

**A REPORTER'S STORY
 OF MONDAY'S HAPPENINGS**

SESSION HIGH LIGHTS

By **ARTHUR S. MAXWELL**



It is 6:00 P.M., Sunday, June 14. I am standing on the Atlantic City boardwalk watching the waves roll in from the Atlantic Ocean, urged on by a brisk wind from the east. A dull roar rises as the waves dash upon the sandy shore.

I turn and walk toward the auditorium, where the fifty-first session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is being held.

The roar increases, but it no longer comes from the sea. Now it is from people—"peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Rev. 17:15).

It reminds me of the phrase "many waters" found in Revelation 1:15. It rises in a crescendo as I enter the great building, for here are hundreds and thousands of happy Adventists greeting one another in ecstatic gladness and talking, talking, talking, endlessly talking.

A moving stairway carries many of them upward to the second floor of the building, and I find myself thinking they are all going onward and upward to the kingdom of God. Anyway, they seem happy enough to be going there.

I decide to go downstairs and take a look at the exhibits, which are absolutely outstanding this year, far excelling any that have been shown at previous sessions.

On the way I speak to Ed Leichner, one of the guards provided by Atlantic City.

"What do you think of this convention?" I ask.

"I don't understand it," he replies. "Everybody's so polite. They even say 'Thank you' when I tell them the way to the rest-rooms."

That reminds me of something my old friend R. A. Anderson told me this afternoon. He said to one of the guards, "We appreciate all you are doing for us," and the man replied, "It's a pleasure to do

things for you people. You're so different. We don't get crowds like this here."

That's nice. It means that everybody is being a good witness.

But now I am among the exhibits. Right in the forefront—and where else should it be?—is the REVIEW AND HERALD booth.

"Anything special to tell me?" I ask Vada Gentry.

"Why yes," she says. "One of our visitors today was Robert E. Wrencher, who said he was 100 years, nine months, and four days old. He used to serve Sister E. G. White. He said he was delighted to be here, and we were surely glad to see him."

On the table I notice some ballot blanks on which people may record their preference for REVIEW cover pictures.

"How's it going?" I ask.

"So far," replies General Manager C. E. Palmer, "the vote is overwhelmingly for

No. 4—the four-color one with the trees."

At this moment who should come up but R. R. Bietz, one of the vice-presidents of the General Conference.

"What has impressed you most about the meetings so far?" I ask.

"The fact that the brethren are 'with it,'" he says. "The exhibits, the reports, the addresses, all are so up to date."

A wise judgment indeed.

But listen to Theodore Carcich as he answers the same question.

"I'm impressed by the unity we see everywhere," he says—"the cohesiveness of the Adventist Church in these divisive times. Everything else in the world seems to be breaking up, but this church holds together."

Most perceptive. Somehow the Advent Movement does stick together despite all the adversary's attempts to break it up.

"I like the way the pendulum seems to be swinging back to the old fundamentals," says V. T. Armstrong. "I rejoice in the new emphasis on the imminent return of our Lord."

At the book exhibit put on by our three large publishing houses in the United States I am struck by the many empty shelves—especially as it is only Sunday night.

"What's happened?" I ask Art Carlson of the Pacific Press.

"An avalanche," he replies. "We have been inundated with people not just



One of the high lights of the General Conference session is the mission pageant. The above section of the pageant, held Sabbath afternoon, June 13, shows the flags of 24 of the many countries represented. A significant point illustrated in this part of the pageant was that many countries of the world are now sending workers to other countries.

looking, but buying. I have seen many come back a second time, even a third time. If it weren't for the Review and Herald truck bringing us fresh supplies each day we would be completely sold out."

One of the happiest notes is struck by Harold Kibble of the Berea church in Boston.

"I love the fellowship we enjoy here," he says. "I'm glad to meet my brothers and sisters from all over the world."

Similar are the words of Louis Ramirez of the Inter-American Division.

"I am exhilarated by the glowing warmth of the Christian love manifested by all the dear folks from around the globe."

That reminds me of the words of our Lord, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

And this is specially true here in Atlantic City.

It is now about 7:00 P.M. I decide to go to the main auditorium but there aren't many people there yet. It's just a vast empty cavern. So I visit some of the oft-forgotten folks—the secretaries.

Grace Johnson of the General Conference staff is surprised to see me and I surmise that she expects me to ask her to type something for me.

"I don't want any work," I say, "but I would like to know what you think of the Conference."

"I only get to the evening meetings," she says, "as we secretaries have to work all day. But I love the beautiful spirit of friendship that's everywhere. Everybody seems to know everybody else. It makes me think it's going to be like this in heaven."

And that's not far from the truth.

Now people are streaming in, filling up the awesome number of seats. The song service begins and there are some lovely numbers rendered by Del Delker, the Voice of Prophecy quartet, and the Laymen's Choir led by Alma Blackmon.

Then Edwina Humphrey, of Oakwood, sings, "He'll Always Walk Beside You Each Day." From far back in the hall she seems a tiny figure, but she sings like an angel.

Now it's 7:55 and a line of assorted leaders of the South American Division and the North American Division stream onto the platform and are introduced.

The program is interrupted by a special message as Don Hunter announces that there is some hope that it may be possible to prohibit smoking on airlines. Everybody claps. All are urged to write at once to the F.A.A. in Washington, D.C., declaring support of the proposed new ordinance.

Neal C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for the North American Division, is on his feet now, bringing greetings from 435,000 members in North America. In a few words he introduces the unique, colorful, and most ingenious report, "Adventists Across America."

This is no old-fashioned report of dry statistics and wobbling movies. Instead, 26 projectors, synchronized and computerized, portray in brilliant color the story of Adventism in America from the days of its humble beginnings to the amazing complex of institutions and churches that it has produced in the past 130 years.

Partial Report of Nominating Committee

At the sixth business meeting held Monday morning, June 15, the nominating committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices designated:

General Conference

Vice-President for North America: Neal C. Wilson.
Auditor: R. M. Davidson.
Associate Auditors: R. B. Caldwell, R. E. Green, K. W. Whitney.
Secretary, Education Department: C. B. Hirsch.
Secretary, Temperance Department: E. H. J. Steed.
Secretary, Department of Health: Ralph Waddell, M.D.
Secretary, Ministerial Association: N. R. Dower.
Secretary, Public Relations Department: E. W. Tarr.
Secretary, Publishing Department: D. A. McAdams.
Secretary, Radio-Television Department: J. J. Aitken.

South American Division

President: R. A. Wilcox.
Secretary: Enoch Oliveira.
Treasurer: L. D. Wood.
Auditor: Samuel Alberro.
Education: A. J. Alva.
Lay Activities and Temperance: R. E. Adams.
Medical and World Foods: Daniel Nestares.
Ministerial: Ruben Pereyra.

At the seventh business meeting held Monday afternoon, June 15, the nominating committee placed the following additional persons in nomination for the offices designated:

Australasian Division

President: R. R. Frame.
Field Secretary: L. C. Naden.

Far Eastern Division

President: P. H. Eldridge.

Sabbath School: Sergio Moctezuma.
Publishing: P. S. Camacho.
YPMV: F. N. Siqueira.
Public Relations, Radio-TV: R. R. Azevedo.
Religious Liberty and Public Affairs: Hector J. Peverini.
Stewardship: R. Mattison.

Southern European Division

President: C. L. Powers.

Trans-Africa Division

President: M. L. Mills.
Secretary: M. E. Lind.
Treasurer and Auditor: V. A. Fenn.
Education and Sabbath School: G. F. Clifford.
Medical and Temperance: Dunbar Smith, M.D.
Ministerial, A. E. Cook.
Lay Activities, Radio-TV: H. W. Peterson.
Publishing: J. T. Mason.
Publishing Associate: J. J. Mthombeni.
YPMV and Public Relations: Desmond Hills.
Field Secretaries: A. W. Austen, Jonas Mbirukira.

Inter-American Division

President: B. L. Archbold.
Secretary: Jose Figueroa.
Treasurer: A. R. Norcliffe.

Northern European Division

President: W. Duncan Eva.
Secretary: Alf Lohne.

Linking the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers with the emergence of many religious organizations, and finally that of the Advent people, it places the rise of this movement in a historical setting which says, in effect, "This is no insignificant sect, but the remnant of the true church of God."

No words of praise would be sufficient to describe this outstanding production. The photography and the skillful blending of a multitude of scenes and concepts leave the viewer overwhelmed with the magnificence of it all. Certainly it should be shown in every major center across the country. It was a treat of the first order—a "memorable experience" to quote W. P. Bradley—and certainly one of the high lights of this very wonderful session.

And so to bed. But not to sleep. That is, not for long; for at 6:00 A.M. some of the leaders are on their way to a prayer

meeting, to ask God's blessing on the day's activities. I feel I must pass up this worthy spiritual exercise to take three Australian delegates to breakfast, G. A. Lee, from Fiji, A. R. Mitchell, from the Bismarck-Solomons, and G. McDowell, from Avondale, a pleasant company indeed. Pastor Lee tells me of a small volcanic island—a tiny dot in the vast Pacific—where heathenism once reigned and where the people refused to let Adventists establish a mission. On a visit some time ago someone in Pastor Lee's party left a tract hidden in a bush. One of the islanders found it and sent for more information. He told others of his discovery. Today the whole island is fast becoming another Adventist stronghold.

Pastor Lee tells me also about Penrhyn, the most northerly and most isolated island in the Cook Islands. Years ago he

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The Certainty of the Creation Record

Message at Bible Study Hour, June 15, 10:45 a.m.

By HERBERT E. DOUGLASS



*"By faith we perceive that the universe was fashioned by the word of God, so that the visible came forth from the invisible" (Heb. 11: 3, N.E.B.).**

The doctrine of Creation, the certainty of the Creation record, begins

where Paul begins—with a faith statement. There is no other way.

As we all know, when we use the word *faith* we are not describing blind resignation or wistful hope; neither are we writing off reason or rejecting scientific evidence. Faith is a New Testament word that describes man's trusting relationship with the Lord of the universe. Faith is not merely believing something, it is a happening that grips and changes a man's relationship with life itself. The man of faith has found the Lord of his life and is willing to do anything He says.

Because of this confidence developed through experience, that God indeed exists and speaks, man is ready to listen when God reveals information regarding those areas of thought that reason and research could never know, such as the nature and character of God, the nature and destiny of man, or the creation of this world. In these areas, information must be revealed supernaturally if man is ever to know anything more than philosophical speculation.

Knowledge Through Experience

For these reasons Ellen White wrote these remarkable words: "Thus through faith they come to know God by an *experimental knowledge*. They have proved for themselves the reality of His word, the truth of His promises. . . .

"The beloved John had a knowledge gained *through his own experience*. He could testify: 'That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and

with His Son Jesus Christ.' 1 John 1:1-3.

"So everyone may be able, *through his own experience*, to 'set his seal to this, that God is true.' John 3:33, A.R.V. He can bear witness to that which he himself has seen and heard and felt of the power of Christ. He can testify:

"I needed help, and I found it in Jesus. Every want was supplied, the hunger of my soul was satisfied; the Bible is to me the revelation of Christ. I believe in Jesus because He is to me a divine Saviour. I believe the Bible because I have found it to be the voice of God to my soul."

"He who has gained a knowledge of God and His word *through personal experience* is prepared to engage in the study of natural science. . . . So today man cannot of himself read aright the teaching of nature. Unless guided by divine wisdom, he exalts nature and the laws of nature above nature's God. This is why mere human ideas in regard to science so often contradict the teaching of God's word. But for those who receive the light of the life of Christ, nature is again illuminated. *In the light shining from the cross, we can rightly interpret nature's teaching.*

"He who has a knowledge of God and His word *through personal experience* has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He has proved that God's word is truth, and he knows that truth can never contradict itself."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 461, 462. (Italics supplied.)

In other words, the mere reading of Genesis will not convince anyone that this world was created by God, never mind that it was created in seven days, any more than reading Psalm 33 will convince anyone that God spoke and it was done. How does one find certainty in the Creation record?

Certainty of Lordship Primary

We believe in Genesis and the Psalms because we believe in something else first. We believe first that God has spoken through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, that through the Biblical account of Jesus and His teaching and the direct personal witness of the Holy Spirit we have encountered our Lord, who promises His power and love and asks for our trust and obedience.

Because we know Him to be our Lord, we know that He is God who can do whatever He wills. To declare that Jesus is Lord is nothing other than to take with complete seriousness the doctrine of Creation. This is not only reasonable, it is Biblical.

Because Jesus is Lord, which is a truth learned through personal experience as man responds to the Word of Scripture and the Word of the Holy Spirit, He is also God, and "through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him" (John 1:2, 3, N.E.B.).

Paul affirms this principle that the Lord is also the Creator. "There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came to be, and we through him" (1 Cor. 8:6, N.E.B.).

Not only is our Lord able to create matter, He is also able to sustain His creation with its marvelous intricacies and mutual relationships that require continuing energy to exist. "The Son . . . is the effulgence of God's splendour and the stamp of God's very being, and sustains the universe by his word of power" (Heb. 1:3, N.E.B.; see also Col. 1:15-17).

The New Testament does not expound a doctrine of Creation, independent and of itself. The creation of the world and of man is always referred to in connection with, and subordinate to, the Lordship of Jesus Christ who comes to this world as man's Redeemer.

As Ellen White said, "*In the light shining from the cross, we can rightly interpret nature's teaching.*" (Italics supplied.)

Biblical Creation Unique

Consequently the Biblical doctrine of Creation is unique among the many legendary, mythical, cosmogonies of ancient peoples. It is not merely an explanation. The Biblical doctrine of Creation is associated with a summons, a call, from the Creator to His creation. To know the Creator is first to know our sovereign Lord who has spoken and continues to speak to man. Man's part is to listen to His Lord, the Word.

Before any man in Old or New Testament knew God as Creator, he knew Him as Lord. Before Adam knew God as the Creator, he knew Him as Lord.

One of the reasons why God is known as Lord before He can ever be known as Creator is that man must trust God first before he can believe His account of how the world was created. The alternative to believing God is to believe either one of the many ancient cosmogonies, or one of the many philosophical possibilities or one of the many scientific theories that vie for acceptance today, none of which can guarantee certainty.

Because the fact of Creation preceded man's own experience, the knowledge of the Creation process will have to be revealed to man by the Creator, if anything is to be known for certain. There is no other way for man to know. It is not a truth that man can acquire by himself. Indeed there are many Creation myths developed by non-Christian thinkers that have a creator-god. But the Lord God of the Bible is not the same as the Rama of the Hindu Sikhs, or the Theos of Plato, or the Prime Mover of Aristotle, or Ahura Mazda of Zoroastrianism. Admittedly, there are similarities and analogies because God purposely has not left Himself without witness in His Creation. "For all that may be known of God lies plain before their eyes; indeed God himself has disclosed it to them. His invisible attributes, that is to say

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his everlasting power and deity, have been visible, ever since the world began, to the eye of reason, in the things he has made" (Rom. 1:19, 20, N.E.B.).

Although the God discovered by reason is logical and plausible and challenging, He is not yet known as the holy and loving Lord of the universe who addresses man and pleads for his heart. If man were not sinful, and if sin had not despoiled nature, God's created works would have been a safe guide, along with the Holy Spirit, to knowing God; but sin turns the visible record into something else, as Paul reminds us in Romans 1. Because a sinner is a rebel before his Lord, any line of reasoning that would remove the credentials of a Creator-Lord and thus emancipate man from responsibility is not only desirable but, consciously or unconsciously, a logical necessity for a rebel.

It is a sobering conclusion indeed to believe that Jesus Christ is this world's Creator. It means that we can never escape the fact that we are His property and that if we try to evade Him we are headed for trouble all along the way and final extinction.

But there is something more that we learn about Creation in general and about man in particular when we call Jesus our Creator-Lord.

Man is not only God's creation; he is a creature who has turned his back on his Creator. Although some Christian theologians have expounded a doctrine of Creation in line with the theory of evolution, which conceives man as a developing organism, the Bible clearly pictures man as a being who has fallen away from his created state.

No Longer, Rather Than Not Yet

Biblically, sin is a "falling away," a rebellion, not a natural weakness to be overcome as man matures. Sin is not a matter of "not yet," but of "no longer." That is, sin is not an incompleteness, or the inexperience of the human race that will be worked out as the race evolves into its maturity; sin is that condition to which man has fallen since his creation in perfection. Sin is the state of not listening to God. Sin is the creature rebelling against his Creator. "It was through one man that sin entered the world, and through sin death, and thus death pervaded the whole human race. . . . But death held sway from Adam . . . , even over those who had not sinned as Adam did, by disobeying a direct command" (Rom. 5:12-14, N.E.B.).

