ills of a country that does not wish to live within its income was administered generously throughout South America in 1966-1967. Tumbling currencies and inflationary spirals have eaten into tithe and missions offering gains to an alarming point in some fields and institutions. Courageously the division committee set up a budget for 1968 to meet the situation. Our membership in South America has been inspired by these difficulties to greater faithfulness.

The truly bright side of the picture is membership growth. In the early years growth in South America was slow. After 55 years of labor and sacrifice the membership reached 50,000 in 1949. During the first decades the church advanced timidly in the teeth of intolerance and religious fa-



The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has been promoted in various countries of the division. In São Paulo, Brazil, the sessions were attended by members of the Brazil state police force.

oranges, peaches, apricots, figs, plums, roses, flowers, and vegetables.

The gaucho, usually stocky and wearing a broad-brimmed black hat, tight-fitting shirt, hand-embroidered bolero-style jacket, knotted scarf, baggy trousers, a silver-decorated belt, and short leather boots, is much in evidence in the estancia country. Apparently, his chief enemies are the swarming locusts, which, at irregular periods, come from the north, settle over the land, and consume the grass, even the weeds. At such a time few species of trees and plants are untouched by the destroyers.

Montevideo is a sophisticated city. It has a good climate and much charm. The attitude here is such that the city tends to become a natural meeting place for statesmen of the Southern Hemisphere. One hundred

has become quite insufficient. The division committee has plans to expand housing and to erect on the main property a new division office.

Organizations, institutions, and churches are multiplying across the South American Division. The baptized membership of the church now has reached 200,000; an upsurge in evangelism and growth can be seen everywhere. The South American Division headquarters must administer one of the largest, most complex, and challenging sections of the General Conference.

Our 12-day stay in Uruguay was chiefly to attend the 1967 annual division council. Several important pre-council groups, which brought together administrators, institutional leaders, and departmental secretaries, held earnest discussions. At these

naticism. Churches were developed chiefly in rural areas. Until more recent years Adventist geography included mostly small towns of little importance. Then came a turn to the evangelization of the great cities.

Walter Schubert spearheaded the evangelizing of the cities. In ten years (1949-1959) the Adventist membership reached 100,000. Now the South American church has reached the 200,000 mark. The 1967 baptismal goal of 26,000 has been topped. The goal for 1968 is 34,000. "United to Evangelize South America," the division is advancing toward a 300,000 membership by 1970. The six unions,

30 conferences and local fields, and every institution, are dedicated to the achievement of this goal.

M. E. Kemmerer, an assistant treasurer of the General Conference, who has been in attendance at this council, will make a more detailed report on the organization and achievements of the meeting; but I have heard so many heartening facts and experiences that I must share some with you in this letter. For instance, September 23, 1967, was the day of youth baptisms in South America. On that day baptisms reached 4,127—something I would describe as a Missionary Volunteer pentecost. The Voice of Youth

program contributed much to this result. In Coronda, Argentina, a church with 80 seats was built by Javier Gentile as a result of the youth evangelistic campaign. Carmen Block (23 years), Celina Otarola (22 years), and Ruben Weisheim (22 years) were the youthful voices.

Schools and medical institutions had a large part in this result, as did the ministry of the printed page. In South America 1,107 credentialed and licensed colporteur-evangelists sell yearly some 3 million dollars' worth of books and magazines. In addition to the regular workers, student colporteurs set shining records of sales and souls. For instance, in the city of São Brás, North Brazil, two young ladies were looking for a place to lodge before they started their work. They were graciously invited to live in the local convent with a Catholic nun. Our girls accepted the hospitality. The priest suggested he take them to town and introduce them to some responsible people.

The girls visited the mayor and prominent businessmen. In introducing them the priest stated that these were fine young people, and that while their books were not published by the Catholic Church, they were good Christian publications. On the following Sunday, at the beginning of the public service, an announcement was made that the students were selling Christian books and magazines, and that all would do well to make purchases. Our student colporteurs sold publications for \$600. They have been invited to return at any time.

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has been of real service to the South American public. As a result, some very fine people are gaining the victory over tobacco. Actually, this victory has led to the study of God's Word. Many victors advance to baptism. One enthusiastic admirer of the plan in Mendoza, Argentina, said, "My work is electronics. Now I can do in ten minutes what I formerly needed two hours to do. Now I can think clearly. I feel like a new person!" In Concepción, Chile, three Five-Day Plan sessions have been held. The municipality donated \$2,500 to their success.

We heard much more and we shall endeavor to report some of it as we visit other parts of the field. Judging from the plans laid and the dedication of these leaders, I can do no better in closing this letter than to repeat the words of Jesus, replying to Nathanael, "Thou shalt see greater things than these" (John 1:50). I believe we will as the bold plans and projects adopted mark a new epoch in South America.

W. R. BEACH

The art of living

By MIRIAM WOOD

when you're Young

TWO Every now and then a friend asks a question that could, if we answered it (as we are urged to do), rupture the friendship forever. Rather early in life, then, a serious student of the art of living learns to respond with polite evasions.

For instance, a long-time friend of mine (you'll notice that I'm avoiding the distasteful word *old*) has a son who's been a brilliant success at nearly everything he's attempted. Next year he'll have his doctoral degree in an intensely difficult field of science. He's been an honor student all the way and has received several scholarships. Moreover, he has interested himself in many hobbies and "causes," so that he is in no sense a mere walking encyclopedia of useful knowledge. As if all these blessings weren't sufficient, he's an unusually good-looking young man.

His mother is concerned about him, though, because the years are drifting by and he's a wee bit past the age when most young people marry. And he's never been able to capture the affections of any girl who'd be a suitable wife, though he would very much like to marry and "settle down." This represents a serious and major defeat.

"You know Brent very well—you've known him since he was in his early teens. What, in your opinion, is his problem?"

This was my friend's blunt question. My answer, though, was composed of vague murmurings, of hearty (and hollow) assurances that "the right girl will come along any day"—because I lacked the courage to give the specific answers that flashed into my mind. I feared I'd hurt my friend unbearably; therefore I decided to evade. My "other answer," however, would have been:

"Brent's problem, as I see it, is that he is rude and boorish. For instance, when I telephone you, and he answers, he doesn't make the slightest effort to be pleasant, to be socially skillful. My query as to his state of health and mind invariably elicits little more than a monosyllabic grunt. Any attempts at conversation die small pitiful deaths under the heavy iron heel of his massive ill-manneredness.

"In person, Brent is even more repulsive, if that's possible. It would no more occur to him to open a door for a lady than to hurl himself at the moon. Indeed, the suggestion would elicit from him a surly snarl—'Whassa matter—your arm broken?'

"Brent's whole outlook on life isn't exactly the kind that would make a girl feel loved and cherished. Brent's a real, first-class boor!"

Well, you can see why I settled for polite evasion. On the topic of social skills, though, I wonder why some young people scorn these accomplishments as totally unnecessary. Believe me, nothing could be further from the truth. Money, intellectual accomplishment, position—desirable though these things may be—can never compensate for rude, unpolished behavior. The latter kind of conduct marks a young person (or adult of any age) as a strictly substandard performer in life's arena. Fight it as you may, discount it as you will, refinement of conduct is almost a magic talisman. It makes you a gazelle instead of a hippopotamus. It gives your spirit wings instead of feelers. It surrounds you with beauty rather than ugliness.

If Brent ever does meet "the right girl," she has her work cut out for her. I hope she'll be equal to the task. Whether she'll be willing to undertake it is another matter.

The Tall Angel

By ESTHER LAU

DR. MASON was a missionary doctor in faraway Africa. He helped many sick people to get well. Sometimes he had to travel many miles to visit the sick. Some of the roads were in such a poor condition that he could not travel by car. Dr. Mason often rode in his wooden wagon pulled by two horses. These horses were faithful and experienced, and they knew how to tread the rugged paths.

One Friday the Masons were preparing for their journey home. It would be a long ride home, for they were many miles away. To make the matter worse, it had been raining continually.

"Well, we'd better get going," Dr. Mason said as he brushed his wet, dripping hair off his forehead.

Mrs. Mason sat by her husband, while the children piled in the back seat of the wagon. Overhead was an old canvas, which protected the passengers from the rain.

Slush! Slush! Slush! The wheels turned laboriously over the muddy road.

"I certainly hope we'll make it home by evening," mother said anxiously.

"Yes," dad answered, "I hope the roads won't get any worse."

"The horses are tired too," the children chorused from the back seat.

The rain continued to pour down in great torrents, making big puddles. The children huddled close toward the center of the wagon so as not to be splashed by the mud and rain.

"Oh, no!" dad exclaimed. "Look what's ahead!"

All lifted their heads to see what it was. All they could see through the down-pour were sheets of water covering the muddy road. In fact, they couldn't even see the road.

"Can we make it across this flooded area?" mother asked worriedly.

"If we can cross over this, we'll make it home all right," dad said.

Slowly the horses stepped into the water pulling with all their might. It seemed that they were making very slow progress.

"As long as we keep moving, we'll make it across," dad said.

"Keep going, boys," mother called encouragingly to the horses.

Just about halfway across the flooded area the horses let out a big groan, and the wagon came to a jerky halt. Stuck! Oh, what a place to get stuck!

All turned distressed eyes toward dad. What should they do?

Fortunately, the rain stopped. But where could they get someone to help them? Hardly anyone traveled on this road at this time of day. It would take quite a time to walk to the next village for help.

As mother and dad looked at each other, wondering what to do next, they turned around and noticed that the children had already knelt on the wooden floor, praying. As the adults bowed their heads, they heard a noise in the distance behind them. It sounded like approaching horses.

"Look," the children shouted in unison, "someone is coming to help us!"

Indeed, help was on the way. What an instantaneous answer to their prayers!

"Do you need some help?" a well-dressed tall dark man asked in perfect English as he pulled up his wagon by theirs.

"Yes, please," Dr. Mason answered quickly.

Soon the man had all of his ten horses hitched to the Masons' wagon. A mighty jerk caused the wheels to begin turning and rolling out of the muddy water.

"How kind of you to help us. How can we ever thank you enough!" Dr. Mason said gratefully to the tall man. "By the way, where do you live?"

"Over there," the man replied pointing to the right.

Quickly the tall man got into his wagon and was soon out of sight. The Masons continued the rest of their journey with thankful hearts.

About a month later, Dr. Mason was passing along the same road. But this time the roads were dry, and it was not difficult to travel. Suddenly, Dr. Mason recognized the spot where they had gotten stuck a few weeks before. Remembering the kindness of that tall man, Dr. Mason decided to turn down the road leading to the village toward which he thought the man had pointed.

At the village, Dr. Mason inquired as to the whereabouts of the kind tall man having ten horses.

None knew of such a person in that village, and no one had ever seen a person meeting that description.

"Us all poor people," the villagers explained in broken English. "Us no own ten horses."

Unsatisfied and still searching, Dr. Mason went on to the next village and to all the surrounding villages to inquire the whereabouts of the tall man. Each time he was disappointed, because no one knew of such a man.

Finally, Dr. Mason realized that the tall dark man must have been an angel sent by Jesus to help them when they were stuck in the mud.

How wonderful it is to know that we have our guardian angels by our side constantly!

LETTERS TO THE

Fellowship of Prayer

"REJOICING IN THE TRUTH"

EDITORS: Just a few months ago I wrote asking for prayers for an expected son-in-law. I am writing to say Thank you for prayers that were answered almost immediately. Thank God, my future son-in-law took his stand for the Lord two weeks after I wrote to you. Now we are rejoicing in the truth together. Please pray that the mother and father of this young man may open their hearts to the message. Already their son is asking for prayer that his parents may see and know the truth.—Mrs. S., of New York.

URGENT REQUESTS

EDITORS: Will you please pray for my son and his wife and their six children? This has been a happy Adventist home. The children are all in the church and everyone speaks about what a lovely family they are. This past month the mother has decided she doesn't love her husband and has sued for divorce. She thinks she is in love with a man who drinks and smokes. When the devil takes over one's thinking, it's hard for one to see what he is doing. Please give this something special. Thank you.—Mrs. T., of California.

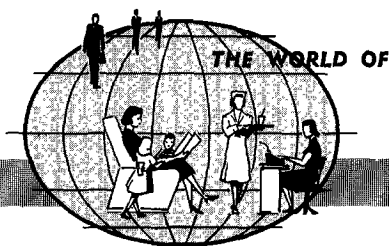
EDITORS: About three years ago we asked for prayer for our children, as they seemed to be backsliding. We are happy to report that they

have gone to the mission field and are serving God there. We are thankful for the prayers of God's people. Now we ask for you to pray for our sisters and brothers who are not serving God. We have faith in God and feel we should make this request. Also we have a personal problem and need your prayers. We need better employment at this time; also we want a deeper experience in the Lord.—Name withheld.

SIGHT IMPROVED

EDITORS: I thank the prayer group for your prayers and the faith behind them. When I wrote last April, my sight was failing, and I decided to have the cataract operation. Knowing the power of prayer and the gracious nature of my Father in heaven, I asked you to pray that I might have improved vision if it was His will. The doctors were not too optimistic. God heard our prayers. Now I see quite well and hope for improvement when I have my permanent lenses. I can see the bright world around me. I enjoy the lovely flowers our Father has given us as reminders of His love and of His creation of all things. I enjoy the REVIEW. As I have no family or relatives, I appreciate the large family of God's people to which I have belonged for almost 50 years. I remember all of you and your requests in my prayers.—Miss S., of California.