If God were merely the Creator who spun the world into existence in the misty eons of long ago, if the evolutionary process were God's chosen means by which this world as we see it today would emerge, the Biblical doctrine of sin would indeed be preposterous. The New Testament illustrations, such as the straying sheep, the prodigal son, and the lost coin, emphasize that the call of God is a call to return to a relationship lost because of sin.

The fundamental Biblical doctrines

are meaningless without the firm foundation, the Biblical presupposition, of the doctrine of Creation as it is sketched, ever so briefly, in Genesis. Without the Genesis Creation there is no need to talk about a fall or redemption; the existence of evil as rebellion and its chief perpetrator as Satan would be purely fiction; death as an intruder and the purpose of the two resurrections would be pointless.

In other words, in the Biblical doctrine of Creation man learns the truth about himself as well as about God. What we learn about God evokes our praise, gratitude, and worship. What we learn about ourselves is that we were made to respond to God, response-able men, who will never be whole men, without anxiety and possessed by hope, if we remain rebels and refuse to listen to our Creator.

For these reasons God our Creator is rightly to be feared, on one hand, and to be trusted on the other. Such is the heart of the everlasting gospel: "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Rev. 14:7).

A towering doctrine of Creation not only draws forth man's praise in worship but makes the life of obedience man's most reasonable choice.

Heart of Sinai Message

At the heart of the thundering message from Sinai is the divine counsel that we, for our own sakes, should not forget "to keep the sabbath day holy. . . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and on the seventh day he rested. Therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and declared it holy" (Ex. 20:8-11, N.E.B.).

The doctrine of the seventh day Sabbath rests firmly on the doctrine of Creation. The fact that we are creatures made to respond to our Maker is central to a saving faith. To forget that we are responsible to God is to fall away, to sin, to forsake His Lordship, to make gods out of ourselves. Man must remember and the weekly Sabbath is God's fatherly way of keeping fresh in our minds that all goes well when God and man are listening to each other.

Each week the Sabbathkeeping Christian remembers in the words of Jesus that "the sabbath was made." It was made by a thoughtful Father-God; created with a purpose, as everything else in creation had purpose, and that purpose was the well-being of man! "The Sabbath was made for the sake of man and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of Man is sovereign even over the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27, 28, N.E.B.).

Wherever we meet a cardinal teaching of the Bible we are confronted with its connection with the doctrine of Creation and with its relationship to Jesus Christ. Here, in the book of Mark, Jesus Himself asserts His Lordship over the Sabbath as well as over man on the basis of the fact that He created both the Sabbath and man.

Indeed, the chief New Testament doc-

trines could not have been preached without the foundation of the Genesis story of Creation and the Fall.

I know that a presentation on the certainty of Creation to Seventh-day Adventists is something like shipping oil to Texas or oranges to Florida. For some it may be only an exercise in the unnecessary, or a monument to the obvious. In a way, it could be more like the recital of a club ritual. We should have greater business before us, some may say. We should spend our time convincing and persuading those who are troubled about the conditions of this world that Jesus is coming soon and that they should obey Him before it is too late.

After all, haven't we as Seventh-day Adventists settled the various questions relating to the doctrine of Creation? Yes and no! Yes, in the sense that we accept the theology of the New Testament, which grounds itself on the doctrine of Creation. We believe that Jesus is our Lord and Creator and that the Sabbath is the perpetual reminder of this basic fact. But we also realize that there are some details regarding the Creation that we do not know, because they have not been completely revealed.

In this spirit, Elder Nichol wrote in a REVIEW editorial (December 31, 1964): "It is one thing to hold that the scriptural record is historical—which I do, It is another thing to hold that the historical record provides precise details—which it does not."

Because there are areas not expressly clarified, questions and positions exist that tend to divide and polarize unnecessarily groups even within the remnant church. Communication lines at times freeze between fellow ministers, or between dedicated scientists, or sometimes between ministers and Adventist scientists when discussing data concerning the age of the earth, for example.

For many, their Christian faith and experience seems to hang or fall on scientific hypotheses rather than on a relationship with our Lord Jesus.

In many areas we all see through a glass darkly. But we can boldly say that our faith is not built on or shaken by what we may read in the evening newspaper or latest scientific journal. New data may arise calling for trained analysis and thoughtful consideration—but this both ministers and scientists can do together without a shaking of faith and the rupture of fellowship, because they both realize that their faith in Jesus rests on the certainty of the cross and on their own personal experience.

This is no time for Seventh-day Adventists to be divided in confidence, either in each other or in the fundamental doctrines of the church. Of all people on the face of the earth we have something both convincing and needed to say to this world at a time when no other voice can speak with certainty.

Five Certainties

1. We believe that when the Lord of the universe speaks, His will is done.

That matter is subject to His command. No human problem can surprise or confound the Lord of creation. No problem can overwhelm any man who places his life in the hands of his Creator; for this same Creator-Lord who once "spoke, and it was;" who once "commanded, and it stood firm" (Ps. 33:9, N.E.B.) stands ready to speak and command in our behalf today.

2. We believe that the Lord built purpose and design into His creation. Life is not a haphazard sequence of chance and fate. When all things material had been made, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gen. 1:31, N.E.B.). The marvelous mechanism of the human body, as well as all other living organisms, the awesome foresight in the ecological balance in nature, the unspeakable possibilities open to man who had been created to reflect the glory of God—all this is known to man today, but how little we know yet. God built purpose into life itself in this universe. Let no man today feel that he does not matter, that life can be wasted, that the future is merely more of the same drab, meaningless existence like his past may have seemed. Let that man hear that he lives within the outstretched arms of a Creator-Lord who is not frustrated by time or space and who is willing to go to the uttermost to save even one lost sheep.

3. We believe that time is linear and not circular. We believe that life moves to a goal, that history is not merely the cycling of events. When God created matter and made counterparts out of the dust of the earth, He created them with an eternal end in view. Creation was the act of a God who wanted to share with others what He enjoyed. This concept, grounded in the Creation doctrine, is the

foundation for the doctrine of the second advent of Jesus to this earth. History moves to this climax; the events relating to it, from the crucifixion to the remaking of this earth, are unrepeatable. They need never to be repeated, for we will have run the course.

4. Because Creation was the will of a loving, holy Lord, what was created was good, for man's benefit. Contrary to a strong philosophical school of thought, matter, including the physical nature of man, is good, to be appreciated, and to be preserved in the best possible condition. Men are stewards of God's handiwork. In this handiwork we are able to see even yet some of the love behind the design.

5. Because we believe that God can speak and creation is changed according to His will, that all life has purpose and meaning, that matter is good and to be used for man's benefit, and that God is still present in His creation, assisting as it moves to its final purpose, we believe that no man needs to walk a lonely road today. We are children of a loving Father, who once created man, knowing all the while what would become of His creation. He knew us before we were born and He knows what He can yet make of us. He is the Creator, remember? He can speak and life can be changed, remember? He can bring hope and meaning back into your tired life, remember?

The certainty of the doctrine of Creation rests on the degree of certainty a man has that Jesus of Nazareth is the Lord of his life. But to know Jesus as Lord reduces all earthly problems to manageable form. To know Him as Lord is the key to peace and hope and certainty in a world where nothing can be known for sure if there is no certainty in the doctrine of Creation.

So we need to see God ourselves—each of us—personally.

Now the King's Heralds are singing, "I've Wandered Far Away From God." As the last notes fade, Elder Eckenroth invites the whole group to come forward and pray together. Instantly all leave their seats and crowd toward the platform in an impressive act of consecration. Meanwhile, the quartet sings, "Coming Home, Coming Home, Lord I'm Coming Home."

As the sixth business session convenes, I count the people present—just about 1,000—which means that some delegates are missing, for one reason or another. The absent ones miss a delightful musical offering by the Venden family bell ringers, who win enthusiastic applause from the congregation.

Elder Frame reads another friendly greeting from our church leaders in Russia, then asks the assembled delegates to accept the West Indies Union Mission as the West Indies Union Conference.

The three main items on the agenda this morning are reports from the Ellen G. White Estate, The Christian Record, and Oakwood College. A few stories told by Dr. Frank W. Hale deserve special mention.

"Oakwood College," he says, "is close to the great United States base where the mighty space rockets are made, being shipped thence downriver to Cape Kennedy, and so to the moon and beyond—a challenging symbol to every student."

Not long ago a young man arrived at the college from a backwoods area, with no financial backing, nothing, in fact, save a keen mind and a love for God. He has now won a \$4,000 scholarship and will shortly be on his way to Cambridge University, England.

Another Oakwood student has won a scholarship to the University of Florida, while a third has won an \$18,000 scholarship to the University of Chicago.

Last year the president of the senior class, Edward Cartright, won a four-year, \$16,000 scholarship to Yale University Medical School—and this out of 600 competitors.

Stanford, Yale, Harvard, and other universities have all been trying to entice members of the Oakwood faculty to come and join their staff, but so far none has deserted his home school.

Contributions from "outside" sources such as Texaco, Campbell Soup Company, and the Ford Foundation have been fabulous of late, passing \$200,000 in 1968.

One woman who heard of the character-building program conducted at Oakwood sent a check for \$10,000. Recently, though she has not yet visited the college, she sent a second check for \$10,000.

There was a touching moment when A. A. Esteb bade a brief farewell to his fellow editors and to all readers of GO magazine. Believe it or not, he has been editor of GO for more than 20 years, and now, with an appropriate poem, he leaves to join the ever-growing ranks of the retired.

From the plans committee comes a "call for dedication" addressed to the entire church, ministers and laity alike, calling upon all to give their hearts anew to God and become personally involved in evangelism.

The resolution is adopted by a standing vote. As it is read later by our people around the world, I hope that it will be accepted as a challenging call to renewed consecration by the whole church to the task of finishing God's work on earth.

Almost without a break the business session merges into the 11-o'clock Bible study hour, with Herbert E. Douglass, associate editor of the REVIEW and HERALD, occupying the pulpit. His engrossing study on "The Certainty of the Creation Record" appears on pages 3 to 5 of this Bulletin. Here it must suffice to say that Elder Douglass begins by quoting the *New English Bible* translation of Hebrews 11:3: "By faith we perceive that the universe was fashioned by the word of God, so that the visible came forth from the invisible"—a most helpful rendering of a familiar message.

Later he quotes Ellen White's priceless statement: "In the light shining from the cross, we can rightly interpret nature's teaching."

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Session High Lights

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sent a copy of the American *Signs* to the constable on this island, whose interest in the message has continued. Recently a missionary was sent there, who now reports that another inspiring breakthrough may be expected soon.

Hurrying to the convention hall, I find about 700 devoted members assembled to listen to M. K. Eckenroth's Bible study. They seem lost in the vast emptiness, but, after all, it is Monday morning. What's more, most folks were filled to overflowing with spiritual sustenance over the weekend.

However, Elder Eckenroth has a bright idea, emphasizing the urgent need of a personal experience with God. One delightful sequence will be long remembered:

Jacob said, "I have seen God face to face."

Amos said, "I saw the Lord standing . . ."

Paul said, "I saw . . . a light from heaven."

Peter said, "We . . . were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

And the Samaritan woman at the well said, "I perceive that thou art a prophet."

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Publishing Department

By D. A. MCADAMS, *Secretary*

Certain trees found in California are estimated to be about 4,000 years old and are believed to be the oldest living things in the world. They have lived through the rise and fall of great nations and were in existence when Abraham was born. Many thrilling and tragic events have taken place in the history of the world during the long lives of these great trees. If these trees could speak, what stories would they tell?

Why say "if"? Because some trees do talk. Thousands of trees fall before the ax each year, whose wood is ground into pulp by sharp blades; and by special scientific process the wood is turned into paper. Thousands of tons of this white paper finds its way to the printing press.

As the paper goes through the presses it receives the impression of type and the imprint of pictures, and thus in the form of denominational books and periodicals it is sent out to the ends of the earth. Millions of people everywhere read and understand the message. Yes, trees do talk!

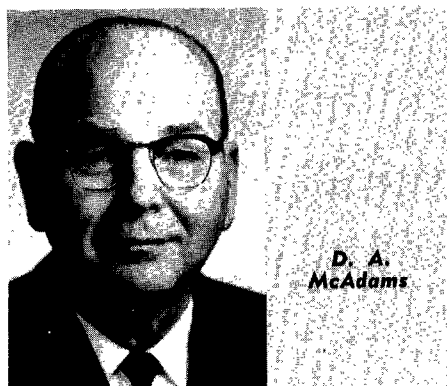
The pastor reaches the people through their ears; the printed page reaches the people through their eyes. The latter method is one of the most effective ways of reaching the mind and transforming the lives of people. In fact, the voice of inspiration has said, "This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 149.

Just 124 years ago, on April 6, 1846, a little paper was printed on a small hand press in New England. It was addressed "To the Little Remnant Scattered Abroad." It was Ellen G. White's first vision written out and is said to be the first communication that appeared from her pen. James White and H. S. Gurney appeared as the publishers, and only 250 copies of this little paper were printed.

In 1848 the future growth and expansion of the publishing program in the Advent movement was vividly presented in vision to Mrs. White. At this time there were scarcely more than 100 believers. And while a small group was gathered in conference giving special study and praying for guidance as to how they could proclaim the message to the world, God gave Mrs. White "a view of the proclamation of the sealing message, and of the duty of the brethren to publish the light that was shining upon our pathway."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 1. Writing of this experience, Mrs. White said, "After coming out of vision, I said to my husband: 'I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and

it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world.'"—*Ibid.* That little paper printed in response was called *The Present Truth*. The first issue was dated July, 1849. To this was added in August, 1850, *The Advent Review*, and in November, 1850, *The Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*. With the appearance of the latter, the earlier publications were discontinued. The *Review and Herald* is still with us.

The pioneers of the message accepted by faith the vision of Ellen G. White, but



D. A. McAdams

today we see the fulfillment of this prophecy. At this quadrennial session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists we can report that the denomination operates 46 publishing houses and prints literature in 278 languages and dialects. These publishing houses produce evangelistic literature designed to appeal to the public and supply character-building books and periodicals for an ever-growing Adventist membership. They employ 2,184 men and women, who put forth special effort to make our literature attractive and appealing. We have the best-equipped publishing houses in the history of the church, and the publications coming from our presses are the most beautiful religious literature published anywhere in the world.

During the past quadrennium God has greatly blessed the work of these publishing houses around the world. The following four-year report indicates that our world publishing sales have reached an all-time high:

1966	\$ 37,261,888.33
1967	38,567,887.08
1968	39,322,022.65
1969 (estimated)	42,721,787.09
Grand Total	\$157,873,585.15

This represents a gain of \$36,826,772.82 over the previous quadrennial period from 1962 to 1965.

The Adventist Church has been a church of literature down through the years. The total world publishing sales from the beginning of the printing program up to and through 1969 amounts to \$741,530,259.12. God has blessed and prospered the publishing program of the church, and for this we are grateful, but more important is the fact that thousands of people are rejoicing in the truth today because of the influence of the millions of pages of Seventh-day Adventist books, magazines, and tracts distributed throughout the world by faithful literature evangelists and a missionary-minded membership.

Recognizing that in areas where the publishing work is strong, the church is strong; and, conversely, where the church is strong, the publishing work is strong, the denomination has devised a plan whereby three major publishing houses—the Pacific Press, the Review and Herald, and the Southern Publishing Association—have entered into a mutual plan of publishing expansion. During the past quadrennial period several overseas publishing houses have joined in this plan, making possible more funds to be sent to our publishing houses around the world to assist them in purchasing up-to-date equipment. This plan makes it possible for these houses to produce more beautiful, more attractive, more appealing literature. Thirty-four publishing houses have received help from this fund, and since the plan was inaugurated in 1946, the publishing houses have contributed \$1,629,451.32. We thank God for the administrators and workers in these institutions, for their loyal cooperation, and for their vision in the proclamation of the gospel through the printed page.

One of the best ways to orient new Adventists to the church is to get them to read denominational literature, and one of the best ways to keep Adventists rooted and grounded in the message is to get them to read denominational publications. To serve this purpose the church has established 183 Book and Bible Houses in the world field. These Bible houses serve all denominational workers and the Adventist constituency.