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



The Adventist Woman

Conducted by DOROTHY EMMERSON

When You Correct Your Children

Have a Heart

By VINNIE RUFFO

A NEIGHBOR who worked hard at molding her girls into gentle little ladies remarked, "If you have good children it's no accident!"

No, it isn't pure chance that produces children who are obedient, kind, and easy to live with. It takes effort, God-fearing effort, and a heart.

"Wise parents will not say to children, 'Follow your own choice; go where you will, and do what you will.'"—*Child Guidance*, p. 234.

In the area of child training "the sin of parental neglect is almost universal" (*ibid.*).

However, there is a right and a wrong way of administering corrective discipline. One way will bring happiness in this life and in the next. The other yields unhappiness, ruin, and disappointment.

Our 12-year-old had been failing to complete his assignments in school. At last the teacher called to tell us that it was sheer lack of effort that was keeping him from getting good grades.

I was a schoolteacher, as well as a mother. There was only one way I could interpret the expression "sheer lack of effort." I had used this term with mothers of my pupils. It meant "sheer laziness." And this tendency had to be discouraged. Laziness was a weed that needed to be pulled from the garden of growing up.

The teacher called before supper. With no preliminaries, I hastily commanded my 12-year-old, "Go to your room and stay there. Any son of mine who is so lazy that the teacher has to call to tell me about it, doesn't deserve his usual after-school privileges."

The boy hurried to his room. Several hours passed while the family ate supper, did dishes, and proceeded

to Sabbath school lessons and stories. All at once his sister came to me crying as though her heart would break.

I looked at my eight-year-old very much surprised. What had brought this on?

"Mommy," she pleaded, "Paul has been alone in his room for *two hours*. Have you forgotten about him? Go to him. Tell him you love him. I know he loves you."

As I gathered her in my arms my heart softened. I went to Paul's room. Certainly, corrective discipline had been in order. But I had forgotten to add some love with it. I was ashamed that my eight-year-old without years of poring over books on child train-

ing (such as her mother had) had the natural wisdom to know that discipline, to be effective, must be administered with love.

One day our ten-year-old son found a watch on the school grounds. He had an idea who the owner was and could have returned it. But he was talked into selling the watch to a classmate for \$1.00. His argument was that if he hadn't sold him the watch the classmate would have beat him up.

We knew that in his heart Joey knew better. He was aware that failure to return a lost article to its rightful owner was stealing. However, stubbornly he justified himself, affirming, "Butch said he'd beat me up if I didn't give him the watch."

Joey wasn't sorry. Therefore, he needed corrective discipline.

His father, who seldom put a hand on him, administered the needed board of education. (That's what they called it in school.) Afterward, I went to his room and talked with him. I reminded him ever so gently that he must surely have known that it was wrong to *steal*—yes, that was the same as stealing. A sullen look came over his face. He had not yet seen the error of his act.

Then I suggested that we pray that

My Legacy

(Luke 18:16, 17)

By LORA MORTENSON

I felt a hand press into mine
(A wart peeked from a bandaged thumb,
And puppy hairs were gooeyed there
By chocolate cake or cookies' crumb).
Thought I, Today's tomorrows lie
Right here to mold for God, or not;
Potential to cleanse a leper's wounds,
Or cling to prison bars, distraught.
Today God willed these hands to me
To be the master of this mind;
And I must answer when tomorrow's
Yesterdays are all behind.



God would give him strength not to fall into the snares of Satan again. Joey remained silent. But when I knelt he knelt also. First I prayed, showing Joey that I had his well-being at heart and that I loved him very much. Then I suggested that he pray, asking God to forgive him.

All at once, bursting into tears, Joey prayed with little-boy earnestness that God would forgive him. I knew at that moment that his prayer had reached the heavenly court.

Joey's tears did not cease with the prayer. Rising to his feet and placing his arms around me, he cried, "Mommy, I deserved every bit of punishment I got!" Words I had not expected to hear.

Now we all felt better. *We* had done our duty by our child, and *he* had learned a lesson—most effectively.

Many parents allow themselves to punish a child when they are angry. "Do not . . . correct your children in anger." "When your children do wrong and are filled with rebellion, and you are tempted to speak and act harshly, wait before you correct them."—*Ibid.*, pp. 245, 246.

"Never give your child a passionate blow, unless you want him to learn to fight and quarrel."—*Ibid.*, p. 251.

Shaking doesn't help either. To shake a child when he is wrong only makes things worse.

The father of a young friend we knew had the habit of punishing first and asking questions later. One evening his 15-year-old son, unknown to the father, had gone to a young people's meeting at his church. Because he was on a program and had to stay and practice, he did not come home until eleven o'clock.

As soon as the boy walked through the door, the impetuous father brought a broomstick down with a fierce blow on the boy's arm, breaking the broomstick and injuring the boy's arm.

This father always punished in anger. Often later he would find that his children were innocent of wrongdoing and that he had punished unjustly.

Did the boy forget his father's harsh treatment? The day he became 17 years old he joined the Navy—never to return home. A second boy became a delinquent. Two girls left home at an early age. Today, the father, a lonely old widower, wonders why his children seldom write and visit him.

"Harshness drives souls into Satan's net" (*The Adventist Home*, p. 308). What a sad reckoning for some parents!

Remember, too, that *constant* scolding and fretting never help. Harsh,



angry words "stir up the worst feelings of the human heart" (*Child Guidance*, p. 246).

One young woman who was about to marry a divorced man with six children was asked by a close friend, "Why are you doing this? You know it will break your mother's heart."

The girl replied, "I know. I'm doing this to *spite* my mother. All my life I got nothing but scolding and

nagging from her—'Don't do this and don't do that.' I'm sick of it."

This immature, unwise girl was a product of her mother's hands.

"Let kindness be the law of the home" (*ibid.*, p. 259).

If parents will remember to exercise self-control, deal patiently and lovingly with their children, and exercise neither severity nor excessive indulgence, and if they will consecrate themselves to God "*a transformation may take place in their households*" (*ibid.*, p. 172).

After you have done all this, you can expect even more. When you have faithfully done your duty then in faith ask the Lord to do for your children that which you cannot do.

Above all, do not neglect your child's discipline. But have a heart. The child you save may be your own!

Especially FOR MEN

By ROLAND R. HEGSTAD

THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU —AS YOUR WIFE SEES IT

Do women understand men better than men understand women? Most women believe so.

Even to many of us husbands, women seem the mysterious, inscrutable sex, able by some mystique alien to masculine psychology to read us like books. But results of a recent experiment utilizing the California Test of Personality indicate that men have deeper insight into women's minds than women have into men's.

On the basis of 18 years of marriage I'll cast my vote with the French philosopher who said, "All generalizations are false, including this one." Of one thing I am certain: Most wives know their husbands well enough to make these wives eminently worth listening to. God alone knows our hearts, but after a few years of living with us, listening to us, observing us, our wives, with rare exceptions, could build a case history the conclusions of which would not be exceeded in perspicacity should they be adduced by a psychiatrist. (Those husbands who tell female acquaintances, "My wife doesn't understand me," are usually understood only too well.)

Your office decorum may lead your secretary to think you are as meek as a lamb; your wife, the innocent target of your day's frustrations, knows a bear when she hears one. The church nominating committee may consider you eminently qualified for the office of deacon or elder; your wife may know that you are eminently qualified only for the forgiving grace generously extended to sin-

ners. Your associates may regard you as the most tranquil of men, invariably courteous and communicative; your wife, after years of receiving snarls or grunts—or even worse, silence—from behind the evening newspaper, has a different perspective.

If you are blessed with a wife who loves both Christ and you, and you wish candid insight into your character (sporadic and superficial prayers may not give this), try the following program. Reminisce with your wife tonight about the days of your courtship and early marriage. Let her know that you appreciate her. Pray aloud together and for each other. Then, against the backdrop of the tenderness and oneness that result, ask her quietly, with no hint of defensiveness: What am I really? Have I grown spiritually and emotionally during the years of our marriage—since I met Christ? Am I temperate? Does the way I treat you indicate that I am in control of my passions? How can I be a better priest in the home—a better husband and father?

(The experience may leave you twice blessed. If your wife has become a little shrewish, you may discover the reason and open the way to increased communication and happiness.)

Of course, there is always the chance you don't need your wife's insight. To confirm your judgment, ask her to complete this sentence: "You men are all alike; all you think about is ———!" Likely her concept of men has been pretty well shaped by her years with you. If she answers, "The cause of God," or "your family," relax. But if she says "work," "yourself," "sports," or "making money," you may need to take a second look at yourself.

Yes, I took my own medicine. And I believe I'm a better man for it. Join me, please.

Dispensing and Gaining

By RALPH S. WATTS
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TWO elements make up much of life. They are *time* and *property*.

Time is that continuing grant of God that is almost synonymous with life itself. All our time is the gift of God, but God requires us specifically to render to Him one seventh of time, the Sabbath, to be held sacred to Himself.

Like time, property is an entrustment from God over which man is a steward. God is the owner of all things. As stewards we are in charge of our Master's goods, not our own. Were we in charge of our own, we would be owner, not steward. The Bible gives specific guidance as to what to do with property as it does with respect to time.

According to the narrative of Genesis 4, Cain and Abel, the first brothers, brought a portion of the property entrusted to them as an offering to God. What was the significance of these offerings?

These two brothers knew that in their offerings they were to express faith in the Saviour whom the offering typified and to acknowledge their entire dependence upon Him for pardon. At the same time Cain and Abel also recognized God's ownership and their own stewardship as set forth in Genesis 1 and 2.

The reason Abel's offering was accepted while Cain's was refused is stated in Hebrews 11:4: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, . . . God testifying of his gifts."

The Greek word translated "more excellent" may also be translated "greater," as it is in Matthew 12:41. Notice the *New English Bible* translation of Hebrews 11:4: "By faith Abel offered a sacrifice *greater* than Cain's." *

We might well ask, In what way was Abel's offering greater than Cain's? Abel grasped the great principle of redemption as revealed in Genesis 3. He gave proof of his obedience to the will of God. Furthermore, his offering was a recognition of God's ownership of all his possessions. Abel believed God. He recognized that God

must be *first* in everything and he dared to give on the terms, and to the extent, laid down by his Maker, whereas Cain was covetous and rendered only partial obedience. The essential part, the need of a Redeemer, was left out.

"Abel chose faith and obedience; Cain, unbelief and rebellion. Here the whole matter rested."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 72.

Man, the creature, is bound to give of his substance to God in recognition of the fact that God is the owner of everything.

God's Plan to Finance His Work

The means God has chosen to advance His cause in the earth is to bless men with possessions. He sends the sunshine and rain; He causes the vegetation to grow and produce; He gives health and ability to acquire means. "In turn He would have men and women show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 150.

It isn't that we can enrich God by our gifts and offerings. Says one of God's inspired writers: "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee" (1 Chron. 29:14). "Yet God permits us to show our appreciation of His mercies by self-sacrificing efforts to extend the same to others. This is the only way in which it is possible for us to manifest our gratitude and love to God. *He has provided no other.*"—*Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 18, 19. (Italics supplied.)

The Resources Are in Our Hands

Since the gospel commission is from God and we have been entrusted with the responsibility of bearing the gospel to all the world, then it is reasonable to assume that God will supply us with resources to keep His work advancing.

When we fully understand God's principle, then there will be "*means enough in the hands of believers to amply sustain the work in all its departments without embarrassing any.*"—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 410. (Italics supplied.)

God can prosper and He can withhold. If there is an apparent with-

holding, it is for a purpose—to test and prove and to reveal the heart. He tests men with perishable things to determine their fitness to manage eternal things. He must determine whether the love of the world or the love of God predominates in the heart. When He sees that our giving is based on the principles of heaven, a remarkable transaction takes place: "When Christians are controlled by the principles of heaven, they will *dispense* with one hand, while the other *gains.*"—*Ibid.*, vol. 2, p. 240. (Italics supplied.)

Dispensing and gaining! The more we dispense our gifts and offerings, the more resources we gain. Tremendous thought! In other words, the greatest guarantee of prosperity for the Seventh-day Adventist Christian is through systematic giving.

Lest someone may think this interpretation erroneous, let me share yet another assuring promise:

"Whenever God's people, in any period of the world, have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that *prosperity should attend all their labors just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements.*"—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 395. (Italics supplied.)

We should return the tithe to God first. This portion of our resources is His. Faithfulness in tithing then opens the way for increased blessings from God. Then we should systematically return a portion of the nine-tenths in gifts and offerings for various causes.

"The more we bring to God's treasure house, the more we shall have to bring; for He will open ways before us, increasing our substance."—*Our High Calling*, p. 197.

Money has never been the problem in God's work. The problem lies in the spiritual experience of the recipients of God's bountiful mercies and blessings.

Let us make an honest appraisal of our systematic giving. Let us go beyond an amount we know we can give from what God has already provided, to an amount we know we cannot give unless God makes the gift possible.

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The Church and Heresy—4

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Both the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White indicate that apostasies and heresies will increase as earth's final crisis approaches. In one place Sister White writes: "The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. . . . False prophets will arise and will deceive many. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. . . . The *deceptions will increase*."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, pp. 392-395. (Italics supplied.)

Again she says: "Men who pretend to have been taught of God, will adopt fallacious theories, and in their teaching will so adorn these fallacies as to bring in Satanic delusions. . . . Many scriptures will be misapplied in such a way that deceptive theories will apparently be based upon the words that God has spoken. Precious truth will be appropriated to substantiate and establish error. These false prophets, who claim to be taught of God, will take beautiful scriptures that have been given to adorn the truth, and will use them as a robe of righteousness to cover false and dangerous theories. And even some of those who, in times past, the Lord has honored, will depart so far from the truth as to advocate misleading theories regarding many phases of truth, including the sanctuary question."—*Evangelism*, p. 360. (Italics supplied.)

In preceding editorials of this series we have pointed out that church leaders have a solemn responsibility to meet heresy, expose it, and guard the flock lest church members be deceived and led astray. In this editorial we wish to emphasize the fact that not all the responsibility rests with the church. Each individual member is to take appropriate action to build up his own soul's defenses. Each member is to be alert, on guard against false theories, and ready to resist those who would corrupt the truth of God for these last days.

What can church members do to guard against being deceived?

Study the Bible

First, they must diligently study the Bible. "The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. . . . None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594. (Italics supplied.)

Not superficial Bible study, but deep, diligent study is necessary. Key passages of Scripture should be memorized. These will provide a standard by which to test teachings and apparently supernatural phenomena. "So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested."—*Ibid.*, p. 593.

"Lay hold resolutely upon a plain 'Thus saith the Lord.' Let your only argument be, 'It is written.' Thus we are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints."—*Evangelism*, p. 361.

It is important that each member be thoroughly fa-

miliar with the wording and meaning of Scripture, for teachers of heresy often use texts from the Bible to sustain their erroneous doctrines. By quoting only part of a verse, or by taking a passage of Scripture out of context, they deceive the unwary into thinking that the Bible teaches something that it does not. Of these people, Ellen G. White writes: "With the cunning of the serpent, they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the word of God."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 521.

Satan did this in the wilderness of temptation (Matt. 4). He quoted Scripture to give apparent support to his arguments. This is common practice today. The people of God must be alert to it. They must know the Bible so well that they will instantly recognize when Scripture is being wrested.

They must be alert to a kindred danger also—the danger of private interpretation. Some students of the Bible with "an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret them to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of the Bible."—*Ibid.* When self-styled teachers of the Bible begin to use the expression "This means . . .," beware. Demand inspired proof that the interpretation is correct. If such proof cannot be offered, do not hesitate to reject the teaching.

Relationship With Christ

Besides obtaining a thorough knowledge of Scriptures, Christians must have a strong personal relationship with Christ. "Keep a firm hold upon the Lord Jesus, and never let go. . . . Believers must now be firmly rooted in Christ, or else they will be led astray by some phase of error. Let your faith be substantiated by the Word of God. Grasp firmly the living testimony of truth. Have faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. He has been and ever will be our Rock of Ages."—*Evangelism*, pp. 361, 362.

A third aid in recognizing error and avoiding apostasy is a thorough familiarity with the writings of God's messenger to the remnant church. In His mercy God has spelled out in detail many aspects of truth and applications of principle that are given merely in broad outline in the Bible. If church members do not know what God has revealed through the writings of Sister White, and thus are deceived by false teachers, what excuse can they offer?

To summarize the way the individual may recognize heresy and avoid apostasy we say: Grow in grace and knowledge; strengthen the conversion experience, and increase the intellectual grasp of truth. Healthy sheep are not easily tempted to accept poisoned food from strangers, nor to drink from their polluted wells. The fact that church members are at times drawn away from the true sheepfold is evidence of low spiritual vitality and inadequate knowledge. This is clearly suggested in the following two passages. "Read the cautions so abundantly given in the Word of God in regard to false prophets that will come in with their heresies, and if possible will deceive the very elect. With these warnings, why is it that the church does not distinguish the false from the genuine? Those who have in any way been thus

misled need to humble themselves before God, and *sin-
cerely repent, because they have so easily been led astray.*
They have not distinguished the voice of the True Shep-
herd from that of a stranger. Let all such review this
chapter of their experience. . . . If men are so easily misled
now, how will they stand when Satan shall personate
Christ, and work miracles?"—*Selected Messages*, book 2,
pp. 393, 394. (Italics supplied.)

"The people are charmed with some strange, new
thing, and are not wise in experience to discern the char-
acter of ideas that men may frame up as something. But
to call it something of great consequence and tie it to
the oracles of God does not make it truth. Oh, *how this
rebukes the low standard of piety in the churches.*"—
The SDA Bible Commentary, E. G. White Comments,
on Acts 20:30, p. 1064. (Italics supplied.)

Surely we are living in the last days. Satan is preparing
his heresies "to suit the varied tastes and capacities of
those whom he would ruin" (*The Great Controversy*,
p. 520). In these days we must stay close to the Word of
God. We must love Christ and walk with Him moment
by moment. We must spend much time in prayer. We
must stay close to our brethren and sisters. As we do our
part to understand God's will, reject heresy, and avoid
apostasy, God will keep our feet on the path that leads
into the eternal city, where we shall forever be with our
blessed Lord, who is "the way, the truth, and the life"
(John 14:6).

K. H. W.

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Who Is the Antichrist?—4

THE ANTICHRIST PAR EXCELLENCE

This week we shall return to Seventh-day Adventist
teachings regarding the antichrist. We have noted that,
in common with most Protestant prophetic interpreters
from the Reformation to a century ago, Seventh-day Ad-
ventists have identified the papacy as the antichrist. This
is the position generally taken in our publications. It
is still valid.

However, on the basis of what Ellen G. White has
said about the antichrist, the picture needs to be
broadened and seen in its widest aspects, especially with
reference to the leading role the antichrist is to play in
last-day events. It is important that we understand fully
antichrist's working. Failure to do so will find us ulti-
mately on his side.

"Those who become confused in their understanding
of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist,
will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist.
There is no time now for us to assimilate with the world."
—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Com-
ments, on 1 John 2:18, p. 949.

Certain passages in the writings of Ellen G. White
identify Satan as the antichrist. Here is one: "The deter-
mination of antichrist to carry out the rebellion he be-
gan in heaven will continue to work in the children of
disobedience. Their envy and hatred against those who
obey the fourth commandment will wax more and more
bitter. But the people of God are not to hide their ban-
ner."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 230.

Another statement making the same identification is:
"In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ,
and then the law of God will be fully made void in the
nations of our world. Rebellion against God's holy law
will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion
is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived
and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him.
But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate

churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sen-
tence will go forth, 'Therefore shall her plagues come in
one day, death, and mourning, and famine.'"—*Testi-
monies to Ministers*, p. 62.

It appears, therefore, that as the end draws near, Satan
will assume a more personal role. Appearing as Christ,
he will, through deception, lead men to deify him. This
event Ellen G. White calls the last great delusion: "At
every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused
to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his ut-
most efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His
followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before
us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our
sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true
that it will be impossible to distinguish between them
except by the Holy Scriptures."—*The Great Controversy*,
p. 593.

It is significant that only by the Holy Scriptures will
we be able to distinguish between the genuine and the
false. Satan's impersonation of Christ will be deceptively
clever. "Are the people of God now so firmly established
upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence
of their senses?"—*Ibid.*, p. 625.

Miracles, as genuine as they may appear to be, are not
necessarily a sign that the working is of God. We are
warned, "And Satan, surrounded by evil angels, and
claiming to be God, will work miracles of all kinds, to
deceive, if possible, the very elect. God's people will not
find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will
counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God's tried
and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken
of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on
the living word: 'It is written.' This is the only founda-
tion upon which they can stand securely."—*Testimonies*,
vol. 9, p. 16.

When we realize how ready some are today to accept
miracles, especially those allegedly performed in the
name of Jesus, as evidence that God is working, we fear
that many will be deceived in that day, when undeniable
miracles will be wrought by one who has impersonated
Christ, and by his agents. How many in that day will be
willing to find their power in the sign spoken of in Exo-
dus 31:12-18—the Sabbath? The Sabbath will be the
great test at that time. Therefore, in that day we may
know that any miracle-worker who does not exalt the
Sabbath is in the camp of antichrist.

A Wider Fulfillment

And so, while we continue to apply the prophecies con-
cerning antichrist to the historical papacy, we recognize
that they will have a wider fulfillment in the work of
Satan in the last days. In one passage Ellen G. White
also applies to Satan the "beast" symbol: "Satan is work-
ing to the utmost to make himself as God and to destroy
all who oppose his power. And today the world is bowing
before him. His power is received as the power of God.
The prophecy of the Revelation is being fulfilled, that
'all the world wondered after the beast.' Revelation 13:3."
—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 14.

All the discordant elements in the world today will one
day unite under the antichrist. Prophecy predicts that
"the spirits of devils, working miracles" will "go forth
unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world,
to gather them. . . . And he [the Greek may be trans-
lated "they"] gathered them" (Rev. 16:14-16). The mir-
acles wrought by Satan, the antichrist par excellence, will
unite the various elements. Men will confederate to ac-
complish antichrist's purposes (see *Testimonies*, vol. 8,
pp. 27, 28).

Momentous events lie ahead. "The perils of the last
days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the
people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn

scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 118.

"The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in

the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 302.

On which side will we be found in that day? "Every soul that is not fully surrendered to God, and kept by divine power, will form an alliance with Satan against heaven, and join in battle against the Ruler of the universe."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 465. D. F. N.

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LETTERS



WORKING WIVES

EDITORS: How well balanced is the thinking of Eunice Soper on working women (December 7 REVIEW)! A woman who spends her days watching television or talking on the telephone would be far better off bringing in the extra finances needed to keep her children in church school or academy, and to keep the family car in shape to provide transportation to church school, to homes where Bible studies could be given, and to other places related to God's work. The woman who has time on her hands to run about visiting on matters that have nothing to do with salvation will have much more to account for in the judgment than the woman who works a little to make it possible for God's work to go on.

EARL L. SHEPARD

Ulm, Montana

REVIEW BOOSTERS

EDITORS: Oh, how I enjoy the REVIEW. I like to read about the work the church is doing, the column by the General Conference president, the Fellowship of Prayer—everything about it. It has helped me so much since I have been in the message. I wouldn't be without it. I look forward to sending for it every year. I cannot tell you how much it has helped me. When things looked dark when my husband was living, and he would treat me roughly because I accepted this truth, with my Bible and the REVIEW God enabled me to forgive him. I promised God that even if I had to stand alone I would never give up this message. I am more determined now than ever to stand for the truth. I know that I can't do it of myself. I am depending on God to take me through to His kingdom.

BERTHA DAVIS

Detroit, Michigan

EDITORS: I would like to add my words of appreciation for the wonderful "new look" of the REVIEW and HERALD. God bless you for giving us a paper that is geared to the times.

DESMOND CUMMINGS

Decatur, Georgia

INVOLVEMENT

EDITORS: I have clipped several things from the October 19 issue for future use, but I want to comment on two things appearing in this issue:

1. The student missionary. How happy I

would be to pay travel expenses so that either of my college-age children could participate in a program of this kind of serving. I think it will have a lasting influence on young people at this age.

2. The keen interest of the school children in Collegedale in helping African children; also the report of the large number of bandages made for a leprosarium in Africa. We need to get personally involved—for our own good, as well as to help others. Couldn't you have a central file of some kind, of help needed? How wonderful if each of our elementary—and secondary too—schools could have a sister school to help. All the training our children receive could not equal a personal interest in brotherhood and humanity developed in this way. I know there are problems but perhaps they could be solved.

MRS. V. KRUSSOW

Tujunga, California

EDITORS: Re: The REVIEW cover article of November 16, "Problems Confronting the Church."

Hopefully a dialog will begin in which we can all openly address ourselves to the problems that Elder Pierson only briefly touched on. Perhaps even the laymen may offer some worth-while ideas if given the opportunity to become more directly involved.

Dialog will encourage involvement, which brings deepened commitment. These ingredients are essential for the fulfillment of our responsibilities in the efficient handling of God's work.

W. L. NASH

Stockton, California

SUPPORT FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

EDITORS: What a heritage our spiritual forefathers left us in our wonderful system of Christian education! What a monument to their vision and selfless service! Who can doubt that the strength and organization, the leadership and progress of the church, have been supported, supplied, and ensured by our school system more than by any other single factor?

I have sat at the feet of Christian teachers and learned more through example than through precept the meaning of integrity, honesty, and dedication. My wife and I have founded a Christian home on principles first brought to our attention in Seventh-day Adventist schools and in homes dedicated to the cause of Christian education. Many parents have sacrificed comforts, conveniences, and seeming necessities in order for their children to receive a Christian education. Was it worth while? A thousand times yes!

Our two boys are attending a Seventh-day Adventist school—indeed, when I finished my

professional studies at our own Loma Linda University, we deliberately placed accessibility of a church school at the top of the list of requirements for any place in which to settle.

When my grandparents were young the little red schoolhouse served admirably the needs of their community, and the church school held in someone's parlor served quite efficiently and well the cause of Christian education. Those were the days of the circuit-riding preachers when pastors walked, or rode horseback, throughout their district.