During the past four years the 59 Book and Bible Houses in the North American Division have sold \$56,235,308.21 worth of literature. This represents a gain of \$11,996,151.73 over the previous quadrennium. A reading church is a live, active church; we must read or perish.

In the Southeastern California Conference alone there are 160 Seventh-day Adventist doctors who display Adventist literature on racks in their waiting rooms. In a recent three-year period these doctors purchased from the Book and Bible House \$150,000 worth of literature. This represents more than 200,000 books. By careful check there have been baptized into the church 200 persons who first learned of the message from a piece of literature taken from one of these racks in the waiting room of a Seventh-day Adventist doctor.

During recent years a deferred-selling plan on the payment-by-mail system has been developed. This plan is being used in the North American Division, the Australasian Division, and in some sections of the Northern European and Trans-Africa divisions. This program has facilitated the sale of books in sets. The literature evangelist receives an advance commission check, which gives him an income for each week, and on this plan many literature evangelists sell up to \$40,000 worth of literature a year.

The Literature Evangelist

According to Ellen G. White, "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 6. "The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God."—*Ibid.*, p. 3. The work of the colporteur is evangelistic. In the training program of the Publishing Department the ideal of soul-winning missionary work is ever kept before the 6,243 literature evangelists serving around the world. During the past four years the baptisms from literature-evangelist contacts total 32,209. These ministers of the printed page have offered prayer during the past four years in 2,285,883 homes. It can be said that the literature evangelists visit more homes and pray in more homes than any other group of workers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mrs. J. Simataw, Mrs. N. Kagiling, and Mrs. Maria Missah are three outstanding literature evangelists in Indonesia. Mrs. Simataw was formerly a Moslem. Twelve years ago she bought a copy of *The Marked Bible*, read it, was deeply impressed, and became a Seventh-day Adventist. Shortly thereafter she became a literature evangelist. She has been instrumental in winning 95 persons.

Mrs. Kagiling found a tract that sparked her interest in the message. She has been a literature evangelist for 22 years, and during that time she has won 150 converts. Mrs. Missah has been a literature evangelist for 15 years, and she has won 100 persons to the church.

Total record of these three women: 49 years in the literature work, 345 souls won to the message. The Holy Spirit is speaking through the pages of our literature; and, yes, trees do talk.

During 1969, M. G. Rajasingh, of South India, made an outstanding record in the winning of sales and souls. He met the headmaster of a school, sold him some literature, and studied with him. The headmaster accepted the truth, resigned his job, was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is now teaching in one of our schools. Brother Rajasingh follows up the interest he creates with his literature ministry by conducting cottage meetings; and not only has he won the contest for the highest literature evangelist sales in 1969 but he became a Centurion Soul Winner—100 converts in one year.

In the most recent decade 56,190 souls were baptized whose first contact with Adventism was the literature evangelist.

Dan Collins, a layman in the Colorado Conference, felt that the interests created

by literature evangelists should be systematically followed up and developed. He makes it a point to visit those who have just completed payment for their books. If these customers have any questions he answers them and attempts to arouse their curiosity and stimulate their desire for more knowledge of the Bible. In many cases he arranges for definite Bible studies. This follow-up program has resulted in the baptism of 67 persons in less than one year. Brother Collins is now employed by the Colorado Conference as a full-time Bible instructor to follow up literature-evangelist contacts. More fields around the world would do well to follow the example of the Colorado Conference.

Mrs. Sandy Dancek, of the Pennsylvania Conference, is a housewife with four children. She was the top literature evangelist in the Columbia Union in 1969, with deliveries of \$29,002. She takes her children to church school each morning nearly 40 miles away, canvasses during the day, and goes back in the afternoon to pick up the children. She prays with many of her customers and enrolls most of them in the Bible correspondence course. The territory in which she works is about 80 per cent Roman Catholic. Mrs. Dancek has made a commitment to give 5 per cent of her profits to the Sabbath school Investment Fund. In 1969 this offering was \$600. At the present time 21 people are taking Bible studies as a result of her contacts.



Francisco de Araujo directs the National Adventist Choral Society at the GC session.

Two hundred and eighty-nine magazines are printed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and 224,780,494 were distributed during the past four years. Many people will read a magazine who will not take time to read a book; therefore, the production and distribution of message-filled magazines occupies an important place in the publishing program of this denomination.

Continuity of contacts with readers is accomplished through the magazine ministry. Today the church provides proper journals for old and young, for those in our churches and for the general public. These different publications feature character-building stories for children and young people, as well as instruction in healthful living, temperance, religious liberty, and relevant topics. These magazines are answering the ques-

tions that people ask about the significance of current events in the light of Bible prophecy, life, health, and the future. The magazine ministry is productive in soul winning.

The Scholarship Plan was launched in 1907, and since that time literally thousands of young people have earned money for their school expenses by selling denominational literature. Church school, academy, college, and university students are eligible to work on this plan. These young people not only earn money to help secure a Christian education but also spread the gospel. They gain a practical experience that is impossible to receive in the classroom; and the students who engage in this work learn the value of money, grow spiritually, and develop positive personality factors. Each year some 3,500 students share their faith the literature way. During the past quadrennium they sold \$10,131,748.59 worth of Adventist literature.

Walter Douglas, formerly of Andrews University, who is presently studying church history at McMasters University and will soon receive his Ph.D. degree,



has canvassed for seven summers in the Ontario-Quebec Conference. During that time he has delivered \$60,000 worth of literature. In 1968, in ten weeks he sold \$16,000 worth. All of his work has been house-to-house. Wherever he goes he enrolls people in the Bible course and leaves free literature.

Ellen G. White Publications

The Spirit of Prophecy has had a stabilizing influence upon the Seventh-day Adventist Church from the very beginning. Fifty-five Ellen G. White books have been published, and the material contained in these publications has brought strength to leaders and laity alike around the world. *Steps to Christ* has been published in 100 languages. *The Great Controversy* has been translated into 34 languages, in whole or in part, and has

enjoyed a circulation of more than 1.5 million copies. More than one million copies of the book *The Desire of Ages* have been sold in 17 languages. During the year 1969 7,700 sets of the nine volumes of *Testimonies for the Church* were distributed. The normal distribution is about 1,800 sets per year. The Testimony Countdown program has been largely responsible for this new impetus in the sale of the *Testimonies*.

At the Autumn Council of 1968 the General Conference Committee voted approval of a special plan that makes it possible for national workers in overseas divisions to purchase the Ellen G. White books at a greatly reduced price. This plan is proving to be a great blessing. Through the publishing houses, the literature evangelists, and the Book and Bible Houses, the Publishing Department of the General Conference is giving special emphasis to Ellen G. White publications around the world. These books contain a message for the church and for the world that must be given with vigor at this time.

The Missionary Book of the Year program has been most successful. The evangelistic thrust of this plan has paid great dividends. Since 1952 the following quantities have been printed and distributed:

1952 Bible Readings	206,879
1953 Drama of the Ages	149,814
1954 The Great Controversy	347,000
1955 God Speaks to Modern Man	429,208
1956 The Desire of Ages	557,000
1957 What Jesus Said	229,824
1958 Patriarchs and Prophets	248,115
1959 Love Unlimited	245,425
1960 Planet in Rebellion	291,090
1961 Your Bible and You	336,267
1962 Courage for the Crisis	143,534
1963 Beyond Tomorrow	173,848
1964 Dimensions in Salvation	81,176
1965 Life at Its Best	195,000
1966 By Faith I Live	230,515
1967 Good News for You	169,849
1968 Missionary Five Pack	180,000
1969 Though the Winds Blow	112,000

Total 4,326,544

More than 4 million well-illustrated books have been distributed through the Missionary Book of the Year Plan during a period of 18 years. We thank God for loyal, missionary-minded Seventh-day Adventists who believe in sharing their faith the literature way. We believe many will be in the kingdom of God as a result of the Missionary Book of the Year program.

The Christian Record Braille Foundation is a denominational publishing house founded in 1899. This General Conference institution renders service for the blind, visually impaired, and physically handicapped. The services are provided in Braille, large-print, and are recorded on tape and records. The services include books, magazines, Sabbath school lessons, Bible correspondence courses, full-vision books, and a lending library. These services fall into two categories: cultural-educational (nonsectarian) and religious-doctrinal (sectarian).

Clinics are sponsored to screen for glaucoma, a major cause of blindness.



Two Hills unite Eastern and Western United States. Paul Hill, CUC choir director (Maryland), sings as Melvin Hill, PUC band director (California) accompanies on a French horn.

Summer camps are conducted for blind children, and scholarships are provided for needy blind students.

Objectives of the foundation can be expressed in these words: To be as much service as possible to all blind, visually impaired, and physically handicapped persons who cannot read normal ink print.

Chapel Records is situated in Mountain View, California, and is a department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Chapel Records has developed a broad selection of good music for the Adventist home. Music has the power to reach and to comfort the soul.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has been given the assignment of developing tapes with sermons and mission talks, as well as visual aids and other helpful materials to be used in the churches and by the laity in personal missionary work.

These services rendered by the publishing houses through the Book and Bible houses have brought strength to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A program is being sponsored and financed by the General Conference, publishing houses, and union and local conferences that makes it possible to place denominational publications in public libraries. Today hundreds of libraries have been supplied with numerous volumes of Seventh-day Adventist books for public reading and research.

We Look to the Future

One of the most powerful agencies that God has given the church for the promulgation of the everlasting gospel is the printed page. We have come to a great new day for literature distribution. All over the world people have a desire for more security, for more knowledge and more information, for a better way of life; and this better way of life is being given to millions of people through our literature. The publishing houses operated by the denomination are well equipped. The literature rolling from the presses is beautiful and attractive and presents the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour in a strong, appealing manner.

The future of the publishing program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is bright. We are team workers for truth, and we cooperate with the plan of the church for coordinated evangelism. We want the thrust and the evangelistic impact of the literature of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be felt around the world.

In the world today multitudes of men and women are emerging from ignorance into the light of intelligence through the medium of the printed page. Yes, trees are actually talking. This presents to the publishing program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church a mighty challenge. World-shaking events have prepared the people in the nations for the final proclamation of the third angel's message as we speed toward the climax. We have the truth, we have the publishing houses, we have the literature. The aroused new world is hungry for books and magazines.

A capable, loyal, and enthusiastic personnel in every branch of the publishing program—in the publishing houses, the Book and Bible Houses, the Home Health Education Services, as well as our field leaders and literature evangelists—have made possible this excellent report. We are indebted to these more than 10,000 men and women around the world who are devoting their full time to the publishing program of the church. In particular I commend my three capable associates in the Publishing Department of the General Conference: C. F. Adams, W. A. Higgins, and Herbert White. These men are professionals in various areas of the publishing program and have made a solid contribution to our worldwide literature ministry. We appreciate our faithful, efficient secretarial staff in the Publishing Department. These ladies are important to the work we do.

God has set His hand to finish His work rapidly. Surely the time has come to light the world with literature, and by the instrumentality of the printed page the earth is to be flooded with the glory of the message. The greatest days are ahead of us, and to this thrilling task the Publishing Department personnel in factory, office, and field are heartily consecrated.

Proceedings of the General Conference

Fifty-first Session, June 11-20, 1970

Sixth Business Meeting

June 15, 1970, 9:15 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: W. J. Hackett.

OPENING SONG: No. 7, "Under His Wings."

OPENING PRAYER: Henri Long, president of Indian Ocean Union Training School, Madagascar, in the French language.

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Leonard Venden family of four from the State of Washington, playing on the golden bells (English-type hand bells), "Impromptu" by Schubert.

W. J. HACKETT: Our secretary, R. R. Frame, will bring a special greeting from overseas this morning.

R. R. FRAME: We have a message of greeting from one of our ministers of the U.S.S.R.: "Greetings to the General Conference session from all ministers and members in Central Asia and the Caucasus. We wish this fifty-first session of the General Conference of our church the richest blessings from God in planning and proclaiming the everlasting gospel to the inhabitants of the earth." I move that we respond to this message with appropriate greetings to our brethren in Central Asia.

[The motion was adopted.]

W. J. HACKETT: Now just one short item by our secretary, Elder Franz.

C. O. FRANZ: We have evidence again this morning, if we needed it, of the growth of the church. In 1944 the British West Indies Union Mission was organized. This area has grown tremendously, not only in numbers but in experience. It has given evidence of this growth in several ways. Workers have gone out from this area to other parts of the field. It is now felt that the West Indies Union Mission, consisting of three conferences in Jamaica—the Bahamas Conference, the Cayman Islands Field, and the Turks and Caicos Field—have the status of a union conference, and a survey commission has approved the change. The approval of the Inter-American Division and the General Conference has been given. I move that the status of the West Indies Union Mission be changed to that of West Indies Union Conference.

[The motion was carried.]

W. J. HACKETT: The secretary has additional delegates to be seated this morning. [The report on seating of additional delegates, as accepted, appears on page 10.]

W. J. HACKETT: This morning we have the Ellen G. White Publications reporting to us and I wish to present the chairman of the trustee board, W. P. Bradley.

W. P. BRADLEY: I wish to recognize the fine work of our staff in the White Estate organization. The executive secretary is one of the best-known names in our

church, Arthur L. White, the grandson of Ellen G. White. Elder White is constantly in touch with the field, helping to supply material that will improve the understanding of the work of the Spirit of Prophecy in the church. Arthur L. White will render the report.

[The report of the Ellen G. White Publications appears on pages 23, 24 of this Bulletin.]

W. J. HACKETT: Next we will hear something about the work of the Christian Record presented by the General Manager, C. G. Cross.

[The report of the Christian Record Braille Foundation appears on page 11 of this Bulletin.]

C. G. CROSS: We would like you to meet two friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lowry. They are not Seventh-day Adventists, but they are Adventists, for anyone who believes in the coming of Jesus is an Adventist. That's what the word means. Though legally blind, Mr. Lowry is an internationally famous whistler and we want him to whistle a beautiful song, "Whispering Hope."

FRED LOWRY: Thank you, Mr. Cross. It is my honor to represent blind people not only in America but throughout the world where the Christian Record and other publications are being sent. I am personally acquainted with the staff at the Christian Record in Lincoln, and I would like to thank all of you for making such a wonderful organization possible. If you could be with some of the blind people as my wife, Gracie, and I have often been, it would do your heart good to know the wonderful work that all of you are doing. [Mr. Lowry whistled "Whispering Hope."]

C. G. CROSS: Mr. Lowry's choice of a selection was very appropriate. One of the State librarians said to my wife and me just last week, "The Christian Record Braille Foundation is so different from other organizations working for the blind because it offers hope," and we are very thankful that we can be in this type of work. G. C. Wilson, the director of our general field services, will tell you of one experience. If some of you would like to have a recording of Mr. Lowry's whistling, come down to the Christian Record booth for it.

G. C. WILSON: The next question to the delegates here at the General Conference is: "Is this a soul-winning agency of the church?" Just a short experience: It all happened with the talking magazine, which finds its way into the hands of blind people not only in the United States but in 84 overseas countries. This found its way into the home of a blind piano teacher in Alabama. She listened to it and it told of the camp that we held last year for the blind children at Camp Kulaqua. A small girl, Sherlene Rivers, also blind, came to receive her piano lesson and the

piano teacher told her of what she heard on the talking magazine. Sherlene rushed home after the lesson and told her mother about the wonderful camp that she might be able to attend, not knowing it was conducted by Seventh-day Adventists. She applied and back came the answer for her to get in touch with our division director in the area. The contact was made and Sherlene attended the annual camp for blind children.

At this camp blind boys and girls learn to water-ski and do many of the skills that are usually reserved for sighted campers. When the camp was over, the young girl enthusiastically told her family at home all the wonderful things she had learned about Seventh-day Adventists. We just showed them Adventist love at the camp. Our district representative, Brother Albert, followed up this interest and found that the mother and father were interested in spiritual things. Elder Detamore was holding an effort in that area and Brother Albert took Sherlene's blind mother, father, and older sister, who has sight, to the meetings. When the meetings were over, our district representative, Brother Albert, continued taking this family to church, and finally saw them baptized. This happened at the close of the summer. When September rolled around, the two daughters enrolled in a Seventh-day Adventist school. This family rejoices today in the message that fills our hearts with the hope of the soon-coming Saviour. Yes, the Christian Record is a soul-winning agency of our church.

W. J. HACKETT: Our next report comes from Oakwood College. The chairman of the board, F. L. Bland, one of the vice-presidents of the General Conference, will introduce the program.