We're living in a different world, and can be thankful that no longer must our teachers board with church members and work for sacrificial wages. No longer must our ministers depend on horses for transportation, or the generosity of members to supply their winter's food. We have many excellent school buildings, of which we can be justly proud. We have hundreds, yes, thousands of professionally competent teachers throughout the world. We have a fine system which provides our ministers an adequate salary, transportation allowances, subsidies; in short, the essentials of life in a modern society, so their full energies can be devoted to the task of ministering for Christ. Regardless of the size of the congregation or district, their salaries, allowances, and subsidies are roughly the same, so the burden of maintaining the ministry is not heavier for the small, relatively poor congregation than for the large, more affluent one.

Many of our churches have been struggling for years under the burden of chronic crisis in regard to financing the church school. Those who have felt it their responsibility to man the outposts, as it were, to remain with the small churches, often far removed from the influences of larger centers of SDA education and administration, have found it increasingly difficult to finance the greatly increased and rapidly increasing cost of maintaining an adequate Christian school that will provide the kind of education their children must be given.

Unlike our efficient system which divorces the support of the ministry from the wealth of each individual congregation, our educational system struggles perennially with the increasingly difficult problem of providing education at costs which have become almost prohibitive for some congregations while in other places the cost is nominal.

Perhaps the whole matter of financial support for our wonderful educational system should be restudied.

God has led us marvelously thus far, and He will see us through. We need to do all in our power to preserve the precious heritage of Christian education that has kept so many feet on the path to the kingdom of God.

GERALD C. PENDLETON, D.D.S.

Camden, Maine

High Lights of a Far Eastern Itinerary

Largest Vietnam Baptism Conducted at Prison

By N. R. DOWER
Secretary, GC Ministerial Association

The largest baptism in the history of our work in Vietnam took place December 2 in a prison camp about 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Saigon.

These were the first fruits of a laymen's project begun in 1965 as a branch Sabbath school by Nguyen Huynh, chief laboratory technician of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. When the rains came and the outdoor meetings were hampered, he got the idea of going to a nearby prison in Saigon. While doing work there, he received permission to work in many other prisons, and this was the beginning of the story. Now 48 were being baptized.

Present to witness the baptism were Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference; J. C. Kozel, associate treasurer; D. R. Guild, president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission; R. C. Williams, ministerial association secretary of the Far Eastern Division; R. E. Neall, president of the Viet Nam Mission; and more than 50 others, including our Adventist physicians and all the workers of the Viet Nam Mission, a number of American servicemen, and me.

More than 900 prisoners are in this particular camp. Meetings have been held for these prisoners, and at times 300 or more attended regularly each Sabbath. Many of these took the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course, and early in 1967 a ceremony was conducted for 66 graduates (REVIEW, April 6, 1967). This was followed by a Bible-marking course and continued Bible studies, which resulted in many decisions for Christ. The director of this prison has been most cooperative and has done much to help us in every way.

This missionary project among the prisoners was supported by two young

ministerial interns, Nguyen Van Le and Nguyen Xuan Son. Artemio Elumir, treasurer of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, will continue with the others in following up the interests that still need attention.

Most of those baptized do not come from a Christian background. Their religious and political persuasions were foreign to the teachings of the Word of God, but a mighty miracle has been wrought, and the change that has resulted is marvelous to behold. Their faces show their joy in the Lord, and their firm handclaspings indicate their gratitude for what the Lord has done for them.

The baptismal candidates were examined by the lay activities secretary of the Viet Nam Mission, and it was heartwarming to hear the united and enthusiastic response of the candidates as each point of faith and doctrine was checked. They were baptized by Nguyen Van Xuan and Le Van Ut in two tanks built especially for the occasion by the prisoners themselves.

Elder Pierson presented a brief message. Music appropriate for the occasion was provided by visitors from Saigon. The prisoners themselves played, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" as the service began. I was led to believe from the expression on their faces that there will indeed be stars in their crowns.

About 200 persons were baptized in this mission during 1967 despite the unsettled and uncertain conditions. In a workers' meeting just closed, the ministers set objectives for soul winning for 1968 at 500. Our ministers, medical workers, publishing house staff, and teachers are joining wholeheartedly in the work of soul winning. Our colporteurs are risking their lives as they carry the printed page to the people of this trouble-filled country. Nearly 70 colporteurs are presently at work and each month they place approximately 10,000 books in the homes of the people.

GI's in Vietnam Worship With Church Leaders

By BEATRICE S. NEALL

From bloody Dak To and dusty Cu Chi, from Camranh Bay and Quinhon on the coast, from military bases far and near, 70 Adventist GI's converged on the mission compound in Saigon for a week-end of spiritual feasts. They came especially to meet Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference—and he came especially to meet them.

"Be sure to include Vietnam on my itinerary of the Far East," he told his aids. "I want to see the work there. And I want to meet our servicemen."

One high light of the weekend was an outdoor Sabbath morning service on December 2, with the combined congregations of the two Vietnamese churches, the Cholon Chinese church, and the servicemen's group attending. In the cool morning air, raising his voice over the noise of helicopters and jet planes flying overhead, Elder Pierson preached about God's great family of all nationalities, and the privilege of belonging to it. Vietnamese, American, Chinese, and Filipinos were all represented in the Advent family that day.

The servicemen, along with guests from the General Conference, the Far Eastern Division, and the Southeast Asia Union joined the missionaries in a potluck dinner on the grounds of the David Gouge home. Then, under a spreading tree, chairs and pulpit were set up and Elder Pierson gave a special message to the GI's. "I have looked forward to meeting you boys for a long time," he said. "I want you to know that at General Conference headquarters we pray for you often. You are on our minds and hearts." Then in a fatherly way he challenged the men to be like Christ, not only in the milder virtues, but in the strong ones as well.

Other visitors and speakers were N. R. Dower and J. C. Kozel from the General Conference, D. R. Guild and D. G. Jacobsen from the union, and R. C. Williams from the division. There was an abundance of good music as servicemen, pastors, and nationals joined together in various choral and instrumental performances.

The missionary wives—Mrs. Gouge and her mother, Mrs. Peach; Mrs. Welch; Mrs. Harris; and Mrs. Holm—had organized well to feed the group. During the long weekend they served more than 300 individual meals. "The health foods donated by the Loma Linda Food Company have been a tremendous help in entertaining servicemen," said Mrs. Welch.

At night the men could be found sleeping all over the big house on the compound, from the schoolroom to the tower—some in beds but most on sleeping bags on the floor.

Pastors Nguyen Van Xuan (left) and Le Van Ut use two baptistries built in the shop of the prison at Tan Hiep, Vietnam, to baptize 48 political prisoners. In the background other prisoners view the service. The banner states, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"





Seventh-day Adventist soldiers gather at the mission compound in Saigon to fellowship with church leaders. Commander Robert L. Mole and Captain Gary D. Strunk, Adventist chaplains now stationed in Vietnam, are first and third from the left in the front row. Elders Pierson, Kozel, and Guild are together in the right center of the front row.

On Sunday morning the men took a chartered bus for a guided tour of the mission institutions and the city of Saigon.

"This weekend has been a great experience for me," said Fred Pulcer of Gary, Indiana. "The Lord worked out my problems so I could come down from Pleiku. I was happy to see the work of the mission firsthand. Now I have an interest in mission service. Above all, I was inspired by Elder Pierson to live closer to God."

Leaders' Itinerary Includes Baby-sitting

By **HAROLD KEHNEY**
Manager, Korean Publishing House

When Robert H. Pierson and J. C. Kozel, of the General Conference, and Paul H. Eldridge, of the division, flew from Korea to Japan early in their Far Eastern Division itinerary, each carried in his arms an orphan on its way to a new home in Norway.

Original arrangements called for my wife and me to take four orphans from the Adventist adoption agency at Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital with us as we traveled to the biennial session in the Philippines. When we learned that Elders Pierson, Kozel, and Eldridge were planning to leave Korea the same day, we asked whether they would be willing to assist us with the babies. They agreed.

At the Seoul airport on the appointed day, the three temporary fathers and Mrs. Kehney were each given an orphan girl under two years of age. With each baby they also received a flight bag that contained diapers, a change of clothes, a bottle, and other necessities.

Many passengers inquired about the children and were particularly interested when they learned that the men holding them were Adventist church leaders. Several passengers offered to assist the men, but not one would give up his baby. With only a little assistance from Mrs. Kehney, they were all good baby-sitters.

At the Tokyo airport the men turned the babies over to representatives who were waiting to take the children on to

Norway that night. But for some time they had a reminder of their experience—lint on their suits from the new receiving blankets in which the babies had been wrapped.

Europe's 33 Nations Not to Be Neglected

By **THEODORE CARCICH**
*Vice-President
General Conference*

When Ioan Tachici and Dumitru Popa, president and secretary of the Romanian Union Conference, appeared at the recent Southern European Division meeting in Salzburg, Austria, their fellow leaders greeted them with emotion. Thirty-one years ago the membership in Romania was 16,000. Now, these two men said, it is 40,000. And there are 50,000 Sabbath school members.

According to this firsthand report, Romania possesses the largest union conference membership on the European Continent.

Romania is not the only nation of Europe where the preaching and teach-

ing of the three angels' messages is bringing notable results. For example, in Spain, where Protestant churches have long been required to meet unobtrusively, public advertising and public meetings have recently been possible. We now have our first regular church building, replacing out-of-the-way halls and secluded homes. (See REVIEW, October 19, p. 22, and December 28, p. 14.)

Evangelism has for years been difficult if not impossible in many countries of Europe, but God always overrules in the affairs of nations to present His church with a glorious opportunity to preach the gospel. The two world wars of our time shattered the complacency and conservatism that marked European thought and practice. Blowing fiercely, the winds of change have swept through the political, theological, and economic structure of the entire continent. Seeking to regain their place of leadership in world affairs, European nations under their respective political ideologies are striving to remove barriers against free movement of goods, workers, capital, and services. This along with enlightened world opinion has brought about some relaxing of rigid controls and opposition to religion.

The importance of Europe to the Seventh-day Adventist Church parallels its importance in history. As the birthplace of Western civilization, it has greatly influenced world history. From the time of the ancient Greeks, European political ideas, religious thought, and scientific discoveries have spread around the world. The same may be said of European art, literature, drama, and music.

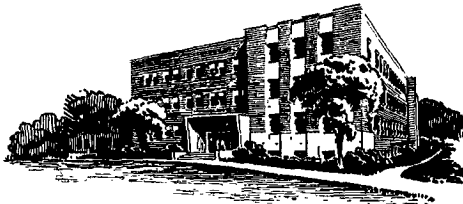
Although smaller than any other continent except Australia, modern Europe is the most densely populated, for only Asia has a larger population. Europe has twice the population of North America—596 million. These people live in 33 countries, ranging in size from Russia, the largest, to Vatican City, the smallest. Some claim that the five smallest countries of Europe could all fit into the city limits of Dallas, Texas. Nevertheless, there are in Europe today more world

Robert H. Pierson, GC president; J. C. Kozel, GC assistant treasurer; and P. H. Eldridge, Far Eastern Division president, as they prepare to take three orphan babies with them from Korea to Japan. C. A. Williams, Okinawa Mission president, assists them.



DATELINE— WASHINGTON

By Arthur H. Roth



A monthly roundup of happenings at General Conference headquarters

HEART-TEAM SURGEON. It would have done your soul good to sit and listen for twenty minutes, as did we in December, to Dr. Elsworth Wareham, heart surgeon, professor, and Department of Surgery co-chairman at Loma Linda University. In his unassuming manner he told about the challenging and exciting experiences of the "heart team" during its recent five-week guest visit to teach and demonstrate heart-surgery techniques at Greece's large Evangelismos Hospital in Athens.

Seventh-day Adventists are comparatively unknown in the land where the apostle Paul in his day raised numerous churches to serve our Master, the Lord Jesus. So it was rather meaningful to Greek medical men, government dignitaries, and Orthodox clergymen that the Loma Linda University heart team should also introduce them to the Adventist custom of praying prior to exercising their medical skills; that the members of the heart team should honor the seventh-day Sabbath and worship in a humble meeting house with their Grecian believers in the faith. Thank God for the witnessing of our medical brethren!

INGATHERERS. During the days of November and December reports of many heart-warming experiences about Ingathering reached these offices. Some devoted Ingatherers honored us with visits. Among the youthful ones we were happy to greet five brothers and sisters of the de Silva family of Hyattsville, Maryland—Edward, Sherry, Ricky, Mary Teresa, and Douglas. All are under 13. As a brother-and-sister team they had raised \$1,040 at the time of their visit and had chosen to make themselves responsible for 11 Jasper Wayne goals (\$1,430) for 1967.

VETERAN WORKERS. In the North American Division there are more than 3,050 retired workers. This is the equivalent of a small conference. The General Conference Committee has appointed a standing committee to care for the interests and needs of these workers. Veteran workers in the overseas divisions are looked after by their division committees. The veteran workers in the North American Division live in many sections of the division and so receive their honorary credentials from the union committee in whose territory they reside.

Four people other than J. C. Kozel, of the Treasury Department, devote most

or much of their time to matters that concern the veteran workers. Service records of these workers are carefully kept. Monthly financial assistance is sent to these workers to help them meet living needs. Counsel governing Medicare, tax requirements, or changes of rulings is offered as needed. A letter accompanies the monthly sustenance check sharing news from the field and the office. Loretta Bauer Drake, of the Sustenance office, says the many appreciative and loving letters that come from our veteran workers make the work in this area of the office inspiring and cheering.

MISSIONARIES. During early January Dr. and Mrs. David Parsons and their three children spent several days in Washington counseling with various General Conference officers and making preparations for another term of service at Bongo Mission Hospital in Angola, Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Sines and four children, of Walkersville, Maryland, were visitors at General Conference headquarters on several occasions during January, making ready for departure to their new field of service in Benghazi, Libya, where they will serve in the Adventist Hospital. The Sineses have been waiting many months for the situation to clear for departure.

Staff member Susanne Ermshar, who has been serving the Treasury office while her husband, Douglas, fulfilled his military obligations at Walter Reed Army Hospital, discontinued her service with the General Conference in order to accept a call together with her husband to serve in the South American Division office in Montevideo, Uruguay.

SOUTH AFRICA WORKER. Pastor Thomas Dustan from Johannesburg, South Africa, visited us briefly while on his way to Andrews University, where he will spend some time doing advanced theological studies.

CORRECTION. In last month's *Dateline* we stated that Sabbath school lesson manuscripts were sent to approximately 80 publishing houses around the world for translating and printing. We are sorry. We should have said, "Approximately 80 lesson manuscripts are sent to our publishing houses around the world for translation, and publication purposes in other languages." There are 44 publishing houses.

powers than on any other continent.

Those visiting the continent marvel at the average European's ability to speak several languages. These interesting people seem to shift from one language to another with the same dexterity that American motorists shift their automatic transmissions. How does one account for this linguistic nimbleness?

Well, a simple answer would be that it is a matter of necessity since some 60 languages are spoken in crowded Europe. Consider also that many countries possess two or three nationalities, each with its own language and customs. Yugoslavia, as an example, has three such groups—Croatians, Serbians, and Slovenians. Therefore, in order to communicate and exist one must have some understanding of his neighbor's language.

Interestingly, of the seven continents, Europe has the largest concentration of Christian communicants. The number of Christians was recently estimated as 440 million. About 215 million were said to be Roman Catholics and the remainder divided equally between the Orthodox and Protestant churches. In addition, some 13 million Moslems and 3 million Jews are interspersed among the European nations. This situation presents an evangelistic challenge unparalleled in any other part of the world.

Seventh-day Adventists accepted the challenge in 1874 when J. N. Andrews sailed from Boston as the first missionary to Europe. The seed planted by this devoted preacher, writer, and administrator took root and the remnant church in Europe began to grow. From its humble beginnings the work of God progressed until today one finds it organized into three divisions: (1) the Central European Division, (2) the Northern European Division, and (3) the Southern European Division.

The record of these three divisions is found in brief in the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* (volume 10 of the Commentary Reference Series). Here is a glowing picture of the thousands of Adventist churches that now dot the European countryside, along with schools, colleges, publishing houses, sanitariums, food companies, evangelistic centers, orphanages, and homes for the aged. For all that has been accomplished since 1874 we thank God; but the best is yet to come. The challenge facing the Seventh-day Adventist Church is for a still greater work in Europe.

In the midst of this European ferment the Seventh-day Adventist Church cannot sit with hands folded as if the opportunity will last forever. This is our moment to advance in Europe. Now is the time to proclaim the gospel in the cultured and historic centers of Europe. Let us recall that these centers produced, among others, such preachers as Wycliffe, Huss, Knox, Luther, Calvin, Farel, Lefèvre, Melancthon, and the Wesley brothers. These men shook entire cities with their preaching and thus restored godliness, morality, and the sanctity of the family in the communities. Now, as then, the same European countries and cities need the "everlasting gospel."



Members of union committee of Romanian SDA Church: Standing (from left): Gheorghe Indricau, director, SDA House of Pension; Alexalidra Constantinescu, president, Sibiu Conference; Ioan Barbu, president, Bucharest Conference; Costache Chiorascu, president, Bacau Conference; Alexandru Delea, president, Cluj Conference; Mihail Popa, principal, SDA Seminary. Seated: Aristine Dorotiei and Marin Pirvan, field secretaries; Constantin Alexe, financial adviser; Ioan Tachici, president, Romanian Union; Dumitru Popa, secretary, Romanian Union; Constantin Petcu and Teodor Niculescu, field secretaries.

Years ago God's servant wrote: "In the Catholic lands of Europe . . . , God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 188, 189.

As never before, the lands of Da Vinci, El Greco, Rembrandt, Renoir, Goethe, Shakespeare, Shaw, Tolstoy, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and others need the vanguard of Seventh-day Adventist missions—medical, temperance, and educational workers. Everywhere there is a need of representative churches, chapels, medical institutions, and schools. A sense of urgency is gripping our European conference leaders, workers, and church members, compelling them to cry out, "Come over and help us."

"There is a great work to be done in Europe," wrote God's servant in 1915. . . . "There are France and Germany, with their great cities and teeming population. There are Italy, Spain, and Portugal, after so many centuries of darkness, . . . opened to the Word of God—opened to receive the last message of warning to the world. There are Holland, Austria, Rumania, Turkey, Greece, and Russia, the home of millions upon millions, whose souls are as precious in the sight of God as our own. . . ."

"A good work has already been done in these countries. There are those who have received the truth, scattered as light bearers in almost every land. . . . But how little has been done in comparison with the great work before us! Angels of God are moving upon the minds of the people, and preparing them to receive the warning. Missionaries are needed in fields that have yet been scarcely entered. New fields are constantly opening. The truth must be translated into different languages, that all nations may enjoy its pure, life-giving influences."—*Evangelism*, pp. 408, 409.

God's people everywhere must accept the challenge that Europe presents and by their prayers and means come to the

help of our work in that important field. Talented young men and women should strive to master the Slavic, Germanic, and Romance languages and then devote their lives to bringing Christ to the most challenging continent of the world. Who will respond to the challenge of Europe? Who will pray? Who will go? Who will give?

SDA's Present at World Vegetarian Congress

By S. JAMES
Departmental Secretary
Southern Asia Division

Pastor L. R. Burns of the Delhi Seventh-day Adventist Cultural Centre was perhaps the lone Christian leader at the New Delhi session of the nineteenth World Vegetarian Congress. It was attended by 2,000 non-Christians of many religions. The Honorable Shri V. V. Giri, vice-president of India, was the chief guest.

Introducing Pastor Burns, Rumini Devi Arundale, a prominent figure in India's cultural societies and chairman of the governing council, said: "Many have the impression that Christianity does not stand for vegetarianism. This is not correct. There is among the Christians a group called the Seventh-day Adventists, who believe and teach vegetarianism as the Christian way of life. I am happy to introduce to you Pastor Burns, an Australian, representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Pastor Burns explained the goals of Seventh-day Adventists in the sphere of healthful living and their belief in total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Once or twice during his speech he drew vigorous applause from the audience.

In the special food exhibition on the campus of the National Club of India, the New Delhi church had two stalls. In one our women sold vegetarian dishes; in the other Pastor Burns showed filmstrips on "Eating for Health" with

thought-provoking commentary on tape. Both the stalls were well patronized by both Indian and foreign visitors. Further, this participation in the food exhibit gave opportunity to advertise our new Adventist cultural center nearing completion in New Delhi.

From Two Books Come 115 Years of Service

By V. C. MEDINA

The fruitage of our books does not end when one person is converted, at least not when he in turn converts others. And when these converts then labor for the extension and stabilization of the ever-growing work of Christ for 40 years, the story is spectacular indeed.

In 1921 a Filipino public school teacher read two Adventist books and was converted. Two years later, several public evangelistic efforts were held in the home town of the convert. Soon a church was organized with a membership of 80. This is the Cuyapo Seventh-day Adventist church, Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.

This church is unique in that four of its members became mission workers, serving as colporteurs, evangelists, departmental workers, teachers, and mission presidents.

Alfredo Damocles, the youngest of these four workers, is now dean of men, Philippine Union College. He was an evangelist and departmental secretary and later the Mountain Province Mission president. He is now helping Filipino youths to become workers for Christ. He has given 20 years of service.

The second is Jeremias C. Medina, the incumbent president of Northern Luzon Mission. Before he was elected to that position he was a colporteur, an evangelist, departmental secretary, and president of the Mountain Province Mission. He has given 25 years of service.

Jose O. Bautista is the third. He is lay activities secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission. He was a missionary to the Caroline Islands, an evangelist, departmental secretary, and mission president in South-Central Luzon, Central Luzon, North East Luzon, and Northern Luzon missions. He has given 30 years of service.

The original convert is Victor C. Medina, the oldest of the four workers. The books he read were *The World and Its Perplexities* and *Daniel and the Revelation*, by A. G. Daniells and Uriah Smith, respectively. He was a colporteur, an evangelist, departmental secretary and mission president of the Northern Luzon Mission during the hectic years of Japanese occupation of the Philippines up to 1947. He taught Bible and agriculture in Philippine Union College for two years before he retired. He has given 40 years of service including two years' work in Canada and the U.S.A.

These four have so far given a total of 115 years of service to God.

Adventist Youth Torch Procession Seen on Finland's Television

By **TAUNO A. LUUKKANEN**
Departmental Secretary, Finland Union

Countless Finnish families, from Helsinki to Lapland, watched the half-hour program given by Adventist young people on the national television network November 26.

First they saw a few torches, then a few more, and soon a half-kilometer-long torch procession marching in the night. Quickly the cameras turned to the sculpture of the three angels made by the British sculptor Allan Collins, then to a revolving globe and the Toivonlinna junior college choir performances.

This was the first time a free (non-state) church in Finland has presented a TV program of this format. The first televised Adventist divine worship service, which also was a first on TV, took place in the spring of 1966.

In Finland torch processions are a part of great national festivities. Usually they are arranged by student organizations. They are respected and watched by great numbers of spectators. Knowing this, we in the temperance department of the union decided to join our forces with the young people's department and arrange a great torch procession in connection with the youth congress that was to be held in November in the university city of Tampere.

On the appointed day as the Sabbath ended we proceeded from the university, flag-bearers marching before us. The best band in town provided the marching music. The rain that had continued for several days had stopped as though by providence. Earlier during the day a news item was broadcast on radio so the townspeople were out to watch the procession. "How beautiful, how impressive!" we heard the spectators exclaim.

After marching through the main streets of the city for one and a half kilo-

meters, we arrived in front of the city hall. After several musical numbers I read publicly 95 theses and a proclamation to the people gathered in the square. The theses dealt with temperance and moral questions of current interest, such as respect for the Ten Commandments and more friendliness in human relations. They had been printed on a huge parchment roll which then was nailed up for the citizens to look at and ponder. Ten thousand miniature copies of these theses were distributed by our young people to the onlooking crowds. After the national anthem we marched back to the university for a special evening program. The university assembly hall was packed.

We listened: "You displayed a torch to the people of this city, and that torch testified of your conviction. You wanted to say to the thousands that watched your procession that you want to live a temperate life. It is a great principle and attitude of life. You want to belong to God, you want to belong to the young people that one day will inherit heaven and earth." Whose words were these? Were they the words of J. Paul Sundquist, the animated speaker and youth leader of the Northern European Division, or of Leo Hirvonen, the president of our temperance organization? No, they were the words of the District Governor, Alpo Lumme, who was our special guest.

This temperance program was favorably covered by the press. *Uusi Suomi*, one of the six best-edited newspapers in Europe this year, carried on its front page a picture of the nailing of the theses and on the inside pages related the event by word and picture. The national news agency STT sent to all its

member newspapers the news about the action of the Adventist young people. The information agency of the national broadcasting company sent to 50 newspapers the picture of a boy carrying a torch and also granted a free 30-second advertisement about our television program.

This Tampere temperance activity did not take the entire half-hour television program. The camera crew had been at our Toivonlinna junior college to film its life and activity. There was an interview with the union president, Wiljam Aittala, about the beginnings of the Advent Movement and its significance for our time. In the program one girl told of her faith and the Advent hope. A recently returned young missionary appeared. All this, with a number of musical items, followed a certain pattern and made for a harmonious general impression.

Sabbath School Begun in Remote Brazil Jungle

By **WESLEY BLEVINS**
*Departmental Secretary
Mato Grosso Mission, Brazil*

A Sabbath school has been established in the most isolated settlement in the jungles of the vast Amazon basin.

On November 10, I baptized seven persons in Pôrto dos Gauchos, Mato Grosso, Brazil, and organized a Sabbath school of 30. Most of these received the third angel's message through the Voice of Prophecy, but some studied only the Bible without the help of lessons or leaflets.

In order to reach the group I had to travel about 4,000 miles from our mission office. A small Cessna plane from Cuiabá, the capital, flew me for two and a half hours over deep jungle. Several times we circled the *aldeias* ("settlements") of the cannibalistic Indians who still roam this big country. One tribe we saw is called wood lip because they place a round piece of wood in their lower lip, which conveniently flips up when they enter the water, protecting the

Left: Flag-bearer Pekka Pohjola, Missionary Volunteer secretary, stands with some of his young people in front of Tampere City Hall. Right: Hammer blows resound as the 95 theses poster is nailed up. Scores of Adventist youth and many townspeople watch with interest.