F. L. BLAND: We have seen a tremendous growth, both in the physical plant and student body, on the campus of Oakwood College during the past four years. Dr. Frank Hale, the president of the college, will present the report.

F. W. HALE: We bring you greetings from the space capital of the world—Huntsville, Alabama. This is where the rockets are fabricated before they are sent on barges down the Tennessee River to Cape Kennedy and then sent into outer space. Oakwood College, we like to think, is perhaps the spiritual space capital of the world. We bring you greetings from 640 students, a staff numbering nearly 100, students from 36 American States and from 20 foreign countries.

Our graduates are well received in schools of higher learning. One of our seniors will receive a \$4,000 scholarship with all incidental expenses paid at Cambridge University, England.

Another young man, who came from the heart of Africa, was awarded upon graduation from Oakwood College one of the very few scholarships to the University of Florida, School of Medicine. Another young man, because of his outstanding record in the behavioral sciences at Oakwood College this year, was awarded an \$18,000 scholarship by the University of Chicago for him to finish his Ph.D. degree.

As you can see, Oakwood College is an

outstanding liberal arts center, not only emphasizing the spiritual but also the intellectual, social, and cultural as well. The president of our senior class of 1969, Edward Cartright, was not only accepted by the Yale University School of Medicine, but was awarded a four-year, \$16,000 scholarship. He was one of 83 students accepted from more than 600 applicants to the Yale University School of Medicine.

Oakwood has become an outstanding musical center under the direction of Inez Booth, Jon Robertson, Allyne Dumas Lee, Harold Anthony and others. They have directed an outstanding group of music students. Last week the advanced students from our college were auditioned at the Julliard School of Music in New York. Because of their performance all four were accepted in this year's fall class in the New York school of music. These students would not do so well were it not for the grace of God in their hearts and outstanding faculty members.

This year we are in serious self-study for the periodical review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary School Association, which is responsible for our accreditation.

We are happy that we have the kind of faculty that is not only responsible to us and applauded by us, but is also applauded by the institutions of the world. This year there have been representatives from several public institutions on our campus. Just to cite a few, administrators from Vanderbilt University and Stanford University attempted to secure members of our staff. In fact, one staff member was offered a chair at Harvard University. But each of the persons approached decided to remain at Oakwood College.

An institution must not only have students and faculty, it must have a program. We are happy for the strong program that Oakwood College offers. That program has received great support and is strong because of you, because of the General Conference and the Regional Conference support, and the offering that is received each autumn for Oakwood College.

We have also received support from sources outside of the institution. This is the first year in the history of Oakwood College that private, nondenominational sources have donated in excess of \$200,000 to the institution. Among them were such foundations as Texaco, Campbell's Soup Company, 3M, *Reader's Digest*, and the Ford Foundation. Just before I left the campus at Huntsville we received word that two of our teachers have been awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship. The first was Claude Thomas, our college counselor. Jon Robertson, chairman of our department of music, received a Ford Foundation Fellowship to complete his doctorate at the New York School of Music.

In addition we have had people who simply pass through our corridors, who have only heard of what Oakwood College is doing and were impressed. Four years ago we told you of the woman who heard of what Oakwood was attempting to do in terms of character building and sent us a check for \$10,000. She had never seen the college. This year it was my privilege to stop in New York City and knock on her door. To my disappointment she

Additional Delegates

At the sixth business session Monday morning, June 15, the following changes were made in the list of delegates:

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

Add: M. Uruma, V. G. Tamayo. Delete: Juanita Glava, J. Y. Yovan.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Add: Anoosh Keshishzade.

Monday afternoon, June 15, the following changes were made in the list of delegates:

GENERAL CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

M. E. Evans, V. E. Robinson.

PACIFIC UNION

S. D. Meyers. Delete: R. W. Nelson.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

Quintin Valendez, Norberto P. Legaspi. Delete: Miss Evelyn Alamo, Maura F. M. Morgan.

was in Spain, so I left her a brochure on what Oakwood College is doing, and a little note telling her that a great part of her contribution was put into scholarships for our students. No sooner had I returned to the college than I received a message that said, "I am sure that my donation of \$10,000 was used well. Enclosed is another check for \$10,000."

And so Oakwood College marches on. I would not want to give you the impression that we are a campus flowing with milk and honey because of what the foundations are doing. You must understand that 97 per cent of our young people must receive financial aid. They come to us from homes of low economic background. But they come with a will. They come with a purpose. And when you invest in young people you invest in life. And so we challenge you once again to help to continue to make Oakwood College the great institution that it is. We invite you to come and see us. We invite you to continue to pray for us.

W. J. HACKETT: You have received a magazine called *GO*. We have a man on the platform who is responsible for that, and we want him to tell you about *GO* magazine.

A. A. ESTER: As I lay down the editorial pen at this meeting, I want to take

just a moment to thank the co-editors. You will see them on the front cover of the June issue: J. E. Edwards, C. C. Weis, C. E. Guenther, V. W. Schoen, and Maybelle Vandermark. One that you do not see pictured here is June Franklin, our editorial secretary. We started a year ago in getting this ready. It takes time to publish magazines. You will see something more on page two: Volume 20, No. 6. During these 20 years I have served under three presidents. The first world sponsor was W. H. Branson, then R. R. Figuhr, and now Robert H. Pierson. As I lay down my pen at this time, I hope that God will bless the new man who takes up my mantle. I hope that he will do a greater job than I in providing *GO* to help our laymen stand the test and finish the work. Brethren, the final scenes on the stage are set, the time and the task and the men have met. The world at its worst needs a church at its best. We're called for this hour. We must stand the test.

W. J. HACKETT: The one and only Brother Ester! We hope you will continue to use your talents in tongue and in pen for the advancement of God's work.

At this time Cree Sandefur, and Melvin Gadsby, our second assistant secretary of the nominating committee, are ready with another report from the nominating committee.

CREE SANDEFUR: We have a partial report.

[The report, which was accepted, appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.]

W. J. HACKETT: A second report from the plans committee is ready.

[The report was adopted and appears on pages 20, 21 of this Bulletin.]

BENEDICTION: W. S. Lee, president, Central States Conference.

W. J. HACKETT, *Chairman*.

R. R. FRAME, *Secretary*.

W. P. BRADLEY, *Recording Secretary*.

Seventh Business Meeting

June 15, 1970, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: R. R. Bietz.

OPENING SONG: No. 178, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

SCRIPTURE: E. C. Ward, pastor in the Pacific Union, read from Isaiah 54 and 55.

PRAYER: W. L. Kilroy, general manager of the Sanitarium Health Foods, Australia.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Betty Woodland sang, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee."

A. E. Gibb, secretary, read greetings from the Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, Town church and the little group of the Guilarte Country Chapel, signed by Miguel A. Cabon. It was voted to record these messages and to respond with greetings to this group. Elder Gibb presented a report from the committee on seating of additional delegates and additional standing committee assignments. [The report from the committee on seating delegates appears on this page.]

R. R. BIETZ: The Association of Self-Supporting Institutions will present its report.

(Continued on page 21)

Additions to Plans Committee

G. F. Cherry, W. A. Clarke, J. Culpepper, V. Lindsay, G. W. Morgan, A. L. Page, N. W. Rowland, R. C. Thomas, W. S. Wagner.

Christian Record Braille Foundation

By C. G. CROSS, *General Manager*

Growth, expansion, reaching into more homes and lives—this is the delightful story of the workers and the work of the Christian Record Braille Foundation during the past four years. We are serving about 60,000 blind and visually handicapped persons in 88 countries, only .75 per cent of whom are Seventh-day Adventists.

We want to reach, or to help our brethren reach, all blind and visually handicapped adults and children in all parts of the world by personal contacts and by magazines, books, Bible correspondence courses, manuals, and other items. Thus we shall lift some of the heavy burdens of loneliness and despair and implant courage and hope. We try to motivate dormant talents.

We believe that blind boys and girls should prepare for careers of usefulness. Furthermore, hundreds of thousands of elderly persons who are blind or have dimming vision vegetate in affluent homes with nothing to do, nothing to be responsible for. They have no hobbies and are unable to read. They are sad, dejected, sickly. If they can hear, they can listen to records and magnetic tapes of hundreds of the best books and music albums. The *Christian Record Talking Magazine* will acquaint them with many things that others in the same situation are doing. If they can't hear, and can't read normal ink print, they should know about our large print books and monthly magazines.

Helping the Helpless

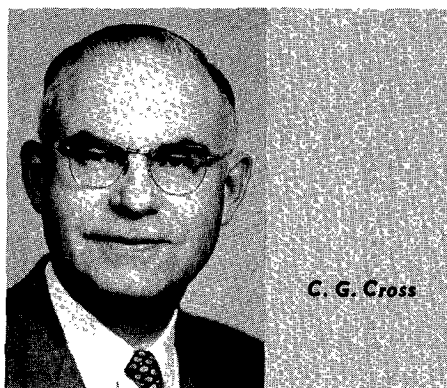
I want to explain how our district representatives can handle a typical situation involving a man about 40 years old living in the United States. He is well settled in his career. Then he loses his eyesight. Almost automatically he loses his job. Now what will happen to his family? Will they lose their house and car? Will the older children have to drop out of college? How will they get money to buy food for next month?

Someone will say that the government takes care of that. I must tell you that of the 426,000 registered blind persons in the United States in 1968 only 81,365 received Blind Aid, which averaged only \$83.21 per month. What about clothes? And the extra medical expenses? All of this, and no job!

But perhaps even more searching are questions such as, What happens to the

man's attitudes and spirit? What changes are forced on every member of the family? How they need a Christian specialist at such a time!

In the middle of all this sadness and bewilderment a trained district representative of the Christian Record Braille Foundation steps into this family's life. After hearing their story and seeing their needs, he tells them about others who had similar problems and how they overcame them or adjusted to them. If the blind person can work, he arranges



contact with rehabilitation training or helps him to locate a job. He helps him to activate his mind and body and to start reaching out for objectives. He gets him into our reading programs, arranges for him to learn Braille if he wishes, secures a record player for him, and gets him into social contact with other blind people.

In 1969 we had 89 district representatives working full and part time as compared to 76 in 1965. We could use at least 200 more full-time representatives in the United States and Canada.

Our district representatives help to find the 40,000 newly blinded persons in North America each year. Yearly they assist about 21,000 blind and handicapped people in their homes. While

working with these persons, they inform the business communities of our work and invite them to sponsor the general program. As much as 88 per cent of our \$900,000 budget in 1970 will be contributed by businessmen to our district representatives. Funds to pay for literature containing the testing truths come from the biennial North American Division church offering and from Adventist wills, annuities, and trusts.

Accomplishments and Goals

All of our services are free or, as in the case of the thousands of volumes in our lending library, are on a free lending basis. We serve all people regardless of creed, race, or economic status.

During this quadrennium the following items seem most impressive: 1. The free lending library has grown significantly in the number of titles available and units borrowed. 2. The number and type of books that have been recorded on tapes have earned for our library the reputation of being "the best religious tape library in the world." 3. The introduction of free summer camps for blind children. 4. The introduction of glaucoma clinics into our regular program, which have saved the eyesight of many persons. 5. The hiring of a capable sound engineer. 6. The setting up of a public relations department. 7. An increase of 48.9 per cent in income and 54.3 per cent in expense in this quadrennium over the preceding one.

Major objectives for the next quadrennium are: 1. To expose all Seventh-day Adventists, and a much larger percentage of the public, to the Foundation's work. 2. To increase the number of successful district representatives. 3. To gear up for cassette tape recording. 4. To develop additional sources of income. 5. To update production machinery and office equipment. 6. To find additional channels for serving blind and handicapped persons.

Our brethren in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, the Middle East, and Japan have started services for blind people in their languages. If the same attention were given to this work that is given to other types of missionary work, I am confident that leaders of many nations would become more favorable to our total church program.

We thank everyone who by prayers, contributions, service, and personal interest has been helpful during the past four years. May God bless all of us as we share in helping blind and visually handicapped people and their anxious families to live happier lives now and to be prepared for eternal life when the eyes of the blind shall see.

At the Voice of Prophecy exhibit Elder and Mrs. M. K. Eckenroth, of Columbia Union College, talk with organist Norman Nelson.



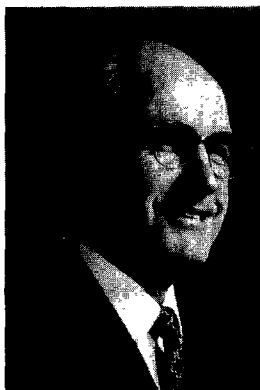
Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions

By CARIS H. LAUDA, *Executive Secretary*

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions is an organization of Adventist laymen who have discovered the value of cooperative endeavor in the cause of Christ. The ASI, as the organization is commonly known, is dedicated to the service of every consecrated business or professional person engaged in the operation, or conduct, of an acceptable private enterprise for God and who desires to look beyond the ordinary pursuits of life and engage his facilities in such a way as to broaden his horizons for God.

ASI was organized in 1947 and restructured in 1951 on a basis of mutual relationship with denominationally owned institutions and enterprises to aid in advancing the third angel's message through privately owned self-supporting institutions, services, and industries. Thus, ASI is one of the youngest of the General Conference departmental services.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland, well-known for his outstanding missionary leadership in the Southland, especially at the Madison Sanitarium and College, was the first secretary of this organization. He was followed by Wesley Amundsen who served as executive secretary-treasurer. Brother Amundsen had the privilege of working 16 years with the elected president of



Caris H. Lauda

ASI, Dr. L. A. Senseman. We thank God for the faithful soul-winning leadership and ministry of these men.

The membership of the association at the close of the quadrennium was 206. It is interesting to observe the different services and industries represented. The major portion is medical and paramedical, such as hospitals, sanitariums, extended-care and retirement homes, clinics, medical groups, physical-therapy and physical-rehabilitation centers. These now total a bed capacity of more than 11,000, which is more than 4,000 more beds than the denominationally owned

medical institutions in North America have.

Schools and Health Institutions

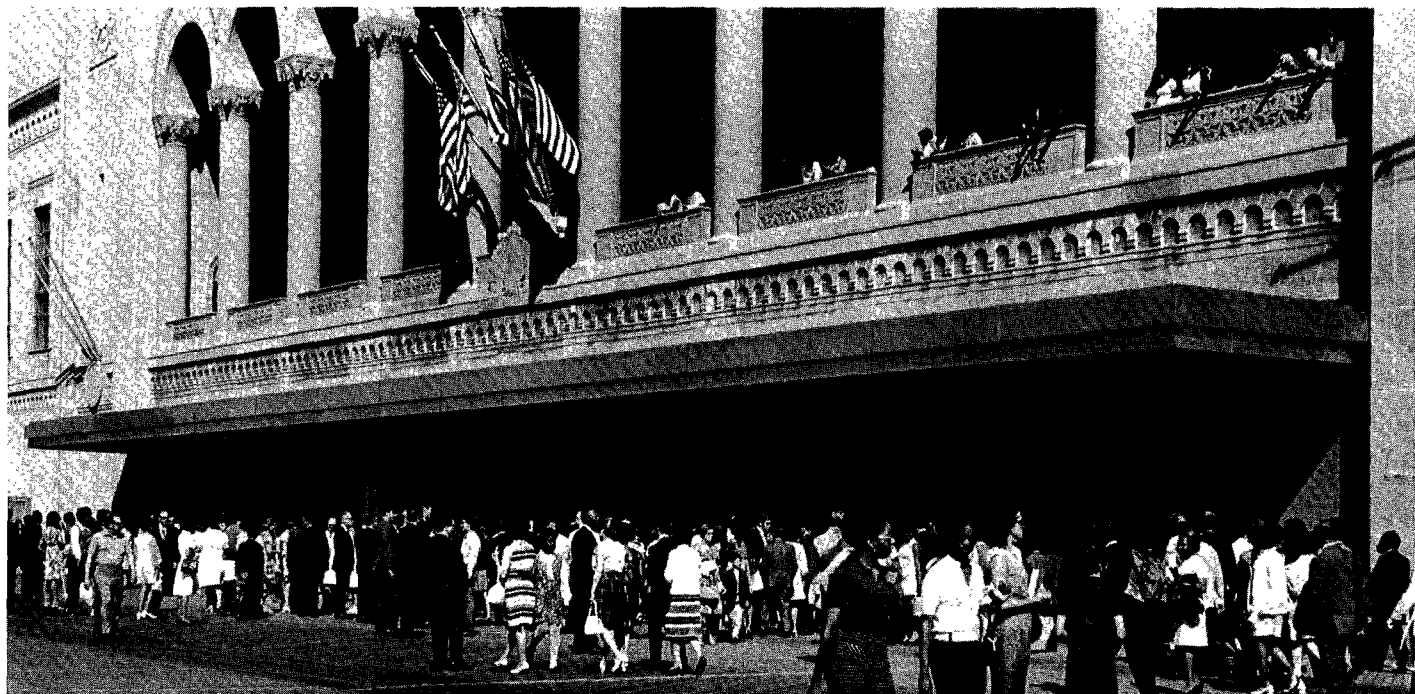
We thank God for the ministry of our ASI self-supporting schools. May I mention some of our larger ones: Little Creek Sanitarium, Hospital and School under the directorship of Leland Straw and Roger Goodge; the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, and Fletcher Academy under the administratorship of Elder Jack Williams; and the Pine Forest Academy and Sanitarium directed by C. A. Johnson. These schools are truly self-supporting institutions promoting the four-fold program of education, agriculture, and medical and missionary evangelism.