The church at Porto dos Gauchos, Mato Grosso, Brazil, and Sabbath school members.

mouth and nose. This tribe is one of the six in north Mato Grosso who are cannibalistic and uncivilized.

Arriving at Porto dos Gauchos, we landed on the main street, and ten wonderful days began. Besides organizing the Sabbath school and having the baptism, we held public meetings, which attracted many people including the mayor and the rubber tree plantation boss and hundreds who came out of the jungle on horseback with pistols on their hips. In fact, the whole setting appeared to be taken right out of the old West in the United States, for the people live in log cabins, travel by horse, and have their gun fights. While I was there one man came to the doctor with five gun wounds. Someone had sent a gunman to kill him. But already the gospel is reaching the hearts of these folks.

The director of our little group, Daniel Grossklaus, is just a lad of 20. He found the truth through the Voice of Prophecy and is notably fervent and firm in the faith. It was a thrilling occasion to baptize him along with others whom he had won.

Departing finally by river launch, we spent four and a half days going up river into Indian country. On the third day, to our surprise, arrows arched out of the jungle undergrowth. Some hit the boat but no one was hurt. On other trips some have been hit. The Indians shooting the arrows never appeared to our view. These were the wood-lip Indians, still wild and living under primitive conditions and still eating human flesh.

But even for them there is hope, for on September 30 the first friendly contact was made with a small group of this tribe. On the boat with us was a Jesuit priest. He has been sent by the Brazilian Government to civilize them. After having been shot twice by arrows, he naturally feels that it will take hundreds of years to reach them. To date, 20 words of their language are comprehensible.

Needless to say, these 17 days of adventure for Christ left deep impressions on me. The deepest impression was the responsibility of the Advent Movement in one of the world's last frontiers deep in the jungles of South America.

Brief News

SOUTH INDIA UNION

Tamil Section

LITERATURE EVANGELIST G. ISIAH has reported six persons baptized, and Literature Evangelist D. M. Joshua, one.

Kerala Section

O. M. GEORGE, of Pathanamthitta, plans to hold meetings in Chittar, a new place for our work.

P. K. MATHEW reports a Vacation Bible School in Thiruvalla with 135 children. Also, 14 were baptized at the close of his evangelistic meetings.

Kannada Section

THE section has exceeded last year's literature sales by Rs. 5,000 (\$675 U.S.).

WORKERS in the Kannada Section went on an all-out VOP enrollment campaign recently and brought in 4,000 enrollments in one month.

DURING the Five-Day Plan held in June in Belgaum, V. Navarathnam, the pastor, invited Dr. Haynal to give a health lecture in a nearby village where

they have a company of believers. Attending the lecture were some Christians from another village. After the message, these people pleaded with Brother Navarathnam to come and teach them the Seventh-day Adventist message. Now there are 100 people, including children, in this village who are interested in accepting the Adventist message.

A BAPTISMAL class of 60 students was organized at Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School at the conclusion of the MV Week of Prayer conducted by R. J. E. Hillock, division MV secretary.

Andhra Section

I. D. DEVADAS, of Mandapeta, reports that 12 persons were baptized on September 16 by B. S. Moses. Eleven of these were prepared by I. D. Devadas and his laymen and one by P. B. Reddy of Maredubaka. Mr. Devadas further states that he plans to enter a new village and hopes to raise up a church there.

R. S. P. RAO, of Elluru, reports that he uses *Signs of the Times* that are sent to him for reaching the pastors of other denominations. He takes *Signs of the Times* and India's *Our Times* to them each month. These pastors tell him that they are using these magazines in preparing their sermons.

D. R. WATTS, *Correspondent*

Condensed News

Twenty-Year-Old Picture Rolls Still Used by Brazilian Layman

The picture rolls used by lay worker Luiz Silva have been in constant service for 20 years.

Mr. Silva reveals a picture and tells the accompanying story to the uneducated people who live on the banks of the São Francisco River in eastern Brazil. Many persons have been won to Christ through the ministry of these dedicated Picture Rolls.

Probably the Sabbath school that sent them 20 years ago has no idea they have been used so long and so effectively. They

are fragile now. Parts of the pictures are no longer usable. When I asked Mr. Silva if he would like some new Picture Rolls, his face beamed as he said, "Do you think there is a possibility, pastor?"

[It is hoped that all Sabbath schools in North America will be faithful in sending their used Picture Rolls to the stipulated mission fields each quarter. Each conference Sabbath school secretary sends to local Sabbath school secretaries the addresses to which the used Picture Rolls are to be sent.—EDITORS.]

ROBERT L. HEISLER

Minas Mission, Departmental Secretary

Central Philippine Union Mission Holds Second Biennial Session

Ninety-five official delegates from four missions attended the second biennial session of the Central Philippine Union Mission December 12-17 at Cebu City, Philippines. Guests were H. W. Bedwell, secretary; H. B. Ludden, auditor; and Boyd Olson, educational secretary, all of the Far Eastern Division.

E. A. Capobres, union president, and his fellow workers reported 2,169 baptisms for 1966 and 1,429 for the first nine months of 1967. Membership today stands at 31,338. The union received \$145,533 in tithes in 1966, and \$139,232 in 1967. Sabbath school offerings in 1966 were \$23,530 and in 1967, \$24,606; Ingathering garnered in 1966 was \$21,358 and in 1967, \$20,323.

In 1966, 123 colporteur evangelists delivered \$100,478 worth of books, and in 1967, 131 colporteur evangelists delivered \$114,050. These bookmen won 83 to the church in 1966 and 177 in 1967.

J. R. OBREGON, *Editor, Mizpah*



Luiz Silva and his much-used picture rolls.

Atlantic Union



Offices Opened in Bermuda

The new Bermuda Mission office and Book and Bible House was formally dedicated in connection with a closing meeting of the Rainey evangelistic series held in Hamilton.

Constructed at a cost of \$55,000, the building is fully air-conditioned. The 35-by-72-foot structure houses four modern, fully equipped offices, commodious display arrangements for the Book and Bible House, a health food room, two guest rooms, and a utilities room. It is adjacent to the Hamilton church (right).

F. A. Millard, president, and K. W. Tilghman, secretary, of the union, together with R. R. Adams, president of the Bermuda Mission, officiated at the service of dedication, assisted by William E. Carpenter, departmental secretary, and Beryl T. Rivers and Theodore Modell, church pastors.

WILLIAM E. CARPENTER

BRIEF NEWS

THE New York Conference committee, the Union Springs Academy board, and the president's advisory council met recently to discuss the building program at the academy. O. E. Torkelson, principal, showed a plan for the new administration building.

JOHN PIERCE, a bedridden arthritic who is a member of the Brockton, Massachusetts, church, has served as a press secretary 27 years. In recognition of his services, the Southern New England Conference department of public relations has named him Press Secretary of the Year for 1967.

EMMA KIRK, Correspondent

Canadian Union

Adventists Participate in Christmas Program

For the first time as far as is known, the Adventist Church was selected by the Canadian Broadcasting Company to be one of the evangelical churches to give its message on Christmas Eve, 1967.

Other groups were Billy Graham's organization, the Baptist organization, the Pentecostal Church, and an independent known as The People's Church.

We have had reports from many sources concerning this program. Evidently the dignity, the sincerity, and the simplicity of our church's unique program produced a good response. In Canada, Seventh-day Adventists are looked upon as solid evangelical Christians, a people with a clear message, who are an asset to the community.

**D. J. HANDYSIDES, Pastor
Kingsview Village Church
Toronto, Ontario**

Central Union

BRIEF NEWS

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE workers, wives, and publishing leaders attended the recent Central Union literature evangelists' institute in Lincoln, Nebraska. W. A. Higgins, of the General Conference Publishing Department, gave instruction and challenged each one to greater exploits for God. After reporting unprecedented achievements for 1967—109 souls won and \$732,735.51 in deliveries—the literature evangelists resolved to win 300 souls and deliver more than \$1 million worth of books in 1968.

IN THE recent Ingathering crusade R. A. Smith, pastor of the Grove Heights church in Wichita, Kansas, personally solicited in excess of \$800 again this year. During the year he has carried on aggressive evangelistic programs resulting in 45 persons being baptized.

ELDER AND MRS. A. T. OKOHIRA plan to return to Japan as self-sustaining missionaries, now that he has retired from active pastoral work in the Denver Japanese church. The request of his father, T. K. Okohira, to return to help finish the work he had begun is being fulfilled.

CLARA ANDERSON, Correspondent

Columbia Union

BRIEF NEWS

MORE than 100,000 spectators watched the Pathfinders as they marched in the annual Christmas parade in Richmond, Virginia. This was the first time they had participated.

THIRTY nurses from seven southwest Ohio hospitals took part in an 80-hour coronary care workshop sponsored jointly by the Kettering Memorial Hospital and the American Heart Association. Included was practice in the use of electronic equipment to monitor heart irregularities. The Kettering Memorial Hospital is one of 300 major hospitals in the United States that have established coronary care units.

PASTORS of the New Jersey Conference recently participated in a four-day retreat and ministerial council at Mount Pocono,

Pennsylvania. Conference lay activities director R. D. Steinke reported that five churches in the conference reached a per capita Ingathering achievement of \$50 or more. These are: Newark Spanish, Elizabeth Spanish, Mount Holly, Pompton Lakes, and Perth Amboy Hungarian. The conference Ingathering per capita stands at \$32.43, the highest of any conference in North America.

MORE than 500 church officers from the Allegheny East Conference met at the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., January 14 for the annual church officers' instruction council. Conference president W. A. Thompson, assisted by departmental secretaries, directed the session.

LITERATURE evangelists in the Columbia Union Conference reported a total of 177 baptisms during 1967, according to I. W. Young, union publishing secretary. They also reported 172,000 tracts distributed, 3,300 Bible studies given, and prayer offered in 48,000 homes.

MORTEN JUBERG, Correspondent

Lake Union

BRIEF NEWS

ABOUT 800 alumni and guests attended a recent Indiana Academy alumni homecoming. Among those taking part in weekend activities were W. A. Geary, '47, MV secretary of the conference; Ilene Gross, '56, on furlough from Thailand; Dyre Dyresen, principal from 1955-59, now serving Andrews University as registrar; and Paul T. Jackson, '33, development secretary at Andrews University. Dr. Lyle Bailey, '42, is alumni association president.

TEN have already been baptized, and more are preparing for church membership as a result of the Bible Speaks program in Battle Creek, Michigan. At present there are about 50 members participating regularly under the leadership of Mrs. Carolyn Lamson, Evan Blankenship, and Mrs. Rosalie Lee.

THE Teen Club in the Van Dyke church at Warren, Michigan, has collected toys for Goodwill Industries. This club of 25 teen-agers is led by Mrs. Edith Costie. Their project for Thanksgiving was to collect food for needy families.

MILDRED WADE, Correspondent

North Pacific Union

Baptism in State Prison

TWO inmates of the Montana State Prison at Deer Lodge were baptized December 2 by W. E. Moore, conference departmental secretary.

A group of inmates has held Sabbath school weekly for a little more than six years. They have had a part in the conversion and baptism of nine inmates and have sent hundreds of young men back into the world with added strength in Jesus to live a good life.

The management of the prison has given them a meeting place, and any inmate desiring a better way of life may attend. The leaders furnish lesson guides and encourage all to study the lessons daily.

The two young men just baptized have been subjected to ridicule, sarcasm, scoffing, and sneers. Yet they have held firm. They are evidence of God's working even in a prison.

HAROLD F. GREGG
Inmate and Sabbath School Superintendent



BRIEF NEWS

For the first time in some years, a conference-wide institute for senior MV leaders in the Upper Columbia Conference was held in Yakima, Washington. Leading out in the discussions for the weekend of January 5-7 were Ed Webb of the union conference, Charles Edwards of the local conference, and Gary Patterson of the University district of the conference.

MEMBERS of the Wenatchee, Washington, church recently were joined by R. C. Remboldt, president, and Leon Cornforth, lay activities secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference, for an Ingathering victory banquet. Although the goal was \$2,540, the members of this church raised \$6,128. Twenty solicitors were presented with Jasper Wayne Ingathering awards.

THE Ashton, Idaho, church became a Jasper Wayne church as early as September 15. Left of a once larger church are only three members and they are all elderly. With a goal of \$355 (\$118.33 per member) they gathered a total of \$426 by the middle of September and since then have turned in more Ingathering funds. Much of the credit goes to Murray Baum, 73-year-old local elder and charter member of the church.

THE church in Beaverton, Oregon, has installed a "sick bay" as a public service.

Function of the project is to lend sickroom articles to the public for 60 days without charge. In stock are such items as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, and bedside tables.

A BUSINESSMAN in southern Washington sent \$5 to Upper Columbia's radio-TV secretary, Leon Cornforth, early in December, expressing appreciation for *It Is Written* and requesting Bible-study guides. Elder Cornforth wrote back that there was no obligation. A month later the businessman sent a check for \$1,000 to help finance the telecast.

MEMBERS of the Sharon church in Portland, Oregon, and their pastor, Arthur Bushnell, are building a "chapel in the woods" on the wooded acreage of the R. C. Williamses near Oregon City. With logs for benches and a stump pulpit, it is being used for youth activities.