Other larger ASI medical institutions are Hialeah Hospital, in Florida; Shawnee Mission Health Center, in Kansas; Corona Community Hospital, in California; Battle Creek Sanitarium, in Michigan; and the Lancaster County Hospital, Modesto City Hospital, and San Joaquin Community Hospital, in California.

It would be a pleasure to name the many nursing homes, health-care centers, and retirement homes numbering from 10- to 458-bed capacity, and to review the tender, loving care given by our homes for the retarded and handicapped and their missionary activities. Representative are the medical centers of Drs. Wendell and Lawrence Malin, the Medical Group Foundation; Drs. Barnard and Fenderson, of Bakersfield, California; Dr. and Mrs. Laing, of South River, Ontario, Canada; Dr. Gibbs, of Cortland, New York; the Health Stores of Melvin Cone, in California; the Zima SAVE Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and the Layman Foundation, of Madison, Tennessee.

These institutions represent hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist laymen sharing their faith and believing the words: "He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples. However imperfect and sinful we may be, the Lord holds out to us the offer of partnership with Himself, of apprentice-

Delegates to the fifty-first session of the General Conference and passers-by stroll on the boardwalk in front of the city auditorium.



ship to Christ. He invites us to come under the divine instruction, that, uniting with Christ, we may work the works of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 297.

ASI Officers

What a pleasure and inspiration it has been for Wesley Amundsen and, during the past two years, for me to work with the officers elected by the members of the ASI. Allan Buller, president of ASI, is well acquainted with self-supporting work, having made a most significant contribution as the general manager of Worthington Foods, Inc. His concept of the ASI was admirably spelled out in his keynote speech when he said: "The two distinguishing characteristics of the ASI member are the facts that he professes the principles and claims the hope of Seventh-day Adventism, and he is self-supporting and therefore not dependent upon the church in an economic sense." "As self-supporting institutions and enterprises, we must bear our peculiar responsibilities. . . . We dedicate our best efforts in the fulfillment of these responsibilities. We join hands with those who are employed in conference work, in the unity of faith, in the unity of fellowship, in the unity of purpose, and in the unity of hope, as we carry on our work."

Carl E. Howe, one of the vice-presidents, is president and administrator of the Brooke Grove Foundation of Maryland, consisting of Brooke Grove Nursing Home, Sharon Nursing Home, and the Althea Woodland Nursing Home. This background of successful development of this foundation, as well as his educational experience, well qualifies him to serve the ASI members.

R. R. Laing, M.D., of South River, Ontario, Canada, is also one of the vice-presidents of the ASI. When in private practice in Willowdale he and his wife had a great burden to move to South River, a frontier outpost in sparsely settled territory where there was only one Seventh-day Adventist family. The religious people of the community had been praying for a Christian doctor. Their prayers and the prayers of the Laings were answered, and the Laings established the Woodland Park Enterprises, of which the South River Clinic is an active unit. By faith the Laings, with others, built a church where some 60 members now worship. Dr. Laing is not only busy with his own medical ministry in South River but also serves the Canadian Government on many committees. He is well qualified to serve as one of our vice-presidents.

At our recent convention these three men were elected to a four-year term of office. Eight laymen were also elected by the membership, and eight denominationally employed workers were appointed by the General Conference Committee, making an executive committee of laymen and denominational workers.

Qualifications for Membership

You will be interested in the qualifications for membership in the ASI. *Spiritual*.—Members shall be Seventh-day Adventists in good and regular standing, in harmony with the teachings and principles of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church, and must conduct their work in conformity with its principles and standards. They shall manifest an interest in the objectives of the Association, and use their facilities as opportunity permits for the hastening of the coming of Jesus Christ. *Educational institutions* shall maintain denominational standards and manifest a willingness to accept counsel regarding educational methods and procedures, as provided for by the Educational Department of the denomination. *Medical institutions and enterprises* shall maintain standards of medical practice and procedure representative of the Seventh-day Adventist medical work. *Missionary industries* shall make a definite contribution to the life and work of the

church through cooperative methods. All other types of membership shall be such as are in complete harmony with the objectives of the Association.

My friends, we are in the closing work of the church. The message for today is "Press together, press together." This must be foremost in our hearts as we consider every element of the work that, in auxiliary lines, draws in so many men and women of talent and ability. This is the day when we "should be ministering to others with mind and soul and voice and pen and time and money" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 457). May the grace of God be upon each one of you in the lines of work to which the Lord has called you.

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Northern European Division

By W. DUNCAN EVA, *President*

We bring you greetings tonight from your brethren and sisters in the Northern European Division, from Laplanders of the far Arctic north, from true-hearted believers more than 5,000 miles south in the humid jungles of West Africa, from hardy dwellers in "the island of fire and ice" on the western extremity of our division and, on its eastern extremity, from that great country with its 13 months of sunshine and its invigorating highland air, Ethiopia.

And they greet you from Nigeria, that nation so recently torn apart by tragic civil strife. But our people are united as brethren in the Advent hope. They greet you from Freetown in Sierra Leone where they rejoice in the glorious liberty of the gospel, from Liberia where with slavery's bonds broken they know true freedom, and from Abidjan, beautiful gateway to the prosperous and hopeful hinterland of the Ivory Coast. They greet you from Accra, bustling commercial metropolis of progressive Ghana, from Lomé in Togo, home of juju and voodoo but theater also of God's delivering grace.

Yes, and they greet you from Holland, land of exquisitely beautiful flowers where the Advent hope blossoms afresh, from the crowded metropolitan center of London where the flag of the Advent message flies unfurled for a nation whose contribution to the spread of the gospel of peace must never be forgotten, from Copenhagen whose crowded marts for a thousand years have known the traders of many nations and where the gold tried in the fire can still be bought. They greet you from progressive and affluent Stockholm where some men still gladly choose true riches rather than the world's empty pleasures, from Warsaw, risen new and beautiful from ruins and rubble, and where the indomitable spirit of the Polish people shines as burnished gold in the Advent Church. They greet you from Oslo whose sufferings have taught its people faith and patience, and where Norwegian Adventism is rooted deep. They greet you from Helsinki, queen of the land of thousands of lakes, where valiant men contend vigorously for the faith once delivered to the saints. Yes, and they greet you from Reykjavik where dwell the descendants of the sturdy Vikings who crossed the Atlantic in their amazing little boats 500 years before Columbus.

We are humbled when we think of the grace of God that makes us a part of His wonderful family. Yet we are proud to confess our allegiance to Him and His great world church, and joyful beyond words in our fellowship with you, our brothers and sisters in Christ of every land and race!

The great commission challenges us to interpret the gospel of divine love and compassion in living terms to 220 million people. It bids us minister to starving and underprivileged children, to the sick and the aged, to everyone whose need makes us his debtor. It requires that we carry the third angel's message to black and white of every tribe and nation, for every child of humanity has the dignity and value Calvary earned and grace bestowed. Therefore, our watchword must be, and is, *evangelize*. Results during the quadrennium have been wonderfully encouraging, for 25,653 souls have been received into church fellow-



W. Duncan Eva

ship and the total membership of our 888 churches now stands at 94,581, excitingly near the 100,000 mark.

Our hearts are filled with praise to Him who is so patient with our weakness and who condescends to bless our feeble efforts so significantly. We do not always know to whom to give the earthly credit for results, since evangelism is a many-pronged endeavor and every department in the division eagerly gears its activities to this one master purpose.

With what courage the Spirit-inspired endeavors of our lay members have filled us! Whether it be in Ingathering—and we have collected \$3,388,975 this quadrennium—or in Gift Bible Evangelism from Iceland to Ibadan and from Dublin to Lublin, or in finding interests for our Bible correspondence schools with their 82,572 active students and their 571 baptisms for 1969 alone, or in witnessing for the truth in a loving ministry to the needs of neighbors near and afar, our lay members are in the van.

One example chosen from many must suffice to show what God will do when we dare and when we persevere. A couple from the church in Accra began earnest work for the inmates of the Nsawam prison in their city. Some months later,

on October 11, 1969, 16 prisoners were baptized in the prison yard while 250 fellow inmates watched.

But in what were they baptized? In a permanent baptistry built within prison walls at the order of prison officials impressed by the wonder-working power of transforming grace. The instruments? A busy and successful businessman and his wife, Brother and Sister U. E. Akpan, whose faces radiate the profound joy they know and the blessed hope they cherish.

Youth Witness

Gracious indeed has been God's blessing on our youth. They pledged themselves through their leaders at the beginning of the quadrennium to win 8,000 souls for Christ. They have reached and surpassed that goal. Youth leader Jaakko Pokkinen in Kajaani, Finland, 35 miles from the Russian border, is an example of their enthusiasm and consecration. He takes his youth everywhere to witness for their Lord. At a local swimming pool—yes, right in the water—a contact was made that led two precious souls into full membership in the church.

In one of the prisons Brother Pokkinen visited, an inmate asked to talk with him. Looking him straight in the face the prisoner said, "You are the reason for my being in prison." "But why?" asked our surprised brother. "Well, you see, one day you came and sold me a copy of *The Great Controversy*. As I read it the Holy Spirit brought me under deep conviction and I was converted. I had therefore to go and confess my crime and make things right, and that is why I am here."

Hundreds of Five-Day Plans have been conducted by our temperance departments to help those in bondage to tobacco to break the habit, and thousands have been blessed. When our workers mingle with men as Christ did, showing sympathy and ministering to their needs, they win their confidence. Prejudice dies, barriers are removed, and who can tell what the end will be as skeptics discover the gospel's power and even cynics awake to the fact that it is a work of grace that has been accomplished in their lives.

From north of the Arctic Circle to the equator our 420 literature evangelists have distributed literature in 27 languages from our ten publishing houses. This literature has a cash value of more than \$5 million, and an eternal value that is beyond computation.

Outstanding examples of sales success come from Finland, where we believe one of the most efficient SDA publishing houses in this denomination is operated. Its 38 employees are backed by a field force of literature evangelists whose efficiency was evidenced in an 84 per cent sales gain in 1969. Ten thousand copies of *The Great Controversy* were sold that year. Mrs. Eila Tikkarainen, housewife and part-time literature evangelist, won a mother and daughter to the message as a result of her work, and in 1969 her sales totaled \$25,000.

In the British Union, in one week Literature Evangelist McIntyre sold 40 ten-volume sets of *The Bible Story* to government schools. In Poland, a recently produced 5,000 edition of *The Great*

Controversy was all but sold out within 30 days. In the West Nordic Union, in 1969, Literature Evangelist Sogaard sold 400 sets of the four-volume *The Bible Story* combined with *The Great Controversy*; more than one for every day of the year.

Perhaps the most significant advance step and the one with the greatest potential for the publishing work in Northern Europe, has been the merging of the publishing interests of the Stanborough Press with those of the Review and Herald. It became effective as of April 1, 1970, and we confidently await its far-reaching results.

Educational Progress and Problems

In the schools of the Northern European Division more than 40,000 students are enrolled. In Africa the developing nations are clamoring for education and during the past dozen years or so growth in our mission unions has been rapid. While costs soar we grapple with the problems of increasing demands and energetically seek ways of increasing income.

In Nigeria, at Adventist College of West Africa, a bakery was started a few years ago. It now supplies thousands of loaves of wholesome bread to the stores of Lagos and Ibadan. Across the continent, at Ethiopian Adventist College, 600 tons of wheat were produced last season and provided a gross income of \$60,000 for the college. F. Petrov, the farmer, is an enthusiastic and indefatigable worker whose joy it is to provide money for essential projects that might otherwise languish.

At the same time, the real aims of Adventist education are not lost sight of in these colleges. For example, at Adventist College of West Africa in 1968 soul-winning endeavors led by Pastor Herman Bauman, in which students and staff alike participated, resulted in 141 baptisms. At Ethiopian Adventist College 104 were baptized in 1969, about half of whom were from Moslem homes. Some of them were the fruit of the labor of lay and student evangelists in the area around the college.

Gratifying progress is being made in Europe in establishing and operating church schools. Secondary schools, and in some cases junior colleges, provide for the needs of older youth in the various countries of Europe. We wish it were possible to have fewer and larger institutions, but the geography of our division, and its many languages, require otherwise.

Newbold College is the division senior college and great and far-reaching challenges face us there in regard to a more broadly based education for the youth of our division as well as higher standards of training for the ministry. There are implications in these challenges, as related to evangelistic endeavor, that are going to make increasingly heavy demands upon our limited resources. But if we are to provide for the influx of the new members we are praying and working for, there is no alternative.

Medical Work

The health work in our division con-

tinues to bear its fruit to the glory of God as dedicated workers minister to men's needs. The opportunities at Masanga Leprosarium, in Sierra Leone, for Christian compassion in our ministry to lepers have never been greater.

We operate five other hospitals in West Africa, one of which is temporarily closed, and four in Ethiopia. At two of them, the Adventist Hospital at Ile-Ife in Western Nigeria, and Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, nurses are trained. During the quadrennium this latter hospital, established in 1933, has been completely rebuilt. In a few weeks time the new five-story building, erected at a cost of over \$1 million, will be occupied. It will be officially opened in January, 1971. Liberal General Conference appropriations provided approximately 30 per cent of the cost and 20 per cent was raised in Ethiopia. The other 50 per cent has come from within the Northern European Division. In addition, a new nursing school and nurses' dormitory block is under construction. The bulk of the cost, some \$140,000, is being provided as a free gift by the Norwegian Government from its development aid funds. Pastor Alf Lohne, our division secretary, negotiated this generous assistance.

There is time to make but brief reference to the self-sacrificing work of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Nagel and the five medical teams who served at our Northern Ngwa County Hospital in Eastern Nigeria during the recent conflict. Likewise of the three teams that served around the perimeter of the struggle, and of the courage and Christian spirit of the indigenous workers and members who, amid the passions and hate of war, valiantly held high the banner of the Prince of Peace. While for almost three years this bitter conflict raged, 2,500 persons were baptized, many within earshot and range of booming artillery.

Our thoughts turn to an empty chair on our platform tonight, that of our division medical secretary, the late Dr. J. A. Hyde. Born to parents who were missionaries in West Africa, and one of a family whose members have served

with distinction in different parts of the world, he gave his talents and his life freely in service for others.

New Evangelistic Momentum

The program of evangelism in Europe is gaining momentum. An aggregate of more than 16,000 people attended opening sessions of five evangelistic campaigns that were begun on January 18, 1970—three in Finland, one in Sweden, and the other in Holland. But better than that, a few weeks later no fewer than 700 attended Sabbath seminars in the three Finnish cities, and not only did they spend the whole day in meetings, they paid more than a dollar each to do so.

In order to attempt a breakthrough in the area of public evangelism, the division committee decided in November, 1966, to appoint a division evangelist who would spearhead public campaigns in the European part of our division. Some months later John Coltheart, of Australia, then working in the New Gallery Centre in London, was appointed. He has conducted campaigns with growing success in Stockholm, Sweden; Bergen, Norway; Helsinki, Finland; and, in the last few months, at Rotterdam, Holland. Under God's blessing we are reaching the multitudes of Europe's cities and hundreds are deciding for the message.

But the most heartening results are not the hundreds of baptisms, precious as the souls won are, but the new spirit of aggressive evangelism that has kindled from country to country. In about 18 months, following the Stockholm meetings, upward of a dozen campaigns have been conducted in the cities of Sweden, and although 286 were baptized in Finland in 1969, the prospects are even better for 1970.