THIRTEEN Walla Walla College seniors recently received acceptances to the School of Medicine, Loma Linda University. They are Gary Bohlman, William McGhee, Charles Marsh, Edward Harri, Allan Callender, Ronald Warnell, Thomas Thompson, Ronald Sterling, Sondra Hoxie, David Giem, Kenneth Laundre, Theodore Flaiz, and Mrs. Jim Perry.

IONE MORGAN, Correspondent

Northern Union

BRIEF NEWS

VETERAN Ingatherers, Mrs. Kepford and Mrs. Shultz, of the Ute, Iowa, church, raised \$484.15 and \$514.15, respectively, by the year's end. They visited 23 towns, spent more than 76 hours, and gave out more than 1,000 pieces of literature.

MEMBERS of the Hutchinson, Minne-

sota, church and students at Maplewood Academy joined forces to assemble, pack, and mail 62 Christmas packages to be sent to orphans and servicemen in Vietnam.

NINE were baptized December 16 at the Hibbing, Minnesota, church. Seven united with the Virginia church, one with the Blackberry church, and one with the International Falls church. E. Wesley Brown is pastor.

L. H. NETTEBURG, Correspondent

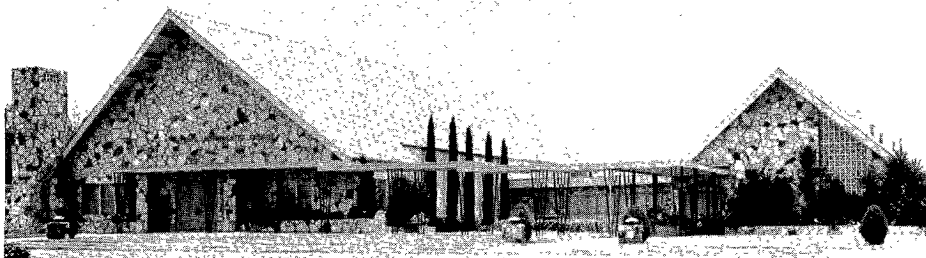
Pacific Union

BRIEF NEWS

THE Rialto, California, church was dedicated December 16. John W. Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president, was speaker. The new facility's 7,400 feet of floor space includes Sabbath school rooms for all divisions and a sanctuary with seating capacity of 300. The 180-member congregation contributed thousands of hours to the construction and completion of the church, which is valued at about \$100,000. Later, when a larger sanctuary is built, the present sanctuary will become a youth chapel for a school. The congregation will also build a gymnasium on the five-acre site. Joseph Melashenko is pastor.

THE new, \$800,000 Pacific Union College campus church opened January 6. Facilities include the main sanctuary seating 1,500, mothers' area seating 100, and balcony seating 400 including the choir section. The 14 Sabbath school rooms, church offices, baptism rooms, and choir rooms are being readied for service.

THE Las Vegas Westside church was organized December 16 with 34 charter



Southeastern California Church Dedicated

John W. Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president, presented the dedicatory address December 2 for the Orange, California, church.

Established in 1910, the congregation was chartered with 23 members but now exceeds 300. The new structure is valued at \$300,000. Pastor for the past six years has been Mauritz M. Peterson.

The facility includes rooms for all Sabbath school divisions. The sanctuary seating capacity is about 400. Elder Peterson has accepted a call to the Northern California Conference and has been replaced by Joseph F. Jeffreys.

C. ELWYN PLATNER
Conference Public Relations Director

members, under the leadership of Pastor Norman S. McLeod. G. N. Banks, union regional secretary, was speaker at the organizational meeting. Also participating were Dan E. Dirksen, Nevada-Utah Conference president; L. L. Dinwiddie, Las Vegas Tenth Street church pastor; and G. C. Lashier, conference secretary-treasurer.

EXTREMELY heavy snowfall caused the collapse of the roof of the \$55,000 Arizona Conference campground auditorium at Prescott, used for the first time in 1967. The building is a total loss. Also destroyed were the cafeteria and youth auditorium sections of the concrete building. Following the disaster, conference ministers helped shovel snow from cabins, restrooms, and other campground structures to prevent further damage.

YOUNG people of the Provo, Utah, church have been visiting some 50 elderly people at the Central Utah Convalescent Center in Orem, Utah, and plan a Share His Word Bible-study plan for them in the near future.

A 1966 INGATHERING contact recently led a new member, Mrs. Vita Lai, to the Pacifica, California, company, along with Mrs. Myra Peden, wife of one of the church members, in the first baptism since the company's organization.

JAMES E. CHASE, president of the Northern California Conference, held evangelistic meetings nightly from November 3 to 11 in the Placerville church. Seven persons were baptized on the closing Sabbath.

NORCO, California, Missionary Volunteer Society members made their fourth annual visit recently to the Holbrook, Arizona, Navajo Mission School to present a \$500 check for food. A bonus check of \$150, raised through a pancake breakfast held annually, was also presented to King Hooper, principal, for general school needs. A further project of this group is collection of S&H Green Stamp books to help the mission school get a new bus.

A MODERN-DAY Dorcas, Mrs. Iva Fouch, of the Sunnymead church in central California, has made more than 11,000 pot-holders since 1952. She also makes up to 50 quilts a year for the less fortunate in the community. Mrs. Fouch has enrolled six families in her community in the Go Tell program, and several people have already been baptized as the result of her Christianity in action.

MARIANNE PATTON, Pacific Union College's student missionary for six months at the Ethiopian Adventist College, returned home December 15 and was greeted at the San Francisco airport by college officials, family, friends, and newsmen. The San Francisco *Examiner* used 46 column inches and a three-column photo of Miss Patton with fellow students, with the caption, "Peace Corps of the Church—Adventist Student Tells of Teaching in Ethiopia."

DELEGATES to the first of seven lay preacher institutes conducted by the Northern California Conference met in Stockton, January 6, for instruction in lay

evangelism. James E. Chase, conference president, E. A. Schmidt, secretary-treasurer, and J. B. Church, lay activities secretary, along with the Pacific Union lay activities director, David L. Olsen, led out in the institute.

WALLACE W. CHAN, pastor of the San Francisco Chinese church, is conducting a weekly Chinese gospel broadcast on Radio KBRG-FM, believed to be the only Adventist message over the air in the Cantonese dialect in the United States.

ONE HUNDRED per cent membership in the American Temperance Society has been reported for students of Hawaiian Mission Academy, although nearly half the academy's students come from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes. Euel Atchley, General Conference Temperance Department, led out in the ATS campaign.

THE Vallejo Central Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Center was officially opened December 2 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mayor Florence E. Douglas, following a dedicatory address by the Northern California Conference president, James E. Chase. Purchased from the U.S. Navy in 1966 and moved to its present site, the welfare center has been renovated by church members.

CHILDREN of the eight-grade Carson City, Nevada, Seventh-day Adventist school shared the Christmas spirit through gifts to the 14 children in the Eagle Valley Home for Retarded Children.

TWENTY young men from Hawaiian Mission Academy recently completed a Medical Cadet Corps 11-day training program, four days of which were spent on bivouac at Bellows Air Force Base.

JERRY M. LIEN, assistant professor of speech at Loma Linda University's College of Arts and Sciences, has completed his dissertation for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in speech at the University of Southern California. Dealing with the organization and growth of the temperance movement, his dissertation is entitled, "The Speechmaking of the Anti-Saloon League of America."

THE Adventist owned and operated Hanford Community Hospital in central California has installed six units of heart monitoring equipment for observation of intensive-care heart patients. The units were made possible in part by a \$1,900 grant from the Heart Association of Kings County.

THE Southeastern California Conference has called six senior theology students to serve as summer interns: From the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University, Stan A. Aufdemberg and Paul R. Meier; from Pacific Union College, Art Earll, Dave Larson, Terry Pooler, and David Yates. The young men will complete study for their Master's degrees at Andrews University beginning next fall.

CHRISTMAS gifts of more than \$400 in toys, models, and games, donated by large toy manufacturers in the area, were sent to the Holbrook Navajo Mission School by students of San Gabriel Academy in Southern California.

MORE than \$200 for 1967 Investment

was raised by the primary division of the Downey-Florence, California, church through the "Investment Special" train goal device. The train, to which cars, passengers, and other items were added as funds were received, travels a simulated track from the church to the Holy City.

HERBERT FORD, *Correspondent*

Southern Union

BRIEF NEWS

MINISTERS of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference report 710 baptisms for 1967, which far exceeds the previous high of 491 baptisms in 1966. A goal of 900 was accepted by the workers for 1968 at a workers' meeting held January 1-4 at Camp Cumby-Gay. Guest speaker there was Charles Brooks, ministerial secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

A FOUR-DAY convocation was held recently for the ministers of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference in the new Pensacola, Florida, church. Guest speakers for the meetings included Neal C. Wilson, Roland Hegstad, and Fernon D. Retzer, of the General Conference.

MORE than \$2,750 was raised for Investment in 1967 by members of the Jackson, Mississippi, church. One member, praying for the success of a business venture and pledging a percentage of the profits, turned in \$1,000 when the Investment program was launched. The program was under the leadership of Miss Lynell Draughton.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

Southwestern Union

BRIEF NEWS

TEXICO CONFERENCE has set an objective of 300 baptisms in 1968. This goal was set at a recent workers' meeting in El Paso, Texas. The conference had reported more than 200 baptisms by the end of November, 1967.

PRINCIPAL E. L. SORENSEN, of Sandia View Academy, reported that eight young people were baptized at the end of the fall Week of Prayer at the academy.

ONE HUNDRED persons made their decision for Christ in the El Paso, Texas, Barron-Turner evangelistic crusade. Assisting were Pascual Pena, Calvin Robinson, and Nathan Simms, local pastors.

MRS. BIRDIE MCCLUSTER, Bible instructor in the Southwest Region Conference, was recently honored for her 37 years of soul-winning service. During this time she has worked with more than 40 Adventist ministers in evangelistic crusades and has brought more than 1,000 persons into the church. Mrs. McCluster recently accepted

new responsibilities with the Dallas City Temple church where she will serve with Pastor J. A. James.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

Andrews University

President Outlines Status and Goals of Institution

At a recent meeting of the Rotarians in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Richard Hammill, AU president, gave a progress report on Andrews and a sketch of its major objectives.

Present enrollment is 240 students in the Theological Seminary, 1,616 in the liberal arts division, and 225 in the School of Graduate Studies.

The international studies center is high on Andrews' priority list, since one of every eight of its students is from overseas. Future goals for the school, according to Dr. Hammill, include centers for international studies, the fine arts, and the natural sciences, and a major library that would one day be the primary reading center in southwestern Michigan.

He noted the contribution AU is making to the State: 25 graduates from the class of 1967 are now teaching in area schools; also Andrews is spending \$7.5 million annually for services and materials.

BRIEF NEWS

LAST summer's war-aborted archeological expedition to Biblical Heshbon is rescheduled for the summer of 1968. Siegfried Horn, director of the expedition and professor of archeology and history of antiquity at Andrews, describes the chosen site for Andrews' first such project: Heshbon was the capital city of King Sihon of the Amorites in the time of Moses; it was the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land; its literary history reaches throughout Bible times into the Christian period.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY rates as one of the top five Michigan colleges in the number of accounting courses offered.

INSTALLED recently is a new IBM 1401 computer with a 16,000-alpha-numeric-character memory. The computer will not only serve the university in its administrative record keeping but it will also be used in research surveys, data analysis, and complicated study problems.

STUDENTS having completed college-level courses offered to secondary-school seniors with high achievements may be granted advanced placement and college credit upon entering AU.

A FOUR-passenger Cessna Skyhawk was recently purchased from Walston Aviation in East Alton, Illinois, to be used for advanced instrument training by aviation students. The university also owns one Cessna 120 and two Cessna 150's.

Loma Linda University

THE thirty-sixth postgraduate convention of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine will be held in Loma Linda and Los Angeles, California, March 29 to April 4.

Beginning with religious services Friday night and Sabbath, the week-long convention program will include refresher courses in various medical specialties, a three-day scientific assembly, and an address by

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis at the convention banquet April 3 in the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel.

DAVID A. LOVELESS, a senior commercial-art major on the La Sierra campus, has won first prize of \$250 in a contest sponsored by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California. The publishing house established the intercollegiate competition to produce some contemporary cover designs for a forthcoming paperback series of Ellen G. White's Conflict of the Ages books. Other participating schools were Walla Walla, Pacific Union, and Union colleges.