In Britain attendance at our campaigns, even those being conducted by young and comparatively inexperienced evangelists, has been the highest for years. We believe we are witnessing what, in God's purpose, is to lead to a great revival of Adventist evangelism in Northern Europe.

But it is not in Europe alone that the spirit of evangelism is gripping our working force. In West Africa more than 16,000 persons were baptized during the quadrennium and the membership now stands at 44,730, which is twice what it was ten years ago. Tremendous is the potential of this productive union, and had we the means the harvest would be as great there in this day of opportunity as anywhere else in Africa. In Ethiopia, 1,171 persons were baptized in 1969, the highest number in any year. Pastor Tebedge, president of the Eritrea-Tigre Mission, has conducted campaign after campaign with gratifying results in the city of Asmara, and in the west and south of the union the church is growing.

The total tithe of our membership for the quadrennial period was more than \$13 million and mission offerings amounted to \$5.5 million. From official statistics it would appear that Northern Europe is the biggest source of mission offerings outside of North America. When it is remembered that more than half our membership is among developing



Urbano Castillo (left), Philippine lay soul winner, meets E. A. Capobres, president of the Central Philippine Union Mission.

nations in Africa, the figures are impressive. They underline one fact we must not lose sight of, the extent of the advantages to the world church of a strengthened and expanded work in Europe.

Tribute to Workers

I pay tribute to the more than 4,400 workers of the Northern European Division who have made possible under God what we are able to report tonight. Reference to the devotion and faithfulness of a few illuminates the selfless labor of the many. We think of Pastor and Mrs. Eric Palm, of Sweden, who last year concluded 36 years of fruitful mission service in Ethiopia, of Dr. and Mrs. Kristian Hogganvik, whose labor of love for 23 years at Debre Tabor Hospital has blessed the lives of thousands, and of Pastor T. S. Valen, a retired worker more than 82 years of age in Norway. Last summer he sold 100 copies of *The Great Controversy* and gave the proceeds to West Africa's leper needs. He collected \$3,200 for Ingathering, and as a result of an evangelistic campaign just closed expects to baptize ten souls. What a spirit to emulate!

And we salute our faithful laymen, for we have seen the wonderful working of God through their consistent lives. About ten years ago a young girl in Poland surrendered a cherished ambition to become an actress and at the age of

ple against much opposition and after ten years in the convent. The nun's habit was all she had to wear to church the day of her baptism. But she came away rejoicing in the wonder and beauty of the robe woven in heaven's loom in which there is not a strand of human devising, and garbed in modest clothes loving Adventist friends had provided. Today Sister Edyta Siegesmund serves in the Polish Union office in Warsaw, happy in her new-found faith and anxious to help prepare her people for the Saviour's soon return.

Sister Siegesmund was not the only one whose heart hunger was satisfied because loyal members shared their faith. An Adventist mother and her daughter were distributing the Polish equivalent of the *Signs of the Times* in their city. They called on a home while the young parish priest was making a pastoral visit there. Dutifully they were turned away by the woman of the house but the priest, well educated and seeking truth, soon excused himself to follow them. He requested and received copies of the magazine, and then began a series of contacts that led to his embracing the Advent message wholeheartedly.

After a suitable period of time Brother Krotowicz too has entered the work and is now serving in the Polish Publishing House. His ministry in the churches is also appreciated and pressing requests come for him because of the encouragement and inspiration he brings to the hearts of God's children in Poland.

Heat Below the Ice

God's care and concern for His work is unceasing, and the believers in Iceland know it. All sorts of problems confront them in conducting a secondary school for the relatively few young people of their total church membership of 400. Central heating at an annual cost of over \$5,000 is one of them. But, they asked themselves, is not our island the land of fire as well as of ice? If thermal heat deep from within the earth can warm the whole city of Reykjavik, why not also Hlidardal school? In earnest prayer they sought God.

Government thermal drilling department officials were persuaded, against their better judgment, to drill in what their map showed to be a cold area. When they got down to 3,670 feet they got a little warm water and excitement rose. They used a special high pressure technique on the bore and drilled again. When the drilling head was withdrawn a column of boiling water and superheated steam, under terrific pressure, burst like a geyser from the five-inch-diameter bore and shot scores of feet into the air.

God provided not only the hot water they prayed for but equipped the well with a built-in pump of inimitable design. The bore is now harnessed to heat homes, school buildings, dormitories, barns, farm buildings, and a hothouse. There is still abundant heat for more hothouses, which will produce food and earn an income. And there will be heat to spare for an indoor swimming pool.

And so, as we think of the unentered areas of our division, we know God will



The Scandinavian delegates to the session are receiving a translation into Swedish from Odd Jordal, Swedish Union president.

provide not only the men and the means but the power. Plans are laid to establish work in the near future in two hitherto unentered countries of West Africa—Upper Volta, for which a part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the first quarter of 1970 will go, and Dahomey. From Ethiopia's western border, where its highlands fall away toward the plains of the Sudan, a Macedonian call has come. Preliminary investigation reveals a great opportunity in an area where Christian missions have done very little. And in Europe, though every country of our division is entered, how vast is the unfinished task! Is it God's will that lands where the Reformation torch shone so brightly shall not be signally blessed by, and bless the world with, the light of the third angel's message? We cannot believe it and we do not!

Winter seemed so slow in relaxing its grip on Northern Europe this year. The spring we waited for was long delayed. It made us yearn for the eternal spring and, looking back to Iceland's miracle, and forward to our unfinished task, it made us long also for fuller connection with the source of heaven's "thermal heat." And so we dedicate our hearts anew to God. We pledge ourselves to Him and to you to drill more deeply than ever before for the divine fire. It will purge our hearts, intensify our zeal for service and, as the fountains of divine grace are unsealed, melt the frosts of self-satisfaction and the ice of indifference. We shall see then the great thaw that the final abundant provision of the power of the Holy Spirit will bring. Your skies and ours will be lightened with the glory of God. The day will come "for which creation and all its tribes were made." The cry of our hearts is:

"Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heavens Thy promised sign;
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!"



Former witch doctor Mundahoi, of Borneo, who has won 140 to Christ and organized 20 companies, participates in the pageant.

15 entered a convent instead to become a nun. Her life was exemplary and her superiors soon entrusted her with considerable responsibility, recognizing her devotion with the award of the St. Mary's Medal. While ill in a state hospital this young nun came into contact with Dr. Florian Elsner, an Adventist physician. His consistent Christian example so impressed her that, though warned by her priest that he was a heretic, she determined to win him for her church. His answers to her questions, quietly and confidently given from the Bible, brought conviction to her heart. Not long ago she took her stand with the remnant peo-

Southern Asia Division

By R. S. LOWRY, *President*

At this session Southern Asia celebrates the fiftieth year of its founding as a division of the General Conference. Four years ago, when our number totaled only 32,000, it was decided to strive toward presenting on this occasion a membership of 50,000. This projected increase of 55 per cent rested upon the promise: "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you" (Hab. 1:5). Tonight we praise God, for His Word has been fulfilled to His people!

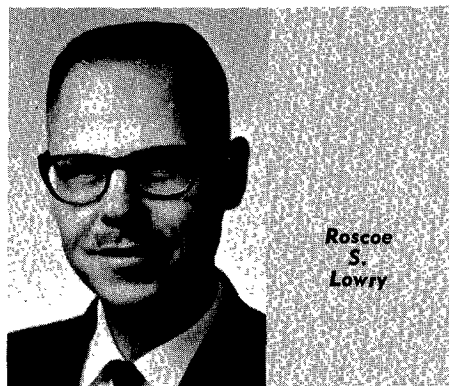
The story of God's accomplishments during the period under review is a thrilling saga of the outpouring of His Spirit as worker has joined with member in a coordinated program of total evangelism involving every department of the church.

During 1969 the Lord provided a harvest of 7,681 souls. This represented an increase in baptisms over the previous year of 84 per cent. Within this quadrennium a total of 19,009 persons were accepted into membership. This equals the total church membership of just 13 years ago, for it was only in 1957 (after 60 years of labor) that the church in Southern Asia reported a membership of 19,005. From the standpoint of the percentage of increase, Southern Asia now ranks among the three fastest growing divisions of the world! In 1969 the membership increase over the previous year was recorded as 16.8 per cent. Surely the words of the prophet Isaiah have come true: "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time" (Isa. 60:22).

As observed by W. H. Mattison, division Ministerial Association secretary, the main burden of evangelistic endeavor is borne by our national workers; at present only nine overseas missionaries are directly engaged in evangelism. The Lord has mightily blessed, as witnessed by the fact that 12 centurion evangelists were honored in 1969. Among these, one baptized over more than 400 people; another more than 200. One was a layman; another, as J. M. Curnow, division publishing secretary, reminds us, was a literature evangelist who covenanted to set aside two days a week for evangelism, expecting God would prosper his sales in the remaining three working days. Result: M. G. Rajasingh had the highest sales in his conference and in addition led 101 souls to Christ! Twenty-five evangelists baptized between 50 and 99 souls, while many others were instrumental in bringing between 25 to 49 into church fellowship. Altogether, in 1969, a total of 496

evangelistic campaigns were conducted.

Scores of laymen have played a prominent part in our soul-winning activity. Thousands of Bibles have been distributed in connection with the Bible in the Home Plan, in one instance completely depleting the Bible Society stock in the particular language being used. G. W. Maywald, division leader of lay activities, states that 80 per cent of all churches in Southern Asia have engaged in this project, with the amazing record of one baptism for each 2.2 Bibles used, prompting one union leader to exclaim, "If someone would just give us \$100,000 for Bibles, we might look forward to 50,000 souls next year!"



Departmental coordination in evangelism is illustrated in the shocking experience of one of our evangelists who was amazed to discover no one in attendance at his opening meeting although it had been well advertised. On the point of abandoning his effort, he accepted the advice of R. J. E. Hillock, division Missionary Volunteer secretary, to use vacationing Spicer Memorial College students to conduct a Vacation Bible School. This was followed up by laymen utilizing the Bible in the Home Plan. Result: A successful campaign culminating in 70 baptisms.

Prior to 1967, states W. F. Storz, division Sabbath school department secretary, there had been little or no Vacation Bible School work done in Southern Asia. Today, an average of 15,000 youngsters and their parents benefit annually from this program. The number of regularly organized Sabbath schools has increased by 196 during this quadrennium, and regular offerings have risen 50 per cent. In 1969, Birthday and Thirteenth Sabbath offerings *doubled* over those received in 1968, while the Investment Fund *tripled*.

There are many evidences that South-

ern Asia has begun to experience the outpouring of the latter rain. For instance, until 1968 there was but one church in the city of Madras. Then a young national evangelist by the name of John Willmott (at that time not yet ordained) conducted a series of meetings resulting in more than 100 converts. Now, two years later, there are seven church companies in this major city of South India requiring the attention of three additional ministers. So evidently has the Spirit moved in our midst that one of our evangelists has set a goal for 1970 of 2,000 souls for himself and his laymen. The South India Union, in turn, has increased its 1970 goal by 100 per cent. As a division administration we had begun to think of targeting toward a membership of 100,000 by the next General Conference session, but now we are beginning to question whether this is really an exercise of faith.

Whole Villages Respond

There are numerous stories one could relate of the remarkable moving of the Spirit of God in our midst. Whole villages have responded to the preaching of the Word; prominent church leaders, with wide influence, have accepted the message for these times.

A vice-president by the name of Jebamony of a Protestant mission conference learned that the Adventists were planning a series of meetings in his hometown. Along with his Bible-worker wife, he planned a vigorous resistance. However, at the conclusion of the meetings, to his embarrassment and the annoyance of the members of the supreme syndicate of his church, among the 20 initially baptized were his daughter and two sons. Actually, our dear brother was fighting a losing battle from the start, for as he and his wife attended the meetings with intention to refute the preaching of the Adventist evangelist, the Spirit of God was bringing conviction to their hearts. Today, he and his wife eagerly spread the third angel's message to the members of the 67 churches over which he formerly had jurisdiction. In 1969 he was instrumental in bringing 52 persons into church fellowship and is now working diligently toward his personal goal of 100 for 1970.

For nine long years the Voice of Prophecy enrollment card lay around the house. Finally, in 1968 the course of study was begun and resulted in the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown. Mrs. Brown, being the first Adventist of the Miri tribe of the restricted Northeast Frontier area of India, was eager to witness to her people and so pressed her husband into helping her give them the message. As a result of their activity a church company of six believers has been established in previously unentered territory.

Among the group is also another first—a member of the Abhar tribe. Pastor Bejoy Nowrangi, who visited these people and studied with them, states that many more accepted the truth and desired baptism but had to be refused since they were married to more than one wife. One earnest sister had the last word, however, when she said, "Pastor, you can baptize me, for after all I have only one

husband!" The leadership of the North-east Union look for a great awakening and rapid growth in membership among these sincere tribal peoples.

Another unentered territory has been breached as our workers from the Western India Union have established a church company in Goa, which until recently was a colony of Portugal. Today there is an overseas missionary and a national assistant preaching the Word of God several times a week in this land, which for the past 300 years has been predominantly a Catholic domain. In the next few months it is expected that negotiations will have been completed for the purchase of a permanent church property.

Encouraging Reports From Burma

From Burma reports of courage and progress continue to come. Despite the fact that there are no foreign missionaries in this land, and our national brethren cannot leave the country to attend council meetings, the work progresses most encouragingly. During this quadrennium 1,622 persons were baptized, representing a 52 per cent increase over the previous quadrennium. Here, too, 1969 was a banner year in which more than 500 persons joined our ranks.

By and large, the membership in the Southern Asia Division has to be classified as economically poor. The average income of our church members is less than \$200 per annum. However, M. S. Prasada Rao, division stewardship secretary, states, "In comparison to individual earnings, statistics show that our people have demonstrated a better-than-average faithfulness in rendering to the Lord His own." Over the past two quadrenniums there has been an over-all increase of 104 per cent in tithe. This, we believe, is in excess of the church average, including the North America Division. Figures from our treasury indicate that the increase in 1969 over 1968 has been a heartening 23 per cent as compared with the world average of not more than 10 per cent per annum over the past several years. In fact, we can report the outstanding achievement of an over-all per capita increase of 12 per cent in tithe despite the unusual growth in membership. The honor for the highest percentage of increase in total tithe goes to the Ceylon Union, while that for the highest per capita gain goes to the Pakistan Union.

Health Emphasis Opens Doors

A report of the progress of God's work is not complete without reference to the right arm of the message. We are thankful for the valuable contribution of T. R. Flaiz who, though in retirement, returned to serve for a year as medical secretary. During this quadrennium two new hospitals have been opened. We are thankful that to date, 26 national Adventist physicians have been graduated from Christian Medical College, Vellore, and that all but three have entered directly into denominational employment. At present we have under consideration the offer of \$3 million

from a wealthy Indian industrialist toward a medical center in New Delhi, the capital of the India Republic.

The blessings of the Lord have again come to us through the agency of our temperance work. From West Pakistan comes the news of entry into the closed country of Afghanistan through the Your Radio Doctor program and other health broadcasts. In Ceylon, where we have been limited to five foreign missionaries, the prime minister has assured us of two additional visas for temperance workers. In India, in January of this year, 500 delegates gathered for the Gandhi Centenary International Conference on Prohibition. The conference was inaugurated by the President of the India Republic, V. V. Giri. Several members of parliament and other Indian leaders attended. Among these were 25 Adventists. According to S. James, division temperance secretary, the working chairman, Sushila Nayar, a member of parliament and prominent political leader, stated in her concluding remarks: "The Seventh-day Adventists have been a tower of strength to this conference. They are one hundred per cent behind the prohibition cause. These people go far beyond us in interpreting the prohibition concept. They don't even drink tea. We have learned from them in this conference that the Bible condemns drink."

Advantages from the publicity of this conference have extended even to an encounter which L. A. Senseman had with a customs official. While recently clearing his personal goods shipped from the United States, apparently difficulty was encountered since adequate import arrangements had not been made. There were to be fines and confiscation of goods. While awaiting a verdict, Dr. Senseman, who is our representative at Christian Medical College, Vellore, was showing our local transportation agent some pictures of the recent prohibition conference which, naturally, included himself along with several highly placed political figures. The customs official, having determined the penalties, returned to also scan the pictures. Noting our doctor's "connections" he abruptly said, "Doctor, you are doing a good work for my country; you shouldn't receive this sort of trouble!" To cut the story short, there were no fines, nor was there any duty charged!