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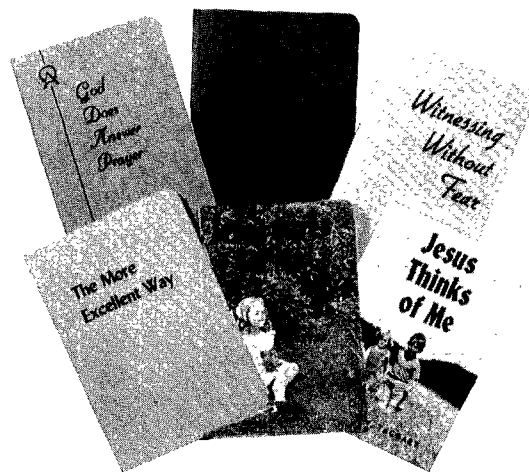
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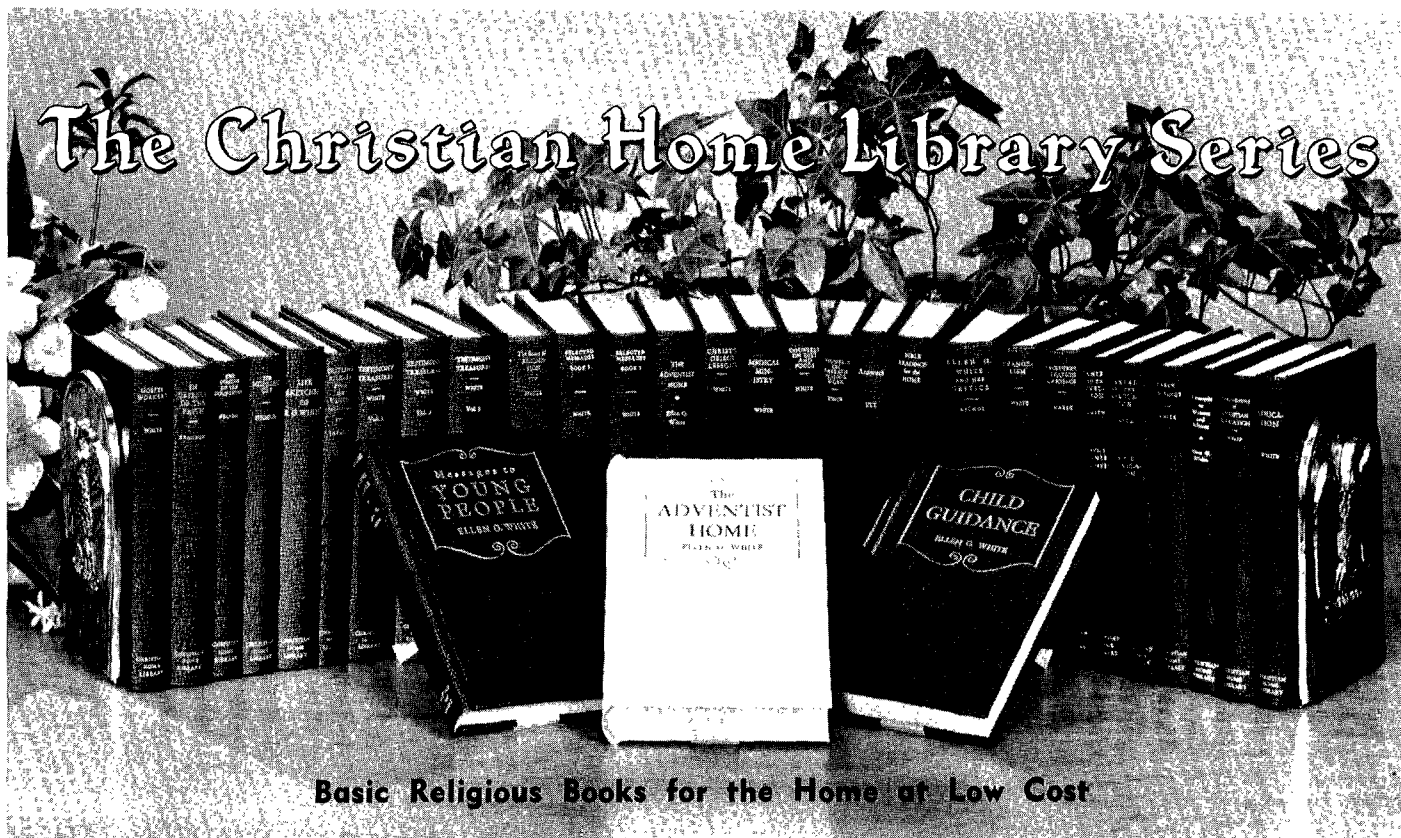
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(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

From Home Base to Front Line

North American Division

Bernarr B. Johnson (PUC '50; LLU '51), Mrs. Johnson, nee Dorothy Olive Castleman (PUC '46), and three children, of Grand Junction, Colorado, left Honolulu, Hawaii, November 2 en route to India. Dr. Johnson is to serve a year or more as orthopedic surgeon on the staff of Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India.

Ervine R. Bacchus (AU '66) and Mrs. Gerzel Bacchus (AU '66), whose homeland is the West Indies and who have recently studied at Andrews University, left New Orleans, Louisiana, December 19 for Port of Spain, Trinidad. Mr. Bacchus is to be a pastor-evangelist in the South Caribbean Conference.

Robert G. Wearner (PUC '40; Sem. '41-'42), Mrs. Wearner, nee Frieda Marguerite Ramsey (PUC '36-'37; SHS&H '40), and son, returning after furlough, left Los Angeles, California, December 21 for Lima, Peru. Elder Wearner is head of the Bible department in Inca Union College.

Vernon Martin Robeson (LSC '61), Mrs. Robeson, nee Lauralee Litsey (UC '55), and three children, of Tulare, California, sailed from New Orleans, Louisiana, on the S.S. *Louise Lykes*, December 23 for Cape Town, South Africa. Mr. Robeson has accepted an appointment as teacher of social sciences in the Rusangu Preparatory and Junior Secondary School in Zambia.

W. R. BEACH

Church Calendar

Faith for Today Offering	February 10
Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 17
Listen Campaign	February 24
Visitation Evangelism	March 2
Church Lay Activities Offering	March 2
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 9
Spring Missions Offering	March 9
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 16
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 16-23
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	March 30
(Southern European Division)	
Missionary Magazines Evangelism	April 6-13
Church Lay Activities Offering	April 6
Andrews University Offering	April 13
Health and Welfare Evangelism	May 4
Church Lay Activities Offering	May 4
Servicemen's Literature Offering	May 11
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 11

Of Writers, Articles, and Miscellany...

This week we begin a series of articles by Joe Engelkemier on "Time to Seek the Lord" (page 2). Calling attention in his first article to seven decades of delay, Elder Engelkemier earnestly inquires whether it is not time for a change. We doubtless agree with him. We want the Lord to pour out the rich showers of the latter rain.

Elder Engelkemier was born in 1929 in Oklahoma. He joined the church at the age of 16 as a result of taking the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course. He graduated from Union College in 1954, and with a Master's degree from Andrews University in 1960. He has since studied toward his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Andrews University. He was ordained in 1964 at Long Beach, California.

He began work for the denomination as an elementary teacher in the Colorado Conference. In 1954 he joined the staff of Glendale Academy in Glendale, California, as an elementary teacher. In 1957 he began teaching in the academy's junior high school section, and since 1960 has been Bible teacher at the academy.

We have word that Elder Engelkemier's name is to be included in the 1967 edition

of "Outstanding Civic Leaders of America" (published January, 1968). This recognition is for his leadership in youth activities, such as camping clubs, ski clubs, and hiking trips.

Besides having contributed numerous articles to denominational journals, Elder Engelkemier has authored two books, *Ready to Answer* and *Really Living*.

"Are you saved?" is a question frequently asked Seventh-day Adventists by members of religious groups who believe in the once-saved-always-saved theory. We have been hesitant answering such a question positively, because our understanding of what constitutes salvation differs markedly from that of the questioner. Is it proper to say we are saved? This question Louis F. Cunningham, a minister of many years' experience, now retired and living in North Carolina, answers for us on page 4.

By request we have included in this issue (on page 5) the short, inspirational message, "Others May, You Cannot." The piece has been a blessing to people for many years, setting forth as it does a challenging philosophy of life. We know neither the name of the author nor anything about *Living Waters*, the publication in which apparently the piece first appeared. We shall be glad to give full credit to both author and publisher if complete information becomes available. "Others May, You Cannot" is available as MV Leaflet 30, issued by the General Conference MV Department.

Review and Herald

In 1849 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1850 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. Later that year, in November, these two papers merged under the name *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now titled simply *REVIEW AND HERALD*. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—to preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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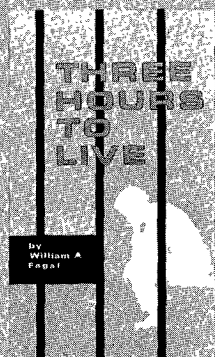
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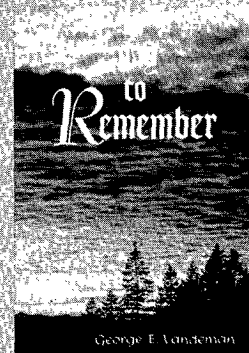
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News of Note

Two Church Members Lose Lives in Sicily Earthquake

Two church members were killed in the recent earthquake in Sicily; others were injured, according to a report from the Southern European Division lay activities department. The homes of many of the members were completely destroyed, and some lost all their personal possessions. The report says, "Nothing remains in the areas where the disaster struck the hardest."

The General Conference; the Southern European, Central European, and Northern European divisions; and subsidiary organizations have responded generously with emergency assistance, and the needs of our church members and other earthquake victims are being cared for by our relief organizations.

EDWIN GIBB

Colporteur Delivers \$117,000 in Six Years

To sell more than \$1,000 worth of literature in one week is a remarkable record, but E. A. Tomlin, of Southern California Conference, had 26 weeks last year during which he passed the \$1,000 mark in value of literature delivered. Fifteen of these weeks were in succession. Mr. Tomlin is a happy, hard-working literature evangelist who finds great satisfaction in his work. Not only does he sell large quantities of books; he has the greater thrill of seeing converts from his work. During the past six years his deliveries have totaled \$117,307.55, and some 40 persons have been baptized as the result of his contacts. We are proud of our dedicated literature evangelists.

W. A. HIGGINS

California Laymen Plan Evangelistic Campaigns

Seven special lay preachers' institutes have been organized in the Northern California Conference, reports J. B. Church, lay activities secretary. Two of these training programs have already been conducted, and the response of our laymen has been remarkable. He writes, "At Stockton, a week ago, 20 lay preachers came forward at the close of the meeting when the call was made to conduct evangelistic campaigns during 1968. This last Sabbath at the Golden Gate Academy, 24 lay preachers came forward, signing the card stating that they would conduct one or more lay campaigns during 1968."

"Among the laymen were church elders, doctors, and lay activities leaders. There has been a strong spirit of rededication at these meetings, and we hope that the results for God in this program will be sizable. In view of the fact that these men are not accustomed to preaching, my heart

has been stirred as I have seen them make their decisions. The call was not for ordinary cottage meetings, but for a regular public campaign in connection with which public invitations will be given." It is wonderful to observe that when there is a spiritual revival in the churches, lay preaching revives.

We are glad the day has come when lay preaching is sweeping across the North American continent and across the world field.

V. W. SCHOEN



O. Rouhe, editor, and Aulikke Laitinen, editorial secretary, with the new weekly.

Finland Church Paper Now Published Weekly

The church paper for the Finland Union has become a weekly—the first for our denomination in Europe.

When one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference, R. R. Frame, paid a visit to our publishing house in Finland late in the autumn of 1967, he expressed his appreciation for this development. "This will mean a lot for the church, not only in facilitating the communication of the news of our work but also in more effectively offering spiritual food to God's children," he stated.

According to the 1967 *Yearbook*, our denomination publishes 12 weekly periodicals, of which 11 are in the United States and one in Australia. *Adventistiairut*, the church paper of the Finland Union, is now the thirteenth.

God has richly blessed the publishing work in Finland. Our literature evangelists tell of inspiring experiences with *The Great Controversy* and Arthur Maxwell's *The Bible Story* set. During a recent 12-month period book sales increased 26 per cent compared with the comparable period of the year before.

Finland Union has benefited from the General Conference Publishing Expansion Fund and Northern European Division appropriations. The Finland Publishing House at Kirjatoimi is at present installing a two-color offset press and a case-making machine. These new machines will give wings to our literature work in this distant corner of the world.

TAUNO A. LUUKKANEN

Southeastern California Reports on Literature Work

The 47 full-time literature evangelists in the Southeastern California Conference delivered \$475,000 worth of gospel literature in 1967, and 176 persons were baptized whose first contact with the message was through them.

Mike Bazy, publishing secretary, reports that 13 of these literature evangelists have college degrees and two have their Master's degree.

D. A. McADAMS

Major Temperance Councils Slated for Coming Months

Division temperance councils, Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, and union and conference temperance-training workshops are in the forefront of temperance programming for 1968.

The North American Division temperance quadrennial council will convene at Pine Springs Ranch, Mount Center, California, April 21-27, and the tri-division—Northern, Central, and Southern European—council at Collonges, France, June 16-19. Also the South American Division has slated such a council in its territory for this year.

Institutes of Scientific Studies are planned for Loma Linda University, July 8-19, and at Mars Hill College, North Carolina, August 5-19. The European institute is at Milano, Italy, June 10-15, and other seminars and institutes for Africa, United Kingdom, Australia, the Philippines, and India come during June, July, and August.

ERNEST H. J. STEED

Nursing Program and General Program Accredited at AUC

During December, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, received accreditation from two organizations.

On December 8, membership in the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was reaffirmed. This act was the culmination of more than two years of intensive self-evaluation by the college faculty under the leadership of R. L. Reynolds, president, and H. E. Douglass, dean of the college. AUC first gained senior-college accreditation in 1945 and was reaccredited in 1955.

The nursing division of the college made history December 18 by being the first Associate-degree program in Massachusetts to be accredited by the National League of Nursing. It is also one of the first denominational Associate-degree programs to receive this accreditation. The nursing curriculum was instituted at the college in 1964.