New Provisions for Children

Repeatedly God has fulfilled His promise to "do a new thing" and to "make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isa. 43:19). A classic example is the recent provision of "a way" whereby hundreds of our young people can now afford a Christian education. C. H. Tidwell, division education departmental secretary, reports that today no less than 1,500 Adventist children, who otherwise would be obliged to attend public schools, have begun to receive the entire cost of their schooling from the Christian Children's Foundation, a United States-based charitable organization established for the purpose of giving an education to needy Christian children in India. This has proved a great boon to our members and to our schools,

which, incidentally, receive therefrom a considerable monthly cash income.

Southern Asia has traditionally been infamous for its "Untouchables." Today, although untouchability no longer exists officially, there remain millions of sophisticated Hindus, Buddhists, and Moslems whom God's messengers seem unable to touch, except as the power of the Written Word breaks asunder their prejudices, as in the thrilling case of Hashmi.

Hashmi's ancestry is said to be traceable to Mohammed, the father of Islam. Following his parents' guidance, he began studies leading to the Moslem priesthood and joined the Islamic Youth Movement with hopes of someday going to Africa and Europe to further the cause of Islam. However, one day while at prayer in a mosque, a mysterious stranger appeared and presented to him a booklet that began with the words: "The Book of the Generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." This was the gospel according to Matthew.

Bible Speaks to a Moslem

Although Hashmi graduated from his theological studies and accepted an assignment as *imam* in a mosque in Delhi, he secretly studied the Word of God until one day, like the apostle Paul, Hashmi knew he must be a follower. Shortly thereafter Hashmi joined an Islamic center of learning at Hapur where he encountered Adventism for the first time in the person of S. Chand, president of the Upper Ganges Mission Conference, and was briefly introduced to *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages*.

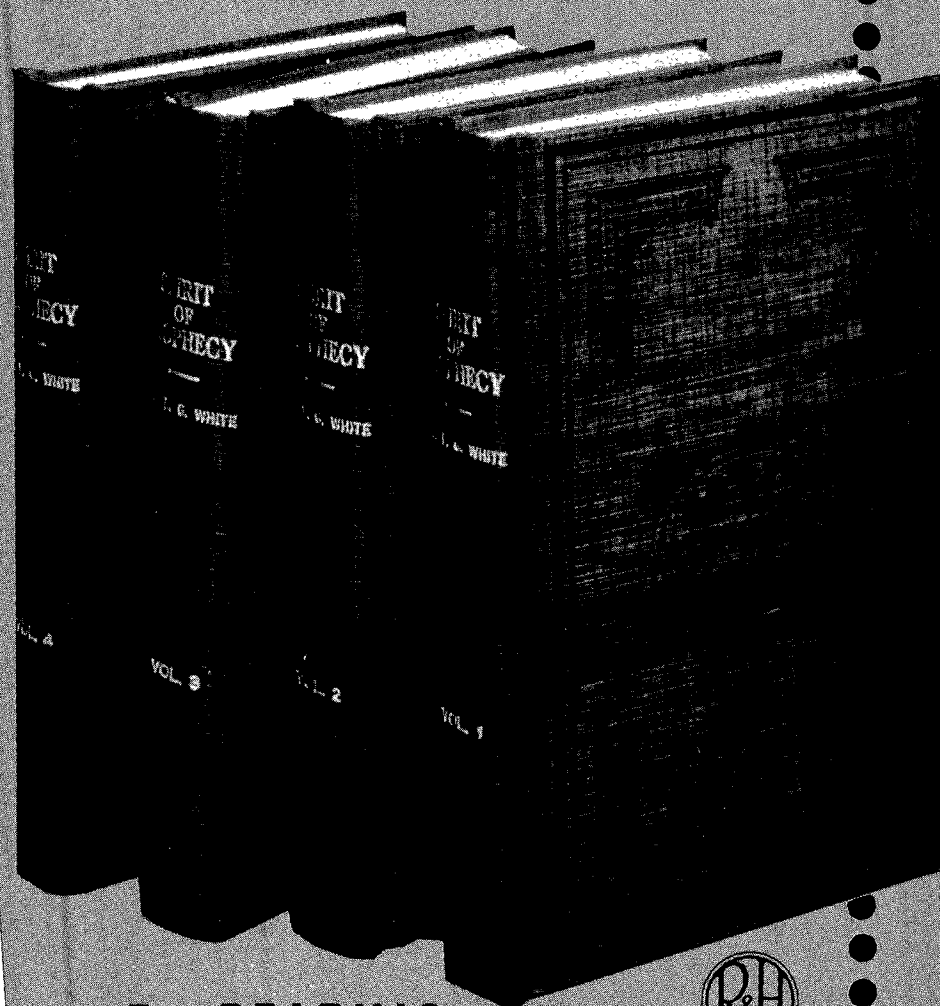
In June, 1967, having accepted the post as librarian in St. Peter's College at Agra, town of the famous Taj Mahal, he acquainted himself with Catholicism only to conclude that many of their doctrines lacked scriptural foundation. Then one day someone enrolled him in a Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course and he found himself again in touch with Seventh-day Adventists. A follow-up of this interest led him to the New Delhi Adventist Center and studies with B. M. Isaac. In October, 1969, Hashmi joined with 50 others in the largest baptism in the history of the Northwest Union, at the time of their recent lay congress held at Hapur where he had first met Adventists. Today Hashmi has changed his name to Stephen and is back in the Moslem center of Agra where as a member in a rapidly growing church he is a powerful testimony in answer to the question: "Is not my word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23:29).

The Lord of harvest has a host of chosen ones to be gathered in from Southern Asia. The 50,000 members of His remnant church recognize the odds the face in presenting the judgment-hour message to the honest in heart among the 500 million people living in the midst. However, in faith, and laying hold upon the promises of God, it is the prayer that they will be ready to receive the outpouring of His Spirit in late rain abundance when God Himself shall cut short the work in righteousness.

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Partial Report of the Plans Committee

[At the sixth business meeting, 9:30 A.M., June 15, the following recommendation was submitted to the delegates, and approved unanimously.]

A Call to Repentance, Revival, Reformation, and Evangelism

We humbly thank God for His blessings on the church and its evangelistic outreach. Yet we sense that the revelation of God's power has been severely limited by our own lack of dedication and vision. We acknowledge that in point of time we are entering the last sentence of the last paragraph of the last page of the last chapter of this world's history. We are sobered by the fact that the world's majority have never heard the Seventh-day Adventist message. Yet we firmly believe that God has called this movement into existence to carry the everlasting gospel, within the setting of Revelation 14, to every living creature made in the image of God.

Scope of Message

The true scope of our message can be seen only through the framework of the cross. God so loved, not just one people or one country, but the **WORLD**. God so loved, not just the whites or the blacks, but **ALL RACES**. God so loved, not just the middle class, but **ALL CLASSES**. Our message is to transcend every barrier—social, political, racial, and geographical. We urge every pastor to help his members to see beyond their district lines. We urge every institutional leader to see beyond his own working force and those whom they serve. We urge every field committee to see the world outside its boundaries. There is a world out there that needs to hear about the love of God.

Motivation

We recognize that motivation to reach the world must come from the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. We know there is no automatic concern for the souls of men. We know by experience that human pressure will never spread the story of salvation around the world. Appeals based on emotionalism will never start and sustain an evangelistic thrust. It is only the principle of love for sinners imparted by the Spirit that will move men in the direction of continual witnessing.

We also know that the revival and reformation so needful to the church, brought about by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is not only to separate from sin but also to fit for witnessing. We believe we are saved to serve, won to win, surrendered for service. Thus the salvaged one becomes the salvaging instrument. We believe it is time for each minister, worker, and member to pray intensely for a cleansing from sin that will fit him to meet men with our message. We believe

that our pleading for the power of the Spirit is for the direct purpose of making us effective witnesses. We feel our need is the same as that of the disciples just prior to Pentecost when they pleaded for ability "to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ." They "cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving" and so cry we today for this experience.

We acknowledge "that strength to resist evil is best gained by aggressive service" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 105). Conversion to Christ and conveyance of the gospel to the world are inseparable. Acceptance of salvation and sharing that salvation are a combined action. Those who seek to give light to others receive light. Those who water shall be watered. Those who bless shall be blessed. Those who give will surely live. Just as the eternal welfare of sinners regulated the conduct of Jesus, so it must regulate the conduct of every man, woman, and child in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Call

We call upon the entire church leadership to re-examine every facet of our present programs. Surely everyone—present or future—must contribute to the fulfilling of the gospel commission. The goal of every department should be to strengthen by streamlining. Speed and impact are attained by sharp-shaped objects, not blunt ones. We win the race, not by competition, but by coordination. A program where unity of love and purpose results in blending and befriending will lead to Pentecost.

We call upon our laity to assume greater responsibility in caring for the business of the church and in witnessing. Our pastors are called not only to give of their time for the planning and executing of soul-winning work for their members but also to become personally involved in evangelism. We call upon the church to pray for spiritual power, which will give us courage instead of timidity and make soul winning our one and only purpose. We appeal to every organization to lay comprehensive plans to place the glorious news of salvation before the world in the most persuasive and appealing manner. We call upon responsible committees in churches, conferences, missions, and institutions to make the *winning of*, and *caring for*, souls their primary concern.

We call upon the church in general to kneel at the cross of Christ until we match our millions in offerings with millions of lives fired with holy ardor and a blazing faith until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have heard God's last message.

[At the seventh business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 15, the following plans were submitted to the delegates, and approved unanimously.]

A Search for Souls

WHEREAS, The massive program of Gift Bible Evangelism, Bible correspondence schools, and the church's radio and television programs have placed us in favorable contact with millions in many lands, of whom more than 25 million have requested Bible lessons; and

WHEREAS, Millions more are in continuing favorable contact with the church through these and other programs; and

WHEREAS, Short Bible courses such as "Voz del Hogar" and "The Bible's Answer" have proved successful in the hands of our diligent laymen; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That during this quadrennium we stimulate a systematic search for souls, creating and developing interests through free Bible courses.

2. That special introductory courses of from five to ten lessons be developed for use in both Gift Bible Evangelism and Bible correspondence and health evangelism courses.

3. That interests developed in these brief courses be consolidated through more advanced courses now available in the gift-Bible program and our Bible correspondence schools, Community Bible Classes, broadcast or course-related public efforts, and by honoring these graduates in special graduation services.

4. That we continue to encourage the goal of one Bible-course application per member per month.

5. That planning and research committees be appointed at division and union levels to recommend new courses, develop new methods for the use of existing courses, and to prevent overlap of courses or the offering of unnecessary courses.

Christian Education

WHEREAS, The church has been counseled that "it is the purpose of God that through the excellence of the work done in our educational institutions the attention of the people shall be called to the last great effort to save the perishing. In our schools the standard of education must not be lowered. It must be lifted higher and still higher, far above where it now stands."—*Counsels on Education*, p. 112.

WHEREAS, Our schools have not only served to educate and train workers for the church but have also been instrumental in evangelizing our youth; therefore,

Resolved, That as leaders, members, and parents we

1. Reaffirm our belief and confidence in the Seventh-day Adventist program of education based on the guidance given in the Holy Scriptures and the writings of Ellen G. White.

2. Give our continued support and encouragement to the denominational workers whose chief concern is the education of the youth in our schools, including the spiritual, mental, physical, and social facets of their development.

3. Emphasize from our pulpits and evangelistic platforms the role of Christ

tian education in the total endeavor of the church.

4. Appeal to the world membership of the church to be united in making the blessings of Christian education available to our children and youth who are desirous of the same.

5. Pledge our total support to the Seventh-day Adventist educational program, including the necessary sacrifice at all levels to make our schools more meaningful and more successful in their Christian endeavor.

Worldwide Laymen's Year—1971

Realizing that fulfilling prophecy signals the rapid approach of probation's end and challenges laymen to concerted evangelistic action, and recognizing the urgency of coordinated soul winning, "the minister and the church-members are to unite as one person in laboring for the upbuilding and prosperity of the church. . . . Let all press forward, shoulder to shoulder."—ELLEN G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895, and

Believing the inspired promise, "It is true that in the time of the end, when God's work in the earth is closing, the earnest efforts put forth by consecrated believers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are to be accompanied by special tokens of divine favor."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 54.

We, the delegates at this fifty-first session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, call upon the great army of Adventist laymen around the world to unite with the ministry in seeking the Lord for a revival of spiritual life and praying, studying, planning, and working together under God to assure the greatest soul harvest in 1971, designated as Worldwide Laymen's Year.

We recommend, 1. That in launching the Laymen's Year in 1971,

a. Soul-winning plans and programs that have been field tested be adapted by divisions, union, and conferences and be made ready for use.

b. Each division and North American union focus on its allocated share of the world objective of one million Bible studies a month during that year.

c. The gift-Bible program be further implemented as a coordinated evangelistic thrust with all the departments participating and with strong emphasis on follow-up.

d. The objective of souls whom laymen help win be 128,000.

2. That promotion be given Laymen's Year in the following ways:

a. Special posters be placed in all churches, institutions, and schools as a reminder of our union in hope and service.

b. On the church level Bible evangelism courses, prepared by the Lay Activities department, be conducted using the new series of study guides based on *Welfare Ministry and Christian Service*, motivating church members working for others.

c. On the conference level, Adventist Men's seminars for business and professional men of our churches be conducted with instruction in three specific areas: (1) Laymen Speak for God, (2) disaster-relief services, (3) church leadership, with

implementation of follow-through organization and projects.

On division, union, or local levels, the holding of laymen's congresses, which would include delegate representation, with special laymen-to-laymen sharing of techniques (suggested congress outline available) and decision-type follow-up programs.

3. That we emphasize the following soul-winning commitments:

a. That each Adventist family strive to win at least two souls to Christ during Laymen's Year.

b. That renewed emphasis be placed on the spiritual ministry of the Health and Welfare Services in which clients are introduced to Christ,

c. That the best record in each division and union in number of pieces of missionary literature distributed be doubled.

d. That special individual Ingathering

objectives be set to meet the unprecedented needs and to extend our work in every direction, resulting in an overflow beyond the previous year's record.

4. That we offer these tools:

a. The new folder "What Can I Do?" for distribution to laymen.

b. A new program for workers' meetings and area councils, "In-Step Evangelism."

c. Three new gift-Bible sets of reading guides (youth, adult, advanced).

d. Attractive prospectus for use in introducing the gift-Bible program.

e. The progressive teaching device, Better Life Picture Roll No. 2.

f. A new flashlight projector for use in areas without electric power.

g. "In His Steps" filmstrips translated into all major languages to assist laymen in securing decisions for Christ.

Seventh Business Meeting

(Continued from page 10)

C. H. LAUDA: [The ASI report, appearing on pages 12 and 13 of this Bulletin, was presented at this time.]

R. R. BIETZ: The last report for this afternoon will be from World Foods Service, organized in 1968, with E. W. Howse as the first secretary. Elder Howse spent a number of years in publishing work, was treasurer of a division for eight years, worked seven years in the mission field, and 16 years as manager of one of the health institutions in the Australasian Division.

E. W. HOWSE: I would like to take this opportunity to introduce some of my colleagues in the food industry around the world. From the Far East we have the manager of our Japan College Foods Enterprise, H. Imura; from Central Europe, E. Amelung, manager of our Hamburg food factory; from the Australasian Division, W. L. Kilroy, general manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Company of Australia and New Zealand; from North America, representing the staff in Loma Linda Foods, the general manager, C. P. Miles; from Northern Europe, A. Evans, of Granose Foods of England; and from Southern Europe F. L. Kiehl, manager of our industries in France. [Others also were introduced.]

R. R. BIETZ: Elder Pierson, we understand you have an item that you would like to bring to our attention and perhaps you would like to say something about that great gift, the Harris Pine Mills.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: One of the happy experiences of the past four years for your speaker has been to be associated with the Harris Pine Mills. I did want to have the opportunity to express my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the church to Harris Pine Mills for what it has meant to this church. Sister Harris, we are so pleased to have you here with us this afternoon. We wish you every continued blessing of God.

Brother Chairman, as a result of some of the political conditions that exist in the great continent of Africa in recent years, we found ourselves in the difficult

situation of having to detach one of the unions from the Trans-Africa Division. This was the East African Union, composed of Uganda and Kenya, in which union we have some 70,000 baptized members, some very fine institutions, and a strong church work.

Since this union has been detached from the Trans-Africa Division for the past two years it has been functioning as a detached union directly under the General Conference. This particular relationship, although it has been very pleasant, is not the best for the East African Union, nor is it the best for the General Conference.

The General Conference Committee asked Elder Beach and me to make a trip to Europe and to Africa the latter part of last year to look over some of the situations, to talk with the leadership and the grass roots membership of some of these great countries in Africa, and to get their reaction to some adjustments in organization. We are not prepared at this session to move ahead in all of the reorganization that we feel ultimately should be wrought. We do have some recommendations that have come through the plans committee that deal with the East African Union and the Tanzania Union, which is very closely associated with it, for both have a common ethnic and political background. The neighboring great country of Ethiopia is also rather closely related to that part of the world, and to the Middle East Division. There are many things that tie these countries together, ethnically, linguistically, and religiously.

This afternoon we have a recommendation that has come from the home and overseas officers of the divisions that are involved, through the plans committee, and now to the delegates, hopefully for ratification. So, Elder Beach has this proposal, Brother Chairman, and I would suggest that we bring it to this group at this time.

R. R. BIETZ: All right, Elder Beach.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, it

appears urgent to have the nominating committee begin to work, so we haven't had this mimeographed, but it is very short, and it sums up, in essence, what Brother Pierson has just presented.

New Division Organization

Recommended: 1. That the territory of the Middle East Division and the East African Union, and the following territories in the Trans-Africa Division and the Northern European Division be organized into a new division to include the Middle East Union, Ethiopian Union, East African Union, Tanzania Union.

2. That the name of the division and the location of the headquarters be referred to the division committee of this new organization in consultation with the General Conference Committee for a final determination.

3. The new division would become operative on January 1, 1971.

4. Any other details would be cleared through the General Conference Committee.

R. R. BIETZ: All right, it has been moved. Is there a second? Do you have any questions? Any observations?

M. L. MILLS: Brother Chairman, I rise to give support to this recommendation. At the same time it has been with some trauma that we have brought ourselves to the decision to give up some 96,000 members. The East African Union has been detached from our division now for about two years. Now we will also be contributing to this new division by giving up Tanzania.

We realize that the whole is greater than the part, that we must put aside all subjective feelings and thoughts in consideration of the advancement of the work. I want only to state that we have greatly appreciated working with the members and workers of the East African and Tanzania unions. It will be a real boost and a great pleasure, I am sure, to any elected leader to work with these good people.

R. R. BIETZ: Thank you, Elder Mills, for that gracious statement. One nice thing about it is the assurance that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and they still belong to the family. They are not lost. They are still with us.

Now, Brother Webster, I see that you are standing.

F. C. WEBSTER: Brother Chairman, perhaps the most hospitable people in all the world are the people of the Arab lands. We recognize that, being a very small unit of this newly proposed division, perhaps we are not in a position to say that we welcome you.

But since the Middle East has been functioning as a division territory throughout the past 20 years, we would like to extend a hand of warm cordiality to our brethren to the south, and express to you the warm hospitality of the Arab people.

R. R. BIETZ: After these two fine statements we are ready to vote. Wait a minute, I guess we are not. Brother Eva.

W. DUNCAN EVA: Since the presidents of the Trans-Africa and Middle East divisions have spoken, maybe I should say a word too. I belong to a family that is rather emotional at times, and when we

say Good-by we shed tears, but we like to shed them where they can't be seen. We are going to greatly regret losing our brethren in Ethiopia from the Northern European Division family. I think we have indicated in the past four years how much we think of them. A new hospital costing \$1 million has just been erected and will be opened 18 days after they leave our family. Nevertheless, we can see the wisdom of the move that is being made. We say Good-by to them with heavy hearts in one way, but wish them every blessing in their new affiliations and associations and pray for the rapid advancement of the work in Ethiopia.

R. R. BIETZ: Thank you. These are excellent statements. Now, Brother Eva, remember in German we do not say Good-by, we say *Auf Wiedersehen*. So, remember, you will see them again.

Are we ready to vote now? Question has been called. All in favor of this recommendation signify by the uplifted hand. Thank you. Opposed the same sign. I think this is unanimous. Thank you very much. There are a couple of hands. Well, that is close enough to say that it is just about unanimous.

A. E. GIBB: We have a further partial report from the plans committee.

[Resolutions entitled "A Search for Souls" and "Christian Education" were read, discussed, and adopted. They appear on page 20 of this Bulletin.]

[A resolution entitled "Worldwide Laymen's Year—1971," appearing on page 21

of this Bulletin, was read and discussed. In response to a question from the floor concerning one point the following statement was made by J. E. Edwards:]

J. E. EDWARDS: We want to challenge every Seventh-day Adventist family in the entire world to win at least two souls for Christ and His truth in 1971. We've heard through the years, "Each member win one." We felt that this new challenge would be different, unique, compelling, and would arouse real interest. If we were to achieve this goal, it would mean 500,000 new members whom laymen helped win. In 1968 at the Toronto Fall Council a recommendation designating 1971 as Laymen's Year was adopted. This further recommendation is to implement what was done on that occasion. Here you find the program, the tools, the commitments, and also the promotion. May God give us the greatest harvest of souls as laymen unite their efforts with ministers in 1971.

The question was called on the motion to adopt and the motion carried.

R. R. BIETZ: We have a further partial report from the nominating committee.

W. J. BLACKER: Dr. Seton will bring a partial report to you now.

[The report as adopted appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.]

BENEDICTION: Thor Valle, of Norway, age 83 years, offered prayer in Norwegian.

R. R. BIETZ, *Chairman*.

A. E. GIBB, *Secretary*.

D. W. HUNTER, *Recording Secretary*.

Session High Lights

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His conclusion is that "the certainty of the doctrine of Creation rests on the degree of certainty a man has that Jesus of Nazareth is the Lord of his life. But to know Jesus as Lord reduces all earthly problems to manageable form. To know Him as Lord is the key to peace and hope and certainty in a world where nothing can be known for sure if there is no certainty in the doctrine of Creation."

It is 12:15 p.m., and everybody is heading for the cafeteria on the lower floor, where cooks from Andrews University provide an excellent cuisine. I can't afford the time to stand in the long line of hungry delegates, so I grab a bun and a cup of boysenberry juice and continue my search for fascinating items to report.

Visiting the public relations office I meet Carol Hetzell, who briefs me on the interest shown in the session by the non-Adventist press. Here are some high lights from what she told me:

Edwin Fisher, of the *New York Times*, has already spent several hours here and has written up a most friendly five-column report, which appeared on the first page of the second section of his paper.

Richard Ostling, religion editor of *Time* magazine, has attended the session, and his report is expected in the next issue of his journal.

Another distinguished visitor is Russell Chandler, editor of *Christianity Today*, who has been here several times.

Also here for the opening session was

Walden Wallace, religious editor of the *Baltimore Sun*.

Reporters have also attended from *UP* and *AP*, while the Columbia Broadcasting Company has already given several minutes of radio time to the session.

In the public relations office Miss Hetzell is in charge of daily news operations; Marvin Reeder cares for "back home" coverage, while Don Hawley deals with radio and TV interviews.

During the noon hour two movies are shown in the ballroom. First, *Trees That Talk*, prepared by the Publishing Department; then, *It Happened in Takoma Park*, the story of Testimony Countdown.

It is now three o'clock, time for another business session. This afternoon there are fascinating reports from the Association of SDA Self-Supporting Institutions, the Harris Pine Mills, and World Foods Service.

It is hard for some to stay awake through all this wealth of good news, but those who manage to do so find their hearts strangely warmed by the seemingly endless story of growth and success.

A few hours at this General Conference session are sufficient to convince anyone that this is a very great movement, each phase of which is expanding at incredible speed, like some star in space. Each one is gathering momentum from year to year as if it were a living organism drawing life from the Source of life—which indeed it is.

Our denominational destiny becomes clearer from session to session. We can only go forward with ever-increasing success until our work is done.

Ellen G. White Estate

By ARTHUR L. WHITE, Secretary

A few months ago the White Estate office received a letter from England that read as follows: "DEAR MRS. WHITE, I have just finished reading your two books, *The Desire of Ages* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*. These were lent to me by a friend.

"I would like to thank you for these wonderful volumes, which have given me such pleasure to read and, by God's grace, enlightened my mind and thought upon His Holy Word."

At the White Estate offices we receive a number of such letters praising the Spirit of Prophecy books because they open up the Word of God to the reader. We also receive telephone calls. One of our vice-presidents, for example, explains that an important committee is wrestling with a special problem and developing a policy for the guidance of the church. Important decisions must be made. Did Ellen G. White write anything that might provide guidance in this particular situation?

In both of these cases we observe the fulfillment of a prediction made by the messenger of the Lord 63 years ago. She was writing to one of our leaders about her books and manuscripts "kept on file in the office." And she observed that "whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last" (*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 55).

It is the work of the board of trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate and of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee of the General Conference, with the cooperation of church leaders and Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses around the world, to implement this instruction we have received from the Lord.

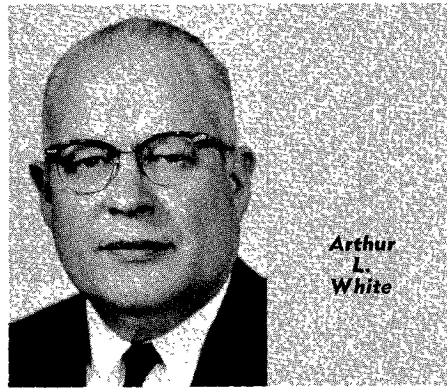
In 1915, the year Sister White died, there were some who entertained misgivings as to what the future might hold now that she was gone. But as time went on they were cheered to see that the messages of counsel, direction, encouragement, and reproof that had been immortalized in print lost none of their power or force in the absence of the humble human agent. As the church grew from 136,000 members the year Mrs. White died, to the present membership of nearly 2 million, calls for the Spirit of Prophecy books steadily increased with ever-enlarging demands in the world's leading languages.

A Large Circulation

Steps to Christ now appears in 100 languages; 14 million copies have been distributed. Remember that any book that sells more than 10,000 copies is considered a best-seller. *The Great Controversy* has appeared in 37 translations,

The Desire of Ages in 17, and each of these books has reached a distribution of approximately 2 million copies. As an aid in producing these volumes in the world's leading languages, the General Conference Committee has appropriated \$67,443 to assist in the issuance of numerous Spirit of Prophecy books during the past quadrennium. Funds appropriated by the overseas divisions match the funds voted by the General Conference. Thus, new translations of Spirit of Prophecy volumes appear in various languages.

While the trustees are pleased with the appearance of new Ellen G. White books in the non-English languages, there



Arthur L. White

is still a vast amount of work to be done. Especially should the three-volume *Testimony Treasures* set or the 460-page *Counsels for the Church* be translated and made available to our people throughout the non-English-speaking world.

New Ellen G. White books in English are published from time to time. In a few months the 1971 devotional book, *Conflict and Courage*, drawing lessons from Bible characters, will appear in our Book and Bible Houses.

The four-volume *Spirit of Prophecy* set, photographically reproduced, is warmly welcomed, especially by our ministers. Long out of print, these unique little books will make a valuable addition to the libraries of our people.

New Books and New Bindings

One great achievement in the Adventist publishing world has been the appearance of an increasing number of Spirit of Prophecy books in "soft," or flexible, bindings. The outstanding set of softbacks to date is the five-volume *Conflict of the Ages* series with its low \$13.75 sales tag.

A book that is just now being welcomed by Seventh-day Adventists is the new Ellen G. White volume *Christ in His Sanctuary*. This combines *Patriarchs*

and *Prophets* and *The Great Controversy* chapters relating to the sanctuary and its cleansing. With the study questions following each chapter, this much needed little volume is now providing in many Seventh-day Adventist churches the basis for a renewed study of the precious sanctuary teachings.

The appearance in a single reference volume of the Ellen G. White supplementary comments in the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* is a major publishing accomplishment. Included in the new volume are also the Ellen G. White statements found in the appendices of *Questions on Doctrine*.

This month of June, 1970, marks an innovation in the publishing work of the church. *The Desire of Ages* in paperback is now available on some of the book-racks across the nation. In a three-way negotiation between the Pacific Press, the White Estate, and Pyramid Publications, *The Desire of Ages* comes to the public in this new, popular 95-cent edition.

The new one-dollar book, *Short Stories on Positive Christian Living*, while not new in text, does present *Christ's Object Lessons* in a new and attractive format as the 1970 Missionary Book.

And have you seen *True Happiness Is*, which is *Steps to Christ* in appealing contemporary form? This new publication is currently being used by our youth in One to One evangelism.

Testimony Countdown

Under the special blessing of God the White Estate developed a study program to stimulate the reading of the nine volumes of the *Testimonies for the Church* during the past two years. This plan is already widely known around the world as Testimony Countdown. From the hour of its launching on a pilot basis in the Washington, D.C., area in January, 1969, we have witnessed a spontaneous and enthusiastic interest.

At the heart of the Countdown program is the individual, prayerful study of *Testimony* counsels in the home. It is here that the Spirit of God speaks to the heart and works to change and reform the life.

Not only has Testimony Countdown swept across North America. During the first half of 1970 hundreds of our churches in Australia have moved into this study program. D. A. Delafield, as-

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 more of *The Advent Review*. Later that year, in November, they two papers merged under the name *Seventh-day Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, now called 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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Lester Matheson, a recent graduate from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, pulls the ricksha in which Harry Miller rides as a part of the mission pageant Sabbath afternoon. Ricksha rides provide a few moments of relaxation to visitors—old and young alike—who visit the Far Eastern Division booth in the downstairs exhibit area of the hall.

sociate secretary of the White Estate, spent three months in the Australasian Division from November, 1969, through February, 1970, launching this study plan. The division leaders on all levels have endorsed the plan wholeheartedly.

The 24 lessons of the Prophetic Guidance Course prepared by the White Estate still speak to the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists. A hundred thousand persons have enrolled; 20,000 to 30,000 have graduated. This course should be offered to all new converts and is available free at the Prophetic Guidance School, Box 200, Glendale, California.

At the very heart of the work of the White Estate are the files of Mrs. White's manuscripts and letters, her correspondence with leading workers, the files of periodicals, the early pamphlets, et cetera, in the custody of the board of trustees. The trustees have taken seriously Ellen White's commission to make new compilations available in areas of counsel vitally needed. Two new compilations will soon go to the publishers. One of these deals with science and will take the place of *Principles of True Science*, long out of print. The other manuscript is titled *Guidelines to Mental Health*.

Ellen G. White files have given assistance in the preparation of a number of new books. For example: *S. N. Haskell, Man of Action* (1967), prepared by Mrs. E. M. Robinson; *Mrs. White and Race Relations* (1970), prepared by Ron Graybill and just published. Another is, *I Was Canright's Secretary*, by Mrs. Carrie Johnson. This work, written without malice by a former secretary of D. M. Canright, tells the story of a man who spent the last half of his life tearing

down the work that he did during the first half as a fruitful Seventh-day Adventist evangelist.

The Ellen G. White files will also be drawn upon heavily in the preparation of a definitive biography of Ellen G. White. Members of the White Estate staff have been assembling data on Mrs. White's life and work and movements through her public life, and in the transcribing of diaries, journals, and other materials rich in biographical information.

And then there is a work of education to be done within the church itself to keep the life of Ellen G. White and her messages alive in the hearts of church members. This includes the preparation each year of materials for Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week in all of our church schools.

The White Estate also participates in preparation of textbook materials for use on the secondary, college, and university levels. From time to time the secretary and associate secretary of the White Estate teach the prophetic guidance course at the Andrews University Theological Seminary. The secretary has taught in a number of overseas extension schools, the most recent being in the Middle East Division.

The assistant secretary, Paul Gordon, serves on Bible textbook committees and in the preparation of devotional books—answering correspondence and in field assignments.

On the campus at Andrews University the Ellen G. White Estate maintains a vault with a full set of copies of its Ellen G. White manuscripts and letters and other basic materials. In this way a second location for copies of irreplace-

able key documents is provided and the materials are of great research value to the Seminary and graduate school. Hedy Jemison acts as assistant secretary for the White Estate on the university campus and serves the Seminary students in their research.

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W. R. Beach, General Conference secretary, checks his notes for the mission pageant, which was sponsored by the Secretariat.

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